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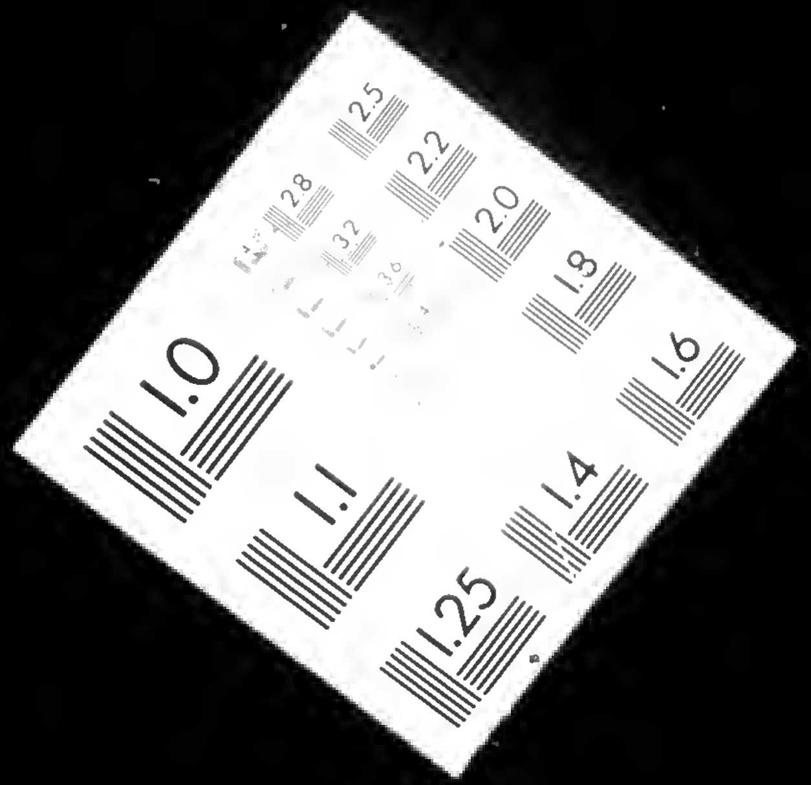
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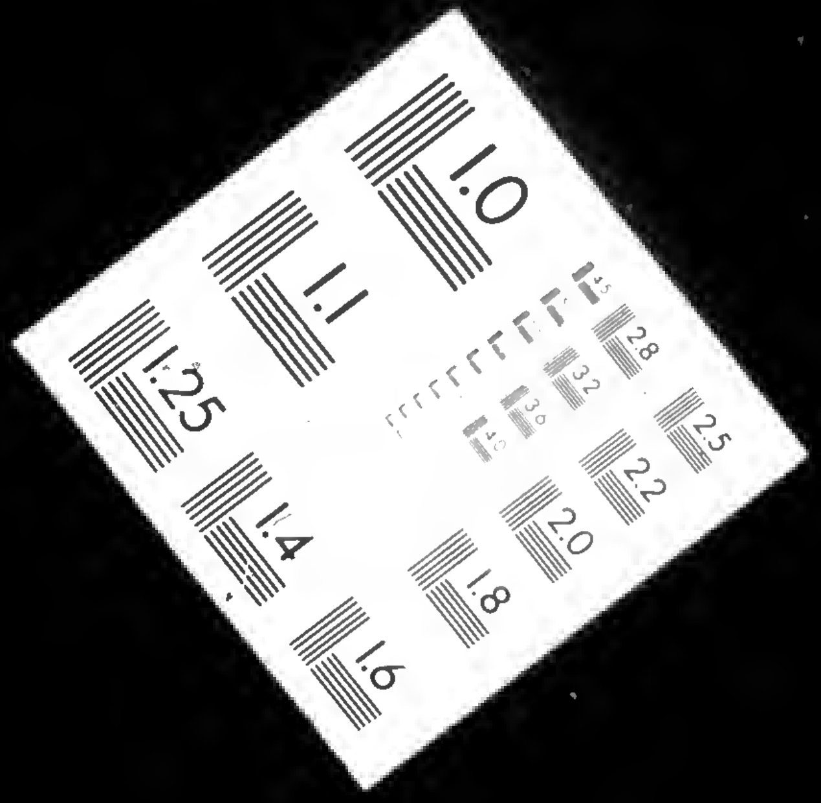
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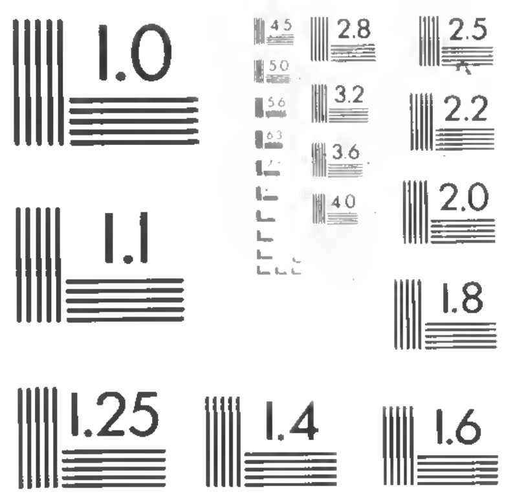
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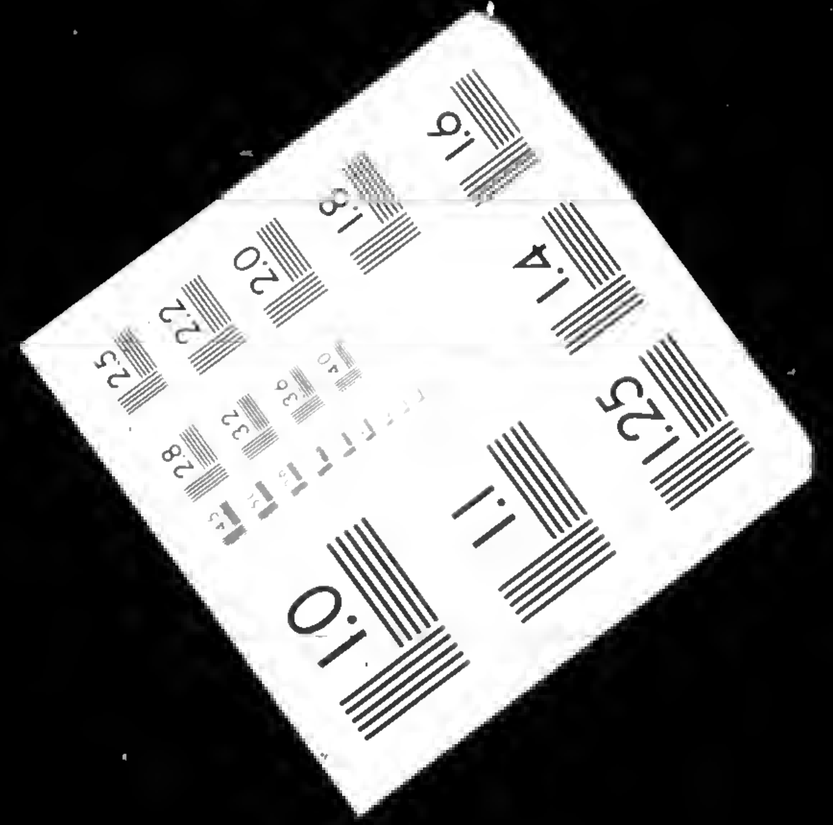
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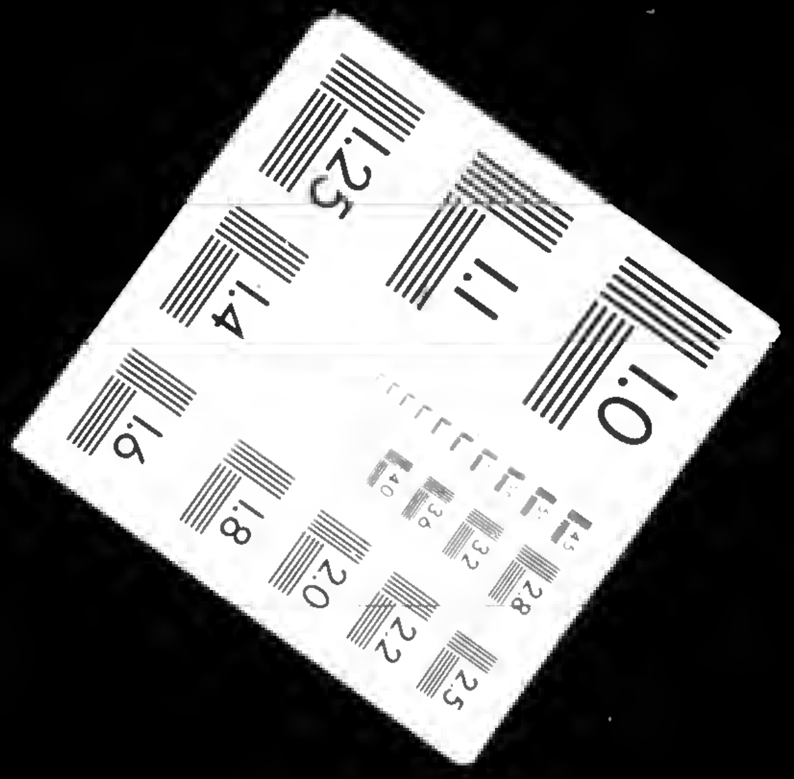
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First baby born at 12:05

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

> *"This is our New Year's present right here."*
>
> **Brad Jenson**,
> On his new daughter

One of Charlevoix's newest pint sized residents in pink beat out two peers in blue for bragging rights as the first baby of 2004 to be born at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Ellen Jenson, 33, of Charlevoix, went to a doctor's appointment the morning of Dec. 31. The little bundle she carried in her not so little belly was due to arrive on Jan. 7. But Ellen knew she may not make it until then and definitely wouldn't go beyond that.

This was her third pregnancy and with each came gestational diabetes. Because of this temporary condition her doctor, James Jeakle, MD., monitored her pregnancies closely and induced labor on the baby's due date.

Around noon on New Year's Eve, Ellen took a routine nonstress test and was hooked up to a bit of pitocin to see how the baby did under the stress of labor contractions.

The baby reacted well and doc said Ellen and her husband Brad could go home.

The couple made their way home, stopping to pick up Chinese dinner for themselves and Ellen's mom and dad, John and Doris Pearl of Norwood Township. The grandparents were at the Jenson's home watching their other two children, Chloe, who is just ready to celebrate her second birthday and Hunter who is 3.

After dinner, everyone slipped into their PJs to turn in for the night. Ellen and Brad had no intention of staying up to celebrate the start of 2004. But at around 8:15 p.m. Ellen's contractions that had started early that afternoon at Jeakle's office were still coming.

She called Jeakle and was told to come to the hospital for a quick check.

They leisurely left their home in Norwood Township unaware that just four hours later they would welcome the newest Jenson, Lauren Emily.

Their daughter arrived at 12:05 a.m., Jan. 1 with a full head of soft, dark hair and a tiny, round, 8 pound, 2 ounce, body that stretched 20 inches long.

She entered the world a half an

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Brad and Ellen Jenson share a quiet moment with their new baby Lauren Emily, the first baby of the new year at Charlevoix Area Hospital

Wal-Mart requests meeting

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

> *"The only thing that can keep them from coming is if their site plan does not meet our requirements."*
>
> **Nancy Rajewski**,
> Charlevoix Township Planning Commission Chair

Wal-Mart's plans for a supercenter in Charlevoix Township are going to be official.

The retail giant has requested to meet with the Charlevoix Township planning commission at 7:30 p.m., March 3 at the Charlevoix Township Hall to go over its official site plans.

Commission chair Nancy Rajewski said in order to have this meeting, Wal-Mart must submit its site plans to the commission by the end of January. So far, she said she has not seen any new site plans besides the conceptual designs shown in September 2003.

As for what she thinks about Wal-Marts proposal being passed by the planning commission, Rajewski said there is no reason at this time to think they will not be.

"The only thing that can keep them from coming is if their site plan does not meet our requirements," she said. "We can't treat them any differently than we would treat anyone else that would go out there."

Rajewski added she has heard from some members of the anti Wal-Mart group "This Is Our Town," but so far has not received any information that would impact the company's Charlevoix plans.

She did say the information she received so far from This Is Our Town has been "interesting." She said it had to do with Wal-Mart's wage practices and effects on communities.

"It was interesting reading, but it has nothing to do with zoning," she said.

Rajewski added, "My job is to see that they follow the ordinance. If they do that, the township is obligated (to approve the plan). We can't say, 'Because you are Wal-Mart, you can't come in.'"

However, Bob Hoffman, spokesperson for This Is Our Town said there are zoning issues that the planning commission must consider, specifically when it comes to the nearby Stover Creek and detention ponds on the proposed site.

"Protection of Stover Creek and detention ponds are part of the

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County.

Michael Edmund Kwiatkowski, 22, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Robert Arcme Mullen, 38, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended — second offense or subsequent. Jail for five days with credit for five days; $500 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Lee Williams, 26, Charlevoix. Drunk and disorderly person. Four months probation; 90 days in jail with credit for two days, 88 days held in abeyance; $300 in fines and costs.

Larry Dale Gardner, Jr., 27, East Jordan. Attempted retail fraud — third degree. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Emily Pauline Blackburn, 23, Boyne City. Larceny under $200. One year probation; 93 days in jail, serve 20 days, 73 days held in abeyance; $700 in fines and costs.

Archie William Graham, 23, East Jordan. Retail fraud — third degree. Jail for 20 days with credit for two days, serve 18 days; $17.67 in fines and costs.

Daniel Todd Bearss, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend BASES classes; $150 in fines and costs.

Lura Ritamarie Towns, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Garrett James-Gordon Brandt. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Heather Marie Looze, 17, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Rebecca Lilian Parson, 18, Auburn Hills. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend a substance abuse program; $100 in fines and costs.

Everett Scott Ridenour, 18, Boyne City. Operating a motor vehicle without security; and minor in possession of alcohol — second offense. Attend BASES classes; $850 in fines and costs.

Mathew James Trojanek, 28, East Jordan. Drunk and disorderly person. One year probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, 89 days held in abeyance; $600 in fines and costs.

Stacy Lynn Morrow, 23, Boyne City. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $550.

Chad Erin Linzey, 34, Boyne City. Unlawful use of a license plate; and driving an unregistered vehicle. Serve six days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Thomas Samuel Antoine, 48, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $400.

John Victor Cannon, Jr., 41, Petoskey. Disturbing the peace. Six months probation; 90 days in jail, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 80 days held in abeyance; $400 in fines and costs.

Ramon Frederic Procknow, 35, Levering. Driving while under the influence of alcohol. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $970 in fines and costs.

Alec Leonard Crosier, 39, Boyne City. False report of a misdemeanor. Fines and costs totaling $600.

Nicholas Gerard Groudis, 23, Boyne City. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing of marijuana. Bound over to circuit court.

Judith Meda Ross, 58, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Leslie Marie Neilson, 36, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Darrell Hobbs, 23, Central Lake. Driving while license suspended — second offense or subsequent. Six months probation; vehicle immobilized for 120 days; 90 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 16 days, 70 days held in abeyance.

Lawrence Robert Owens, 52, Spring Lake. Driving while under the influence of alcohol; and controlled substance — use of marijuana. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 57 days held in abeyance; $1,510 in fines and costs.

Robert Graham Ward, 21, Ellsworth. Wildlife conservation, taking deer. Nine months probation; 90 days in jail, serve seven days, 83 days held in abeyance; $1,850 in fines and costs.

Matthew Luke Mosier, 22, East Jordan. Controlled substance – possession of marijuana. One year probation; 180 days in jail, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 160 days held in abeyance; $555 in fines and costs.

Sarah Anne Mogan, 26, Boyne Falls. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,110 in fines and costs.

Terrance Michael Brochu, 46, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance; $850 in fines and costs.

Jon Bruce Masteller, 49, Ada. Motor vehicle driver transporting open intoxicant. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Assumed Names

The following businesses have filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Studio One Hair Design, 105 Water Street, Boyne City, by Deonna Crouterfield

Redmer Construction, 09254 Nelson Road, by Karl Ewald Redmer and Rebekah Rose Redmer

CoolWater Productions, 501 Spring Street, Boyne City, by Kenneth E. Allen

Divorce

The following people were recently granted a Judgment of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Kimberly May vs. Scott May

Births

Taylor Warren, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Jason Blain and Corrine Cortez of East Jordan on Dec. 29, 2003 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Zephen Donald, weighing 9 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Dave and Becky Somerville of Indian River on Dec. 30, 2003 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Louise and Grover Everts of Indian River and Deanna and Roger Somerville of Mt. Pleasant.

Richard Michael, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces, was born to Michael and Denise Cunningham of Charlevoix on Dec. 31, 2003 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Duane "Dewey" Arnott of Charlevoix and Bennett and Leslie Cunningham of Charlevoix.

Dakota Zachery, weighing 8 pounds, was born to Courtney Herriff of Bellaire on Jan. 1, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Caleb Danson, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces, was born to Daniel and Sarah Ziebarth of East Jordan on Jan. 1, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Lauren Emily, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Bradley and Ellen Jenson of Charlevoix on Jan. 1, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Aubrey Elizabeth, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce, was born to Seth and Cindy Arnold of Charlevoix on Jan. 2, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Hailee, 7, and Lily, 3. Grandparents are Nate and Judy Herriman, Bob and Betsy Schoohover and the late Thomas Arnold all of Charlevoix.

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City may violate charter with deputy clerk hire

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

City staff plans to move ahead with hiring a deputy clerk, in spite of the fact that doing so may violate the city's charter.

At Monday night's city council meeting, third ward council member Shirley Gibson recommended making city clerk Liz Gooch's job full-time.

Liz Gooch

Gibson said in reading the city charter she believes the city clerk's position is supposed to be full-time.

"The job needs to be brought back to what was intended in the city charter," Gibson said.

The charter outlines the clerk's duties and states that it is at the clerk's discretion to appoint a deputy clerk with approval from council.

Former deputy clerk Bea Parton held a full-time position with the city until last week when she retired.

In the 1980s the clerk's full-time status dropped down to part time and with Parton's seat open, Gibson said the time to make the change in procedure and to follow the charter, is now.

Parton was in charge of filling in at city council meetings, assisting in elections, doing accounts payable and receivable, keeping cemetery records and filling out workman's compensation paperwork.

Gibson said according to the charter, most of the tasks Parton was doing and some that Linda Weller, the city manager's administrative assistant, are doing are supposed to be done by Gooch.

"What has happened over the years is the elected position has slowly eroded," Gibson said. "Why is the elected job part-time and the deputy clerk, if we even need one, full-time? It just doesn't make sense."

But the majority of council disagreed that Parton's responsibilities should be transferred to Gooch.

Second ward councilman Bill Bellows, third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain and city manager Mike Wiesner said there is no accountability if the clerk is full-time because no one oversees the position day-to-day.

And Bellows further questioned whether a qualified person would be put in the seat because they are selected by voters.

Wiesner explained his position in a memo to council.

In it he states, "These duties (Parton's former duties) are currently performed by an employee that reports to the treasurer/city manager. By adding these duties, it certainly complicates the situation as to what authority the city manager has over an elected clerk. The city manager and treasurer would be held responsible for seeing that those duties are performed, but would not have any control over who was the person performing the duties and it would be questionable what authority the manager and treasurer have over the individual."

The issue was ultimately tabled by council for further interpretation of the city clerk's duties in terms of local and state statute. It will be discussed at the Jan. 19 meeting.

And in the meantime, Wiesner said he plans to work on hiring a person to fill the deputy clerk's duties in spite of the charter.

"There is room for confusion here. It's not totally clear as I look at the charter and the (deputy clerk's) position the way it's been traditionally operated," he said.

Section 3.8 f the city charter states, "The city clerk may, with the approval of the city council, appoint a deputy clerk."

Gibson said there is no confusion, the charter's intent is clear. It is up to the clerk, Gooch to hire a deputy clerk and she won't give up.

"This I'm going to fight, you have to do what's right. He (Wiesner) cannot hire this person, he cannot violate the city charter," she said. "This is about control — Wiesner control."

Gibson said if she can't get Gooch full-time at city hall she at least wants to see her compensated for the hours she is working.

Gooch said most of her current responsibilities include keeping records like city council minutes, compiling voter registration information, running elections, coordinating Freedom of Information Act requests and acting as clerk for both council and the Board of Review.

Gooch said those duties are time consuming and can't be completed in the 20 hours a week she currently works.

"Things are not getting done," Gooch said.

And any time she works over 20 hours, she is not paid for.

Gooch, who was reelected in November said she is in favor of the position becoming full-time.

Gooch's current salary is $16,416. The city's compensation committee would decide her full-time pay. If the position is made full-time she would also be able to take advantage of the city's health care program which costs about $1,000 a month per family.

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Council, manager violating city charter

EDITORIAL

Sometimes it makes a person wonder why we even have a city charter when we have a council that likes to pick and choose what it follows.

Recently, the Charlevoix City Council was asked to decide whether or not to make the part-time city clerk position a full-time position. The Charlevoix City Clerk, Liz Gooch, is an elected position that handles running city elections, dealing with Freedom of Information Requests and is in charge of city documents.

To help her out with her task the city clerk has traditionally had a deputy clerk in Charlevoix. But, recently, that deputy clerk, Bea Parton, retired, leaving the position vacant.

Gooch decided instead of hiring a new deputy clerk, it would make more sense for her position to change to full time, which is a decision that needs to be made by the city council. But, council seems unwilling to go along with this and, on Monday night, it tabled the request.

Some of the council members insist that by making Gooch's position full time, they and the city manager will not have control in the clerk department. They say that by having the clerk job completely under the city clerk, it could hurt the city if an unqualified person is elected by the citizens.

Furthermore, they like the idea of a deputy clerk because they say that person would report to the city manager, Mike Weisner.

But, according to the city charter they are wrong. In Section 3.8 of the city charter, it states that the Charlevoix city clerk may or may not — with the approval of council — appoint a deputy clerk. According to that writing, this would mean a deputy clerk reports to the city clerk, not the city manager as some city council members think. The city clerk reports to the citizens.

By saying the deputy clerk should report to the city manager, the city council is violating this very charter.

Furthermore, the argument that city voters could elect an unqualified person as city clerk as a reason to have a deputy clerk is weak. It is up to the voters to decide if a person is qualified or unqualified for an elected position.

Heck, currently city voters can elect an unqualified city council member. Couldn't that do just as much damage as an unqualified city clerk?

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Writer gives some rules for the political rhetoric

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

We have clearly entered the time of political rhetoric, and we can expect it to escalate until November.

I believe we need some guidelines for listening to any political pronouncements, whether stump speeches or television ads. It would be nice if we could exclude from running for office anyone who violates the guidelines, but then there might be no candidates at all.

1) Any political speech attacking an opponent rather than his or her ideas should be ignored. We can learn to do that. Juries are regularly admonished by a judge to ignore some information that has been illegally brought up at a trial. We probably cannot stop political figures from attacking their opponents, but we can learn to ignore what they say. That means ignoring an attack on an opponents morals or his family or on any inadvertent misspeak or misstep. People do misspeak and should not be demonized for a slip of the tongue.

2) Jacob Bronowski said some years ago that science in modern world had been so successful because its practitioners could consider another person wrong without considering them to be evil. As a scientist I participated in decades of extremely vigorous argument about one idea or another (sometimes so vigorous as to frighten nearby students) without ever feeling animosity toward the persons in opposition. One's political opponent may in fact be wrong, but that does not mean they are somehow evil.

3) Anyone who claims to be speaking for God or speaking absolute truth should consider institutionalizing themselves. A recent letter to the New York Times included the phrase, "Better for all (is) the humility that begins, 'It seems to me that the Bibles says....'" If we could all allow that we might be wrong in our understanding, we could talk to one another about almost anything. Pronouncing that homosexuals or performers of abortions should be killed because the Bible says so is not an invitation to discussion or to tolerance. To always consider that you may be wrong is the very soul of tolerance.

4) The size of the crowd or the amount of money presented to a candidate or party has nothing to do with the value of their ideas. If we have learned any social lesson in the last fifty years it is that protest and counterprotest with the winner being the group with the largest crowd or the loudest voice hasn't enhanced understanding or social progress all that much. We should not be sold candidates; nor should we buy them: We should choose them.

Finally, if adherence to the above guidelines leaves you with what appears to be no suitable candidates, bite your tongue and vote for the best of a bad lot. Voting is an obligation, not just a possibility.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letters to the editor

Against coal plant

Editor:

It has come to my attention recently that the building of a 425 MW coal-fired power plant may be approved for Manistee within the next few weeks. It is well known that most of the air pollution along the west Michigan coastline and most of the mercury in the Great Lakes comes from coal-fired power plants operating in Indiana and Chicago. Another one polluting closer to home would affect the quality of life for everyone upwind and downwind.

According to a grass-roots group in Manistee, "Citizens for Responsible Development", the proposed coal facility is estimated to release over 200 more pounds of mercury per year into the air. Mercury can travel up to 600 miles from the power plant, but also creates a "hot spot" of mercury close to the plant. Michigan is second to Indiana in being the state most contaminated with mercury in the U.S.

Mercury is known neurotoxin. Fetuses, infants, children and wildlife are particularly susceptible to mercury poisoning, but there are adverse affects in adults as well. Most mercury exposure comes from eating contaminated fish. We already have Mercury Fish Advisories. Although there would be some smog and acid rain creating emissions (sulfur and nitrous oxides) and particulates that aggravate asthma and lung problems released from a coal fired power plant, mercury emissions are of particular concern because they are currently not regulated. The EPA under the Bush administration is proposing to roll back regulations and loosen the environmental protections currently in effect to allow for more coal-fired power plants to be built cheaply.

I encourage people and organizations in this area to write letters to your representatives, and get involved and support this group's efforts. Contact them through their web site at www.manisteefrd.org.

Victoria Robinson
Charlevoix

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LETTERS

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No Wal-Mart

Editor:

Wal-Mart in Charlevoix: "Just say no."

We do not need a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix. If "buying cheap" is the only thing that matters to you, drive to Petoskey.

Wal-Mart will do more harm than good. Do your homework. If you explore Wal-Mart's business practices, you could not possibly want this for our town. (I read "How Wal-Mart is Destroying America" by Bill Quinn. There are also numerous web sites.)

More jobs are lost than gained when Wal-Mart comes to town. Wal-Mart does not provide new job reallotment or job loss. Many of the Wal-Mart jobs are part-time and low paying, without benefits such as health insurance. A recent episode of "NOW" with Bill Moyers showed how the local burden of providing health-related costs increases when Wal-Mart comes to town.

The Carters grocery store in Petoskey closed because of Wal-Mart. Charlevoix's existing businesses will lose if Wal-Mart opens. What will happen to other retailers, optometrists, hardware and grocery stores, garden supplies, building materials and others? These are our neighbors. Wal-Mart is "big business." We do not need this "big box" in our community. Let's not give up our town. Wal-Mart is a mammoth organization. Wal-Mart equals greed.

What will Wal-Mart really give to our community? Is it worth the trade-offs?

Stop this predator. Sign a petition. Let the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission and Board of Trustees know you do not want Wal-Mart.

Keep the little bounding, cost-cutting smiley face out of Charlevoix. Keep Charlevoix Beautiful. Keep Wal-Mart out.

Barb Wotilla
Charlevoix

Hunting

Editor:

Ever wonder why hunters carry loaded weapons? I celebrate the joy of the hunt and the intent to kill.

No longer do I hide behind the "good," but not right reasons we hunt.

Good Reasons — Reduce the so-called herd, male bonding at the deer camp, the mystick of the deer camp, enjoyment of the out of doors, father/son bonding away from the family unit, back to nature, man the mighty provider of meat for the family, safe and proper use of firearms, keep deer from starving in the dead of winter (dead dear don't get hungry), need for farmers to make ends meet by selling low grade produce as deer feed, Cabellos would go out of business and I have stock in that outfit, deer would be pests on the Highway and cause problems for retired folks in the Buick sedans.

You readers can fill in the rest of the "good" reasons (excuses) your hunting friends have made for hoisting the old rifle and heading out to the camp.

Now for the right reason and the only right reasons.

Hint 1) Why is it called sport? Defined, sport is fun.

Hint 2) What makes hunting fun? Hey! Why is the gun loaded. The possibility of a kill!

So, I make full confession and a rousing cheer.

Hunt! Hunt, hunt for killing is fun!

John R. Alberts
Charlevoix

Make lifestyle changes for 2004

The U.S. Surgeon General reports that at least three out of five Americans do not engage in the recommended amount of physical activity necessary for good health.

In 2002, a lack of physical activity cost Michigan residents nearly $8.9 billion in health care payments stemming from diseases associated with obesity and heart disease. For both quality of life and health care costs, every bit of physical activity counts.

"Take small steps and set attainable goals to start and sustain a healthier lifestyle in the New Year," Dr. Tom Simmer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan corporate medical director, said. "As difficult as it is to start good exercise and eating habits, it's even harder to continue after the newness wears off. The good news is that small challenges help to get and keep you going."

For example, Dr. Simmer recommends starting with a 10 to 15 minute walk three times a week with a goal of increasing to 30 to 45 minutes, five days a week.

He then says to reward yourself as you make progress and to help keep yourself on task. An effective reward is something desirable and timely like treating yourself to a movie, buying a CD or relaxing with a good book.

"Small rewards associated with smaller goals are more successful than larger rewards that require an extended, complicated effort,"Simmer said.

Here are additional tips for a successful year of activity:

- Look for group activities to jump-start your interest, such as local fitness walks.
- When you're up to 30 minutes of moderate aerobic activity (walking, jogging and swimming) several times a week, you can add a few minutes of weight and resistance training to your workout for optimal health benefits.
- Be sure to warm up before activity and stretch your muscles after.

Everyone can benefit from a variety of physical activities, ranging from sports to everyday household chores.

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Seidels protect their land with the help of conservancy

Three years ago, after more than 20 years of service in the U.S. Army, Joe Seidel and his wife, Gail, returned to semi-retire on Joe's 250-acre family farm near Charlevoix.

Upon their arrival, they discovered that the farm was included in a proposed development extending from the brand new high school built off of Marion Center Road.

"I knew I had to come up with my own plan if I wanted to save our farmland," Joe said. "Land conservation became my plan."

One of Joe's most immediate tactics was to help his neighbors, the Martincheks, understand what might be possible for their land which was first in line for development if a controversial sewer expansion from the site of the new Charlevoix High School became a reality. One day, Joe printed out a page from the Little Traverse Conservancy web site, walked out to where Joe Martinchek was plowing a field and handed him the page.

Joe Martinchek contacted the conservancy staff to learn more. Soon, as the local township and many landowners expressed clear intentions to keep the area in rural agriculture rather than growing sprawl, a natural partnership took shape.

Last spring, the Martincheks finalized the sale of development rights from their 225-acre farm to the Little Traverse Conservancy.

"We not only have Joe Seidel to thank for instigating this land conservation, but the Seidels also put forth a challenge grant to inspire fund-raising for that project," said Ty Ratliff, land protection specialist for the conservancy. "Joe is a quiet crusader. He is modest, straightforward, and community oriented. When we first met to go over conservation options for his own land, he shook my hand and said, 'My land will one day be forever preserved. I assure you of that.'"

And not missing a beat, this fall Joe and Gail Seidel donated a conservation easement on their own 250-acre property which lies immediately east of the Martinchek property. In their conservation easement, the Seidels have retained no division or development rights for the future, a tremendous gesture considering the size and development potential of the land.

When asked where his land ethic came from, Joe Seidel notes that his parents, Francis and Isabelle Seidel moved to Charlevoix in 1954, when they purchased 180 acres to begin to make a living by farming. Through dairy and mixed crops, the Seidels worked the land for several years. Joe was also an eagle scout as a young man.

"Gail and I had hoped, and still hope to get involved in some form of 'value-added' agriculture," Joe said.

A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and the Conservancy which allows the landowner to permanently protect the natural and scenic resources of their land while retaining ownership and control.

Easement terms typically restrict future development on the land, but are tailored to fit each property and the owner's conservation needs. Properties protected with a conservation easement are privately owned and not open to the public.

Possible tax advantages may help offset the cost of donating a conservation easement. For more information on how a conservation easement works, please contact the Conservancy office at (231) 347-0991.

The Little Traverse Conservancy was established in 1972 as a non-profit land conservation organization working in five counties: Emmet, Cheboygan, Charlevoix, Chippewa, and Mackinac. Its mission is to protect the natural diversity and beauty of northern Michigan by preserving significant land and scenic areas, and fostering appreciation and understanding of the environment. With the support of more than 4,100 members, it has worked with landowners to protect more than 20,000 acres of land with more than 60 miles of shoreline along northern Michigan's streams, rivers, and lakes.

Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Escorts Rumsfield

Mark Lignell, son of Dr. John Lignell and Sally Blackwood of Charlevoix, was one of two naval medical officers escorting secretary of defense Donald Rumsfield on his recent visit to Japan. He is a 1979 graduate of Charlevoix High School and is serving with the US Navy.

Thornton gets masters degree

Kaye (Stoneham) Thornton, of Auburn Hills and formally of Charlevoix, received a master of science in professional accountancy degree from Walsh College in September. Thornton is a graduate of Lake Superior State University, where she received a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is an accountant for POH Medical Center in Pontiac. She is the daughter of Ron and Marla Stoneham of Charlevoix.

Beemon elected vice president

Sally Roselle Beemon has been elected vice president of leadership of Alpha Rho Phi theta Kapa, the international honor society for two year colleges. Beemon, from Charlevoix, is the daughter of Richard and Jo Anne Beemon of Charlevoix. She is planning to transfer to Wayne State University.

Conlan named to board

Thomas Conlan of Charlevoix is the state appointee to the Charlevoix County Family Independence Agency board for a term expiring Oct. 31, 2006. The three member FIA board represents the community in an advisory capacity to the county agency.

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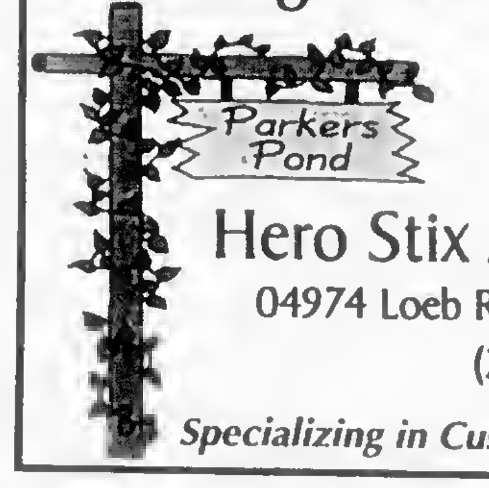

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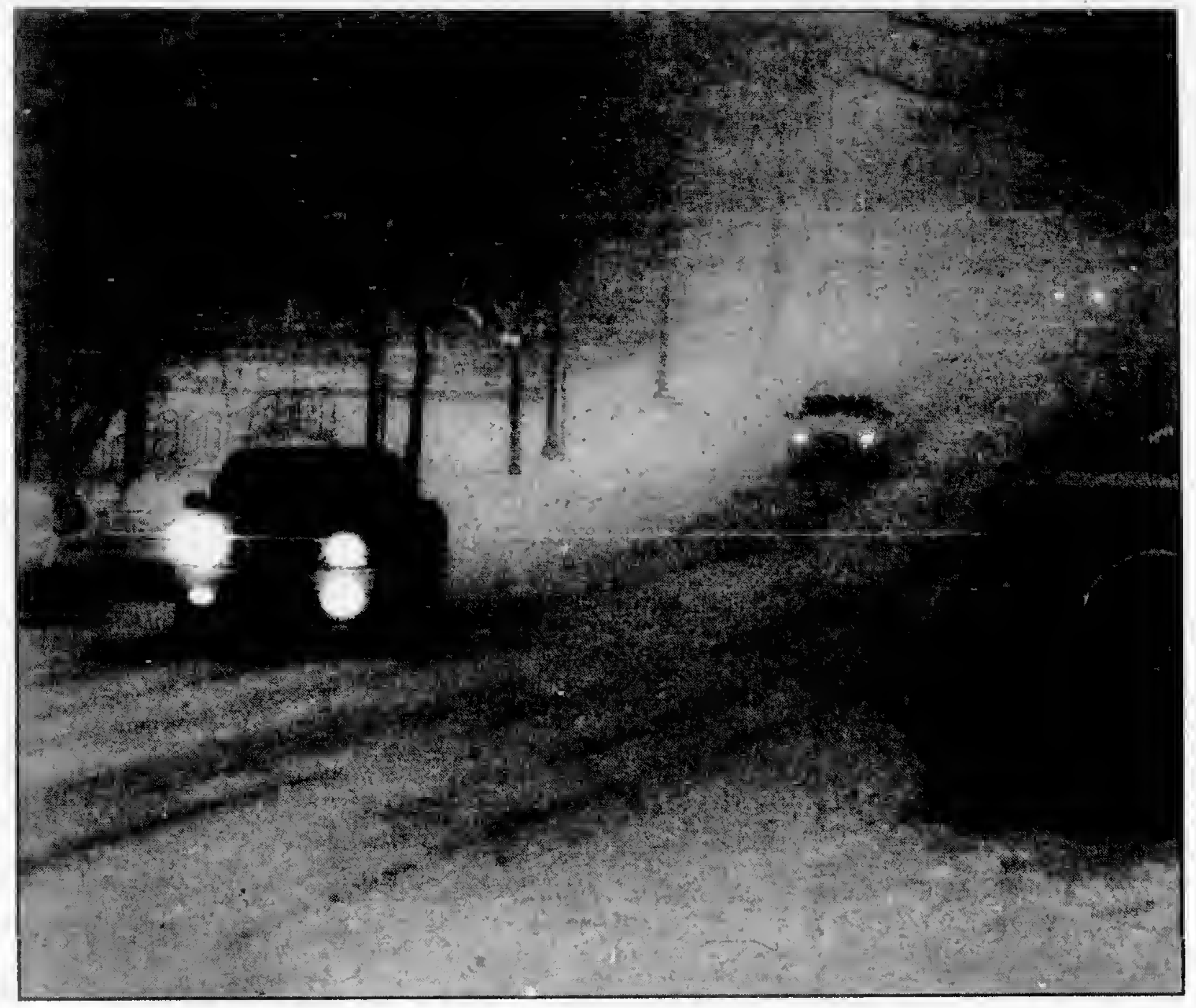

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Drive carefully

Drivers had to take it extra slow Tuesday morning when traversing the roads around Charlevoix as winter finally made its enterance into the area. Residents woke up Tuesday to find bitterly cold weather and lots of snow greeting them on the ground.

Women's center to host parenting workshop

A new parenting workshop, based on the best selling book, Siblings Without Rivalry will start Wednesday, Jan. 21, from 6:30-8 p.m at the Women's Resource Center, 423 Porter Street, Petoskey.

Parents will learn proven skills to help their children get along.

They will find out how to deal with their children's negative feelings toward each other; how to treat their children unequally and still be fair; how to free their children from harmful roles such as "bully" or "victim" and how to respond helpfully when their children fight.

Parents will also learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and promote a family atmosphere of cooperation rather than competition.

The six-session workshop is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and will be led by Joann F. Townsend, ACSW.

The cost of the workshop is $80 per person or $85 per couple, materials included.

If you are currently receiving Medicaid, daycare assistance or the Food Assistance Program from FIA, you may be eligible to receive a scholarship for this class.

Please contact your worker for more information. Dates of the sessions are Wednesday, Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11,18 and 25. Certificates of completion will be awarded at the conclusion of the program.

You must be able to provide proof of previous completion of the How to Talk So Kids Will Listen course at the WRC or elsewhere. Advance registration and payment is required space is limited.

Hundreds of thousands of parents and professionals have already benefited from the Siblings Without Rivalry workshop created by authors Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish.

According to Missouri Clinical Social Worker Barbara Fousec, the Siblings Without Rivalry program is a "a double blessing! Group members not only reported much less quarreling and quibbling among their children, but several parents went back to their own families to resolve old rivalries."

To register, please call the Women's Resource Center at (231) 347-0067.

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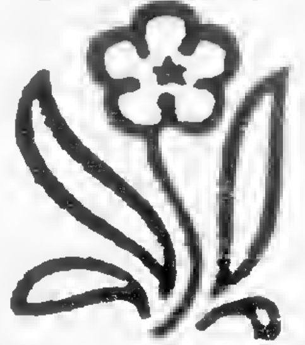

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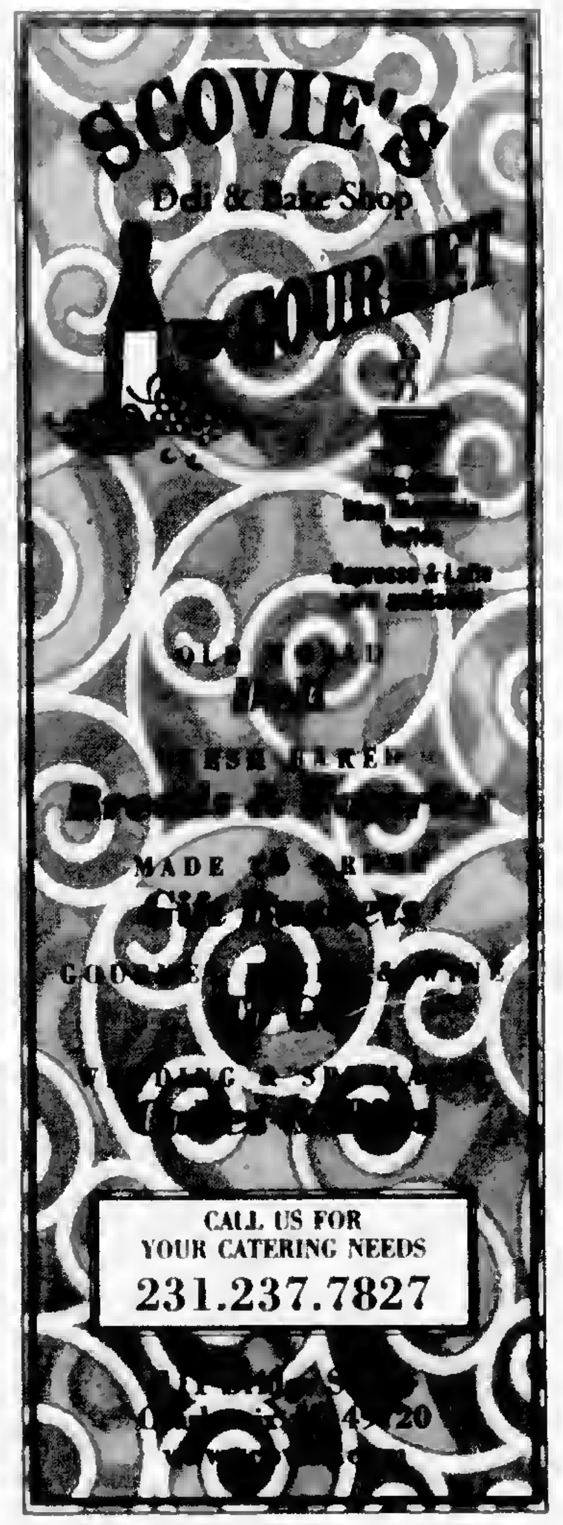

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Obituaries

Mary Ellen Bemus: Died Dec. 29, 2003

Mary Ellen Bemus, 73, died Dec. 29, 2003.

She was the mother of Michael, Lyn McDonald (fiancé Nelson Maylone), David (Dawn) and Diane. Grandmother of Matthew, Nicholas, Kelsey, Chandos, Garrett and Dylan. Sister of Patrick and Richard Welch.

The family will receive friends after 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10 at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (between 13-14 Mile), Royal Oak.

In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the charity of donor's choice.

Katherine C. Webster: Nov. 8, 1917 - Dec. 28, 2003

Katherine C. Webster, 86, of Petoskey and formerly of Charlevoix, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at her home in Petoskey.

She was born Nov.18, 1917, in Columbus, Wis., the daughter of William and Barbara (Burkhart) Lueders. She married George L. Webster and made her home in Toledo for over 30 years.

George preceded her in death in 1973 and Katherine moved to northern Michigan in 1980.

She always loved and cared for all kinds of animals, taught ceramics for many years and loved working in the garden.

Katherine especially loved her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, William D. (Bonnie J.) Webster of Petoskey; daughters, Georgia J. (Michael Shaughnessy) Owen of Toronto, Ontario, Marye (Ray) Kress of Transfer, Pa.; grandchildren, Gina, Jennica, Cody, Terry, John, Justin and Seth.

Katherine was also preceded in death by her daughter, Judith.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bergmann Center, P.O. Box 235, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Interment will take place at Toledo Memorial Park in Sylvania, Ohio.

Robbie Lee Changa: May 10, 1925 - Dec. 30, 2003

Robbie Lee Chanda, 78, of Owosso, formerly of Murray, Ky., passed away Dec. 30, 2003 in Owosso.

Mrs. Chanda worked production for Midland Steel, Detroit and Murray Body and then in the housekeeping department at Memorial Healthcare Center.

A funeral service was on Jan. 2, at the Salem Lutheran Church in Owosso, with Pastor James Bare Officiating. Burial was in Wildwood Cemetery in Chesaning.

Robbie was born May 10, 1925 in Murray, Ky., the daughter of Carlos and Lular (Grey) Crouse.

On May 10, 1947 she married William A. Chanda. She was a member of the Salem Lutheran Church and she loved to read her Bible and listen to Family Life Radio. She had great love for her family and each member was her pride and joy.

Survivors include her husband William, daughters, Donna Donaldson and Deborah Reynolds both of Owosso; a son, Jerry (Lori) Martin of Lapeer; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; brother Joseph (Pauline) Crouse of Hazel Park.

She was predeceased by her parents, brothers and sisters, Allie Peal, Raymond Crouse, Coleman Crouse, Elizabeth Crouse, Bill Crouse, Bonnie Schroeder, a stillborn brother and a grandson-in-law, David Green.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.nelson-house.com.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Frozen decoration

Christmas may be over, but the holiday decorations in Charlevoix remain in place, perhaps even frozen in place. This wreath was covered with snow Tuesday morning from the bitter winter weather that blew into the area along with a cold front.

Make Time to Worship

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Church....................547-6430

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Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore..........547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Brides-to-be get ideas at country club's fair

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

A trumpeter plays the traditional wedding march as a sea of guests turn to see a woman in a flowing white gown, holding a fresh bouquet of flowers, slowly make her way down the aisle.

Many have seen this flawless wedding scene first hand on more than one occasion. Because it is generally orchestrated without a snag, most wedding guests take for granted the grueling planning that goes into pulling the day off.

Over the weekend, frenzied, excited brides-to-be flocked to the Charlevoix Country Club in search of what could be a piece in their wedding day puzzle.

They were in town for the First Annual Bridal Fair that took place Jan. 3 at the club. The event was the brain child of club co-owner Nicki Thomas and her staff.

Diana Baten, Charlevoix Country Club's food and beverage director, said Thomas thought the event would be great exposure for the club, where the public is welcome to host weddings, and for area vendors who can offer support services.

Baten said Thomas was right — the afternoon was a hit. Hundreds of guests attended including brides and grooms-to-be and their attendants and family members. At the fair they visited booths set up by 29 vendors from around the area sampling cakes, listening to DJs and musicians and perusing choices in candles, tents, clothing and photography.

Jenni Swenor, 25, in the thick of planning her big day, said the event was helpful.

"It is so hard to be in Columbus (Ohio) and try to plan everything for up here," she said.

Jenni is set on having her wedding in Charlevoix, her hometown, but the who, what and where are still up in the air.

Her mother and father, Dick and Pam Swenor, live in town but Jenni wants to have a hand in making big decisions like where her wedding will be and who will take the photos, make her cake and meet her floral needs.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Bride-to-be, Charlevoix native Jenni Swenor talks over the services a wedding coordinator like MerryMakers owner Kris Rundblad can provide, at the Charlevoix Country Club's Jan. 3 First Annual Bridal Fair.

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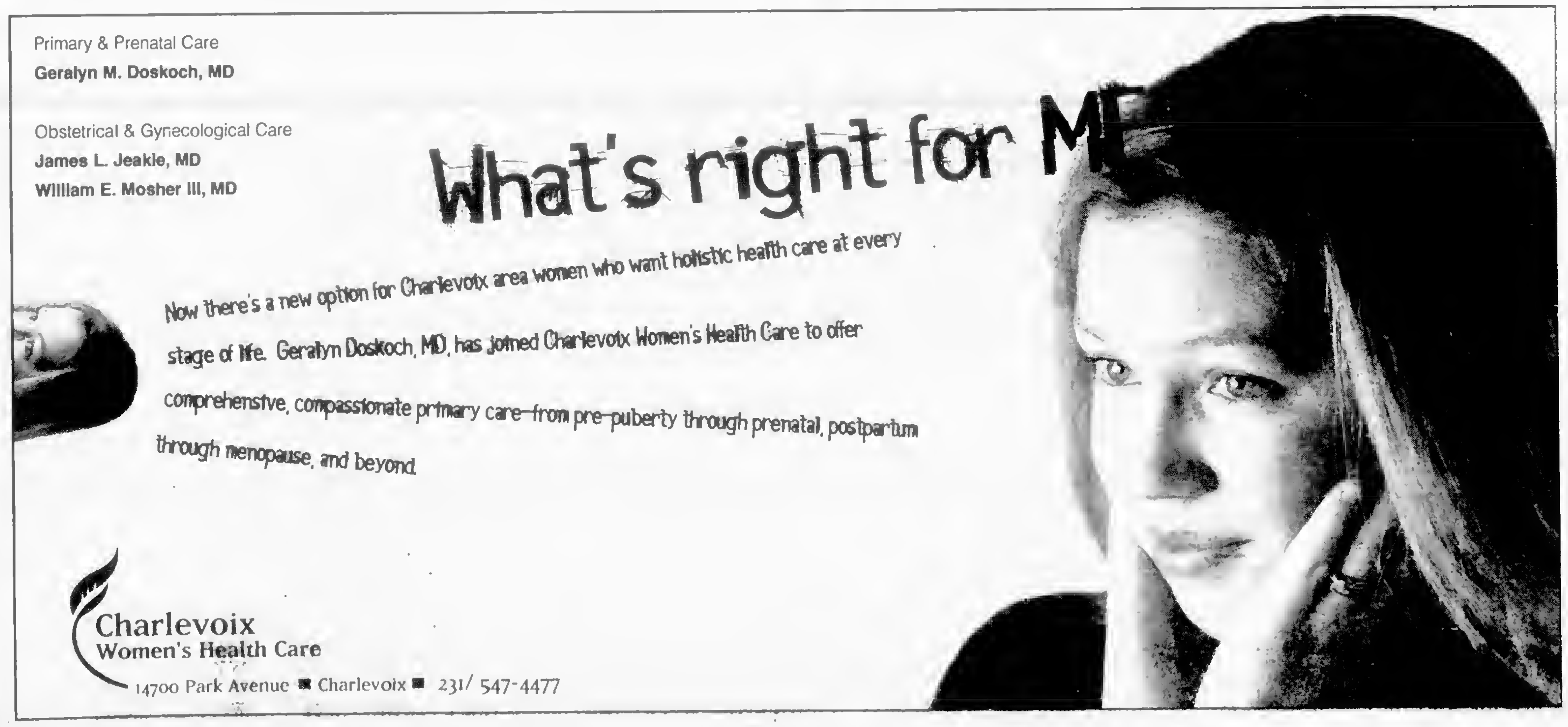
Anna Ferraiuolo of the Petoskey Bridal Salon models a bridal gown during one of two fashion shows at the Jan. 3 First Annual Bridal Fair at the Charlevoix Country Club.



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Charlevoix Country Club hosts bridal fair

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Diana Baten, food and beverage director at the Charlevoix Country Club staffed a booth at the club's First Annual Bridal Fair Jan. 3. The country club hosts weddings for its members and the public.

FAIR

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"I have all the ideas in my head; I just have to find what I need," Jenni said.

She was home for the holidays, scrambling to learn everything about wedding services in the area in just two weeks. She said last weekend's bridal fair brought some answers.

"I never thought it would be this challenging. It's kind of frustrating at times," Jenni said.

Event coordinator Kris Rundblad, owner of MerryMakers in Charlevoix who was a vendor at the fair, said she has had many brides just like Jenni walk through her door in her 10 years in the industry.

Rundblad said she has just one piece of advice for these brides, "Enjoy the trip."

So how is Jenni supposed to enjoy the next seven months leading up to her August wedding with long distance planning weighing her down?

Rundblad suggests that Jenni and every bride explore their options until they find the service that matches their dream.

"It (your wedding day) should be about what they want. It should bear their personality, their signature," she said.

Jenni's choice to keep her wedding in Charlevoix is a choice Rundblad said many local and out-of-town brides make.

"It's (Charlevoix) a little bit of heaven. It's great for people who live here to have their wedding here because it's part of who they are. For resorters it's a vacation spot. Guests can be entertained boating, shopping, dining — it's just so fun. That's why people do it," Rundblad said.

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Kris Way, owner of Trademark, was one of 29 vendors to set up booths at the First Annual Bridal Fair at the Charlevoix Country Club Jan. 3. Way offers tuxedo rental.

Friends of the Library to host Knutson

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12, in the basement of the library at 109 Clinton Street.

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Roger Knutson will give a humorous account of how his first book, "Flattened Fauna," was published. Knutson is the 2002 recipient of the first place award for "Local Columnist" by the Michigan Press Association and will be introduced by Jeremy McBain, editor of the *Charlevoix Courier*. A short meeting to elect officers and to hear an update on the library building project will precede the guest speaker.

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BUSINESS

Michigan Officeways has new location, owners

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix's Michigan Officeways has new owners and a new location.

As of Oct. 1, the long-time local company has been run by Dave Kurchinski, Pat Price and George Grundner — who have many years of combined experience in the office supply business. Kurchinski and Price used to be an employees of the company when it was owned by the Mielke family.

"Basically we wanted to own our own company," Kurchinski said of the decision to buy Michigan Officeways. "It made sense to buy a local company."

After buying the business, Kurchinski said they decided to move it from the Charlevoix Industrial Park to its current location at 06777 South US-31, just north of the McKeown Ford Dealership.

"It gives us better exposure. The economies made sense and the facility just worked for us," he said.

In addition to the new owners and location, Michigan Officeways has also added to its services. Besides selling all sorts of office supplies, the company also is a complete machine dealer (such as copier machines). It is the only equipment dealer in Charlevoix county and the exclusive Panasonic dealer for northern Michigan.

Michigan Officeways has locations in Charlevoix — its head office — Roscommon, Traverse City and Gaylord. Customers can also order supplies off of the internet at www.michiganofficeways.com.

There are plans to expand the Charlevoix location to include a showroom.

Kurchinski said since he and his partners have taken over the business, sales have been good.

"It is double what we expected in some cases," he said.

Besides its web-site, Michigan Officeways can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6891, faxing (231) 547-0200 or e-mailing info@michiganofficeways.com.

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(From left) Pat Price, Dave Kurchinski and George Grundner are the new owners of Michigan Officeways, located in Charlevoix.

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Planning commissioners to hire attorney

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The city planning commission is crafting its battle plan.

Planning Commission Chairman Dennis Kusina has called for a special meeting to take place at 2 p.m. today, Jan. 7, in the Coast Guard training room located at 109 Bridge Park Drive.

At the meeting the commission will discuss hiring an attorney to represent Kusina and four of his fellow commissioners, John Campbell, Francis "Brownie" Flanders, Steve Bennett and Richard Hodgson, as they begin the fight to keep their commission seats.

"We obviously need some legal council here," Hodgson said.

Last week Mayor Gabe Campbell sent each of the five commissioners a letter formally spelling out the charges against them that prompted him to unseat them.

These charges include neglect of duty and inefficiency.

Mayor Campbell's decision stemmed from the commission's Dec. 8 meeting when those five members made the controversial decision to set a public hearing to listen to a special use permit request for Sunnybank Retirement Community, an assisted living facility.

The proposed facility would be located on a two-acre parcel on Charlevoix's north side, off Petoskey Avenue, in the R-2 single family residential district.

This decision went against city council's Nov. 17 majority vote not to set a public hearing to discuss a zoning amendment to allow this type of facility as a special use in the R-1 and R-2 districts.

On Dec. 15, Mayor Campbell cited the city code when he announced his decision at a city council meeting.

The code allows the appointing authority, the mayor, to remove a commissioner with cause.

After they received the letter Jan. 2 they were given the option to appeal that decision in a open or closed hearing.

All five will appeal at hearings scheduled to take place at 6 p.m., Jan. 16 in the Coast Guard training room.

The commission's selected attorney will be there to represent them.

City manager Mike Wiesner said he does not know whether or not the costs of this attorney will be covered by the city.

Bennett said he doesn't know whether the attorney to be appointed today is also being hired on to file a lawsuit against city council for the mayor's actions.

Hodgson said this will likely be a matter of discussion at this afternoon's meeting.

The results of the meeting were not available by press time.

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Power squadron celebrates 90 years

In 2004, the Tip of the Mitt Power Squadron will be celebrating 90 years of service by the United States Power Squadrons.

Tip of the Mitt Power Squadron will be installing Commander Carolyn Wiebe at its Change of Watch at the Argonne Supper Club in Charlevoix on Jan. 21.

Representatives from the United States Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary are expected to attend.

Chartered in January of 2003, Tip of the Mitt Power Squadron is a relative newcomer to the area. However, they held safe boating classes in Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord in 2003. Those interested in safe boating, charting or global positioning classes and complimentary vessel safety checks may contact the Tip of the Mitt Power Squadron at (231) 237-9414, (989) 939-8446, (231) 526-9391 or www.usps.org/localusps/tipofthemitt.

Best known for the hundreds of public boating courses which local squadrons offer several times each year to approximately 40,000 men, women, and youngsters, it is American's largest and oldest nonprofit recreational boating organization, will celebrate its ninetieth Anniversary in 2004.

Since it was founded at the Boston Yacht Club in 1912 and chartered as a national organization at the New York Yacht Club in 1914, it has grown to include more than 60,000 members in some 450 squadrons in the United States, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and Virgin Islands and Japan.

The group also assisted in the formation of the Canadian Sail and Power Squadrons which has 35,000 members. Boat ownership is not a requirement of membership and power squadron member vessels include sail, power, personal watercraft, kayaks, canoes and inflatables.

Because boat owners are responsible for the safety of their own vessel as well as the safety of their passengers, it began a joint effort three years ago with the Coast Guard Auxilary to conduct courtesy boat examinations at public piers and marinas to verify the presence and operable condition of certain safety equipment required by state and federal regulations.

Many trailerable boats can be inspected in 10 minutes and all boaters receive a copy of the evaluation form at the end of the inspection. Boats that meet safety requirements receive a vessel safety check decal to be displayed onboard.

Of the more than 55,000 boats that were inspected since the joint program began, 21 percent did not meet the requirements to be classified as a safe boat.

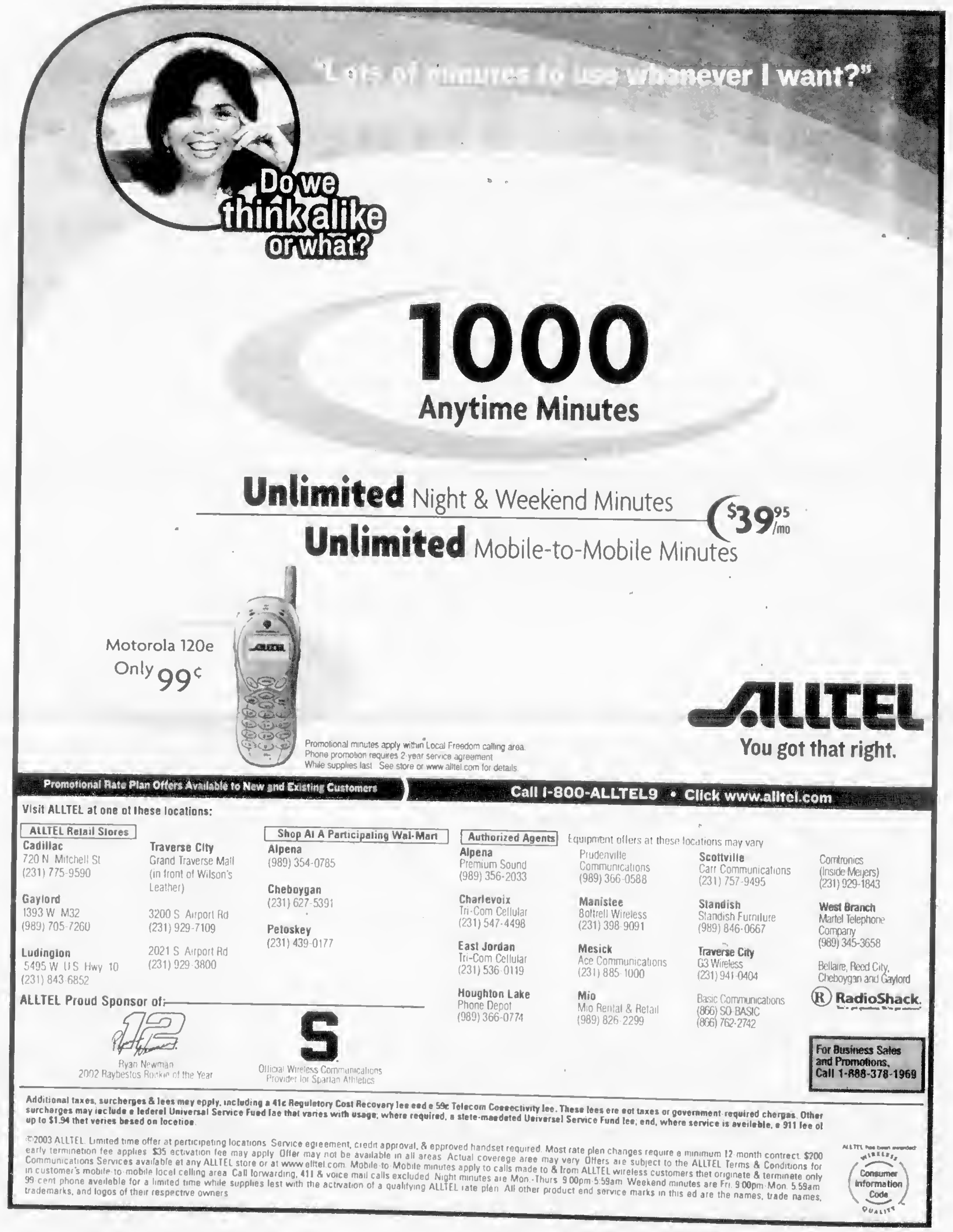
While there are no penalties for not successfully completing a vessel safety check, the program may prevent many boating accidents by making the boat owner aware of potential safety hazards.

There are benefits of being a power squadron member that go beyond boating education, camaraderie and civic service opportunities.

Members enjoy a variety of member-only benefits such as special towing and marine store discounts, branded-credit card and discounted travel opportunities. Not only is the organization's member-only boat insurance program competitively priced, its premium rate structure reflects the organization's history of being safe boaters.

Members who have shopped around say they've found that the power squadron boat insurance program is less expensive than other insurance programs.

While the goal of the group has always been to promote public boating safety, produce exceptional member courses and provide opportunities for camaraderie among its members, power squadron is poised for growth in the coming years by keeping its pulse on the ever changing wants and needs of the boating public.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Work to start soon on Appletree building

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Following some planning delays, construction will start soon at the Appletree development site off Bridge Street.

The site proposed for a three-story retail and residential building is located at 224 Bridge Street.

Developers Scott Zagers and Jerry Rutter of Elk Rapids were looking to break ground in November, but ran into some planning issues that have taken longer than expected.

Zagers said they are currently waiting on final construction bids for the foundation of the building.

He explained that the project's underground parking requires some excavation that will take place about four feet from the buildings on either side of the site. He said the soils won't hold themselves up during this excavation process so retaining walls need to be built before the digging starts.

"We have to make sure our neighbors will be safe," he said.

Engineers for the project with Performance Engineering of Charlevoix said there are three safe ways to make sure the foundation will hold and the other two buildings won't be damaged.

Zagers and Rutter have asked for bids to approach the foundation in each way the engineers outlined. Zagers said they plan to choose the safest and most cost effective method.

This also requires three different project blueprints be drafted based on different foundations methods and that takes time.

"I'm desperate to break ground, but the financing won't go through until I have that number (cost for the foundation)," Zagers said.

He is expecting to have the foundation numbers back by Friday, Jan. 9. Once one of the three methods is chosen the full project will be ready for financing review by the bank which will likely happen at the beginning of next week.

Then, Zagers and Rutter will wait for a letter of commitment from the bank to start digging.

"Once we get the (commitment) letter from them, then we'll pull the trigger," Zagers said.

Zagers estimated breaking ground on the project in the next two to three weeks.

They are hoping to have the building complete and ready for occupancy by September or sooner. The retail area of the development which will be located on the main level off Bridge Street, is expected to be ready by May or June.

But Zagers said all of this depends on weather and the cold temperatures predicted for the next couple of weeks won't make it easy.

He said the old Earl Young building that still sits on the site is helping keep the ground from

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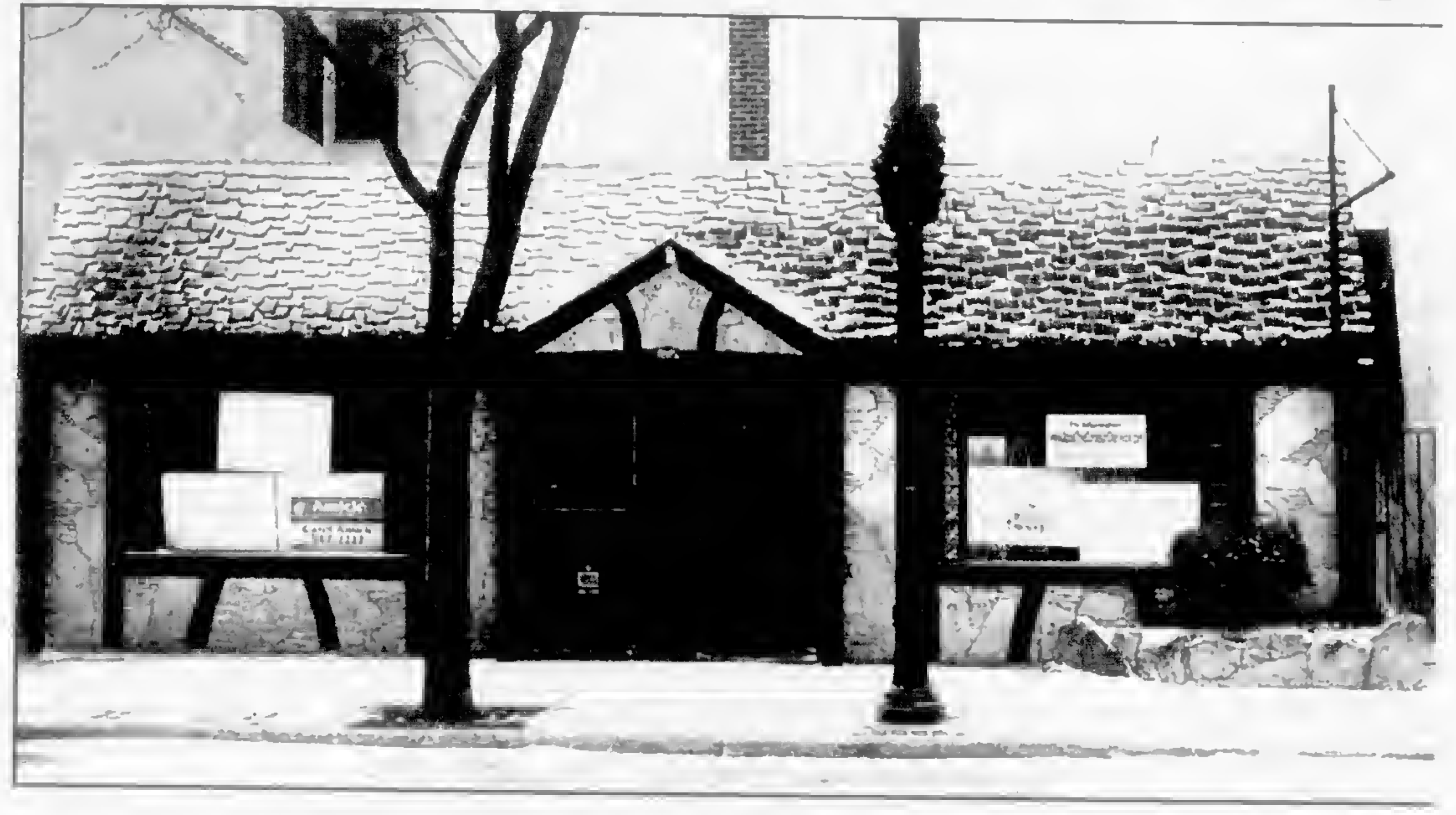
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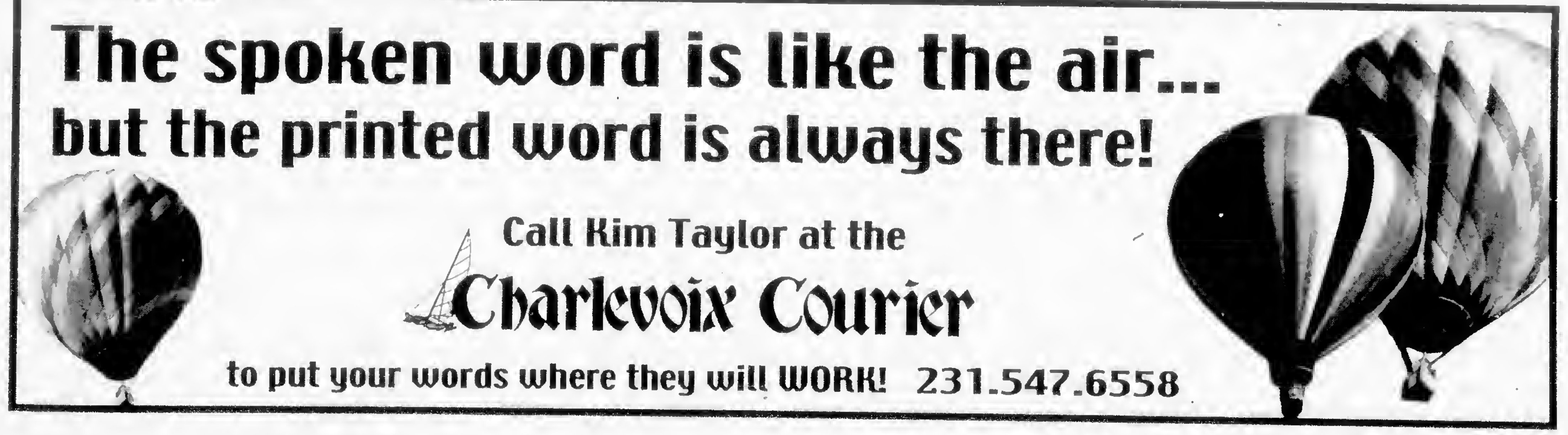
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Winter returns to Charlevoix

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

While it got a little warm around Charlevoix last week, winter weather has returned to the area.

According to Jeff Zoltowski, meteorologist at the National Weather Service, a warm weather pattern stuck over the area for the last few weeks keep the cold and snow that normally comes to the area during December and January at hay.

But, Zotowski said this week we are going, and have, seen a change.

For the rest of this week, the weather will be cold and snowy, with temperatures struggling to get out of the teens, he said.

This is perfect news for many Charlevoix people who make a living off of winter.

John Fiedoreck, owner of the Flight Deck bar, business has heen slow due to a lack of snow and snowmohilers for the last week weeks.

"We just don't have the snowmobile traffic," he said.

The wintery weather also was great news for Ike Boss, Charlevoix City recreation director, when it comes to Mount McSauha's ski hill.

Boss said Monday, as the snow started falling along with the temperatures, things are going great at the hill now. He said the hill had a hig day on Sunday and are expecting to get the back hill open hy this weekend.

But, he said due to the warm weather, and even rain, last week, Mount McSauha had to close on one day.

As for the rest of the winter, Zoltowski said we can expect temperatures that are a little warmer than usual, but precipitation that is normal.

"This doesn't include the occasional arctic outbreak," he said.

Normal temperatures during the winter months for Charlevoix are in the mid-20s to the lower to mid-teens.

Normal precipitation (snowfall) for the Charlevoix area is 82 to 100 inches of snow through the course of the winter.

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Charlevoix City Council 2003 Meeting Schedule

The Charlevoix City Council will hold regular meetings on the following dates in 2004. Meetings are temporarily being held in the USCG Acacia Conference/Training Room at 109 Bridge Park Drive and begin at 7:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise.

January 5**
January 19

February 2
February 16

March 1
March 15

April 5
April 19

May 3
May 17

June 7
June 21

July 6***
July 19

August 2
August 16

September 7**
September 20

October 4
October 18

November 1
November 15

December 6
December 20

**The Charlevoix City Charter requires that the first meeting in January shall start at 8:00 p.m.
***Tuesday

Elizabeth A. Gooch
City Clerk

The City of Charlevoix will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Charlevoix Clerk's Office. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Charlevoix by writing or calling the following: City Clerk, City of Charlevoix, 210 State Street, P.O. Box 550, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, (231) 547-3250.

Building was suppose to be demolished in November

APPLETREE

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freezing. But he said the cement for the foundation will still need to he mixed with a special ingredient so it will cure properly in subzero weather.

While the Young building will be there long enough to just keep the site warm, many residents fought for months to save the building.

Zagers said the opposition to the demolition of the building, which some argued has historic value, did not slow the project dramatically; project planning was more a factor.

"Projects like this don't just happen that fast. We have to make sure our 'Ts' are crossed and 'Is' are dotted," he said.

He added that he and Rutter were happy to work to find a way to save the building. However, in the end, it was found that the Young huilding could not be moved without crumbling.

So two second home owners in Charlevoix, Steven and Annemarie Roby of Farmington Hills, plan to do the next best thing — save its appearance. Once demolition of the building begins, the Robys plan to salvage much of its materials to recreate part of the building on their Auld Street property here in Charlevoix.

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Police department hires part-time officer

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

A new part-time police officer is patrolling the streets of Charlevoix.

Matt Mikulski, 24, was hired to fill a position with the city of Charlevoix Police Department.

Mikulski graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1998. After graduation he studied to be a conservation officer at Lake Superior State University in Sault Saint Marie. He soon found out that only about five conservation officers are hired in the state each year.

This lack of job opportunities coupled with intriguing internships he had with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and the state police post in Sault Saint Marie changed his focus to law enforcement.

"I knew I would have more interaction with people," he said.

He went on to graduate from Lake State in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. And then completed certification courses at the university's police academy in June of 2003.

He was given until this spring to activate his certification by working in law enforcement or he would be required to take a refresher course at the academy.

Mikulski said finding his first job in law enforcement in his hometown, Charlevoix, was the perfect fit.

He started in early November doing field training with veteran officer Scott Hankins.

The new young patrolman was welcomed with anything but open arms. He said when he and Hankins were out enforcing the seat belt law more than a couple of people Mikulski ticketed doled out a ration of profanities.

"They just cut loose on me," he said.

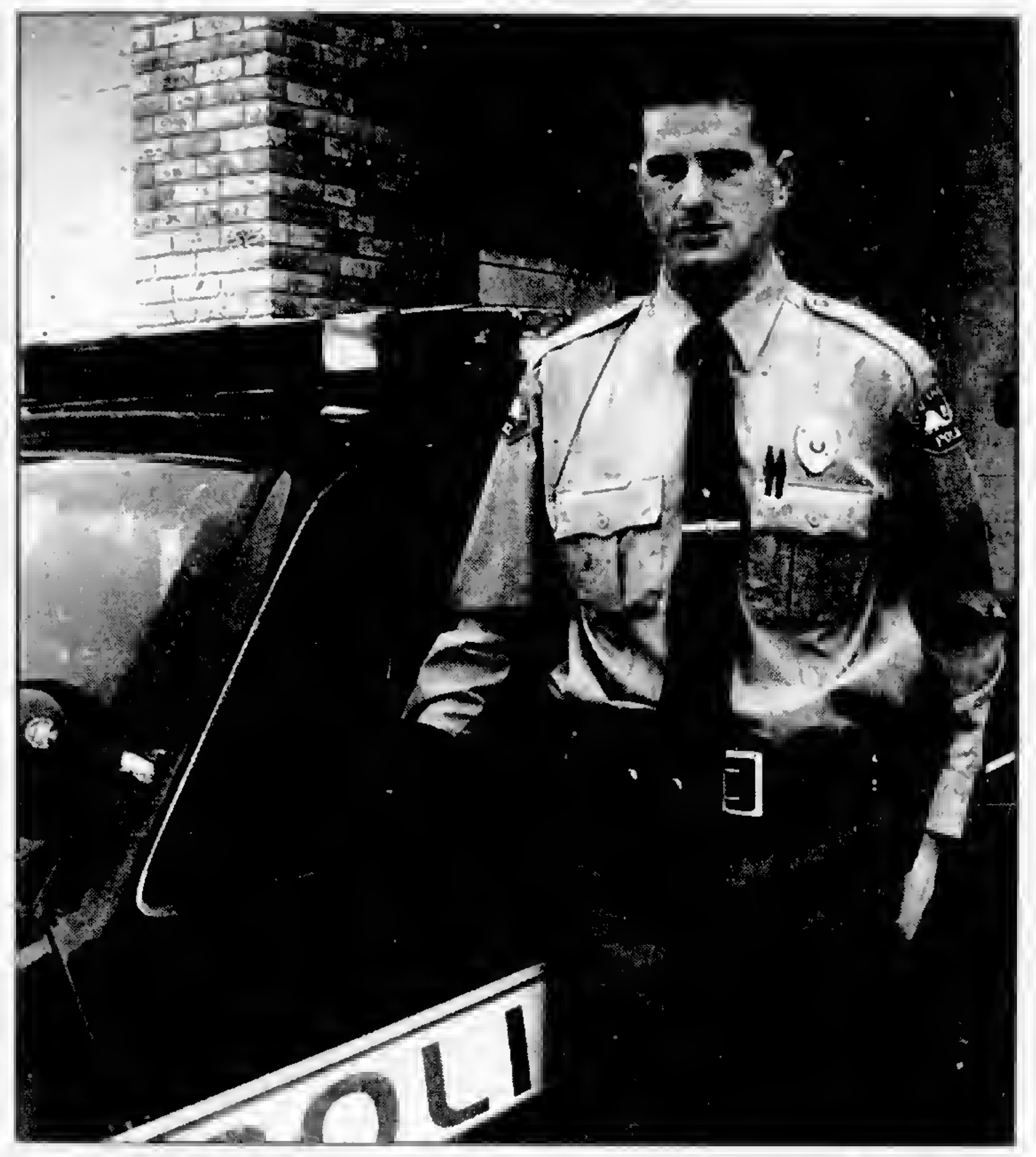
Mikulski said this was unexpected for seat belt types of traffic offenses, but it's all part of the job.

As of last week Mikulski started patrolling on his own. Residents may get to meet him on Fridays when he works days and nights or Saturdays when he is on the night shift.

City police chief Dennis Halverson said, "So far so good. He has local knowledge of the streets and some of the people he will be working with."

But because the joh is part-time and Mikulski is marketable for a full-time position Halverson said he doesn't know how long Charlevoix will be able to keep him.

Mikulski said he would like to be in Charlevoix, but a full-time position won't likely open up for another two years and he needs benefits. He has his resume in with the City of Petoskey Police Department and may look into studying to join the state troopers.



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Matt Mikulski is the city of Charlevoix's new part-time police officer. This is Mikulski's first job in law enforcement.

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How to keep those new year's resolutions

By B. JON GOHS
Special to the Courier

> *"We need to fight against all those cookies that are being shoved at us around the holidays."*
>
> **Candy Smith**,
> Manager of Harbor Health and Fitness

It's 12:01 a.m., Jan. 1, 2004, do you know where your resolutions are?

Each year whether by exercise, fiscal responsibility, smoking cessation, stress reduction or further education, millions of Americans resolve to better themselves.

One of the biggest concerns many Americans have during the holidays is gaining weight. Although according to a recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine, the average American only gains about 1 pound during the holiday season.

Despite these findings, some gym owners see a significant increase in business in the post-holiday season.

Candy Smith, a personal trainer, aerobics instructor and manager of Harbor Health and Fitness of Charlevoix, said, "We see a decrease in business right before and around the holidays as people get busy with the holidays."

She added business picks up in the first part of January.

"We need to fight against all those cookies that are being shoved at us around the holidays," she said.

To help you meet your workout goals, Smith suggested people work out with a friend and stay consistent with their exercise.

Another worry people have is their financial situation. A worry that in some cases seems to turn into a resolution to do better.

Investment representative Derek Chowen with Edward Jones Investments in Charlevoix, said, "We see an increase in people investing around the first of the year."

According to Chowen, people tend to look at their existing portfolios and add stocks at this time more than the rest of the year.

Fiscal responsibility is an area of improvement, it would seem, that gets better with aging.

"Start saving early in life, that is the biggest thing," Chowen said.

Everywhere you look today you see signs forbidding smoking. Anti-smoking commercials flood the television and radio and with the advent of cigarette-pack sized flyers, your mailbox too may no longer be safe.

With the seeming endless flow of anti-smoking advertising, nicotine gum and prescription drug therapies, Michelle Potter, director of smoking cessation classes at Charlevoix Area Hospital said people still choose the new year as a time to quit smoking.

"In three years, I have seen the class size drop slightly, but there are still many people signing up," Potter said. "They aren't all trying to quit for the obvious reasons — money or health. I see more people coming in wanting to quit for social reasons more than anything else. They see that they are the minority and many of them want to gain control over their life."

Potter added, "Always be on top of your cravings. Those who are addicted should know that one cigarette can take them back to being a smoker."

Potters first class of the new year begins at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Stress and anxiety from holiday shopping and visiting relatives is enough to drive most people to a nervous breakdown. Add cold weather and a lack of sunshine into the mix and its apropos that the pre-and post-holiday season is a time when many of us begin to think about stress reduction.

Josie Wardin, massage therapist and the co-owner of J. Marie Salon in Charlevoix, said, "I've seen an increase in the number of gift certificates people are buying around the holidays."

Once people come in and see how relaxing a massager can be they tend to come back, Wardin said.

Wardin recommends "hot stone" massage as a unique way to soothe away the cold. According to Wardin, having your body massaged with heated stones is an invigorating way to spend a half-hour.

"People also get a lot of achy bones and muscles in winter," Wardin said.

Charles MacInnes, the coordinator of public relations at North Central Michigan College (NCMC) said education may be a priority in the new year.

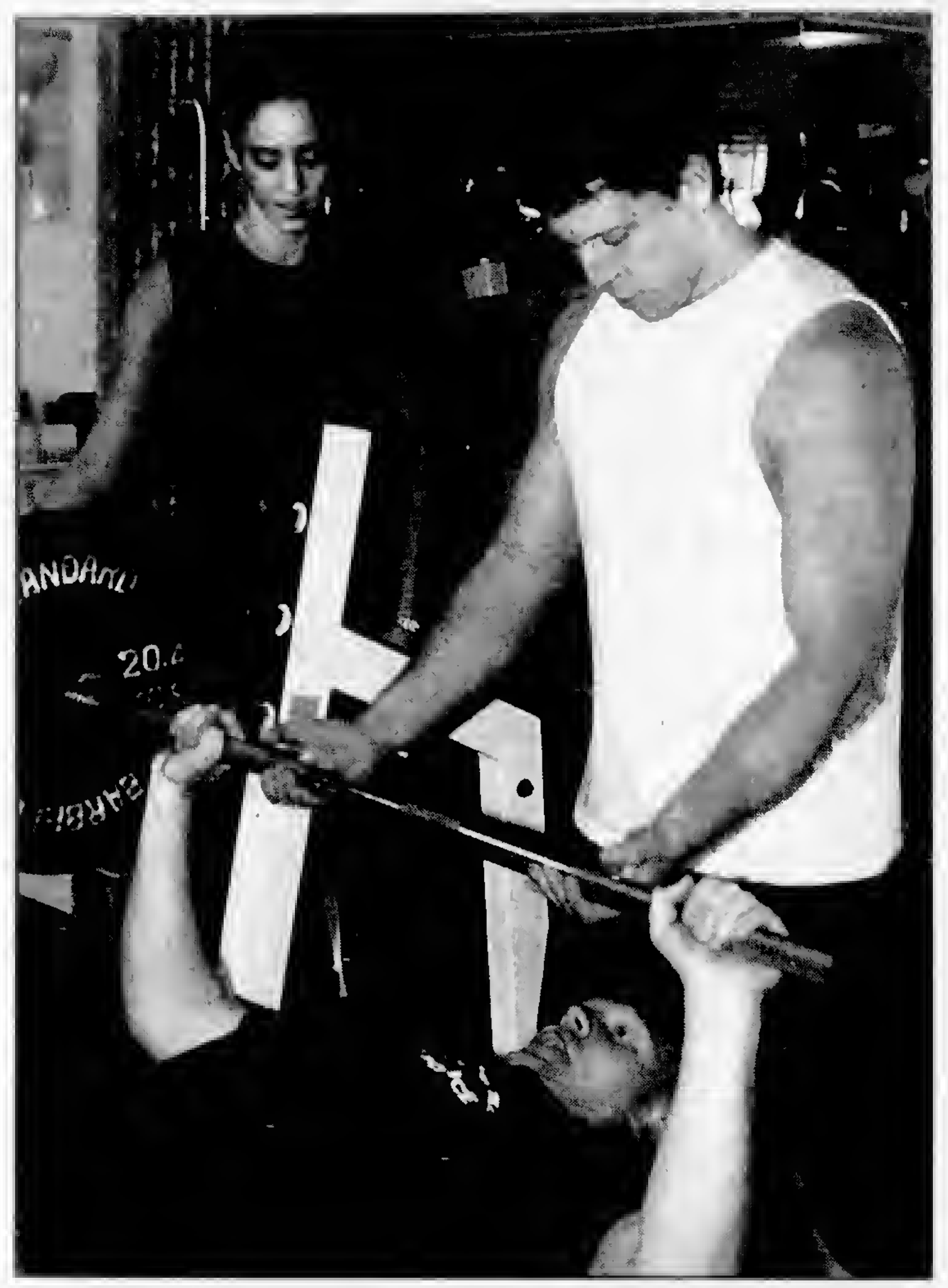
"Our numbers are strong into January. We do anticipate that some kids might come back to NCMC, some from other schools, for a variety of different reasons. It's a good way to start the new year and keep their brains active through the winter months," MacInnis said.

From outdoor literature to weightlifting, "We have a whole raft of fun classes for people who want to expand their minds a bit," MacInnis said. "There is something for everyone."

According to MacInnis, people seem to stick to resolutions they find enjoyable.

For more information on NCMC, see its web site at www.ncmc.cc.mi.us.

"Everyone and all ages should keep the mind active. It's just like any other muscle; it benefits from exercise," he said.



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As Amy Drew looks on, Nick Martinchek helps Matt Umulis with his bench press at South Side Gym on Marlon Center Road.

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Charlevoix County Commissioners Synopsis

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on December 29, 2003 in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the December 10, 2003 meeting were approved by consensus.

Motion approved Resolution #03-105, Grandvue Operating Transfer, and authorized the County Treasurer to make transfer as outlined.

Motion approved Resolution #03-106 Assessing Fees, Rates to be effective for the 2005 Assessing Year.

Motion approved Resolution #03-107, 2004 Building Department Budget.

Motion approved Resolution #03-108, Corrections Officers Agreement, and authorized Chairman Frykberg to sign said agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #03-109, Bank Depositories for 2004 and authorized the County Treasurer be authorized to use these designated institutions.

Motion approved Resolution #03-110, 2003 Budget Deficits.

Motion approved Resolution #03-111, Amend Subsidiary Fund Budgets.

Motion adjourned the 135th session of the Board of Commissioners.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Federal conservation funding grants available

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service announced recently it is seeking proposals for private lands conservation funding through its Private Stewardship Grants Program.

About $7.1 million is available to support on-the-ground conservation efforts on private lands through this grant.

As envisioned by President George Bush, this program provides federal grants on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in voluntary conservation efforts on private lands that benefit imperiled species including federally-listed endangered or threatened species as well as proposed, candidate and other "at-risk" species.

Landowners and their partners may submit proposals directly to the service for funding to support those efforts.

In May 2003, the service awarded 113 grants totaling more than $9.4 million to individuals and groups to undertake conservation projects for endangered, threatened and other at-risk species on private lands in 43 states.

The following are examples of how these grants support private conservation efforts and foster the development of voluntary partnerships:

- Using its $100,000 Private Stewardship Grant, Idaho's Friends of the Teton River partnered with The Donald C. Brace Foundation, The Arthur B. Schultz Foundation, The Upper Snake River Fly Fishers Foundation, The Five Star Challenge Grant, the One Fly Foundation, and the Peninsula Community Foundation to help restore Teton River fish habitat. To date, three projects that are part of the group's Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Habitat Restoration Project have begun on private lands to stabilize and revegetate the river's streambanks. Volunteers, such as teacher Barb Agnew and her Tetonia fourth grade class, have planted willow trees. Wetland sod planted with native sedges and grasses will be placed over erosion control matting and all previously disturbed areas are to be seeded with native grasses next summer.
- Umikoa Ranch on the Big Island of Hawaii received a $127,700 Private Stewardship Grant and quickly implemented a program to protect endangered species by improving habitat while reducing threats posed by invasive species. The private landowners constructed a pond to benefit endangered wildlife; installed an ungulate exclusion fence to protect 50 acres of land to benefit endangered plants and enhance native habitat; and plan to eliminate invasive species within special management areas. The endangered Hawaiian Duck has been sighted on ranch lands and the project is located within the historic range of numerous other listed species such as the Hawaii Creeper and the Hawaiian Hawk. In addition, ALU LIKE Inc., a nonprofit organization, will plant native species to help landowners improve the habitat's diversity and health.

For more information regarding this grant opportunity and on how and where to submit proposals, please visit the Service's Private Stewardship Grants web site at endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship.html.

You may also contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Branch of State Grants, Endangered Species Program, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420, Arlington, VA 22203, phone (703) 358-2061.

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Pilgrims in Charlevoix

Several members of the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix dressed up as pilgrims as part of the church's Thanksgiving celebration in November. Above are (front, from left) Emily Morgridge, Taylor Withoeft, Colin Campbell, (back) The Rev. Mary Snell Willis, Shannon Dibble, Desirea Faust, Adam Ulrich and Dustin Dibble.

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Wrestling team does well in invitational

Charlevoix Rayder wrestling team competed at the Frankfort Invitational Saturday, Jan. 3.

The team placed third out of 10 teams with less than 20 points separating the top three teams.

"Freshman Pat Russell, Nick Gotshall, Jacob Wimmer, and Zach Scharenbroch and Junior Jaimen Waha, who stepped up from his usual 160 weight class to fill our vacant 189 weight class, all helped the team by adding valuable points," Coach Craig Golovich said.

The match of the day for the team was between Sophomore Jeff Golovich and Kyle Denny of Kingsley. Denny was the opponent to beat at the 171 level having been a qualifier for state in Florida last year and was undefeated this year for Kingsley.

Jeff pinned Denny in the finals to take first in his weight class.

Other places for the day were Nathaniel Sotuyo, Jed Daman and Scott Sladek for first place.

Tony Kiernan and Matt Novotny placed third.

Shannon Gillespie, Travis Burke and Jacob Wimmer were in fourth place.

Charlevoix will host Petoskey and Gaylord at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 8.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

No end to the season

Bob Gorkiewicz of Charlevoix enjoys a bike ride on a snowy afternoon to ride to Charlevoix Area Hospital. He said he rides all winter long in the city because of the good plow job the city street department does.

Hockey team looking good in area tournys

Boyne Area Hockey's Paul Bunyan Lane Midgets continue to play good hockey and be very competitive.

The team played in the St Ignace Invitational Midget tournament on Dec. 26 and 27.

The first game against the Soo BB team ended in a 2-3 loss for Boyne.

Troy Scarbrough scored with an assist from Darren Looze, and JP Fiedorek with the pass from Evan Keller.

Later in the day, the team regrouped and smashed the Soo's B team 8-0.

Looze tallied a hat trick with three goals, Eli Barsy scored two, Dylan Clark, Stephen Cahoon and Scarbrough each added one goal. Gabe Korthase, William Brown and Clark gave assists.

Josh Aown and Looze had two each, while Ryan Fields and Scarbrough earned playmakers with three assists.

Bobby Courtright was in goal both games.

The third game was with St. Ignace and went scoreless until late in the third period when Boyne's Russell Williams hit the net with a pass from Keller and Barsy. Netminder Courtright earned the shutout turning away all 29 shots on goal.

In the final game with Newberry, the score seesawed until Newberry scored with under two minutes left to win 5-6.

Williams, Barsy and Scarbrough scored and Looze put in two. Justin Conklin and Scarbrough gave two assists. Clark, Barsy and Looze, one each. Courtright was again between the pipes.

On Jan. 4 the team hosted Mackinaw City. Williams scored twice, Cody Webster and Looze added one each in the 4-4 win.

Cahoon, Aown, Barsy and Fields gave the assists. Courtright was in net.

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Stay safe and warm this winter

Michigan residents may be more than accustomed to cold weather, but before enjoying outdoor winter activities, it's always a good idea to review how to dress for optimal warmth.

In cold weather, about 60 percent of a person's body fuel is used to heat the body, according to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

When exposed to frigid temperatures for an extended period of time, a person will tire easily and any skin exposed to the elements for too long is at risk for frostbite.

Children are especially vulnerable to frostbite because they lose heat from their skin more rapidly than do adults. They also may be less inclined to leave their winter fun behind to go inside and warm up.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan corporate medical director Dr. Tom Simmer said that wind chill, low temperatures and high winds are main contributors to rapid heat loss.

"There's no reason why you can't enjoy the long winter months, as long as you guard yourself against the harsh elements," Simmer said. "Dressing in layers and keeping the body dry will help you successfully combat the cold weather."

Dr. Simmer also recommends the following tips to keep you safe, warm and dry while enjoying Michigan's winter wonderland:

- Dress in layers so the body can adjust to changing conditions.
- Wear a hat that covers your ears. Most of your body heat is lost through the head.
- Get out of wet clothing immediately and warm the body with warm fluids (e.g. soup or hot cider) and a blanket. Avoid drinking alcohol or caffeine drinks, which can cause dehydration.
- Wear waterproof, insulated boots to help avoid hypothermia or frostbite by keeping your feet warm and dry. Boots also help you to maintain your footing in ice and snow.
- Wear mittens, they provide more warmth to your hands than gloves.

Be sure to take regular breaks from the outdoor elements. Go inside, have a cup of cocoa and make sure you dry off if you're sweating from physical activity.

Chamber to have its annual dinner, meeting

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce to host its 46th Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will be on Thursday, Jan. 8, at Charlevoix Country Club, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The evening will start with at cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

You will be served a choice of prime rib of beef or "John Cross" sumptuous whitefish. The cost is $25 per person, including tax and gratuity and entertainment. Awards for the outstanding citizen, ambassador of the year, and the chairman's award will be presented to recipients who have benefited the chamber or the community.

Reservation forms can be returned to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce office, or mailed to P.O. Box 358, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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This dinner is open to all members of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Icy waves of winter

Ice coats the rocks and guardrail along the Charlevoix pier into Lake Michigan Tuesday morning. After a brief spell of warm weather — which even included a rain storm last week — winter weather came blowing back into Charlevoix, bringing bitter temperatures and plenty of snow.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Monday Madness • Dec. 29, 2003

	W	L
Friske Farm Market	46	4
Flight Deck Top Guns	42	8
Strike Seekers	30	20
Laural & Co. Hair Design	26	24
Villager Pub	24	26
Buzy Bees	20	30
Paul Bunyan Lanes	8	42
Team One	0	20

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Carol Burry	702	199
Debi Grass		192
Vicki Mosoryak	632	
Brenda David	606	184

Tuesday Night Ladies • Dec. 30, 2003

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	7	1
Don's IGA	7	1
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	5	3
Hayes Legal Crew	4	4
Grey Gables	3	5
Top Rank Disposal	2	6
Central Drug Store	2	6
Paul Bunyan Lanes	2	6

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

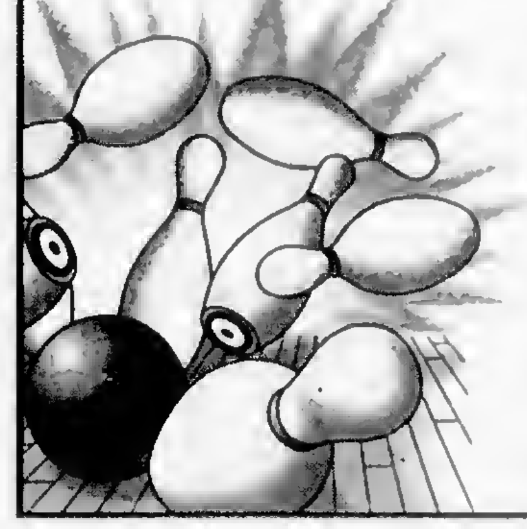
	Series	Game
Cathy Sullivan	512	208
Mary O'Brien	534	193
Jane Holm		192
Leanna Mosoryak	508	

Men's Senior League • Dec. 29, 2003

	W	L
Bayshore Steel	3	1
Kerr's Racing	3	1
Top Rank Disposal	3	1
Mark White Paint & Stain	3	1
Central Drug Store	1	3
State Farm Insurance	1	3
Cemex Cement	1	3
B Vanloo & Sons	1	3

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Scott Peebles		229
Thomas Kerr	611	
Jim Descamps	570	220
Chris McCallum	571	
Jeff McCallum		217



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NOTICE OF SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2003 real estate with **unpaid 2001 and/or prior years property taxes** was forfeited to the Charlevoix County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, **MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.**

The State of Michigan is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to **foreclose** on this property for **unpaid property taxes**.

There are **two hearings** scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A **Show Cause Hearing** is scheduled for Jan 19, 2004 - Feb 2, 2004 at 430 W Allegan, First Floor, Lansing MI 48922.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A **Judicial Foreclosure Hearing** is scheduled for 2:15 PM, February 13, 2004 at the 33rd Circuit Court, 301 State St, Charlevoix MI 49720.

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the State of Michigan, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 03-1940-19-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the **right to redeem** this parcel from the foreclosure process by **payment** of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. **You should contact the Charlevoix County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.**
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid within 21 days after judgment is entered in the foreclosure proceedings.

PLEASE NOTE :

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are **NOT** being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is **no procedure** for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed **may** become available at **public auction** in July, September, and November of **2004. These parcels remain the property of their current owner** until redemption rights have expired. **No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels** assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The **amount due** listed indicates the balance which was due **as of forfeiture on March 1, 2003**. The **current amount** required to redeem **must be obtained from the Charlevoix County Treasurer**, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

Name	Parcel #	Amount	Name	Parcel #	Amount
AGREE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	004-035-012-40	$17,156.71	CHARLEVOIX COMMONS	004-035-012-40	$17,156.71
ALLER, GINGER D	015-001-023-45	$1,272.59	CHARLEVOIX COUNTY STATE BANK	006-106-004-10	$4,483.94
ALLER, MICHAEL	015-001-023-45	$1,272.59	CHILL, THOMAS	013-708-662-00	$274.17
AMERICAN CENTRAL CORP	013-708-662-00	$274.17	CITIZENS BANK	013-575-004-00	$2,658.85
BANK ONE	006-133-011-20	$1,698.77	CITIZENS BANK	015-001-020-10	$2,389.19
BANK ONE	010-013-020-20	$1,160.32	CITIZENS BANK	052-123-022-00	$1,878.78
BAY WINDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, CHARLEVOIX FEDERAL CREDIT			COMERCA BANK DETROIT	009-002-061-00	$23,316.75
UNION NKA	053-024-049-00	$491.75	COMMONPOINT MORTGAGE	006-133-011-20	$1,698.77
BAY WINDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, CHARLEVOIX FEDERAL CREDIT			CONNAGHAN, ANN	012-123-019-00	$1,337.71
UNION NKA	053-024-050-00	$302.15	CONNAGHAN, ANTHONY H	012-123-019-00	$1,337.71
BAY WINGS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	053-471-008-00	$898.45	COPPERFIELD ASSOCIATES	009-002-061-00	$23,316.75
BEAVER ISLAND TIMBER CO	012-130-003-00	$1,075.20	DIETZE, C. SCOTT	053-628-006-00	$2,549.12
BELL, RALPH E	012-752-046-00	$753.78	DIETZE, MRS SCOTT C	053-628-008-00	$535.21
BELL, RALPH E	012-752-047-00	$418.57	DIETZE, MRS. C. SCOTT	053-628-006-00	$2,549.12
BELLINGER, VICKI J	013-706-295-00	$1,032.55	DIETZE, SCOTT C	053-628-006-00	$2,549.12
BOYER, GERALD	014-034-009-00	$27,799.57	DIETZE, SCOTT C	053-628-008-00	$535.21
BOYER, PHYLLIS A	014-034-009-00	$27,799.57	DODGE, MARTHA	053-424-002-50	$5,502.22
BOYNE RIVER INN INC	051-340-074-50	$5,455.66	DULONG, CHRISTINE	051-265-026-00	$727.02
BREIDENSTEIN, BETH L	010-013-020-20	$1,160.32	DULONG, DAN	051-265-026-00	$727.02
BREIDENSTEIN, BETH LYNN	010-720-034-00	$472.66	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	009-002-061-00	$23,316.75
BRENN, KATHY A	008-030-007-45	$2,580.86	EQUIFIRST CORP	051-255-002-00	$860.30
BROOKS, JEFFERY L	053-471-008-00	$898.45	ERICKSON, DEBRA L	001-010-003-10	$883.87
BROWN, CYNTHIA	012-234-020-10	$476.63	ERICKSON, DENNIS B	001-010-003-10	$883.87
BROWN, CYNTHIA	012-234-020-30	$476.63	ERNO, JEFFREY A	051-255-002-00	$860.30
BROWN, JEFFERY C	012-233-019-00	$626.26	FETSCO, CYNTHIA L	009-300-006-00	$705.81
BROWN, JEFFREY C	012-233-019-00	$626.26	FETSCO, CYNTHIA L	009-300-007-00	$974.82
BRZEZINSKI, MARK A	051-469-232-00	$1,928.78	FETSCO, GEORGE A	009-300-006-00	$705.81
BRZEZINSKI, ROBIN K	051-469-232-00	$1,928.78	FETSCO, GEORGE A	009-300-007-00	$974.82
C H SMITH COMPANY INC	004-225-020-00	$720.27	FIFTH THIRD BANK, OLD KENT BANK NKA	006-031-007-10	$927.74
C H SMITH COMPANY INC	015-001-020-10	$2,389.19	FIFTH THIRD BANK, OLD KENT BANK NKA	015-019-016-15	$1[illegible]3
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CAREY, MITCH	012-752-046-00	$753.78	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAYLORD	008-036-003-30	$960.71
CB NORTH	052-123-022-00	$1,878.78	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MICHIGAN	014-028-007-10	$6,844.41
CENTEX HOME EQUITY CO	051-265-026-00	$727.02	FITZGERALD, PATRICIA N	011-124-012-20	$357.02

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News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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GEORGI, RICHARD E	012-130-003-00	$1,075.20	MOYER, OCY MAY	051-370-010-00	$1,511.14
GERRIE, JACK C	005-025-013-10	$897.08	NAERT, VALERE A	012-650-004-00	$371.26
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GREENPOINT CREDIT CORP	015-001-023-45	$1,272.59	OLD RECTORY REAL ESTATE PRTN	012-234-006-20	$4,012.02
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MAYFAIR ASSOCIATES	009-002-061-00	$23,316.75	WIGGINS, KATHRYN	011-124-012-20	$357.02
MC GLOCKLIN, LILLIEN E	012-234-006-20	$4,012.02	WOLVERINE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN	051-320-001-10	$18,229.26
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MCGLOCKIN, ROBERT A	012-234-006-20	$4,012.02	WOOD, JOSEPHINE	006-133-011-20	$1,698.77
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MICHIGAN D.N.R.	014-034-009-00	$27,799.57	WYSKIEL, JOSEPH E	010-033-005-00	$623.99
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Area events

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This free workshop takes place in the downstairs meeting room at the Charlevoix Public Library, please call or stop in to register.

The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton Street. Their hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday. Contact the library at 547-2651 or online at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Health agency to meet

The Board of Health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency will meet at 10 a.m., on Friday, Jan. 9 at the Agency's Charlevoix office. The Board of Health is the governing body for the local health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.

Two Commissioners from each of these County Boards are appointed to the Board of Health. They meet at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Charlevoix. These are open meetings with time set aside for public comment. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Gerry Chase, Health Officer, at (231) 547-6523.

Fiddling show

Jordan Valley Fiddlers and Charlevoix Knights of Columbus have a Fiddlers and Listeners gathering from 3 to 11 p.m., Jan. 10 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix. Admission by donation. A light lunch is available.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful meeting

The Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Annual Meeting is at 6 p.m. on Jan. 14 at the Grey Gables. The public is welcome.

Florida reunion

The sixth Florida reunion for all those from the Charlevoix area will be on Feb. 19 at the Old Port Cove Club, in North Palm Beach, Fla. Call Joyce Duke for more information at (561) 622-0596.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-7545.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department in the lower level training room of the jail.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support Group —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix.

Call (800) 337-3827 for more information.

Historical groups —

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Harsha House. For more information call 547-0373.

Community activities —

There is a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street.

The Charlevoix Community Pool has an open swim from 6-8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. There is an additional open swim from 3 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

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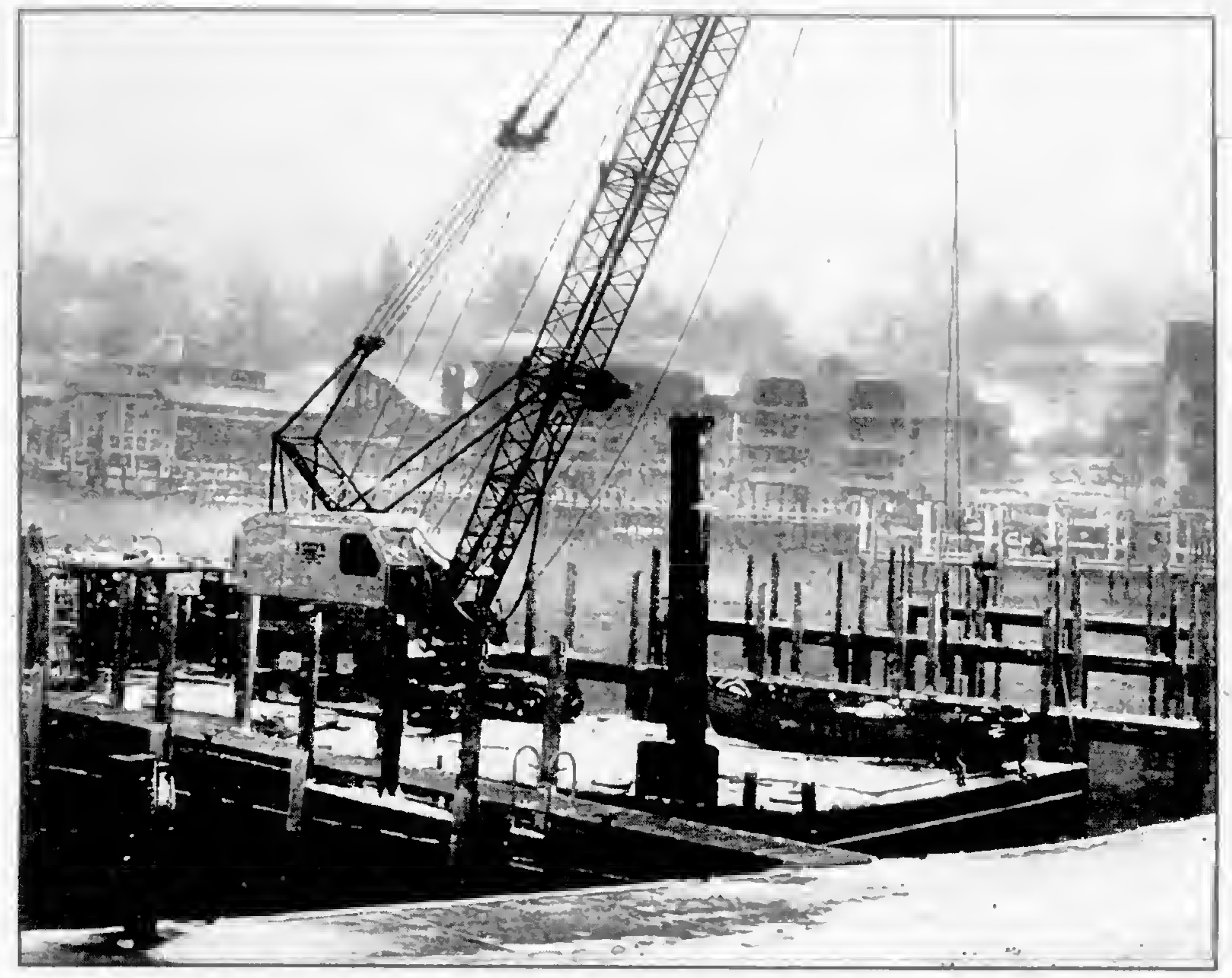

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Free parking

This crane has been parked in the city of Charlevoix's municipal marina for the last couple of weeks. It is not the city's and is not being used for a city project. City manager Mike Wiesner said he does not know who it belongs to and after the marina closes in September uses like this are permitted.

Financial aid workshop offered

The financial aid office of North Central Michigan College will host a seminar on financial aid for college students on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The program is open to students attending or planning to attend any college or university.

North Central staff will explain financial aid programs, eligibility requirements, the application process, how aid is calculated and scams to avoid.

The program is offered by North Central as a service to the community. It will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the college's student center located just off Howard Street in Petoskey.

There is no charge for the program.

See the college's web site www.ncmc.cc.mi.us for more information.

Hospital to host clinic to help stop smoking

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Anti-Wal-Mart group circulating petition

WAL-MART

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site review process. We will be presenting information. We hope to show them there are things a planning commission can do," he said.

Hoffman said several members of the group This Is Our Town will be attending the planning commission meeting.

He added a petition is currently circulating through the community asking people to sign if they are opposed to a Wal-Mart being located near Charlevoix. While he did not know the exact number of signatures on the petition as of now, Hoffman said it probably has a minimum of several hundred names.

This Is Our Town has not been in contact with Wal-Mart officials.

Rajewski said if the Wal-Mart plan is approved, it does not have to go to the township board for final approval.

Wal-Mart officials could not be reached for comment for this story.

At a Charlevoix Township planning commission meeting in September, Wal-Mart officials presented a conceptual plan for a supercenter to be located on US-31 South, near Marion Center and Stover roads.

It would have 40,000 square feet of grocery space on the left side of the store and over 100,000 square feet of retail space on the right side. The store would be a total of 157,400 square feet.

There is also room for seasonal sales, such as Christmas trees and garden supplies, as well as an automotive department for tire, oil and lube changing.

The supercenter will have two main entrances, not including a truck entrance on US-31. One entrance will be on US-31 and the other will be on Marion Center Road. Plans also show the addition of a lighted signal at the US-31 entrance and the addition of deceleration and acceleration lanes and turn lanes on US-31.

These road plans are subject to approval by the Michigan Department of Transportation. A traffic study is currently being worked on.

At that meeting, Wal-Mart officials said they hoped to have the store open in 2005.

Who: Charlevoix Township Planning Commission
What it is: Hearing on a proposed Wal-Mart
When: 7:30 p.m., March 3
Where: Charlevoix Township Hall

New baby barely beats two others for first

BABY

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hour before one baby boy and seven and a half hours before another made his entrance.

Brad said as the time neared for Lauren to arrive he glanced at the TV in the delivery room and watched as the ball in New York's Time's Square made its way down. He said he thought Lauren would be delivered at midnight right on the nose.

But little Lauren already had a mind of her own and waited it out.

"She wanted to be a New Year's baby," Brad said.

With a birthday five minutes after the new year, Ellen and Brad said there will always be a party for her.

But whatever gifts she may get will never match the gift Ellen and Brad received in the first minutes of Jan. 1, 2004.

"This is our New Year's present right here," Brad said as he cuddled the quiet sweet bundle.

The Jensons were released from Charlevoix Area Hospital Jan. 3 returning home with their healthy New Year's baby.

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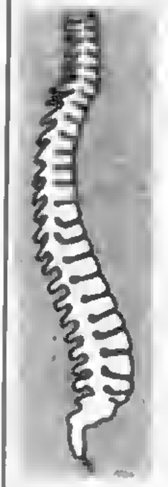

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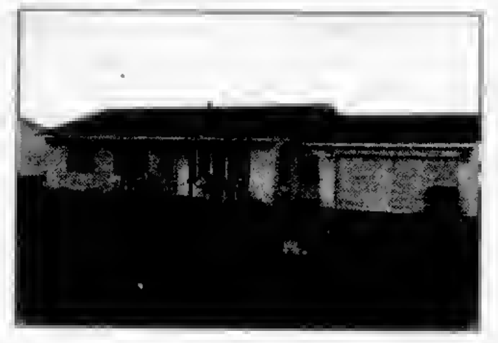

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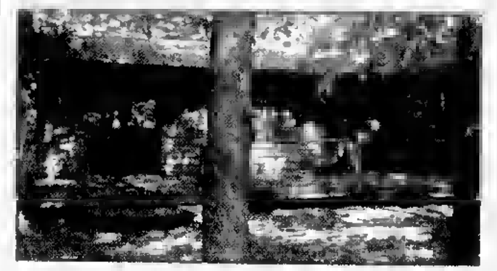

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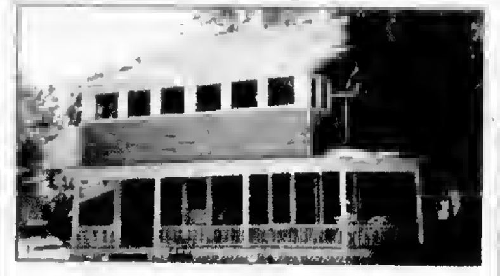

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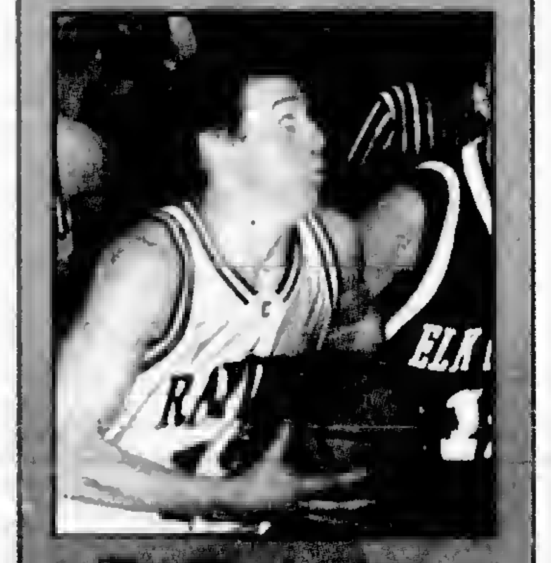

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Honored citizens

Stutzman, Adams given awards

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce honored two Charlevoix residents Thursday with the Ambassador of the Year Award and the Chairman's Award.

The awards are given out each year at the organization's annual dinner and meeting in January.

This year, the Chairman's Award was given to Charlevoix resident Mary Adams and the Ambassador's Award was given to Northwest Academy band director Gary Stutzman.

Outgoing chamber chairman John Campbell announced the award to Adams, pointing out her service with several area organizations including Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and the

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Photo by Jeremy McBain

Retired Charlevoix business-owner and current consultant Jeannine Wallace was named Citizen of the Year by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Thursday night.

Wallace named citizen of the year

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

At the forty-sixth annual Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce awards meeting, Jeannine Wallace, the self-described "old biddy of Bridge Street," took home the Citizen of the Year crown for 2003.

"I was absolutely stunned; I didn't even know what to say," she said. "I am still floored that they even thought of me. I just trudged along through the years working to do what I thought should be done for the city."

Maura Snabes, the newly appointed chairman of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce for 2004, said the board picked Wallace because of all she has accomplished.

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Commissioners to face mayor

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Five members of the Charlevoix City Planning Commission will spend Friday night battling Mayor Gabe Campbell to keep their seats.

"What I do when this situation is done is irrelevant because right now, my name is at stake," Steve Bennett, a commissioner on the mayor's dismissal list, said.

Hearings are scheduled to take place at 6 p.m., Jan. 16 in the Coast Guard training room located at 109 Bridge Park Drive in Charlevoix. The outcome will be a final decision to keep or let go of most of the commissioners.

At the hearings, the details of Mayor Campbell's plan to remove planning commission chairman Dennis Kusina and commissioners, John Campbell, Francis "Brownie" Flanders, Steve Bennett and Richard Hodgson, will be hashed out.

Items for discussion will include charges Mayor Campbell outlined in a letter he wrote to each of the commissioners early this month.

One charge is neglect of duty/inefficiency. In this charge, the mayor claims the commissioners failed to adequately review and study a special use permit application filed by Diane Gillette and Ruth Bellisimo, owners of Sunnybank Retirement Community, before they set a public hearing.

The second charge is inefficiency. Mayor Campbell claims the commission voted to schedule the public hearing for Sunnybank without first resolving legal issues related to whether they could set the hearing under the city's zoning ordinance.

Mayor Campbell has 14 facts that back up these charges based on actions the commission took and requirements set forth in the zoning ordinance and in the commission's bylaws.

The five commissioners will defend themselves with the help of John Logie, a Grand Rapids attorney with the firm Warner, Norcross and Judd.

Logie was hired at a special planning commission meeting Jan. 7.

In a response letter he wrote to Mayor Campbell and city council he states, "Mayor Campbell's effort appears to be based on political motives, not state law. According to a controlling state

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court in Charlevoix County:

Michael John Schepers, 35, Petoskey. Driving while under the influence of alcohol — second offense. Two years probation; attend three Alcoholic's Anonymous classes per week; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 334 days held in abeyance; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Rollie Clifford Royse, 19, East Jordan. Reckless driving; and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Nine months probation; 90 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 10 days, 78 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

William Lee Fox, 28, Grand Rapids. Driving while under the influence of alcohol; driving while license suspended; and motor vehicle driver transporting open intoxicant. One year probation; attend two Alcoholic's Anonymous classes per week; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 67 days held in abeyance; $1,750 in fines and costs.

Louis Patrick Mettler, 58, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,010 in fines and costs.

Matthew Allen Gregware, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend BASES classes; $120 in fines and costs.

Paul Allen Whisker, 24, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Ryan Douglas Tarbet, 21, Pinckney. Minor in possession of alcohol. Thirty hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Trista Marie Vargo, 21, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend BASES classes; 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

David James Perry, 20, Walloon Lake. Violation of a restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Jason Michael Cook, 19, Elmira. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend BASES classes; $120 in fines and costs.

Deanna Louise Desrochers, 20, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol. One hundred hours of community service work; $180 in fines and costs.

Timothy Allen Girlinghouse, 28, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Serve five days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Donna Ellen Desrochers, 18, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend BASES classes; 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Adam Michael Tapper, 19, Farmington Hills. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend alcohol education classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Robert Arlin Stein, 34, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Six months probation; 93 days in jail held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Max R. Corbett, 23, Elmira. Driving while under the influence of alcohol — third offense; ignition interlock device violation; driving while license suspended; and failure to stop and identify a property damage accident. Bound over to circuit court.

Douglas Martin Smith, 39, East Jordan. Stalking. Two years probation; 365 days in jail with credit for 229 days, serve 30 days, 106 days held in abeyance.

Gary Steven McSawby, 50, East Jordan. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing of marijuana; and controlled substance — maintaining a drug house. Bound over to circuit court.

Jeffrey Joseph Seroka, 40, Lapeer. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; attend Impact Weekend; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,010 in fines and costs.

Robin Leigh Thompson, 28, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Bethany Lynn Purvis, 22, Ypsilanti. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Anthony Bruce Lacey, 25, Bellaire. Controlled substance — use of marijuana. Fines and costs totaling $750.

Shawn Christopher Kreager, 30, Charlevoix. Drunk and disorderly person. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Michael John Fortune, 35, Boyne City. Weapons possession while under the influence of alcohol. Six months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Eric Travis Belford, 34, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 77 days held in abeyance; $905 in fines and costs.

James Leroy Hankins, 42, Boyne Falls. Driving while license suspended — second offense or subsequent. Serve five days in jail; $850 in fines and costs.

Thomas Eugene Sheldon, 32, Boyne City. Non-sufficient funds, over $100 and under $500. Two years probation; 365 days in jail, serve 90 days, 275 held in abeyance; $15,054.37 in fines and costs.

Thomas Eugene Sheldon, 32, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Two years probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 92 days held in abeyance; $815 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Wildfire Promotions, 04165 Healey Road, East Jordan, by Gail Gerrie

Harbor View Cleaning, 753 Line Street, Apt. A, Boyne City , by Jennifer M. Hanson and Lynn A. Richards

Lisa's Beauty Salon, 633 North East Street, Boyne City, by Lisa Whitaker

RDB Solutions, 523 South East Street, P.O. Box 412, Boyne City, by Robin Bashaw

Stardog Bakehouse, 08404 Goehel Road, East Jordan, by Charlene Michael

Grouse Feather Fly Shop, 230 Water Street, Boyne City, by Robert E. Cohen and Kevin Sloan

SJD Enterprise, 311 West Upright, Charlevoix, by Donna Jean Martin, John F. Martin and Stanley R. Martin

Divorce

The following people were granted a Judgment of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Ronald Winchester vs. Lisa Winchester

Births

Zacorey Robert, weighing 7 pounds, was born to Corey Eaton and Jessica Froats Jan. 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His sisters are Sereena and Ondrea. His grandparents are Donald and Fran Eaton, Stacey and Richard Harms and Jerry and Pat Froats.

Cheyenne Morgan, weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces, was born to Benjimen and Khara Kadonsky of Boyne City Jan. 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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Kur to face Jarema for prosecutor seat

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Former Charlevoix Chief Assistant Prosecutor John Jarema, 35, announced his candidacy for the county prosecutor seat last week.

"I think the citizens of Charlevoix County deserve a prosecutor who will be proactive in court trying cases," Jarema said of his candidacy. "I think the way the office is run, being fiscally responsible, is important with the taxpayers. Now, I don't think it is being run fiscally responsible."

Jarema, a republican, will be facing current Charlevoix County Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur, also a republican, in the Aug. 3 primary.

Kur said Jarema's candidacy comes as no surprise to her.

"This is America and anybody with a law degree in the state of Michigan has the right to seek a seat such as this," she said. "There will be ample time to talk about a lot of things in the next seven months. Right now, I am busy doing the job the people elected me to do."

Mary Beth Kur

John Jarema

Jarema made headlines in 2002 when he was fired by Kur. He then sued Kur claiming defamation of character, a violation of the Whistleblowers Act and invasion of privacy. The defamation and invasion of privacy claims were dismissed, leaving just the claim of a whistle blowers act violation.

Jarema alleged Kur violated the Whistleblowers Act by firing him because he was voicing concerns about "mismanagement of county funds" by the prosecutor's office. Kur denied there was any mismanagement and said Jarema was fired "for good business reason and cause, such as his disruptive conduct, disloyalty, breach of confidences provided by Kur to him, unprofessional conduct, poor work ethic, low level of productivity, insufficient leadership as chief assistant prosecutor and other matters of poor performance and conduct including insubordination."

In March 2003, at the request of the county's insurance provider, Kur and her attorney ended the case with a $50,000 settlement to Jarema.

Jarema said he is not running against Kur as payback for the firing. He said he was asked to run by several members of the community, including past and present county commissioners and law enforcement officers.

"If I was going to build up a case to run against her, I would not have gone to the commissioner and brought it to light," he said.

Kur said, "I am very proud of my record and that of my office over the years."

Jarema graduated from Central Michigan University in December 1990 with a degree in psychology.

He then went to the Detroit College of Law, where he received his law degree.

After a few internships in the Charlevoix County Prosecutors Office under current Judge Richard May, he was hired as an assistant prosecutor for the county in 1995.

In 1999, Jarema was appointed chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Charlevoix County, which he worked under until February 2002.

Currently, he is an associate with the law firm of Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof and Snyder P.C. of Charlevoix.

His wife's name is Krista and he has two daughters, Alison, 5, and Caroline, 3.

He is originally from St. Clair Shores.

However, since he was a child, John said he and his family had been visiting the Boyne Falls area.

Jarema said he will have a web site outlining his positions at www.votejarema.com.

File photo

Follow-up

After printing this picture of a crain in last week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier, it was discovered it is owned by Lyon's Marine, which is under contract to do work for the city. The crain was parked at the city marina. During the off season, the marina is open to any boaters that want to tie up.

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Respect others when enjoying your ride

EDITORIAL

From the looks of things, winter has returned to Charlevoix once again.

During this time of year, a warm air temperature is anything above 20 degrees, a light dusting of snow is anything below 5 inches and fashion takes a back-seat to staying warm.

This is also the time of year when people get a little excited for some adventure. Northern Michigan is filled with people seeking that perfect mountain to ski or snowboard, that large fish to catch on their tip-up, beautifully deep snow to snowshoe through and a wide open field to try out their new snowmobile.

While all of these sports are fun, it is the last one, snowmobiling, that seems to generate the most passion from people in northern Michigan.

Some people, when they hear the word snowmobiling, picture a group of friends enjoying the wintery outdoors while riding from one town to the next over cottony fields and trails of white. Other people picture a drunken lunatic racing across their front lawn at 2 a.m.

Snowmobiling is a sport that brings a lot to northern Michigan. It is a great source of revenue during the slow months and it is a great way for families and friends to get together outside. And they get to meet new friends by joining groups such as local snowmobiling organizations.

But, some people are spoiling it for those who respect nature and the people who live in the north. These are the people who are riding late at night, the people getting intoxicated and then hurting others in an accident, people who drive their machines too fast, people who threaten wildlife with their machines by chasing animals and people who trespass on private property.

These people are a menace to the snowmobiling world and northern Michigan. Because of these people, many northern Michigan residents are becoming fed up with snowmobilers in general, thus putting the sport in harm's way.

We urge snowmobilers to remember they represent many more than just themselves when enjoying their hobby. They represent a whole sport and can hurt its reputation.

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Gilbert's former boat took first prize

Edith Gilbert

'Behind the news'

Courtesy photo

This 1958 Chris Craft sportsman was bought by Edith Gilbert in 1985. She sold the boat and it was later bought by Kris Bartling, who took first at a boat show with it.

It was no big surprise to me when I read an article on the front page of the *Detroit Free Press* stating that, "The St. Clair River just north of Detroit, is one of the worst areas along the Canadian border for smuggling drugs and illegal immigrants into the United States."

I had often been told that during Prohibition, "rum runners" regularly used the river to smuggle booze into the United States from Canada! Consequently, fast speedboats were badly needed to outrun U.S. federal agents. That's probably why according to an article in the *Charlevoix Courier* dated Nov. 19, 1930, my late husband's speedboat, a Hackercraft, which was considered to be the fastest speedboat on the Great Lakes, was stolen in the middle of the night from Hamilton & Son boathouse on Round Lake by a professional Detroit gang.

It was never recovered. According to the Courier article it was not known exactly how the 2-ton boat was smuggled out of the boathouse and trucked downstate. It might have been floated to the north shore where "they ran a big trailer into the water, floated the boat up on it, hauled it out of the water and loaded it onto a truck."

Boats were always part of my married life and mahogany speedboats were my special love. In 1985 I had the opportunity to purchase a 17 foot, 1958 Chris Craft sportsman utility boat that I kept in a lovely spot on the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix.

Above all on a sunny day, I enjoyed circling Little Traverse Bay, docking in Harbor Springs and ordering an old-fashioned ice cream soda at Juillerets.

Sadly, it eventually became too difficult to maintain the boat and I sold it to Tom Barnes, who in turn sold it to John Houston and Kris Bartling.

Kris is now co-owner of the Boat Works. They do boat storage, hauling, and restoring boats. Kris couldn't wait to spend last winter stripping the boat down to the bare wood, re-varnishing it, replacing the interior flooring and upholstery, installing a new glass windshield and having the gauges refinished.

As for the six cylinder Chris Craft engine, all it needed was to clean the carburator, change the spark plugs and "it ran like a champ."

Last summer, Kris's mother, Nelda Houston, urged him to enter the boat in the Hessel Boat Show, but there was a conflict.

For years, Kris and his wife and children went to Beaver Island, where he played in the annual baseball tournament. It was with great reluctance that he let his mother make all the arrangements to enter the boat in the antique boat show, which they all attended.

Kris said that it was totally unexpected, when much to his joy and great surprise, the hoat took first place!

Now I doubt if this little jewel of a boat will serve any useful purpose in smuggling drugs or illegal aliens across the St. Clair River. Let's hope the "Nelda" remains in Charlevoix and we'll see her next summer with one of the new proud owners at the wheel.

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Letters to the editor

Keep Charlevoix beautiful

Editor:

Our family has enjoyed Charlevoix summers for the past 11 wonderful years. Because Charlevoix is such an important part of our lives, we subscribe to the Courier to help us keep "in touch" during the winter months.

Our family can hardly wait for spring to come each year. We are proud Charlevoix property owners that maintain a principal residence downstate. Therefore, we felt compelled to share our non-local opinion with your readers.

Have Charlevoix's elected officials lost sight of what they really have in this small town. They should remember that it's the people, the harmony of small town living, the quaintness of strolling town during the evening and the atmosphere that brings people and families close. It's the gatherings in the park, the events and celebrations and all the activity that promotes people to feel like there is no place on Earth that they would rather spend their time.

We have observed and enjoyed the many wonderful positive changes that Charlevoix has undertaken during these past many years. We also understand and support the democratic process that is often required prior to the undertaking of some changes.

However, due to recent political events, on can only hope that the leadership of Charlevoix does not exchange the "beautiful" with their own individual "progressive" viewpoints.

Daniel Fair
Troy

Say no to Wal-Mart

Editor:

When asked to get involved to the "say no to Wal-Mart" campaign, I was somewhat ambivalent initially thinking, "this is not my fight" as I have no business of my own in Charlevoix and nothing to gain or lose.

However, as with all issues in which I am asked to participate, I like facts and knowledge rather than hearsay, innuendo or preconceived notions.

Thus far, I have read practically everything available on the internet and three books specifically on the subject of a Wal-Mart coming to town. The more I read, the more I am absolutely convinced if Wal-Mart comes to Charlevoix, it will be a defining moment in our history and the worst thing to ever happen to our community.

History shows communities with a population between 5,000 and 10,000, an average of 20 locally owned businesses close. For every job Wal-Mart provides, 1.5 jobs are lost and the new job is lower paying with fewer benefits. They need fewer employees per sales dollar because their sales per employee are much larger.

When local businesses are forced to close, property values decrease, not only commercial but residential as well, as people are forced to move in order to find new jobs. One hundred percent of Wal-Mart's local revenue is immediately wire transferred back to the corporate headquarters. Local businesses all make their daily deposits into local banks. Wal-Mart already controls 30 percent of the grocery business. On average, for every new Super Center, two local grocery stores close. If it is such a great place to work, I wonder why they have an unheard of 70 percent annual employee turnover.

In 2002, Wal-Mart sales were 245 billion, yet they donated only four tenths of one percent to charities. This includes corporate donation which leaves very little for each local Wal-Mart store. The first thing our locally owned businesses will have to do is cut back on donations, the second is to lay off employees. They will cease to advertise and there will be no more expansions, remodeling facilities or replacing equipment.

It is shear greed and an attempt to put competitors out of business that drives Wal-Mart to put stores so close together. My philosophy is: We have a Wal-Mart. It is only 20 minutes away. If you want to shop there, do so and when you head back home you will be leaving the disadvantages behind you.

John A. Winn
Charlevoix

Wal-Mart is coming

Editor:

Wal-Mart is coming to town! Here we go again.

Let's go back to Petoskey merchants' negative comments when Wal-Mart was planning to build a store near their town. It was built anyway.

Both Wal-Mart and Home Depot have been successful. The Charlevoix merchants have already been seen on local television. Like Petoskey, most local merchants only cater to the "fudgies." Charlevoix residents don't shop at these stores because they can't afford the prices. Except for Oleson's and Glen's, Wal-Mart would be welcomed by locals.

Many people do not like driving during our winter months. Neighboring towns should not interfere with other township's planning decisions.

Richard L. Weidinger
Ellsworth

Wal-Mart out of character

Editor:

The proposed Wal-Mart is way out of scale for a town as small as Charlevoix. The site sits at the corner of US-31 and Marion Center Road and, if approved, will be larger than the entire Kmart plaza, plus another third.

Take a minute to picture how out of character that is with Charlevoix the beautiful. How will this big box look as visitors enter Charlevoix from the south? Imagine yourself just leaving Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis or Cincinnati. What is the last thing you see leaving your town? Probably big box sprawl. Now imagine yourself arriving at your vacation destination of Charlevoix the beautiful to get relief from big box sprawl.

Let us keep Charlevoix unique so when visitors arrive they breathe a sigh of relief and exclaim, "I love Charlevoix. It does not look like every other town."

Come to a Charlevoix Township Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m., March 3 and support opposition to the proposed Wal-Mart and sign petitions around town. Silence is our enemy. It is not a done deal until the people say it is.

Steve Little
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

We, the family of Alice Tyner, are very grateful for her safe return.

In no way did we try to mislead anyone about her disappearance.

We were only praying for her safe return to us. If in anyway we kept the Antrim County Sheriff's Department from doing their job of solving other crimes, we apologize to all who were involved at the time. We thought that is what you do, call your local police department to help serve and protect. We did not know that we were not going through the proper channels. We, her family and friends, were just as involved with searching for Alice as the Antrim County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies.

Alice is in no way a bad mother nor is she a bad person. All who know Alice knows this. As for Antrim County Sheriff Terry Johnson's statement in the Dec. 17 issue of the *Antrim County News*, about Alice's "abandonment" of her children "I" think he should have checked the definition of the word before he makes statements like he did. That's what's most "aggravating" to me. And to Sgt. Jim Janisse; we, her family, apologize to you for having to waste 213 hours that could have been used elsewhere. So let those cast that first stone, we do want to take this time to, "THANK" everyone that helped in so many ways. It was very much appreciated.

Barbara S. Holm
Charlevoix

(Editor's note: See related story on page 11.)

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Fiddling fun

(Above) Danny Gillespie and Dudley Stevens jam together at the Fiddlers and Listeners event at the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Jan. 10. The event was presented by the Jordan Valley Fiddlers and the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus. The two groups split the proceeds. Over 100 people attended in spite of heavy snowfall that afternoon and evening. (Left) Glen McDonough enjoys an evening of fiddling.

Engagement

Lanphar — Netzloff

Bruce Lanphar and Olivia Netzloff were married Oct. 18, 2003.

The ceremony took place at the Lanphar home with the Pastor Bryan Pettit performing the rites. Bill and Theresa Hafen were the witnesses, along with friends and family.

Bruce is a fly-fishing guide, photographer and artist. Olivia is a program specialist at Chrysalis. They plan to honeymoon in Chile the month of February.

The Lanphars will make their home in Eureka, Mont.

Bruce previously owned Charlevoix Camera and was a resident of Charlevoix for many years before moving to Eureka.

American Red Cross wants to honor our northern heroes

The American Red Cross, Northern Lower Michigan Chapter is planning an event to honor and recognize Everyday Heroes — people who have saved a life in the year 2003 — on April 16 at Victories Hotel in Petoskey.

The goal is to recognize local acts of heroism in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties, and pay tribute to those who have performed lifesaving deeds. Anyone living in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties can nominate an individual who has performed an heroic act in the year 2003.

The Red Cross is looking for nominees in the following categories:

1) Youth, good samaritan (girl).

2) Youth, good samaritan (boy).

3) Medical, hospital personnel, ambulance, clinic, EMT's.

4) Animal rescue.

5) Educator, teacher, administrator, school personnel.

6) Marine rescue.

7) Public safety.

8) Adult, good samaritan (woman).

9) Adult, good samaritan (man).

10) Workplace heroes.

A Heroes Advisory Committee of community leaders in the four counties will review submissions and select winners. The awards will be presented at a breakfast, Friday, April 16 at Victories Hotel in Petoskey.

Nomination Forms may be obtained at American Red Cross, Northern Lower Michigan Chapter in Petoskey 348-7666, chambers of commerce in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties.

The deadline for nominations is Feb. 14.

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Arts center hosting artistic trip to Chicago

The Crooked Tree Arts Center will have a two day trip, "Chicago in Bloom," on May 25-26.

The group will depart at 7 a.m. from Petoskey Tuesday, May 25 and have a continental breakfast en route to the Windy City.

The event begins with a stop at the Art Institute of Chicago for lunch on your own followed by a highlights tour of the permanent collection. Following check-in at the hotel, there is an optional Chicago River Architecture Tour and a visit to the Terra Museum of American Art.

Overnight accommodations are at the Inn of Chicago. Dinner is on your own or you can join committee members at one of two restaurants.

Most Chicago museums and attractions stay open until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays.

The return trip includes lunch at the Black Swan restaurant in Kalamazoo then a visit to the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, for the acclaimed Millet to Matisse: Nineteenth and Twentieth Century French Painting show . This exhibition features 64 masterworks by such artists as Renoir, Cezanne, Rousseau, Monet and Cassatt.

An added feature will be a docent-led tour of the institute's permanent collection, including works on long-term loan from the Detroit Institute of Arts as well as the opportunity to tour a special private collection. A picnic dinner en route to Petoskey concludes the day with an estimated time of return of 9 p.m.

Space is limited, reservations are encouraged as soon as possible. To register by telephone/credit card or for more information, call Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337.

The cost per person is $220-member/double occupancy; $240 -non-Member/double occupancy; Add $69 for single room and add $15 for optional river architecture tour.

Visit www.crookedtree.org for additional details.

Teachers can get training through arts center

Crooked Tree Arts Center is presenting an Afternoon for Educators from 4 until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

This special workshop for teachers is planned to enrich the exhibit Memory Struggle Affirmation, Expressions of the African American Artist, which opens Jan. 17.

The Afternoon for Educators workshop is designed to provide a wealth of resources for teachers, which focuses on the achievements of African American artists and the rich culture of Black heritage in this country.

Artists such as Faith Ringgold, Jacob Lawrence, Maya Angelou as well as other visual artists, musicians and writers will be highlighted. This exhibit is a traveling exhibition from the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.

Participating teachers will receive a workshop notebook with art projects, and activities ready for classroom use. The afternoon is a "hands-on" event with an opportunity to make samples and to browse through the Treasure Box of resources. The workshop fee is $20 per person and a box supper is included with the registration fee.

Linda Young, museum consultant, and area artist/arts educator Carol Ross will share insights about the exhibit and present ideas for classroom projects and applications for Black History Month.

Registration is limited to 25 participants, call 347-4337 for more information.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street in Petoskey. Support for the Arts Center programming is provided in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Parenting workshop to be given in Petoskey

A new parenting workshop, based on the best selling book, Siblings Without Rivalry will start Wednesday, Jan. 21, from 6:30-8 p.m at the Women's Resource Center, 423 Porter Street, Petoskey.

Parents will learn proven skills to help their children get along.

They will find out how to deal with their children's negative feelings toward each other; how to treat their children unequally and still be fair; how to free their children from harmful roles such as "bully" or "victim" and how to respond helpfully when their children fight.

Parents will also learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and promote a family atmosphere of cooperation rather than competition.

The six-session workshop is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and will be led by Joann F. Townsend, ACSW.

The cost of the workshop is $80 per person or $85 per couple, materials included.

If you are currently receiving Medicaid, daycare assistance or the Food Assistance Program from FIA, you may be eligible to receive a scholarship for this class.

Please contact your worker for more information. Dates of the sessions are Wednesday, Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11,18 and 25. Certificates of completion will be awarded at the conclusion of the program.

You must be able to provide proof of previous completion of the How to Talk So Kids Will Listen course at the WRC or elsewhere. Advance registration and payment is required space is limited.

Hundreds of thousands of parents and professionals have already benefited from the Siblings Without Rivalry workshop created by authors Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish.

According to Missouri Clinical Social Worker Barbara Fousec, the Siblings Without Rivalry program is a "a double blessing! Group members not only reported much less quarreling and quibbling among their children, but several parents went back to their own families to resolve old rivalries."

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Obituaries

Anthony J. Barone: May 24, 1919 - Jan. 3, 2004

Anthony J. Barone, 84, died Jan. 3, 2004 from a stroke in Pueblo, Colo.

He was born May 24, 1919 in Detroit.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Grace and beloved son James.

He is survived by his son John and his wife Audrey, of Pueblo, Colo.; his granddaughter Caroline Brown and her husband James of Columbus, Ohio; had his granddaughter Lisa Mair and her husband Richard and their two children, David Walker Mair and Madeline Grace Mair, all of Naples, Fla. He is also survived by his sister Bes Wins and his brother, Lou Dallas.

Anthony started from humble beginnings learning his trade with Huron Engineering while going through Henry Ford Trade School.

He also tried his hand at farming in the late 1940s and early 1950s. In the early 1950s, he became co-owner of Kaltanber Engineering Company, with James Koller and Eugene Tann.

After a very successful career, he retired in 1959 and moved to Charlevoix with his wife, Grace. They built a beautiful home on Lake Charlevoix, where they lived for several years. They moved to East Jordan after many years on the lake.

He was involved with many local charities, as well as the Big Brother program, which was very special to him. He continued his tradition of charity work by hooking up with the local Hospice and volunteering time to families and individuals in need of care and respite. Tony and Grace spent many happy years in that beautiful part of the world, enjoying all it had to offer — sailing, boating, gardening, fishing, bird watching and especially golf.

He only recently moved to Pueblo, Colo. to be closer to his son John and his wife Audrey. Colorado offered him a beautiful vista of mountains, endless blue sky and great winter weather. He enjoyed his walks everyday as he took in the beauty around him.

Tony will always be remembered by those who knew him as a kind-hearted and generous man with a big, big heart. He loved and was loved by many people. He truly was a special man and extraordinary human being that had a huge capacity for love.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Community Health Agency, 225 West Garfield Avenue, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 17 at the William R. Hamilton Bell Chapel, located at 820 East Maple Road in Birmingham.

Martin E. Johnson: Nov. 12, 1937 - Jan. 6, 2004

Martin E. Johnson, 66, died Jan. 6 at his home in Royal Oak where he lived for over 20 years.

Martin was born Nov. 12, 1937 in Charlevoix. He retired from the Birmingham Post Office in 1999.

He was an avid gardener and bridge player and loved playing cards. He was a member of two dinner clubs.

He was preceded in death by his brother Oliver and sisters Nuel Johnson and Phyllis Anderson.

He is survived by his brother Paul Johnson of East Jordan and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A visitation will take place from 5 to 8 p.m., Jan. 15 at the William Sullivan and Son Funeral Home in Royal Oak. A service will follow at 8 p.m. at the funeral home, the Rev. Dennis Scanland will officiate.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Leukemia Society of Michigan.

Courtesy photo

Jammin'

The Rayder Jazz Band traveled to Boyne City recently to entertain guests at Garrett's on Water Street. Guests donated money to the band boosters for five new marching band uniforms. The Rayder Jazz Band and the Rayder High Schol Concert Band gave their annual holiday concert in December. The band will continue to have various fund-raising events throughout the year.

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Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church 547-6430

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Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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05855 M-66

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Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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City police discover major credit card scam

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix City Police have uncovered a local credit card scam with major international ties.

According to Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson, the scam was unearthed when officers received a tip of some unusual computer equipment deliveries being made to an apartment in Charlevoix. Upon searching the apartment, police found several boxes of computer equipment that was bought with stolen credit card numbers, including one from Israel, and was being shipped from Charlevoix to the African country of Nigeria.

"The scope and dollar amounts involved with this activity is amazing," Halverson said.

Halverson said his investigation has discovered this activity has been taking place throughout the country, all with items being shipped to Nigeria, and using stolen credit card numbers.

Halverson said he has contacted the federal government about this, but they have told him they are not interested in it. He said Nigerian officials are not easy to deal with, so the federal government seems unwilling to go after this.

Halverson said one way to stop this scam and others like it originating from Nigeria is for the federal government to get involved and force Nigerian officials to stop these crimes.

He added companies can also avoid becoming victims of these scams by waiting for credit cards to clear before sending out purchases received over the internet, mail or by phone.

As for the average consumer, he said there is not much you can do.

This is because to get the numbers Halverson said he learned the thieves hack into computer sites where people have used credit card numbers to purchase items or they use a computer software program that goes through random numbers until it finally hits a working credit card.

In the Charlevoix case, people in Nigeria contacted a Charlevoix woman over the internet. After that initial contact, a computer relationship was formed and the woman was recruited to receive goods ordered by the Nigerian people.

These goods, in this case computer equipment, were ordered from several companies using stolen credit card numbers. When the equipment would arrive in Charlevoix, the woman would repackage it and send it to Nigeria.

Through interviews with specialists in loss prevention, Halverson believes the equipment was then either sold on the black market or used to make counterfeit documents.

"We won't know how big this is. This is only a snapshot," he said. "We have information of companies that have went out of business due to shipping large quantities of merchandise to Nigeria and were victims of fraud."

The Charlevoix case was discovered when one of the companies equipment was being ordered from alerted the Charlevoix police about five suspicious orders placed at it. Two of the five orders had been shipped out to Charlevoix when the company discovered the credit card used for the purchase was stolen.

The other three parts to the shipment were going to be sent to South Dakota, where Halverson said they were to also be repackaged and sent to Nigeria.

After Charlevoix police were contacted, officers tracked the shipments to an apartment in Charlevoix, but they were addressed to someone not living at the apartment. Police searched the apartment and found several boxes containing computer equipment.

"It appears she had been getting and reshipping things since October," Halverson said.

After this find, Halverson said he started getting calls from across the country, such as Texas, New Mexico, Indiana and Illinois, from other police departments who were also finding a similar scam in their cities.

"This was a very extensive credit card fraud," he said.

As for the Charlevoix woman that was involved in this scam, Halverson said it is "open to discussion" whether she knew what she was doing was illegal. Because of that, no charges have been filed yet.

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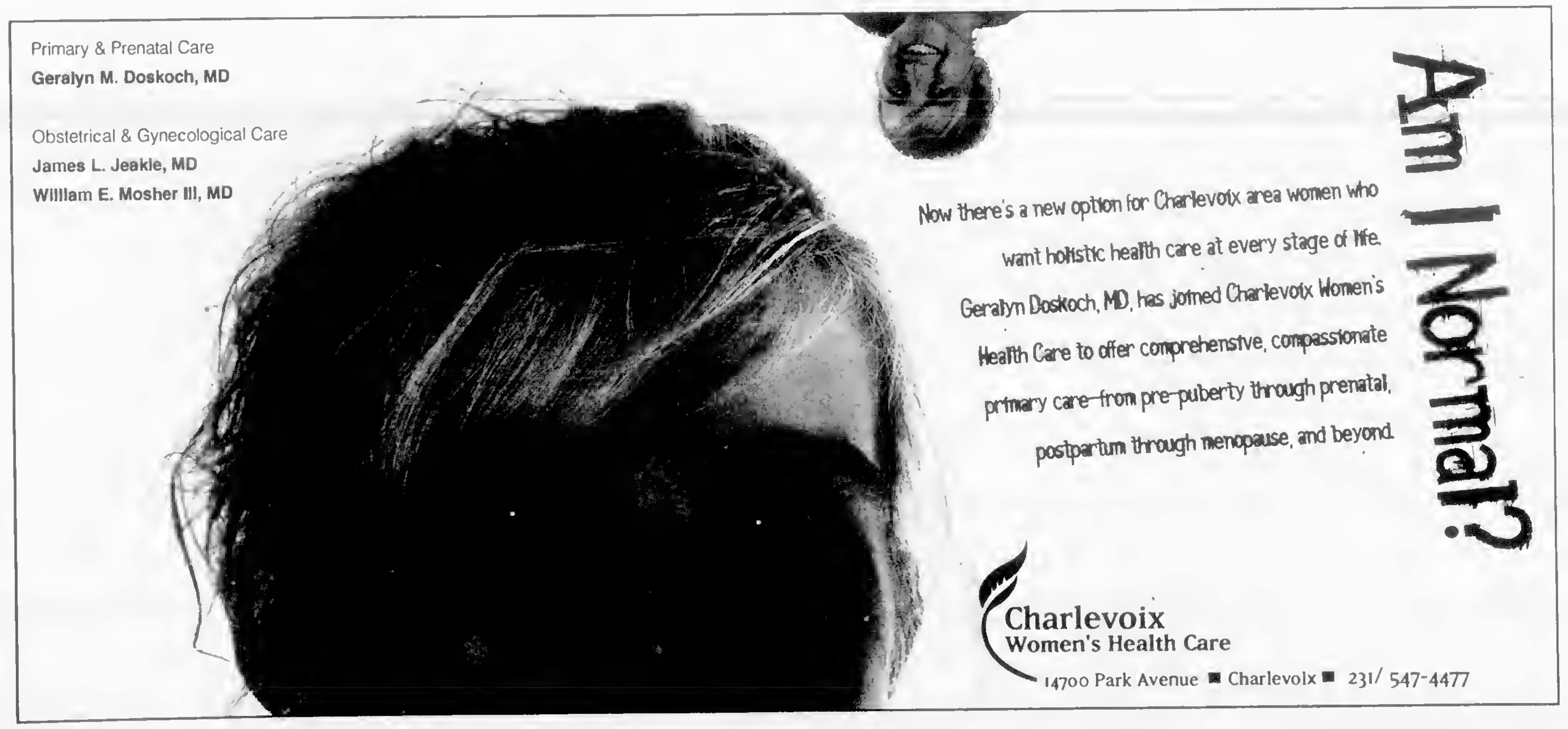
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Library planning campaign for new building

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Plans to convert the old Charlevoix Middle School into a state-of-the-art Charlevoix Public Library continue to move forward.

A recently completed feasibility study found a successful fund-raising campaign would make the library project a go.

Sandi Frost-Parrish of Monaghan Associates of Grand Rapids, was in charge of a feasibility study that looked at whether the money to fund the over $7 million library project was available in Charlevoix.

She is writing the final feasibility study now and will present these findings at a meeting scheduled to take place at 4 p.m., Jan. 22 in the basement of the library located at 109 Clinton Street in Charlevoix.

Based on her findings, Frost-Parrish has recommended that the library move into the next phase of the project, the capital campaign.

At a library board meeting Jan. 8, library director Valerie Meyerson told the board of trustees this recommendation is a promising step in the project because the firm generally only recommends about 50 percent of the projects it looks at go to campaign.

Frost-Parrish recommended that campaign goal be set between $1 and $2 million, which can be raised through grants and contributions.

Meyerson said, "If you aim high, a lot of times you get that and if we set the number too low, we'll hit that number and stop."

In March the capital campaign with requests for donations will start and will run through early summer.

Community fund-raisers like dinners, auctions and other events will follow in the summer and fall of 2004.

Meyerson said the final campaign amount the library will shoot for is an important number for two reasons. One, is that if campaign volunteers fall short, the project will have to be scaled back to make up the difference.

The other reason the campaign amount is important is because it will set the size of the bond the library will ask voters to approve.

The ballot language and the bond size has to be in the hands of Dr. John Sturock, superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools by March 1. Sturock will then pass it along to the district's attorney for review. The bond will be on the district's June 14 election ballot.

This month, Paul Stauder of Stauder-Barch in Ann Arbor, the library's financial advisor for the bond, will use the Monaghan group's study information to calculate the size of the bond the library will need to ask voters to approve to fund the project.

Once the bond amount has been established, Tom Colis, the library's bond attorney with Miller Canfield in the Detroit area, will write the ballot language.

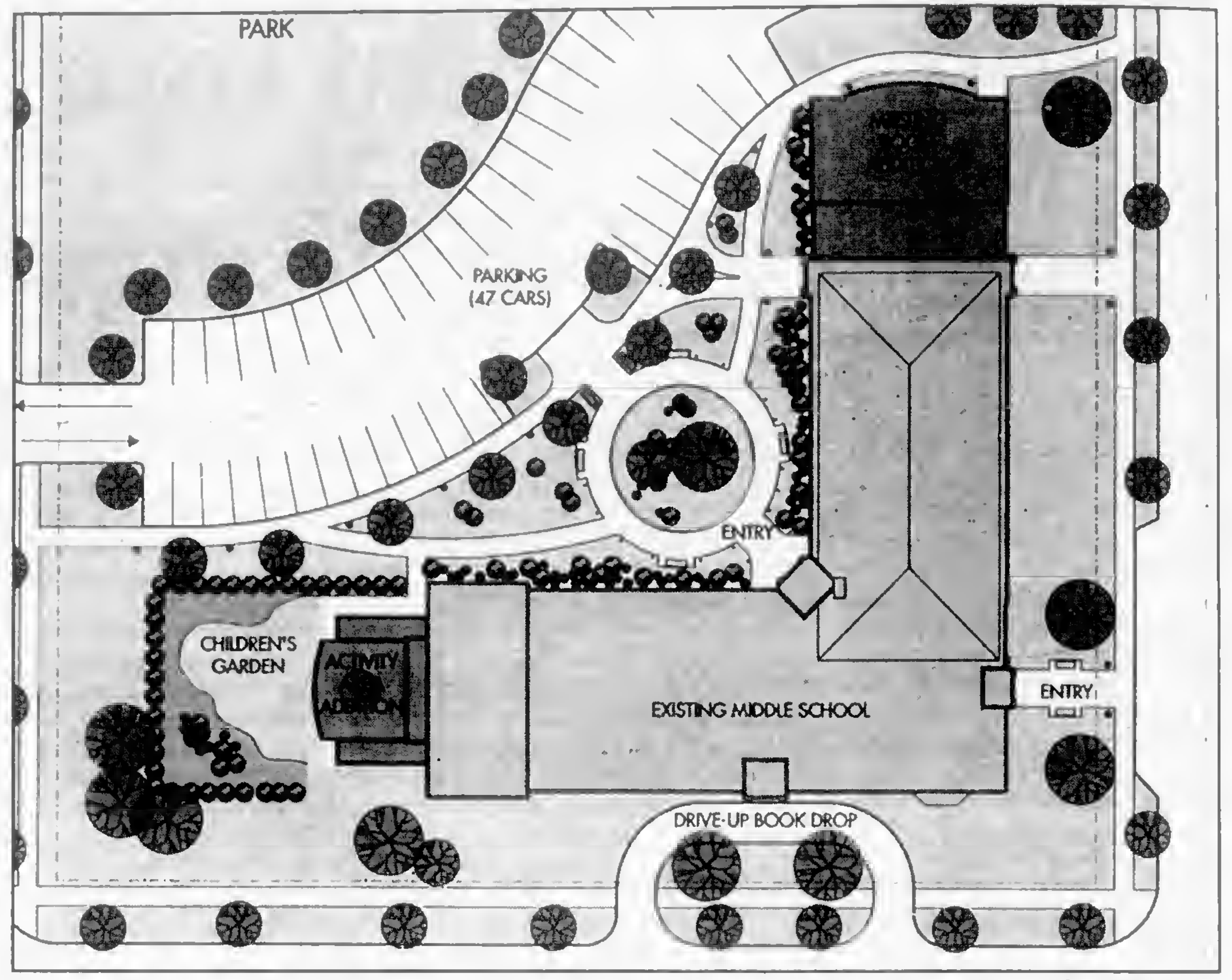
In the meantime, board members are working on grant applications and will start power point presentations for 57 service groups and other area organizations to build awareness of the project and boost voter turnout.

The new library proposal looks to renovate and add on to the existing school. The proposed brick facility is about 24,000 square feet, with all its main functions on the first floor.

This primary floor will include small additions, totaling just under 4,000 square feet of space — one will house the program room and the other, a children's activity room. The facility will offer adult, children's and teen collections as well as a popular reading room, plenty of quiet reading areas, a self check out, a staffed circulation desk and outdoor landscaped plazas.

If the library comes up with the money to give the project the green light, the board is hoping to break ground in the spring of 2005 with about 14 months of construction to follow and a grand opening in the summer of 2006.

After the library moves in, it will sell its current site and will use proceeds from that sale to pay off the bond.



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This is the proposed plan for a new library utilizing the former Charlevoix Middle School.

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January 5, 2004 - 8:00pm

109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above dote with Moyor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took ploce:

- A Speciol Council Meeting will be scheduled for Jonuory 12, 2004 at 6:30 pm to consider the City Hall furniture purchose.
- A Speciol Joint Council/DDA Meeting will be scheduled for 7:00 pm on Jonuory 12, 2004 to discuss the Morino Project ond funding, ond to consider o request from the Chomber of Commerce to ocquire the Old Post Office.
- Council gove their consent to proceed with Airport projects.
- Appointed Councilmon Haggord, Councilwomon Bellows, Councilwomon Gibson, ond Moyor Compbell to the Airport Ad Hoc Committee ond plon to ask Josh Bornes, Edith Dale, ond Don Seelye to serve on the Committee. Stoff will olso be involved os a resource to the Committee.
- Approved o Goal List for the City of Chorlevoix.
- Tobled o discussion on the Clerk's duties until the next regulor meeting.
- Approved the City of Chorlevoix and CWA, AFL-CIO Settlement Agreement.
- Approved the some heolth core coveroge for odministrative personnel as for the bargoining unit personnel.

Council odjourned ot 9:50 pm.
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Arts center to present MacKay art exhibit

The Crooked Tree Arts Center, Jordan River Arts Council and Shadetree Studio will collaborate in presenting the exhibit, "Marion MacKay in Retrospective" this month.

The show will coincide with openings scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 17, at the Crooked Tree Arts Center and Shadetree Studio and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 18 at Jordan River Arts Council in East Jordan.

Longtime family friend and artist, Lesley Pritchard, is curating Marion's creative legacy which survives in an extensive body of work, produced over a period of 40 years. In her search, almost two hundred original paintings in both oil and acrylic, drawings in charcoal, ink, pencil and pastel, and sculpture were selected for final review.

These works represent Marion's productive nature in all media and ability, from realistic to abstract, from figurative to non-objective expressionism. Prior to this concurrent show at Crooked Tree and Jordan River Arts Council, few of these chosen works have been exhibited publicly.

Pritchard became acquainted with Marion in the early 1970s.

"We were kindred spirits," Pritchard said. "After first being introduced by Bruce Jansen, owner of The Wood Shop in Boyne City, we continued to connect. About the same time, we got together with a group of local artists and Artist's North was formed."

The group met regularly at each others studios and often gathered to learn about each others art and share good times. Some of the best times were spent at the original Bohemian farm known as Cracker Barrel Hill which Marion shared with her husband, Basil.

Located in the Jordan Valley, Cracker Barrel Hill consisted of a series of additions to the original hewn log cabin and evolved over time into a labyrinth of studios and living spaces. These add-on studios provided the setting for Marion to continue her years of art work.

According to Pritchard, "She loved painting from life and was always in search of models. Perhaps a fellow artist, or her devoted husband, Bas, would comply. If a model wasn't available, then she painted flowers or animals or landscapes. Often Marion simply painted events from memory."

Paintings to be included in the exhibit, such as the Amaryllis, The Wedding Dancers, or Susie's Sunflowers, are examples of these.

Her work can be found in many private collections and has been showcased in various periodicals. In 1993, another selection of her work traveled through Michigan and was exhibited both at the Crooked Tree Art Center and the Jordan River Arts Council.

Following Marion's death in 1996, Pritchard remained friends with the family and especially close to Basil. In addition to Bas, Marion is survived by her son, Mitchell and daughter, Marilee, who all live in a large Victorian house in East Jordan.

In addition, Penny Cristo, longtime friend of the MacKays and owner of Shadetree Stained Glass Studio, Petoskey, will also showcase Marion's work during the exhibit times of Jan. 16 through Feb. 14.

For more information concerning the exhibit call Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337; Shadetree Studio at 347-1011 or Jordan

Ellsworth woman returns home

A Ellsworth woman reported missing in early December returned to her home safely before Christmas and on her own accord.

According to Antrim Country Sheriff Terry Johnson, Alice Michelle Tyner, 27, called her family just before Christmas to say she was coming home. She said she had been in Grand Rapids.

Johnson said he has contacted the Antrim County Prosecuting Attorney about a possible child abandonment charge against Tyner.

Tyner was last seen dropping her three young children off at a daycare on Garfield Avenue in Charlevoix around 11 a.m. on Dec. 4. Since then, her family, friends and area police have been looking for her.

Tyner told the daycare worker that she was planning on doing some shopping in Cadillac.

But, Tyner did not return home that night. Her family and local police had been looking for her since then.

Johnson said Tyner did not say what she was doing in Grand Rapids.

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Some claim nepotism in Norwood appointments

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Recent board appointment recommendations in Norwood Township sparked a firestorm of accusations from residents but no one has since come forward to fill the positions.

At the township board's Dec. 15 meeting, supervisor Wayne Boss set out to recommend people for positions on the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) and the planning commission.

Two ZBA members, chairman Bill Jackson and Tom Carey, resigned in the past few months and terms expired for planning commission chair Mark Maynard and commissioners Dave Parsons and Julie Burgess.

Parsons and Burgess declined to be re-appointed. Parsons said he can't make the majority of meetings and Burgess said she is just too busy.

But Maynard, who has been a planning commissioner for five years and chairman for three of those years, said he wanted to continue to serve. In spite of his interest, Boss recommended the township board not re-appoint him and fill his seat with Denny Way — Boss' relative through marriage.

He said Maynard's "feud" with his neighbors Frank and Barb Hamilton about their kennel operation was "whaling over into township matters" and would likely get the township sued.

Boss said he read an e-mail sent to township zoning administrator Lynn Smolenyak from Maynard about permits that had been requested by the Hamiltons. In the e-mail, Maynard stated that he did not support the issuance of the permits.

This e-mail lead Boss to believe Maynard "couldn't approach certain things unbiasedly."

Because of Boss' perception that Maynard couldn't be objective, he said it isn't appropriate that he continues to serve.

Boss also recommended a relative for an open ZBA seat.

Carey officially resigned from the ZBA at the board's December meeting. At that same meeting, Boss recommended Doug Way, also a family member by marriage, to finish his term which ends in December of 2006.

Some who attended the meeting spoke out against Boss' appointment recommendations claiming it was inappropriate to award seats to family members and calling for the township to establish a nepotism policy.

Norwood Township resident Jerry Straub wrote in a letter to the board, "While the Way's are nice people and may even be qualified to serve, they are obviously related to the supervisor. Many townships have a written nepotism policy. Clearly, Norwood Township needs to adopt such a policy before it considers appointments."

Township clerk Doris Pearl defended Boss.

She said, "You tend to ask people you know and know their intelligence level, their commitment level and their interest in the township."

However, she also recog-

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Controversy over Boss appointments

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nized that the recommendation of multiple family members was not his best approach.

"It probably wasn't his best move. But just because he made the recommendation doesn't mean an automatic yes," she said.

A vote of the full township board is needed to appoint those representatives.

Other recommendations Boss made to fill open seats were not family members. He recommended Pat Klooster, a ZBA alternate fill the rest of Jackson's term which expires in December of 2005. Jackson is the former ZBA chairman who resigned in November citing other commitments.

And Boss also recommended Cindy Brooks and Dwayne Farmer to fill the remaining open planning commission seats.

After that December board meeting when the recommendations were made, Pearl advertised the openings in *The Petoskey News-Review* and sent an e-mail informing over 100 township residents on her e-mail list of the openings.

She said she has since only received letters of interest from three of the four people Boss nominated.

She said the response is not "atypical."

"It's like any organization. Half a dozen people are interested and get involved and everyone else is too busy or whatever," Pearl said.

She added that the recent problem with residents questioning appointments is also unusual.

"This is the only time I can ever recall there has been a question. But of course, Mark (Maynard) didn't get re-appointed," she said.

Norwood Township residents interested in filling one of the planning commission or ZBA seats can contact Pearl at 547-9096 for a list of information that is needed. Or e-mail Pearl at dapearl@freeway.net.

The ZBA meets on an as-needed basis and the planning commission meets monthly. Members of both are compensated $50 per meeting.

The open seats will be addressed at the board's meeting to take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Township Hall located at 19759 Lake Street in Charlevoix.

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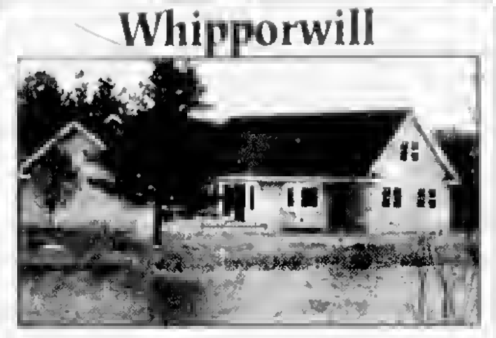

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Zoning dispute could cost township

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

In Norwood Township a feud between neighbors became a fight with the township that after six months of meetings could still end up in court.

Permits for the construction of a shed and the modification of an existing fence issued for Auntie Barb's Country Kennel on US-31 South were overturned by the township's zoning board of appeals (ZBA) in November.

This action followed an appeal from Mark and Marilyn Maynard who are neighbors and former customers of kennel owners Barb and Frank Hamilton. Mark Maynard, is also a Norwood Township Board Trustee, a ZBA member and the former chairman of the township planning commission.

Mark Maynard said he did not vote on any issue associated with the Hamiltons because of a conflict of interest.

Maynard said in June he and his wife appealed the permits which were issued to the Hamiltons by township zoning administrator Lynn Smolenyak in April and May of 2003. They claim those permits were given when the property didn't conform with the zoning ordinance.

Three grueling ZBA meetings followed to resolve the Maynards' appeal.

The ZBA had to answer two questions in deciding whether or not to overturn the permits.

The first was, "Did the Hamiltons have a vested right under the 1991 township zoning ordinance for the kennel operation?" And the second question was, "Has the kennel expanded by changing the nature, scope and intensity of its operation requiring a new or amended special use permit?"

The answers to both questions could only be found by looking into the Hamiltons' kennel operation from the spring of 1995, when the township planning commission approved their request for a special use permit to operate the kennel, to the present.

The Hamilton's property, located at 02161 US-31 in Charlevoix's Norwood Township, is made up of two parcels totaling 36 acres, 14 of which is the kennel and 22 of which is their home site.

Their special use permit to operate was issued April 12, 1995 under the township's 1991 zoning ordinance. This 1991 ordinance was revised and the new ordinance went into effect on June 16, 1995.

The ZBA decided that the Hamiltons had not done work of "substantial character" to get the kennel operation up and running in the month between their permit being issued and the new ordinance going into effect. Because of that, it ruled the Hamiltons do not have a vested right for use of their kennel facility.

When the ordinance went into effect the Hamiltons had moved 11 loads of dirt and did all the ground work on the property, including having the footings poured and inspected, in preparation for building and opening their kennel.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

This site, Auntie Barb's Country Kennel off of US-31 is the topic of is a long appeal with the Norwood Township Zoning Board of Appeals and now an appeal of the board's decision.

But the ZBA said this work was not enough. This means the Hamiltons need to get a new special use permit under the current ordinance, bringing the kennel and grounds up to today's ordinance standards, before the storage shed and fencing changes Smolenyak authorized can be done.

Attorney for the Hamiltons.

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SPORTS

Basketball team still undefeated

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix Rayders basketball team remains undefeated.

Their latest win came on Friday, when the team faced Elk Rapids at home and won 70-43.

"Our defensive pressure really bothered them," coach Keith Haske said. "They were struggling with scoring."

At the half it was 37-15, with Charlevoix in the lead.

"They just had trouble with our pressure. They didn't shoot the ball real well," he said.

Top scorers for the night were Scott Friske with 17 points, 17 rebounds and three steals; Jared Hunt had 16 points and six steals and Ryan DeYoung had eight points.

On Tuesday, Jan. 6, the Rayders faced St. Ignace and beat them 80-31.

"It was our best game of the year. We played both sides of the court," Haske said.

"If you play great defense and rebound, usually you will be successful."

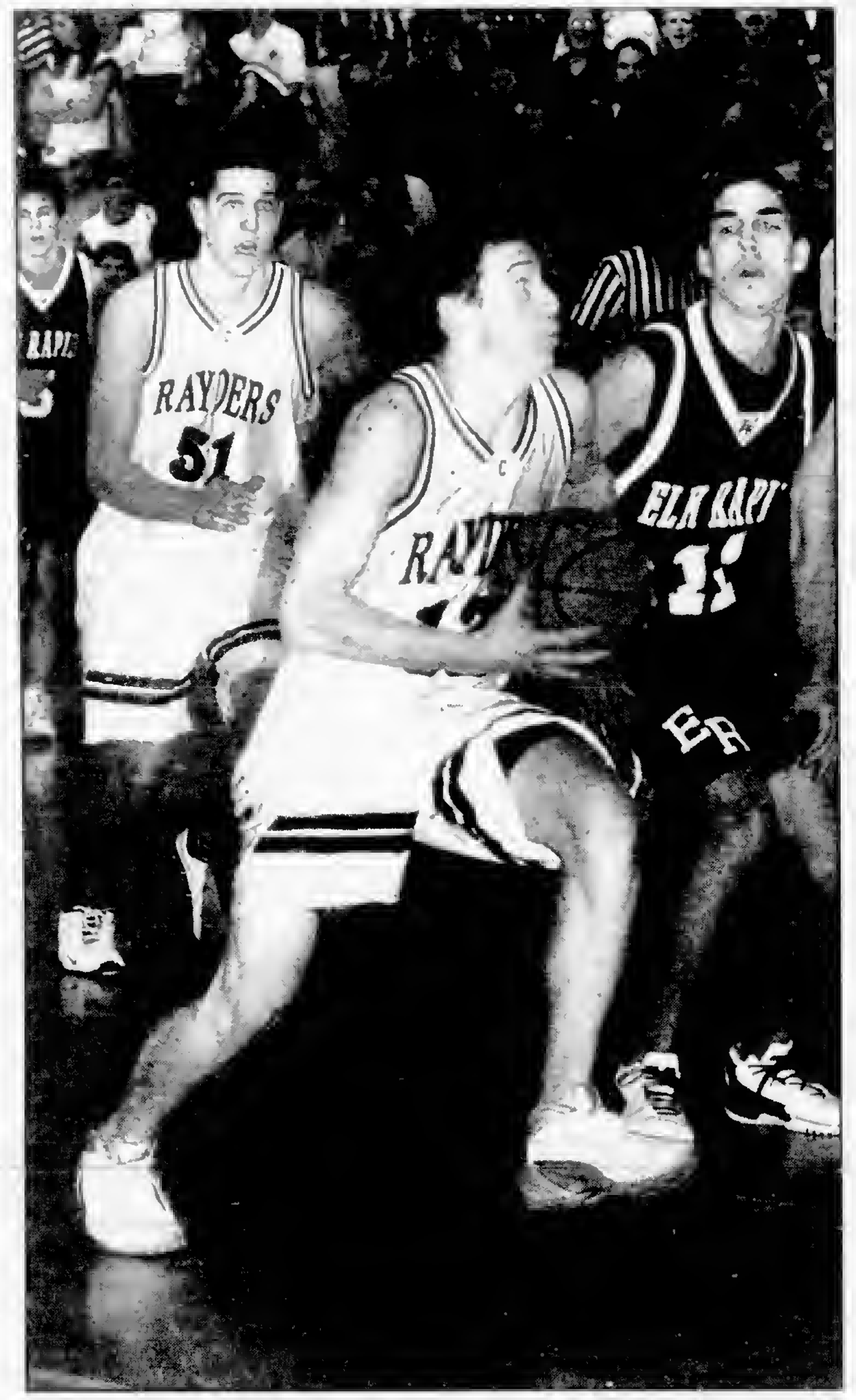
Top scorers for this game were Hunt with 16 points, three steals and four assists; Friske with 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists and John DiMartino with nine points and five rebounds.

Charlevoix is 5-0 for the season. The Rayders had their toughest test so far against Petoskey at home last night, Tuesday.

Haske said since Petoskey is also undefeated and has played some tougher teams, it was a very big game for Charlevoix.

"It should be a lot of fun," he said on Monday.

The results of that game were unavailable before presstime.



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A Rayder makes a run for the basket in Friday's victory over Elk Rapids at home.

Rayders' ski season begins

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix/ East Jordan high school ski team started another season on the slopes Jan. 6 at the Harbor/Petoskey invitational with a seventh place finish for the boys and an eighth place finish for the girls.

"The first meet jitters are out of the way," coach Sue Miller said.

"It was a great race considering it was the first day of winter."

Miller said the skiers had to deal with white outs, cold temperatures and a lot of fresh snow, although skiing is great in fresh snow.

Petoskey took first in the boys' meet, while Harbor Springs took first in the girls' meet.

Individual results in the boys' slalom were: Patrick Teske in sixteenth place, with a total time of 56.86 seconds; Taylor Fisher in twenty-eighth place, with a total time of 1 minute, 2.17 seconds; Cameron Attee in thirty-fifth place, with a total time of 1 minute, 6.27 seconds; Andrew Mallory in forty-seventh place, with a total time of 1 minute, 20.48 seconds; Geoff Baier in fiftieth place, with a total time of 1 minute, 25.18 seconds and Mike Dupuis in seventy-fifth with a did not finish.

Individual results in the boys' giant slalom were: Fisher in eighteenth place, with a total time of 1 minute, 4.97 seconds; Dupuis in twenty-eighth place, with a total time of 1 minute, 6.51 seconds; Mallory in thirty-first place, with a total time of 1 minute, 7.02 seconds; Teske in thirty-fourth, with a total time of 1 minute, 7.22 seconds; Attee in forty-fifth place, with a total time of 1 minute, 9.80 seconds; Baier in seventy-eighth, with a did not finish.

Individual results in the girls' slalom were: Margaux Rowley in sixth place for a medal, with a time of 1 minute, 4.26 seconds; Michelle Fritsch in twenty-fifth, with a total time of 1 minute, 16.01 seconds; Kelsey Poineau in forty-second, with a total time of 1 minute, 26.35 seconds; Katie Diller in forty-third place, with a total time of 1 minute, 27.08 seconds; Kristin Dupuis in forty-ninth, with a total time of 1 minute, 31.93 seconds and Brenna Bergmann in fifty-third, with a total time of 1 minute, 43.33 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' giant slalom were: Rowley in eleventh, with a total time of 1 minute, 1.85 seconds; Poineau in thirty-eighth, with a total time of 1 minute, 6.38 seconds; Diller in forty-fourth, with a total time of 1 minute, 7.32 seconds; Fritsch in forty-ninth, with a total time of 1 minute, 8.43 seconds; Dupuis in sixty-third, with a total time of 1 minute, 23.35 seconds and Jenny Rich in sixty-fourth, with a total time of 1 minute, 33.06 seconds.

"I am real happy with the way everyone skied," Miller said.

Volleyball team successful on the court

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix High School varsity volleyball team beat Elk Rapids Jan. 8, 15-6, 15-9, in its latest conference win.

Coach Liz Grunch said, "Elk Rapids played pretty tough and we got tougher as the night went on. We never let down."

Individual bests for the game were Andrea Ruhlman with six kills, Kari Way with seven digs, Betsy Dennis with six digs and Becca Kanine went six for six with serving and had seven assists.

"It was a good team effort all the way around," Grunch said.

This win came on the heels of a win against Boyne City Jan. 5, 15-10 and 15-2.

The Rayders overall record is 8, 6, 6 and their conference record is 2-0.

On Jan. 10, the Rayders also took part in the Petoskey Invitational.

In this meet, Charlevoix split with Petoskey, 13-5, 15-9, split with St. Ignace, 12-15, 15-9, and lost to Cheboygan, 12-15, 14-16. But, the team did beat Grayling, 15-4, 15-10.

Grunch said the Rayders' serving hurt them at this invitational.

"We started playing better at the end, but it was too little, too late," she said. "It was a learning experience."

Individual bests for the tournament were Way with 22 kills and 23 digs, Ruhlman with 18 kills and 21 digs and Kanine with 49 assists.

Rayders wrestling does well in Alpena

Charlevoix's wrestling team had a very successful day Saturday at the Alpena Tournament.

"Our guys wrestled their hearts out both as a team and individually. I'm proud of everyone of them," coach Craig Golovich said.

First place went to Nick Gotshall with three pins, Matt Novotny with three pins, Jed Daman with two pins, Scott Sladek with one pin, Shannon Gillespie with three pins, Jaimen Waha with two pins, Jeff Golovich with three pins, Robert Gretsen with three pins and Cyril Jones with two pins.

Second place went to Zach Scharenbrach, Tony Kiernan, Nathaniel Sotuyo and Pat Russell. Fourth place went to Spencer Hankins.

Charlevoix travels to two tri-meets this week — Monday, Jan. 12 at Kalkaska with Traverse City St. Francis and Thursday, Jan. 15 at Mancelona with Frankfort.

Results for the Jan. 12 meet were unavailable before presstime.

Charlevoix hosts their own tournament at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 17.

Midget hockey team beats Soo, Traverse City

The Boyne Area Hockey Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget hockey team is connecting the dots, improving their passing game and it paid off this past weekend as they won three of three games.

The team is made up of 15-18-year-olds from Boyne City, Charlevoix and Petoskey.

On Jan 10 the team avenged their tournament loss the prior weekend to the Soo's BB team by taking both games at home.

Boyne took an early lead in the first game and never looked back and won 7-3.

J.P. Fiedorek, Justin Conklin, Russell Williams, Troy Scarbrough and Darren Looze scored. Ryan Fields netted two. Assists were given by Stephen Cahoon, Josh Aown, Conklin with two and Cody Webster earned a playmaker with three.

In the second game, Boyne took the early lead again and kept it to a 3-1 victory.

Looze, Conklin and Fields scored, with assists from Scarbrough, Aown, Looze, Fiedorek and Williams.

Netminder Bobby Courtright made 21 saves in goal while Boyne put 38 on the Soo goalie.

On Jan. 11 the team traveled to Centre Ice to play Traverse City number two team.

Courtright had a shutout behind rock solid defense and Boyne outshot Traverse City 47-13 in the 7-0 win.

Assists were credited to Looze (with two), Scarbrough, Conklin, William, and William Brown. Goals were scored by Aown, Cody Webster, Conklin, Gabe Korthase, Williams, Brown and Stephen Cahoon.

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Icy job

Chris Case, a Charlevoix city worker, hosed down the ice rink at the Charlevoix Middle School Friday in preparation for its opening. After a warm spell, it seems that cold winter weather has come back to Charlevoix.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Monday Madness • Jan. 5, 2004

	W	L
Friske Farm Market	64	36
Strike Seekers	62	38
Villager Pub	62	38
Laural & Co. Hair Design	62	38
Buzy Bees	56	44
Flight Deck Top Guns	54	46
Paul Bunyan Lanes	22	78
Team One	0	40

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Joanne Rankl	707	207
Kathy Hill		188
Gerri Zaremski	821	182
Carrie Blanchard	634	
Vicki Mosoryak		182

Men's Senior League • Jan. 5, 2004

	W	L
Mark White Paint & Stain	6	2
Top Rank Disposal	5	3
Bayshore Steel	4	4
Kerr's Racing	4	4
Cemex Cement	4	4
Central Drug Store	3	5
B Vanloo & Sons	3	5
State Farm Insurance	3	5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jeff Campbell	629	257
Jon Kiernan	641	
Jim Descamps		241
Wayne Fries	612	233

**Young at Hearts League
Jan. 8, 2004**

	W	L
Half & Half	38.5	21.5
Sparetime	36.5	23.5
Alley Cats	33.5	26.5
Past Timers	33.5	26.5
Has Beens	30	30
Misfits	27	33
Twilighters	24	36
Irish Rollers	17	43

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Art Ruis	501	182
Maury Dixon	482	170
Ken Schoenheit		167
Ralph Kitson	466	
Sue Lochner		178
Mary Lakies	158	456
Nancy Bambach	417	
Dolly Coen	401	157

Church League • Jan. 7, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	32	18
State Farm Insurance	31	19
Martincheks	28	22
R & C Roofing	27	23
Lutherans	23	27
Townhouse Bar	22	28
St. Mary's	19	31
Ferguson & Chamberlain	18	32

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	582	236
Joe Otmanowski	601	215
Jim Potter		222
Larry Darrah	596	

**Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
Dec. 28, 2003**

	W	L
Horon	27	9
Cunningham/Mikulski	27	9
Moore	25.5	10.5
Novotny	21	15
O'Leary	18.5	17.5
Golovich	18	18
Hart	17	19
Stebe/Soulliere	16	20
Stebe/Rodriguez	14.5	21.5
Bradley	14	22
Herboldsheimer	12.5	23.5
Mackinder	9	27

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Chris Mikulski		184
Tim Bradley	507	176
Cisco Rodriguez	491	
Clay Soulliere		169
Jeff Novotny	486	
Debbie Horon	501	211
Jeannie Stebe	495	198
Linda Mackinder		194
Cindy Novotny	460	

Gutter Gals League • Jan. 8, 2004

	W	L
Express Yourself	20	0
Burger King Charlevoix	12	8
Argonne Supper Club	8	12
Paul Bunyan Lanes	0	20

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	482	191
Diana Speigl	489	172
Jane Holm	485	167

Casino League • Jan. 8, 2004

	W	L
4 Play	63	17
Brimley Babes	57	23
Hot Slots	53	27
Still Working On It	50	30
Rock	41.5	38.5
The Wantabee's	25.5	54.5
Ya Ya Sisterhood	17	63
Last Year's Leftovers	13	67

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Kiernan	482	262
Bill Ellman	464	246
John Fiedorek		202
Gordon Selph	361	
Carrie Blanchard	483	242
Becky Holecheck	370	225
Lynette Webb	358	180

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Dog kennel causes rift between neighbors

ZONING

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Dan Barron, of Barron and Golski in Charlevoix, wrote that the ZBA's decision "seemed to fly in the face of fairness and common sense."

He claims in evaluating their vested right the ZBA must also consider the many years the kennel has operated up until this year when they were notified of the permit problem.

Barron said in applying for a new special use permit the township planning commission has "great latitude" to approve or deny that request. So the Hamiltons are risking their livelihood.

"The planning commission could approve or deny their request which could theoretically indicate they are no longer allowed to operate a kennel facility," Barron said.

Even if the Hamiltons are allowed to keep their current special use permit, it will have to be amended because the ZBA also ruled the scope of kennel operations has changed from what was approved in 1995.

At the December ZBA meeting, the minutes from the November meeting, when those major decisions to revoke the permits were made, were approved. Then, on Dec. 18, Smolenyak submitted a request for a rehearing on behalf of the Hamiltons for the permit issue.

Smolenyak said she did that because that is the way the ordinance mandates a rehearing move forward.

"It was not my personal decision to write a request for a rehearing," she said.

Barron followed up, filing an argument in favor of the rehearing on Dec. 31. Maynard's attorney Karen Ferguson, of Olson and Bzdok of Traverse City, has until Jan. 16 to respond to Barron's argument.

Then with these three documents in hand, township attorney Bryan Graham has to write his recommendation to the ZBA as to whether he feels the findings of fact they based their decision on were in error.

The ZBA is expected to make its rehearing decision at a meeting later this month.

In the midst of this permit mess the Hamiltons can continue to operate their kennel. But if the ZBA ultimately decides not to rehear the request and its decision to require the Hamiltons to get a new special use permit to operate stands, the township will likely end up in circuit court.

"Our only recourse at that point is to appeal to circuit court," Barron said.

With a lawsuit on their coat tails from the Hamiltons the township will also have to watch its back as the Maynards contemplate suing for reimbursement of their legal expenses. Mark Maynard declined to put a dollar amount on what he is trying to recoup but said it's a hefty bill.

He added that he is satisfied with the ZBA's decision to overturn the permits and require the Hamiltons to get a new special use permit under the current ordinance. But said the money he has spent to get them to do "the right thing" may now be their problem.

"I have spent so much money to get to this point — to get the township to do its job," he said.

Township supervisor Wayne Boss said, "Hopefully we can iron this out outside of court, but it probably will go to court.

> *"Our only recourse at that point is to appeal to circuit court."*
>
> **Dan Barron**,
> Attorney for the Hamiltons

Women's center to host parenting workshop

A new parenting workshop, based on the best selling book, Siblings Without Rivalry will start Wednesday, Jan. 21, from 6:30 -8:00 p.m at the Women's Resource Center, 423 Porter Street, Petoskey.

Parents will learn proven skills to help their children get along.

They will find out how to deal with their children's negative feelings toward each other; how to treat their children unequally and still be fair; how to free their children from harmful roles such as "bully" or "victim" and how to respond helpfully when their children fight.

Parents will also learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and promote a family atmosphere of cooperation rather than competition.

The six-session workshop is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and will be led by Joann F. Townsend, ACSW.

The cost of the workshop is $80 per person or $85 per couple, materials included.

If you are currently receiving Medicaid, daycare assistance or the Food Assistance Program from FIA, you may be eligible to receive a scholarship for this class.

Please contact your worker for more information. Dates of the sessions are Wednesday, Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11,18 and 25. Certificates of completion will be awarded at the conclusion of the program.

You must be able to provide proof of previous completion of the How To Talk So Kids Will Listen course at the WRC or elsewhere. Advance registration and payment is required space is limited.

Hundreds of thousands of parents and professionals have already benefited from the Siblings Without Rivalry workshop created by authors Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish.

According to Missouri Clinical Social Worker Barbara Fousec, the Siblings Without Rivalry program is a "a double blessing! Group members not only reported much less quarreling and quibbling among their children, but several parents went back to their own families to resolve old rivalries."

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Chamber wants old post office for $1

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has its sights set on getting a sweet deal on the city's old post office.

Chamber president Jacqueline Merta attended a joint Charlevoix downtown development authority (DDA) and city council meeting Jan. 12 to present a plan by which the chamber would acquire the former post office off Mason Street.

The post office currently houses city staff while renovations are being done next-door at city hall.

Merta told the two bodies that in the not so distant future, the chamber will be homeless. During the East Park and marina renovation planning process community members made it clear that there was no place in the park for buildings not directly related to supporting the park and marina, like the chamber office.

With those renovations likely starting in the fall of 2005 the chamber's time to plan for relocation is now.

It has been at its current location, in the building that also houses the harbormaster's office and public bathrooms off Bridge Street, since 1944. The chamber's area at the shared site is about 300 square feet and houses anywhere from four to five workers and a high volume of brochures at a time.

"It's very cramped quarters. There are thousands upon thousands of people that come in that office during the season and only two to three people can get in (at a time) to look at brochures," Merta said.

She said they need more space to provide promotion services that benefit both the city and the business community. But she added that they don't have a lot of options due to a tight budget.

Merta and a group of chamber board members that attended said the post office deal would be a perfect fit. The chamber has found it needs about 2,800 square feet of space and the post office is about 3,000 square feet. And under the chamber plan it wouldn't be much of a financial strain.

Her initial request was for the city to transfer ownership of the building to the chamber for $1 with a "reverter" clause that if the building is not being used for chamber functions, ownership would go back to the city.

"This is an opportunity for the chamber and the city of Charlevoix to continue our long, prosperous relationship to make the community a better place to live and visit," Merta said.

She suggested that the chamber move in once the city is done using it. City manager Mike Wiesner proposed a move of all city staff out of the building into the renovated city hall in July of this year.

Last spring, the chamber announced it was looking at the Advanced Geomatics building which fronts on Bridge Street as a possible new home.

But Merta said after further review they found it wasn't economically feasible and could present an ethical conflict with its members. In order to make the building work financially, the chamber would have to rent the bottom floor office space, which Merta said may make landlord members unhappy.

She said the post office proposal is a "much more viable option."

After further discussion, sale of the building was found to be less viable because the chamber is subject to property taxation and would have to insure the building.

According to Merta the chamber may not even be able to pay to maintain it and cover utilities.

In the current arrangement the chamber pays the city $100 a month to rent the Bridge Street location and the city covers utilities and maintenance costs. Wiesner said this isn't even enough to maintain the building.

Under a possible post office agreement Wiesner said, "The city is going to pay less operationally then we do now."

But chamber board chairman Maura Snabes said this added cost of maintenance and utilities may make the deal impossible for them to swallow financially.

Wiesner said too bad.

"They should be able to maintain it. Enough is enough, we give it to them for a buck and let them maintain it, at least the chamber could keep the building up and pay utilities. It's more than fair from what I've seen in city/chamber relationships," he said.

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The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce would like to lease this city owned building off Mason Street known as the old post office for its new home. The chamber would like to pay the city $1 for the building. The matter is under discussion by the council.

No monthly lease payments were discussed.

This possible lease arrangement with the chamber handling maintenance and utility costs was supported by the majority of the DDA and council members who said they think the city maintaining ownership is important. And it would be a comfortable situation for the chamber.

But third ward council member Shirley Gibson said every-

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Chamber says money too tight to pay utilities

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one is forgetting a hig group, the taxpayers who she said are getting the short end of the stick.

She feels whoever uses the building should be charged the market rate.

"I don't know of any other business in town that could lease or buy a building for a dollar," Gibson said.

She requested an appraisal figure from Wiesner who told her he did not know its value. He did say that the city purchased the building 15 years ago for $70,000. Earlier in 2003 the city also invested $60,000 into renovations there to make it a working office for city staff during city hall renovations.

"I think its pretty pathetic that the city manager can't give me an appraisal figure on that building, but wants to give away public property which I would guess is worth half a million, for one dollar to a special interest group. Would he be so generous with any other political group, I don't think so," Gibson said.

The Chamber will return with a more definite lease proposal at a joint DDA and council meeting scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 23 in the Coast Guard training room located at 109 Bridge Park Drive in Charlevoix.

At that time Gibson said she wants to see "their financial report" and a better plan than what was proposed on Monday.

CHAMBER of COMMERCE
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The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will have to move out of its current location when East Park is renovated which will likely take place in 2006. They have asked the city to lease the old post office.

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DDA may have funding for marina costs

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority (DDA) may have to amend its plan to accommodate the marina project.

The Michigan Waterways Commission has committed to fund 75 percent, or $6.8 million, of the city of Charlevoix's marina renovation project. This leaves 25 percent, or $3.8 million, for the community to come up with.

The city has no fund with this sizable chunk of change in it and will have to look at a long-term plan to service the debt.

At a joint meeting of the DDA and city council Jan. 12, City manager Mike Wiesner said it would be feasible for the DDA in conjunction with proceeds from the marina to do just that. He anticipates the marina bringing in about $100,000 a year and the debt will cost between $242,000 and $310,000 a year for 15 to 20 years.

"It looks to me like you (the DDA) are going to have sufficient money to service the debt locally with DDA funds," Wiesner said.

But the current, approved DDA plan only runs through 2013.

In order to revise this plan, the community has to agree to the changes by passing an ordinance that extends the term and possibly increases the capture amount. Then, city council makes the final call as to whether the new plan is adopted.

Wiesner said there is no big rush to amend the plan because the DDA currently has enough funds to get the project started. At the end of March it is projected to have just over half a million dollars of non-designated funds in its budget.

At Monday night's meeting DDA members agreed to start a review of their plan.

On Dec. 12 the Waterways Commission voted unanimously to grant the city's funding request agreeing to pay for 75 percent of the marina related project.

Charlevoix resident and Waterways Commission chairman John Winn said the commission is operating on a tight budget and the project will have to be done in two phases. First, the 67-slip dock system and sea wall will be done.

The plan is to run the new bulkhead in front of the existing one in order to minimize the disruption of contaminated soils in that area. The cost to replace the bulkhead and install the dock system is $4.8 million.

Piers in the plan extend 220 feet at the furthest point. The northernmost pier extends 186 feet with a viewing pier running perpendicular to it. The pier below that extends 195 feet from shore, the pier south of it 220 feet and the southernmost pier 175 feet. Wide, open fairways in between, open view corridors to Round Lake from shore.

Then in phase two, the support facilities, like the harbormaster's office and boater's facility, will be tackled.

Construction of the new marina support facility and harbormaster's office where boaters can shower, do laundry, use bathrooms and check the weather and the harbormaster can watch marina activity and coordinate boat movement will cost $1.5 million. It is designed as an underground building with glass walls located at the foot of Clinton Street.

A walkout seating area and fish pond will be at this marina support facility at dock level. And a short series of stairs will walk up from Clinton Street to a viewing deck on the roof of the building.

However, when phase one will start depends on money. Winn said a lot is riding on whether Gov. Jennifer Granholm takes Waterways restricted funds and plugs them into the state's weak general fund.

He said the project will most likely begin in the fall of 2005.

Winn has said when it's done this will probably be the best quality marina on the Great Lakes.

This will be a welcomed change for a community he has described several times as having the second highest boater demand and the worst facilities on the Great Lakes.

The local share that the DDA may pay for will fund non-marina related work in the park including the new $1.2 million performance venue and any infrastructure costs unrelated to the marina.

Currently, project engineers Peter Pollack, principal designer with Pollack Design Associates of Ann Arbor and Jim Muschell and John Schlak of United Design Associates of Cheboygan, are working together to apply for permits to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Department of Public Health.

Wiesner said he expects these permits to come through mid-year.

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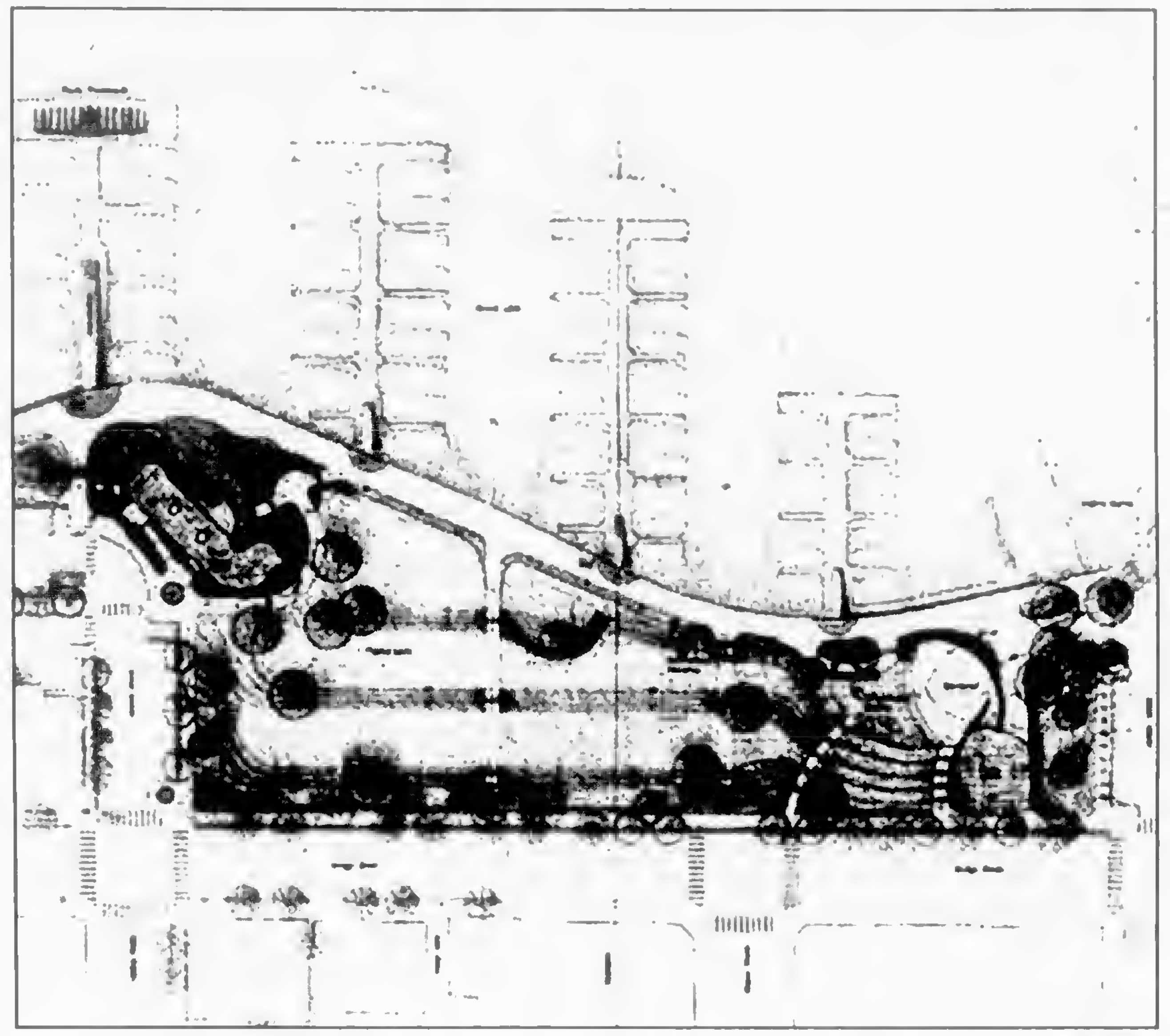

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Honor was a surprise for Wallace

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"She has always given freely of her time to improve the quality of the Charlevoix community. And, her efforts and successes have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated by the community." Snahes said at the meeting.

One of Wallace's most famous achievements can be enjoyed by anyone who walks Bridge Street. The trees that line the street were not always there and when Wallace campaigned for the trees, to bring life and shade into downtown, there was plenty of opposition.

But she never gave up and became a original member of the Shade Tree Commission and a driving force behind the planting of the trees.

"That is what I'm most proud of," she said.

Wallace not only persevered and brought trees to town, she also played an active role on numerous other boards including the Charlevoix Area Hospital Board and Charlevoix's City Council.

Her service on those boards helped shape Charlevoix. Her continued service with the downtown development authority and the Charlevoix Historical Preservation Committee will put the Wallace stamp on coming projects like the marina renovation and the possible establishment of a historic district.

She not only invigorated Charlevoix through her work on numerous projects, but also contributed to the business climate as a respected merchant operating Shop of the Gulls.

In Septemher, after almost four decades of work, Wallace handed over her title as the Bridge Street business owner operating in downtown the longest, when she retired.

She said the secret to her success in Charlevoix's tough retail climate was to give her customers quality service and products. This same approach was evident in her endeavors with the community that focused on bringing the highest quality services, programs and projects to town.

Looking back on these accomplishments Wallace said she is lucky to have lived life as she has so far.

Mayor to oversee commissioners' hearing

MAYOR

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statute, these members can only be removed for 'inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.' This is a very high standard, reserved for the most blatant abuses of power. However, Mayor Campbell is not removing these members for abuses of power, but simply because he disagrees with the planning commission's decision to hold a public hearing."

He urged the mayor to reconsider and states that firing these commissioners makes no sense.

"Not only does the Mayor's decision bring with it the potential for future litigation and additional expense, but it does not comport with the city's guiding principle of 'good order for their government,' as written in the city charter," Logie states.

The mayor's Dec. 15 decision to start this removal process stemmed from the commission's Dec. 8 meeting. At that meeting, those five members made the controversial decision to set a public hearing to listen to Bellisimo and Gillette's request for the permit that, if approved, would open the door for their proposed assisted living facility.

The facility would be located on a two-acre parcel on Charlevoix's north side, off Petoskey Avenue, in the R-2 single family residential district.

This decision went against city council's Nov. 17 majority vote not to set a public hearing to discuss a zoning amendment to allow this type of facility as a special use in the R-1 and R-2 districts.

Gabe Campbell

John Campbell

Dennis Kusina

Richard Hodgson

While Logie helps them defend this decision he is also looking into whether or not Mayor Campbell can oversee the hearings as he is planning to do.

City attorney Jim Young, who will represent the mayor, was not available for comment as to whether the planned procedure is proper.

But Flanders said it's not fair for the accuser to also act as the judge. He called for an "impartial administrator."

"He (Mayor Campbell) will decide whether or not we've violated the regulations. He's already decided that," Flanders said. "It's like the old west."

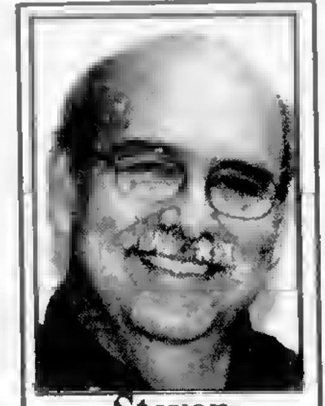
Flanders also voiced concern about why the mayor's legal representation, Young, is paid for by the city, but the planning commissioners are left writing checks and "twisting in the wind."

Before hiring Logie the commissioners asked Young to represent them. He rejected their request claiming a conflict of interest because he has to provide legal advice to the mayor.

In a letter the commissioners wrote petitioning council for attorney fee reimbursement, they state, "As you know, we are all private citizens who have volunteered for our positions on the planning commission. Accordingly, we should not be forced to bear the burden of legal fees that are directly related to a decision that we made in our capacities as volunteer city officials, especially since the mayor will not have to bear this burden."

Francis Flanders

In lieu of this unique set of circumstances the commissioners have requested council to reimburse their legal expenses up to $5,000.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Ambassador of the Year, Chairman Award given

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Charlevoix Historical Society. Most recently, Adams was responsible for the city and society teaming up to preserve the lighthouse at Michigan Beach.

"I was absolutely shocked," Adams said of the award. "It was wonderful. It is obviously not why I volunteer though."

Adams said she did not know she was going to be getting the award when she went to the dinner meeting Thursday.

"My husband is still in trouble," she joked.

Stutzman was equally surprised over winning the Ambassador of the Year award that night.

"I was truly overwhelmed," he said. It meant a lot. It always means a lot with the community reaches out and thanks you. I hope I can continue to live up to that."

In her speech announcing Stutzman's award, Charlevoix chamber president Jacqueline Merta said, "This man has a special way with kids and people. He has a love for music that in turn makes his students love music."

Stutzman was born and raised in Charlevoix and graduated from Charlevoix High School. He has a bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University, is a member of the Charlevoix Rotary Cluh and is very active in the Barnard Grange.

Stutzman was also instrumental in the completion of the Odmark Pavilion project and for many years he has volunteered his time to the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau Summer Concert series. He has also been the hand director of the Charlevoix City Band for the past 10 years.

Most recently, Stutzman has spent eight years as the director of hands. Under his direction, the Northwest Concert Band has received Division One ratings, which is the highest rating that any hand can receive.

Under his leadership the hand has released two CDs and he and his students have put on over 300 public performances, including a performance at the chamber dinner and meeting.

> *"I was truly overwhelmed. It meant a lot."*
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> **Gary Stutzman**,
> On being named Ambassador of the Year

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Gary Stutzman was given the Ambassador's Award Thursday at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting.

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Mary Adams recieved the Chairman's Award Thursday at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting.

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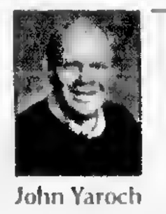
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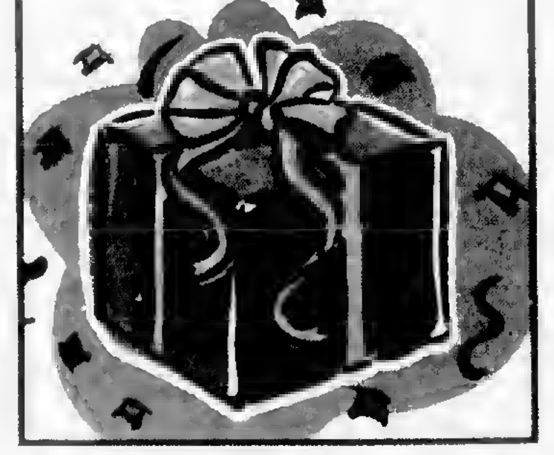

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
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Date: 1-6-04

Steven Brett Ferrari
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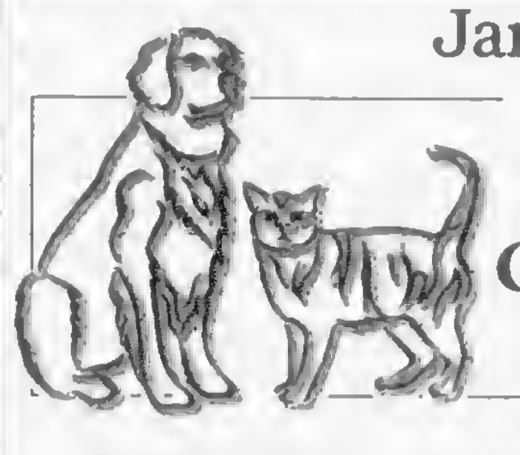

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

On the record

Shotgun, rifle leagues

The Snowflake Shotgun and Rifle Leagues are now starting from Jan. 11-March 20 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, two miles north of the bridge on US-31. This is five-stand and skeet leaguers will shoot 400 birds (16 rounds). Rifle shooters may compete in as many as four categories-small caliber, hunting caliber, magnum caliber and youth-22s.

Open shooting at the club is available to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Leagues are open to members and non-members for $10 for the first and $5 thereafter. The awards banquet will be March 27. Call the clubhouse for more details at 547-2785.

Ski racing

A ski racing program is offered at Mt. McSauba from 2 to 3:15 p.m., Saturdays starting Jan. 17, for four consecutive weeks. This is designed for first to eighth graders and the cost is $5 per session. All racers should be able to make it up the rope tow.

Call Erik Lundteigen at 547-2593 for more information.

Band concert

The Northwest Academy Band and Strings will be performing a concert in conjunction with the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra at 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Petoskey High School Auditorium. This collaborative concert includes the Crooked Tree Concert Orchestra and guests from the school, Crooked Tree Chamber Orchestra, Northwest Academy Advanced Band and the Crooked Tree Symphony Orchestra.

The advanced band will perform the music they are preparing for their appearance in Ann Arbor at the 59th Annual Michigan Music Education In-Service Conference, on Friday, Jan 23.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in Charlevoix from 12 to 5:45 p.m., on Jan. 22 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church at the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or just drop in.

Beginning in January all donors will be required to provide an ARC donor car, driver's license, or other government issued ID, prior to donating.

Witness for Life

Please join the "Witness for Life" from 4 to 5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, at the corner of Bridge and Clinton Street in Charlevoix. This marks the date of the Roe/Wade decision of 1973, which legalized abortion. Signs are welcome. Call Marge at 547-2401 for further information.

Free throw contest

The local Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Youth Free Throw Contest. All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Championship. The local competition starts at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Charlevoix Middle School gym.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with the winners progressing through local, district, and state competition.

International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus International headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Shawn McDonough at 547-5437.

Parenting workshop

The Charlevoix Public Library is offering a parenting workshop for families who have children from a previous relationship and have entered a new marriage, or are considering entering a new marriage. These workshops are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Thursday evenings with focus on "A Real Family" taught by Amy Spegele, Family Life Educator. The workshop will be focusing on many issues faced by blended families.

Admission is free and the classes take place downstairs in the meeting room at the Charlevoix Public Library, please call or stop in to register.

The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton Street. Their hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday. Contact the library at 547-2651 or online at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Annual meeting

The Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Annual Meeting is at 6 p.m. on Jan 14 at the Grey Gables. The public is welcome.

Florida reunion

The sixth Florida reunion for all those from the Charlevoix area will be on Feb. 19 at the Old Port Cove Club, in North Palm Beach, Fla. Call Joyce Duke for more information at (561) 622-0596.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church at State and Clinton streets. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

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Writer tells tale of fighting frozen lakes

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

There is a sad, true story that I remember hearing from the time I was a small child.

It happened on Feb. 8, 1936, which was a Saturday. The weather was very cold, but five fishermen would go out on the ice each day during the winter months. They were not fishing for fun, for the depression had hit rock bottom, and they needed the fish.

The men were: Clayton E. Brown, 25, his father-in-law, Claude Beardsley, 51, Cleo Lapeer, 50, his son Lloyd, 18, and Gene Berst, who, at 72, was the oldest of the group. Clayton was six foot one, and weighed 176 pounds, and was considered to be a very fit man. They all were Charlevoixians.

Their winter fishing grounds were five or six miles out from Bay Shore. Clayton was a construction worker in the summer and he fished for a living in the winter, as there was no other work. They fished for trout, ate some and sold the rest.

Without the fish, there was no money for groceries. Ten or 15 men fished each day right after daylight and stayed out on the ice until just before dark.

They figured a good day was catching five or six trout apiece. Most of the fish weighed about 5 or 6 pounds.

They would fish over the reefs in 100 to 150 feet of water, where the fish were. They could then yank the line and catch the fish. They would then quickly bring up the fish, throw it over a shoulder and fling it across the ice, making it an easy way to bring it in.

That cold morning, they could see the ugly look of a storm brewing off shore from the south east, and that gave them concern. If the ice might break off, it would be blown out into the open lake.

They decided to take the chance on the weather and move to safer grounds, which was between two points that jutted out into the lake, Big Rock and South point. That particular place was safer, and if the ice broke there, it usually would break along a line about a mile from shore. This was known as The Crack.

They felt they could get back to shore if they had trouble. When they went out to their regular fishing grounds, they would take a 16 foot clinker boat along. Their big dog would pull it. Because they were only going a mile out, they felt they didn't need it, so they left the boat and the dog behind.

They dragged their outfits behind them on small sleds and started shortly after breakfast. The sleds carried ice spuds, lines weighted with four ounces of lead, which they needed to get the hooks to the bottom and the box of herring, which was the bait. They had a net set near the shore, which kept them in a good supply.

Also, each man carried three poles and a strip of canvas 6 or 8 feet long. These were used as a shelter from the wind. They set the poles up in a triangle, and hung the tarps on the two windward sides to protect them.

The wind had stripped the ice of most of the snow, and it was two to four feet thick. When they reached The Crack, they saw that it had broken away earlier, but had blown back, and refrozen. Clayton stopped there, figuring that the others could go out farther and he would be right there to signal them in case the crack widened again.

He had fished for about an hour when he realized that his line was slanting toward the shore. Somewhere between him and the shore, the ice had broken off. Now the slab was moving out into the open lake.

The wind was rising, and he shouted a warning. The five men grabbed their gear, and raced for the shore, but didn't make it. They were adrift on a piece of ice, a mile wide. Going adrift on the ice happened to someone almost every year and no one had ever been lost. They knew someone would send help, so they weren't alarmed at that point.

Then, the weather began worsening, the wind blowing up a gale, and the temperature dropped.

They also were concerned about how much cold a man of 72 could take. The men were all warmly dressed and were experienced in the outdoors. They felt helpless, though, watching the distance between land and their ice widen as the wind steadily drove the flow out.

They waved their windbreaks as a distress signal, which was all they could do. Someone on shore gave the alarm, and a boat from the U.S. Coast Guard station was launched. It was a 16 foot flat-bottom skiff with only one set of oars. It was not adequate, but at that time of year, the other boats had been laid up for repairs.

The men had drifted about one mile from shore when the boat launched. The Coast Guardsman at the oars was rowing with the wind and even though the wind was blowing very strong, he reached the men with no difficulty.

Berst and the two Lapeers climbed in with him, and they started back. The boat couldn't carry them all, so Beardsley and Clayton stayed behind, thinking that everything would turn out fine, with the boat coming back for them.

With only one man at the oars, they realized he could barely make headway against the howling wind. It was 4 p.m. before the boat reached the beach. Clayton and his father-in-law had been carried three or four miles out into the lake and the ice field was beginning to break up. Then, they saw the boat coming back, with the oarsman, Earl Cunningham. He was from the Charlevoix station.

Beardsley and Clayton crawled into the boat and they set out for shore. Then, a snow squall swept across the ice, making visibility nil. No land could be seen.

Clayton noticed that Cunningham was not dressed for the chilling cold. He was wearing a pea jacket over a light uniform, thin mittens and overshoes.

Clayton's clothing consisted of heavy wool underwear and shirt, two pairs of wool pants, a vest, leather jacket, and a sheepskin coat. He had a warm cap that he could pull down, and heavy chopper mittens. His feet were protected by two pairs of thick wool socks inside warm slippers under fleece-lined overshoes.

Cunningham rowed for a while and Beardsley and Clayton took turns.

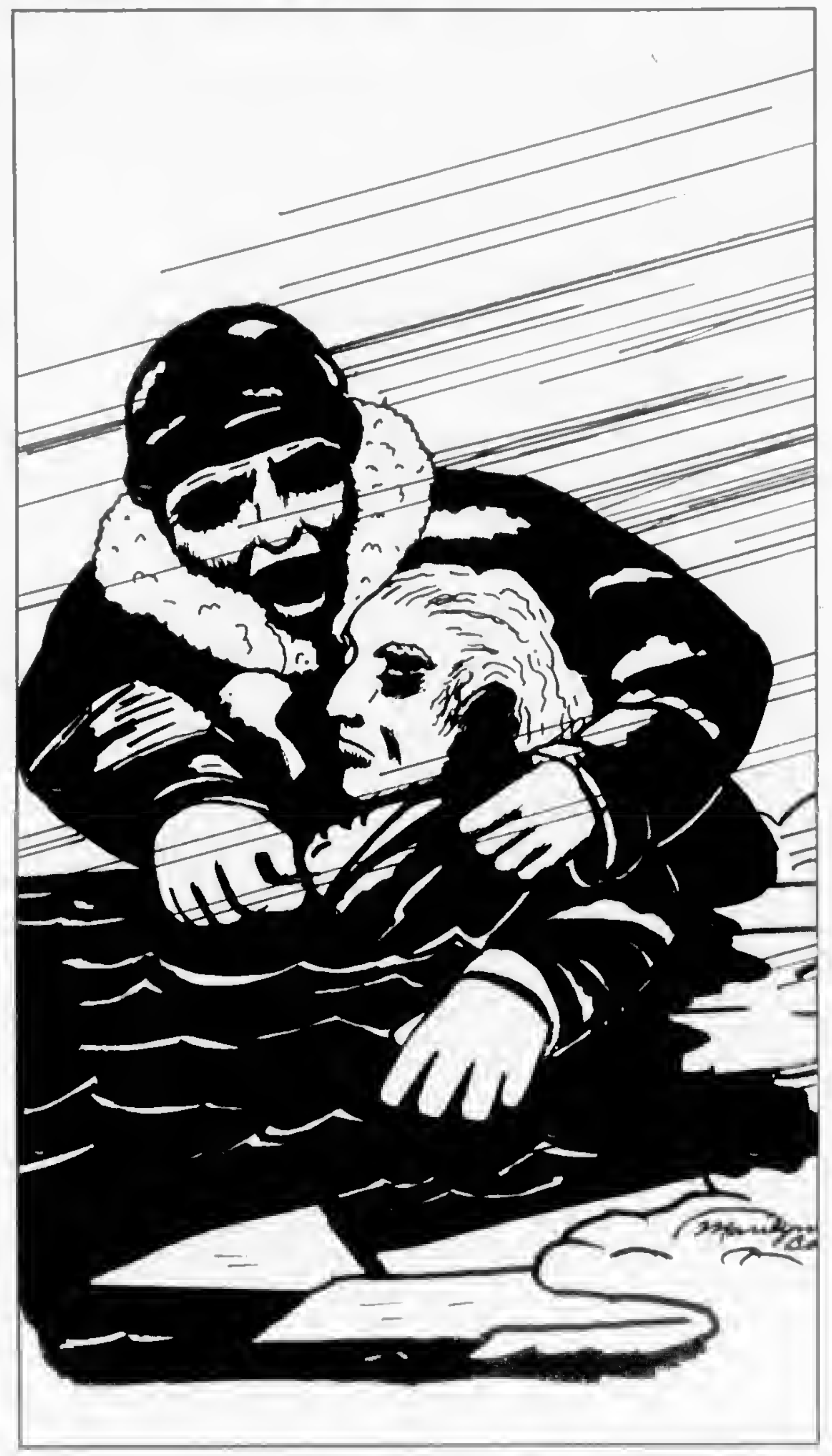
It was getting dark and the snow was so heavy in the air that they could see nothing but the bobbing blocks of broken ice and the black, churning seas. The men were working with an ax to break off the ice forming on the boat, but soon the load of the ice grew heavier and the boat settled lower in the water.

When there was a lull in the snow, they could see the distant lights of the water tower in Charlevoix, but as they grew farther and farther away, they knew they were losing their battle with the wind.

Around midnight, the men gave up. They had less than four inches of freeboard left and the boat was so heavy with ice that they were barely moving through the water. They turned downwind and rowed back toward the ice field.

The temperature fell to 35 degrees below zero that night. Clayton said that only those who had been out on Lake Michigan in such a storm could realize the treachery and savagery of those winter gales.

I will write the exciting continuation of this story next month, telling of their desperation, agony, death and rescue.



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In 1936, five Charlevoix men fought winter weather on Lake Michigan when they were caught on a broken piece of ice.

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Business Briefs

APPLETREE HAS NEW HOME

Mike Holmes, owner of the Appletree, has moved from his original Appletree location to a new space next door. He has a fantastic supply of gifts. Please drop by and wish Mike well on his move and check out the beautiful merchandise.

MIKE'S GLASS MOVING TO NEW LOCATION

Mike's Glass will be moving to their new location next to South Point Collision at the end of April, 2004. Their new address will be 05405 US 31 South, Charlevoix. We will announce their move in the April Chamber Monthly.

KRIS WAY IS OWNER OF "THE COFFEE SHOP"

Kris Way purchased the Black Bear Coffee & Tea Lodge and has changed the name to "The Coffee Shop." She is serving our town with her fine selection of coffees, teas and candies. She is carrying a wide variety of Friske Orchards & Farm Market products. Kris is a Charlevoix resident and has lived in our area all her life. We wish her great success. If you have not met Kris we hope you will stop in and congratulate her.

BOGART ROOFING HAS NEW HOME

Bogart Roofing has a new location at 912 Sherman. Congratulations on your move.

NORTHERN LAKES ECONOMIC ALLIANCE HAS NEW COUNSELOR

Tom Johnson, Executive Director of Northern Lakes Economic Alliance announced that Sally Van Domelen has joined the staff as Business Development Counselor. With 25 years experience in private sector business, Van Domelen brings valuable insights into areas of business development. The Alliance is a three-county non-profit economic development organization serving Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

CHIP COUNSELING DISSOLVED

The Board of Charles Allen Ransom "CHIP" Counseling Center regrets that they have dissolved the Corporation of CHIP Counseling effective September 30, 2003.

MERRYMAKERS ADDS PRETTY PAPERS

MerryMakers, Social & Corporate Event Planning has added Pretty Papers to the services that it offers. Pretty Papers offers many lines of wedding invitations and social stationery to choose from. Kris Rundblad, owner of MerryMakers added Pretty Papers to complement their services. You can reach Kris at 547-5061 or at www.merrymkr.com.

CHARLEVOIX LADIES TOUR

For the first time Charlevoix invites women of all ages to come out and join a winter bonanza of fun, cross country skiing, snowshoe hiking, fine food, camaraderie, chocolate and coffee while supporting B.A.S.E.S. Center. The Ladies Tour is dedicated to providing an event that offers fun for the entire family, and gives back to the community. This is a non-competitive cross-country ski event for women. It is at the Charlevoix Country Club on February 29, 2004. Ski clinics are on February 28. All of Charlevoix is being asked to take an active part in supporting this event by contributing funds, food and volunteers. To participate registration is $35 and forms are at the Chamber office and www.charlevoixladiestour.com.

4TH ANNUAL SNOWMOBILE RIDE-IN

The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club will sponsor the 4th Annual Snowmobile Ride-In on Saturday, January 31 from noon to 5 p.m. Participants will rendezvous at Ferry Beach Pavillion to warm up by the bonfire and enjoy free hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate and coffee. We hope you take part in this event and join your fellow snowmobile friends.

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Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

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Feb. 7 - Snowmobile Ride-In
Feb. 10 - "Community Reods" (231)547-2651
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Feb. 28 - 4th Soturdoy, Art for Adults - Bosketry 10om-1pm
Feb. 28-29 - Chorlevoix Lodies Ski Tour

Business After Hours

The next Business After Hours is February 19 from 5 to 7pm at Stafford's Weathervane.

Business Breakfast

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Settlement in the works?

Hearing on firing postponed

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

A hearing to discuss removal of five Charlevoix Planning Commission members was canceled last week while the group waits for information to build its case.

The hearing was scheduled to take place Friday night, Jan. 16. But the day before, an attorney with the Grand Rapids firm Warner, Norcross and Judd, sent a letter to city attorney Jim Young requesting the hearings be adjourned until the city fulfills commissioner John Campbell's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

John Logie, the attorney representing the commissioners, said, "I would say we feel there is urgency to try to clear this up, but haste makes waste. We want the information we requested before we try to defend ourselves."

The FOIA request was made to gather documents Logie said he thinks are relevant and helpful to his defense of the allegations made by Mayor Gabe Campbell against the commissioners.

On Dec. 15 Mayor Campbell announced his plans to dismiss commission chairman Dennis Kusina and commissioners, John Campbell, Francis "Brownie" Flanders, Steve Bennett and Richard Hodgson.

He has charged them with neglect of duty/inefficiency for their alleged failure to adequately review and study a special use permit application filed by Diane Gillette and Ruth Bellisimo, owners of Sunnybank Retirement Community, before they set a public hearing.

He also has charged them with inefficiency, claiming the commission set the hearing for Sunnybank without first resolving legal issues related to whether they could set the hearing under the city's zoning ordinance.

The mayor's decision to start this removal process stemmed from the commission's Dec. 8 meeting. At that meeting, those five members made the controversial decision to set a public hearing to listen to Bellisimo and Gillette's request for the permit that if approved would open the door for their proposed assisted living facility.

The facility would be located on a two-acre parcel on Charlevoix's north side, off Petoskey Avenue, in the R-2 single family residential district.

This decision went against city council's Nov. 17 majority vote not to set a public hearing to discuss a zoning amendment to allow this type of facility as a special use in the R-1 and R-2 districts.

The information commissioner Campbell requested is being gathered to help Logie defend their

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Wal-Mart: Only minor changes

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Only minor changes have been made to the new Wal-Mart plan proposed for Charlevoix Township according to a company official.

"There are no real big changes," Chris Danos, real estate manager for Wal-Mart said of the company's plans for a supercenter in Charlevoix Township.

He said some minor changes were made to the building and area to keep as much of it away from Stover Creek as possible. These were based on public comments made when Wal-Mart brought a conceptual plan to a September Charlevoix Township planning commission meeting.

Danos said everything else, including building size and parking spaces, has remained the same as it was in the conceptual plan.

At a Charlevoix Township planning commission meeting in September, Wal-Mart officials presented a conceptual plan for a supercenter to be located on US-31 South, near Marion Center and Stover roads.

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It would have 40,000 square feet of grocery space on the left side of the store and over 100,000 square feet of retail space on the right side. The store would be a total of 157,400 square feet.

Danos added he believes the plan does meet township ordi-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Richard Cory Hudson, 19, Charlevoix. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $75.

Jason Allan Rose, 21, Ellsworth. Violation of a restricted license. Attend driver's responsibility class; $300 in fines and costs.

Chad Christopher Richardson, 20, Port Huron. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend substance abuse education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Robert Arthur Vargo, 19, Grand Rapids. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend substance abuse education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Kevin Christopher Buchanan, 19, Grand Rapids. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend substance abuse education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Rex Allen Smith, 17, East Jordan. Attend BASES classes; $180 in fines and costs.

Jared W. Josleyn, 20, West Lafayette. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend substance abuse education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Sheryl Lynn Nutt, 34, Boyne City. Motor vehicle driver transporting an open intoxicant. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Heather Lynn Baker, 17, Ellsworth. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend substance abuse education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Benjamin F. Karlskin, 21, Boyne City. Motor vehicle driver transporting an open intoxicant. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Brittney Lee Wilton, 18, Port Huron. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend substance abuse education class; $100 in fines and costs.

John Dominic Keen, 17, Gladwin. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend substance abuse education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Anthony Peter Stadtmiller, 26, Boyne City. Driving while under the influence of alcohol. One year probation; attend two Alcoholic's Anonymous classes per week; attend Impact Weekend; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 32 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 50 days held in abeyance; $1,470 in fines and costs.

John William Cruse, 48, Petoskey. Larceny over $1,000, under $20,000. Bound over to circuit court.

Darin Louis Gasco, 27, Petoskey. Possession of weapons by a felon. Bound over to circuit court.

Sharon Lois Kent-Grzech, 42, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Shane David Baxter, 34, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Christopher Franciscus Aben, 30. Controlled substance – possession of marijuana. One year probation; 180 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 45 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 124 days held in abeyance; $800 in fines and costs.

Eugene Keliihelela Natinu, 41, Boyne City. Attempted assaulting/resisting/obstructing of a police officer. One year probation; attend two Alcoholic's Anonymous classes per week; 180 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 10 days, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 163 days held in abeyance; $900 in fines and costs.

Michael James Scott, 40, Boyne City. License plate registration violation; and driving while license suspended. Jail for 12 days with credit for four days, serve eight days.

Kevin Robert Kleaver, 40, Boyne Falls. Driving while license suspended. Serve five days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Darren William Kassuba, 19, Ellsworth. Controlled substance — possession/analogues. Conviction reportable to the Secretary of State; license suspended for six months; licensing sanction reportable to the state police; 120 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 120 days; $115 in fines and costs.

Dustin James Hicks, 21, Charlevoix. Home invasion — second degree, habitual offender, second offense notice. Prison for a minimum of eight years and a maximum of 22 years and six months with credit for 55 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Dustin James Hicks, 21, Charlevoix. Assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer. Prison for a minimum of 17 months and a maximum of 24 months; $105 in fines and costs.

Russell Alan Simpson, 25, Charlevoix. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing of marijuana, habitual offender, second notice. Prison for a minimum of two years and a maximum of six years; $220 in fines and costs.

Russell Alan Simpson, 25, Charlevoix. Controlled substance — maintaining a drug house, habitual offender, second notice. Prison for a minimum of 18 months and a maximum of three years; $120 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses have filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

North West Pallets Plus, 5793 Loch Road, Charlevoix, by Lisa Sarasin

Navigation Solutions, 204 Petoskey Avenue, Charlevoix, by Charles Maskaluk

Marriages

The following people have been granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Donald Junior Kile, 76, East Jordan and Dianne Marie Spaulding, 54, East Jordan

Timothy Arender Morris, Jr., 22, East Jordan and Gloria Jean Welsh, 18, East Jordan

Clint Lawrence Berlage, 48, Charlevoix and Krista Lee Kanoff, 32, Charlevoix

Daniel James Morse, 48, East Jordan and Amy Lou Poole, 36, East

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Parrish fired as coach of girls' basketball

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

After many years coaching girls' basketball at Charlevoix High School, varsity head coach Jim Parrish was fired.

At the school board's Jan. 12 meeting, the board voted unanimously in favor of following the recommendation of athletic director Jim Kanine to let Parrish go.

Jim Parrish

"Jim Parrish is a wonderful person and he did some fine things for our basketball program, but the program wasn't moving in the direction we wanted to go," Kanine said.

Parrish has coached at the high school on and off over the past 10 years serving as freshman team head coach, varsity assistant coach and then, in 2001, took over the varsity head coach's position when Jason Otter resigned after a firestorm of controversy.

But Parrish's time in the lead position was cut short when he failed to meet improvement requirements outlined by Kanine.

"I guess they didn't think I was doing enough as a varsity head coach," Parrish said.

At the end of the 2002 basketball season Kanine told Parrish that if a number of things didn't improve in the 2003 season a coaching change would be made.

These included practice organization, conditioning to prepare for games, performance and execution of the team, communication with players and parents and leadership of the program.

Kanine wrote in Parrish's 2003 season evaluation he saw some improvement with practice organization. He stated that concerns about practice time and pre-game shoot-around were addressed, but took issue with practice supervision. On three occasions Parrish had other people run practice.

Conditioning concerns were also noted as improved. Kanine wrote that players were ready to play both skill-wise and mentally.

Kanine's team performance concern was not met.

He recognized injuries to starting players Grace Farrell and Jamie Pettis as an impediment to the team's success. But he said the 10-0 start before these injuries happened should have been supported by more post injury wins.

"A good team should be able to have other team members step forward if a key player is injured," he wrote in Parrish's evaluation.

Parrish said in his defense that in the post season, his team pulled out two wins over East Jordan and Elk Rapids to land them in the district finals. Parrish and the team went to the finals all three years he coached.

Kanine recognized this accomplishment and said it may have been enough to save him from further criticism.

In the evaluation he wrote, "Advancing to the district finals (this year) probably again helped to quell the rumbling from those people who want a coaching change."

Kanine refused to comment as to who "those people" are.

While the district finals appearance may have been enough to "quell the rumbling," it wasn't enough to save Parrish's job.

These improvements were overpowered by what Kanine called communication and leadership problems. This prompted the school's administrative team made up of Kanine, principal Gary Grundman and Superintendent Dr. John Sturock to recommend Parrish be fired.

"We tried to treat Jim Parrish fairly, but any time a decision is made that doesn't go the way you want it to be made, it's difficult on people," Kanine said.

Parrish said he knew this decision could be coming, but is disappointed.

"I would have liked to have another chance at doing well with this group, but that's not the way it is so I'll move on," he said.

He plans to help his daughter, Lisa Greenier, the head coach of the East Jordan High School girls' basketball team, coach.

As he moves on to other coaching endeavors he leaves an open seat on the Charlevoix varsity girls' basketball bench that he thinks will likely be filled quickly.

"They probably have someone else in mind," he said. "Someone has a deal someplace and I don't know what it is. I'm not in the loop, so I'll just have to wait and see how it flushes out."

Kanine said no one has been pinpointed for the position and he doesn't know when applications will be accepted for it.

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>
> **Jim Kanine**,
> High school athletic director

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Working toward a better solution for all

EDITORIAL

Eventually, all problems can be worked out.

This is a lesson that the community of Charlevoix is learning. Combined with hard work and dedication on all sides of the issue, all problems have a way of working themselves out and to the benefit of everyone involved.

Take for example the possibility of Charlevoix City Mayor Gabe Campbell and the Charlevoix Planning Commissioners he threatened to fire coming to a settlement. After lots of bickering back and forth, it seems that these two sides are finally going to work toward an amicable solution to the problem.

If only they would have started working on this solution a while back instead of turning city politics into the equivalent of an elementary school playground fight.

Perhaps, it is hoped, these two sides' gestures of coming together will bear fruit and the city will be spared any more of this embarrassing bickering and any more unnecessary costs.

And then there is another example of elected officials of this community working to find a solution to a problem this week in the Charlevoix School Board.

For a while now the board has been trying to figure out a way to make students safer as they cross Bridge Street to get to the Charlevoix Middle School.

In the process they have discussed a light and a crossing guard and have requested the Michigan Department of Transportation look into the matter. Well, we all know how long it takes for state government to move on anything, so while waiting for the Michigan Department of Transportation, the school board came up with a temporary solution.

Under this new plan, students need to have the permission of a parent before walking across Bridge Street to the Charlevoix Middle School. Plus, the board has created some new bus routes for students living on the west side of Bridge Street.

With the help of the Charlevoix Police Department, the plan has been working so far.

Good job and keep it up.

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New snow tells who has been visiting your yard

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

One of the few pleasures related to our almost daily lake effect snow showers is the possibility of knowing what has been going on in our yard and neighborhood overnight.

That new coat of a few extra inches of bright snow captures the wildlife events that happened while we slept. Every creature that has visited leaves its signature in the snow.

I am not what you could call a great tracker who can read the entire history of an animal from a few of its tracks, but I can recognize most of the common visitors and see what they have been doing. It's a little like being able to play a videotape of the night's events at leisure. And there is almost always some mystery to the patterns in the snow. Why did the animal stop here? Why did it turn at this place? Who was here first and who followed?

Deer come by most nights, when it isn't too cold, and apparently they walk within a foot of our back door before wandering across the back yard and down the alley. There is a fox in the neighborhood (we have seen him during the daylight hours), and he seems to have visited our yard while snooping about for the rabbit that lives under the large cedar. We haven't seen the rabbit, but his tracks betray him, both to us and to the fox. There is the occasional free-range dog, but their track pattern is enough different from the foxes to be clear.

We have a resident chipmunk that either lives in the garage and ventures out just around its corner or he lives around the corner and ventures into the garage. There is a chipmunk-sized opening at the edge of the door that is his exit or entry point. I have seen him only once in four years, but his tracks are there almost every winter morning.

If you live near enough to young woods or old orchards to have ruffed grouse in residence you can look for the miniature snow angels they leave. On cold nights where there is deep fluffy snow, a grouse will dive into the snow and disappear completely from sight. With the morning sun it will fly out of the snow, leaving a small depression with wing marks on either side of it: a beautiful, ephemeral sign of the persistence of life in difficult conditions.

Even people leave telltale tracks. I've often thought it would be a good idea to have and identifying registration number molded into or attached to all snowmobile treads, such that with each rotation of the tread the number was printed in the snow. It would be obvious where both the good actors and the bad actors had been.

Finding inexpensive outdoor entertainment may be more difficult in the winter, but the signs are there if we will only look for them.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letters to the editor

Planning commission doesn't have to approve

Editor:

Dear Charlevoix Township Planning Commission members: In a few days, you will be asked to make one of the most important land use decisions that you will ever make as planners. You will be deciding on the merits of a plan for a Wal-Mart supercenter in your township. And even though it is located in your back yard, this decision will have critical implications for everyone with a Charlevoix address and beyond.

As a former planning commissioner, I understand the importance of basing your decision on whether the plan submitted meets the requirements of the Charlevoix Township Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan. I am writing to ask you to focus on certain sections of those documents; sections to which you may not have paid close enough attention in past site plan decisions.

These are sections that would allow you to control sprawl. Section 9.5, A.1. talks about development being "harmonious, compatible and appropriate in appearance with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and that such use will not change the essential character of the neighborhood..." Section 9.5, A.2, says the proposed use, "shall not be hazardous or disturbing to existing or future uses in the same general vicinity." Section 9.5, A.8, says the proposed development, "shall be consistent with the township master plan."

The Master Plan has a business section. Its goal is: "Concentrate new business development at identifiable community centers and encourage the improvement and consolidation of existing business facilities." The objectives talk about "discouraging commercial strip development" and the "consolidation, revitalization and improvement of existing commercial areas, both aesthetically and functionally, into strong, unified and active service centers."

It is clear that sprawl is getting out of hand, especially in the US-31 South area. There may be some justification for past decisions that allowed shopping centers in your

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LETTERS

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township on the outskirts of Charlevoix, but how far should this kind of development go? Maybe it is time for Charlevoix Township to draw its own line in the sand. The above referenced laws give you the option of doing just that.

I believe that you have two justifiable options in making your decision on the site plan for Wal-Mart:

1) Deny the site plan because it is "not in conformance with applicable township plans and ordinances" (Section 9.3B) and require the applicant to locate in an existing shopping center if they want to come to your township. (There happens to be an empty store in the Kmart plaza).

2) Deny the proposed site plan, but indicate that you will consider a plan of smaller scale that would limit the total area of the buildings and number of parking spaces to not more than that of the largest existing commercial business in the township (Kmart). Also, the smaller size could provide for a greater buffer for Stover Creek. This may discourage them from locating here, but if they cannot conform to your plans and ordinances, they should not be here anyway.

It is my hope that you see this proposal as a challenge to begin a new era of responsible planning for our little community. Please use the tools you have to stem the tide of sprawl. Then maybe we will all learn the true meaning of the words: CHARLEVOIX THE BEAUTIFUL!

Bill Henne
Charlevoix

Support Wal-Mart

Editor:

It is time to address these personal attacks concerning the Wal-Mart issues. I choose to live in this community but do not choose to be dictated to about my "spending habits" and told to drive 20 miles if I want to save money. Or told that those who do drive the distance do not want to "save our community." My dollars spent here do help my community, whether it is to a local small business or a "big box company." I am tempted to start my own petition called "This is My Town too." I want a Wal-Mart in this town and I feel there are a lot of others out there who do too. But these are middle class working people who are busy taking care of families and they don't have time to sit and write letters and form committees when they feel something is an "eyesore" to the community. "Buying cheap" does matter to these people and a planning commission shouldn't be attacking the majority of this community. If you need to undertake a project maybe you should start by looking at your own city government!

Why not address the issues of empty buildings in town while a new professional building is being built. Or the "big box" video store coming to the old McDonald's, who moved up the road to be seen first, while that building sat empty for years. And are those two not "big box" businesses as well? What will go into the library when they move the middle school? And renovation of the city park? They are tearing down perfectly fine buildings just to add more boat docks to an already crowded lake. It seems that issues affecting upper-class citizens get overlooked, while middle and lower class are told to go somewhere else to do business.

And let's consider that issue; why would we want our citizens driving to another community to get gas, clothing and food? Has anyone done surveys on how many people drive to Petoskey or Traverse to do their shopping? Would it not be smarter to keep them in Charlevoix purchasing these items? It is more than a "few pennies" leaving our town, I bet it is several thousand dollars. If businesses in town are worried about the impact of a Wal-Mart, then maybe they should learn to compete with their prices and lower them. Or put out more advertising showing us a reason to shop here. Where would we buy school clothes, shoes, winter jackets and such? In those other towns! Because our downtown shops cater to the tourists! Not to its citizens!

I have had enough of the attacks! I wish to challenge the people who do want to see Wal-Mart come to town, to take time from your busy schedules and write some letters. Let's get out there and be heard as well. This is our town too!

Cherrie Luttrull
Charlevoix

No to Wal-Mart

Editor:

To the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission, Board of Trustees and citizens of Charlevoix: Let Charlevoix be a model for progressive thinking, thoughtful growth and unwavering town pride by keeping Wal-Mart a short 17 miles away.

A fascinating phenomenon is happening in our big cities. One example is Rochester. After 20 - 30 years of urban sprawl and growth, they are tearing down strip malls and big box retailers to put in downtowns like we have right now. There are small, quaint storefronts with fancy streetlights, trees and flowers and people are enjoying walking outside in the elements. Imagine that! It's called New Urbanism and if you're in planning or zoning you should know about it and be embracing it.

To the planning commission and board members, it has been so disheartening to hear the "there's nothing we can do" attitude. You can listen to the public. You can read all the information you can find. You can consider the environment. You can study the traffic impact. You can care about saving our downtown and quiet way of life. Most of all, you can stand up and fight for the town you represent and not let an outsider giant walk right in and leave its huge, ugly footprint without even a whimper.

It is challenging, but become educated, be progressive and let's skip the 20 - 30 years of damaging, uncontrolled sprawl and extreme growth that other towns have allowed. We can be leaders, not followers. And most important of all, take a sight-seeing trip to Rochester to see the future is what Charlevoix is now.

Trish Beane
Charlevoix

No to Wal-Mart

Editor:

I am a Beaver Island resident who feels very much a part of the city of Charlevoix. I was saddened to read that Wal-Mart was trying to invade this lovely, small town. I implore the citizens and governing body of Charlevoix to send Wal-Mart on its merry way. Charlevoix has many small, attractive and service minded businesses — we must not lose them.

Marilyn Reed
Beaver Island

Stop the bickering

Editor:

We call our town "Charlevoix the Beautiful." However, in light of recent issues perhaps we should more aptly call our town "Charlevoix the Bickering." Why? We constantly bicker over anything and everything. It's getting down right embarrassing. Are we ever going to grow up?

Recently we have the debate about the proposed site on the north side for Sunnybank Assisted Living. Our "illustrious" mayor has put the guillotine to a public meeting on this issue. This would imply we assisted living in our town. End of conversation. Mr. Mayor, have you no vision for the future or compassion for the elderly and our parents? And what about you and I when we can no longer live alone? Where will we all go? When that time comes I would like to stay right here and not have to go out of town. Wouldn't you? Gone are the days when we could simply move in with our grown kids. It just doesn't happen much anymore.

It is unbelievable that our elected leader and a few folks with deaf ears and cold hearts of stone can simply end this issue that is of vital importance to the future of the community. Do you not

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COMMUNITY

Ragamuffin group to give dessert theater

Ragamuffin Children's Theater and Choir will be presenting an adult dessert theater on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix.

The evening entitled, "Heavenly Bliss. On a Slice of Swiss," begins at 7:30 p.m. and will feature musical, comical, lyrical and dramatic sketches performed by the senior company of Ragamuffin Theater, as well as by guest actors from the community.

Next Door Neighbor Catering will be serving a large selection of desserts including their Cherry Pecan Bread Pudding with Carmel Sauce and Almond Brickle Cheesecake.

Ragamuffin Children's Theater and Choir is a non-profit organization dedicated to training aspiring young artists by providing weekly teaching sessions as well as a variety of performance opportunities.

Director Kathleen Whittaker believes in the potential of every willing child and devotes herself to the enrichment of their lives through the development of their gifts and talents.

"We currently have 65 members representing Charlevoix, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Elk Rapids and Traverse City," Whittaker said. "My goal is to teach excellence in the arts, while encouraging faith, friendships, character, confidence and respect for both themselves and their audiences."

Tickets for the event will be available for purchase at Bridge Street Book Shop located at 407 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, or can be reserved by calling (231) 342-1880. The cost of the evening is $15 per person. For more information about the Ragamuffins, or this event contact at: www.RagamuffinTheatre.com

Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Accepted to Johnson and Wales University

Heather Biddick, of Charlevoix, was accepted at Johnson and Wales University. Biddick is a 2004 graduate of Charlevoix High School and the daughter of Michelle and Cliff Biddick. She is planning on a degree in equine studies and riding. Johnson and Wales University has schools in Rhode Island, North Carolina, Colorado and Florida.

Bickersteth honored

Thomas G. Bickersteth, a registered principal and financial advisor at the Charlevoix office of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., has been named to the firm's 2004 President Council in recognition of outstanding client services and exemplary professional growth.

Touring with band

Jerusha Londgren, daughter of Jeffrey and Elisa Londgren, of Charlevoix, will be touring this month with the concert band and studio band from Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn.

Touring with band II

Brandon Londgren, son of Jeffrey and Elisa Londgren, of Charlevoix, will be touring this month with the concert band and studio band from Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn.

UpNorth Big Band to host swing dance at area college

The Bliss Fest Music Organization has announced its 2004 Saturday Nite Swing Dance dates, featuring the 18 piece UpNorth Big Band, at the North Central Michigan College Student Center, in Petoskey. (Next to the Student Dorm Parking Lot).

Downbeat for all dances is at 7:30.

Dates are: Feb, 14, March 20, April 17 and May 22. Singles and couples are encouraged to join in the fun. Dance instructors will be on hand.

All dances are $8 at the door. Refreshments are available. For more information, call Karl at (231) 547-6271 or Blissfest at (231) 348-7047.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, January 12, 2004 - 6:30 p.m.
109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers except Councilman Bellows were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Council approved the purchase of City Hall furniture from Pinnacle Design.

Council adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

Elizabeth A. Gooch, City Clerk
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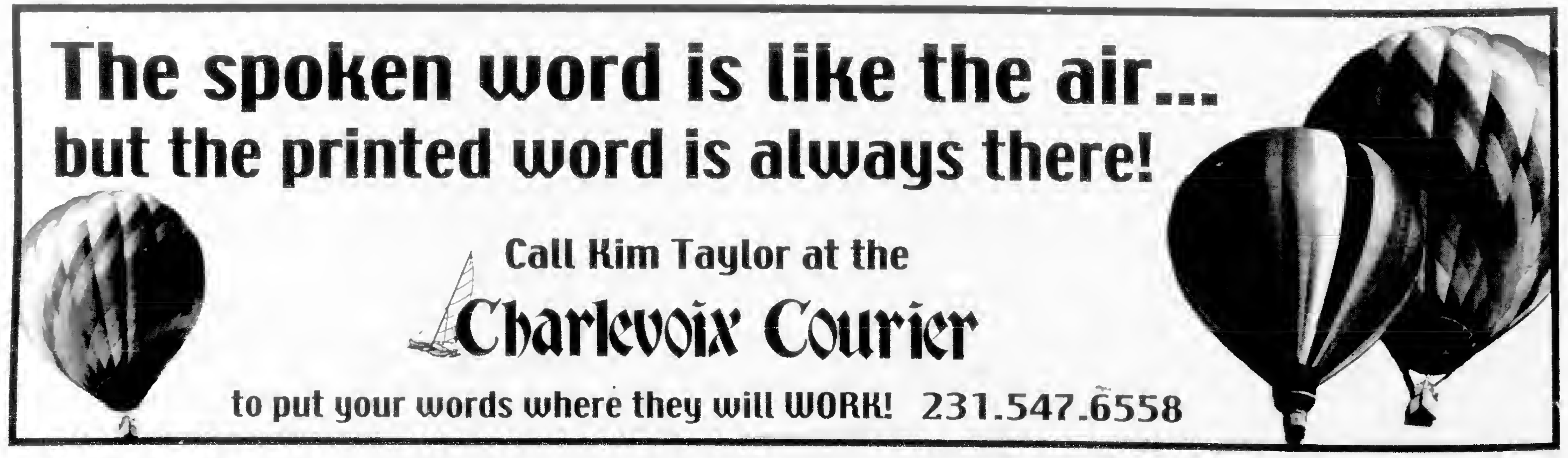

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COMMUNITY

New chamber board president named

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Charlevoix resident Maura Snabes has added a new title to her list.

Maura Snabes

Maura, 36, is a wife, a mother, a attorney and now, chairman of the board.

She was named the new chairman of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors by the organization's board and business members at the chamber's annual meeting Jan. 8.

She said with her children, Nicholas, 8, Alexandria, 3 and Blaise, 1, getting busier and busier, it was now or never for her to serve the chamber in this capacity.

As a working mother she doesn't have extra time. But she said her husband Christopher, a microbiologist working with PRS Environmental, is supportive of her effort to find time to volunteer with the chamber.

"I think it's (the chamber) very important. It helps promote existing businesses and brings new businesses, people and events that benefit the whole community. I think without the chamber there wouldn't be a lot of things that we have — it makes this a vital community," she said.

She started on the chamber board three years ago and has since served as treasurer and last year as vice chairman.

As a Charlevoix resident Maura has a vested interest in keeping the community vital. She and Christopher moved to Charlevoix in 1994 from the Detroit area after Maura completed her law degree at the University of Detroit.

She has been an active member of the community ever since. Maura is currently employed by Corporate Title where she is underwriting counsel for all 11 offices and has her own private law practice, Maura A. Snabes P.C.

While she keeps up at work and home this year she also has a full plate at the chamber.

"I am really excited about this year because we have a lot of things on our plate and high goals," she said.

Maura's chairmanship will bring with it fresh ideas for events. She also plans to work toward the chamber's goals for 2004 which include revitalizing the downtown, promoting businesses, finding a new home for the chamber, working on housing issues and working toward a shared vision for the community.

Car club announces scholarship

The Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America has announced two $500 scholarships for the coming year are being offered to high school graduates and seniors entering school for any phase of practice within the automotive field.

Those interested in applying should contact either their school counselor, their automotive high school instructor or by writing to the Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 902, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Completed applications for the scholarship must be received by March 1 and must include the high school principal's report (which may be obtained by the group) and a transcript of your high school grades.

High school graduates who have entered the work field must complete the application and return it with two letters of reference.

Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America is for those interested in preservation and restoration of antique, classic and veteran motor cars.

The club conducts several tours, meets and events throughout each year, the largest being the Antique Car Show, Swap Meet, Antique Show and Flea Market the second weekend in August in Boyne City.

Those interested in club activities or in becoming a member, may contact by writing to: P.O. Box 902, Boyne City, MI 49712.

How to get your news into the Courier

If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail charlevoixcourier@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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Obituaries

Bruce E. Kroken: Died Jan. 1, 2004

Bruce E. Kroken, 58, a resident of Albuquerque, N.M. died suddenly Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Patricia "Pat" Kroken of Albuquerque; daughters, Christina Barber and husband Tom of Lemoore, Calif. and Jennifer Amann and husband Pat of Dallas, Texas; and grandsons, Zachary and Jacob.

Bruce was the co-director of the Albuquerque Concert Band and a charter member of the Albuquerque Jazz Orchestra. He previously taught high school band in Wisconsin and was the band director at Manzano High School in Albuquerque. Most recently, Bruce was assistant band director at Desert Ridge Middle School and a mentor to band directors across the city.

A memorial service was Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Manzano High School Performing Arts Center. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Albuquerque Concert Band Bruce Kroken Memorial Scholarship fund, c/o Bonnie Hustler, 7016 Foxford Ave. N.W., Albuquerque, N.M. 87120.

Edward McNamara: Feb. 5, 1924 - Jan. 13, 2004

Edward (Ed) McNamara, 79, of Charlevoix and Lake Havasu City, Ariz. passed away Jan. 13, 2004, at his winter home in Lake Havasu City.

He was born Feb. 5, 1924, and raised in Bretheren, son of Joseph G. and Edith (Gilbert) McNamara. He graduated from Brethren High School and served in the United States Army during World War II.

In 1952 he married Sally Campbell in East Jordan. She preceded him in death in January of 2000. Ed is survived by his daughter, Susan, of Charlevoix; his son Tom of Rockledge, Fla.; his brother, Joe McNamara of Manistee; two nieces and a nephew. Besides Sally, Ed was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Marge.

A gathering of friends to celebrate Ed's life is being planned for later this summer.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital of Hospice of Havasu, P.O. Box 597, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403.

Lawrence H. Ingalls: Jan. 25, 1940 - Jan. 14, 2004

Lawrence H. Ingalls, 63, of Charlevoix, died Jan. 14, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Ingalls was born in Detroit on Jan. 25, 1940 to Henry and Ella (Lakies) Ingalls. As a very young child, he came to live in Charlevoix when his parents returned to the area of their childhood.

Larry attended school in Charlevoix, and graduated from high school in 1958. He later went on to earn his B.A. in business and his M.A. in international relations with help from the U.S. Army and G.I. Bill. In 1963, Mr. Ingalls enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served for 20 years, retiring at the rank of CW2. He was a Bronze Star and a Legion of Merit recipient. During his Army career, Mr. Ingalls belonged to the Army Security Agency and was trained as a foreign language specialist. He spent time at the Defense Language Institute learning German, Vietnamese and Russian, though not all at the same time. Up until his death, Mr. Ingalls was still fluent in German, and could manage what he called "Cocktail Party Russian" and "Restaurant Vietnamese." Aside from one tour in Vietnam, he spent most of his Army career in Germany, where he functioned as an Eastern European specialist. After retiring from active duty in 1983, Larry went to work for the Army as a civilian employee in the intelligence sector. As a civil servant, he was able to work in Bosnia, Russia, Ukraine and Italy. He had a very good time in all those places.

Mr. Ingalls had a brief first marriage to a German woman and fathered a son, now estranged. In 1986, he married a New York City native whom he met working for the 66th MI Group and she survives. While this marriage produced no children, Mr. Ingalls was the proud caregiver of three ungrateful cats, Maverick, 16, Harry (The Meatloaf), 10 months, and Junior (Ferret Face), 7 months.

Always active in his youth in his church choir, Mr. Ingalls enjoyed singing in the Russian Choir in Monterey, Calif. While in Heidelberg, Germany, he was invited to join an award-winning men's singing group, the MSG Liederkranz, where he was the only non-German singer. An active member until his return to the United States, Mr. Ingalls remained on the roster as an inactive member until his death. After his retirement from civil service in 2001, Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls returned to Charlevoix. He was moderately active in the Charlevoix Historical Society until his death, and had just a tremendous time at his forty-fifth high school reunion in September of 2003.

Mr. Ingalls was preceded in death by his father. Survivors are his wife, his mother, a sister and her family, as well as various other relatives. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling cremation arrangements. A memorial service took place Jan. 16.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Charlevoix Historical Society as well as the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society would be greatly appreciated.

Delbert Sapatka: Feb. 11, 1932 - Jan. 13, 2004

Delbert "Del" Sapatka, 71, died Jan. 13 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac.

Del was born Feb. 11, 1932 in Manistee to Albert and Mary (Masunas) Sapatka. He married Irene Mary Pacholski on his birthday in 1955 in Manistee. She preceded him in death on March 31, 1986. He married Janet Potter on Aug. 29, 1987 in Cadillac. Janet survives. He was referred to as "Del the Lithuanian Prince." He attended high school in Bretheren. He was employed as a route sales driver for Herrud Meats for 25 years and worked for Schafer Bakery for 15 years retiring Feb. 29, 1992. He enjoyed bowling, golf, gardening, his special rose garden and his recipe books. He was a veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Elks Lodge and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his daughter Deborah Ann (Glenn) Wright of Coldwater; a sister, Margie (Jerry) Lundeen of Grand Haven; step-children Debra (Dave) Woodward of Charlevoix, Kevin (Michelle) Potter of Charlevoix, Keith (Kirstin) Potter of Grand Rapids, Jacquelyn (James) Towsley of Charlevoix; and 10 grandchildren. A funeral took place Jan. 16 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with the Rev. Jim Helmboldt officiating. Burial took place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Michigan and Wonderland Humane Society.

Diane L. Soderquist: Sept. 3, 1965 - Jan. 13, 2004

Diane L. Soderquist, 38, of Charlevoix, died January 13, 2004, at her home in Charlevoix.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, at the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix. Pastor James Green and Pastor Rusty Morgan will officiate and interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Gaylord.

Diane was born September 3, 1965, in Gaylord, the daughter of Larry and Helene (Wensauer) Soderquist. She graduated from Gaylord High School.

Diane was employed at Glens Markets, and McDonald's in Charlevoix. She loved cats and enjoyed cross-stitch.

Diane is survived by her brothers and sisters, Carol (David) Kenney of East Jordan, Chris (John) Gee of Hessell, Cindy (Bob) TenEyck of Oscoda, Virginia (Ted) Bluer of Kalkaska, William (Georgann) Soderquist of Gaylord, Doug (Lori) Soderquist of Oscoda, Kathleen (Louie) Sylvester of Hubbard Lake, Doreen (Tom) Warren of Eagle River, Alaska, Scott Reed, Dana Soderquist, and Karen (Mike) Whisler of Charlevoix; and a beloved friend, Mark Szaniszlo of Charlevoix.

Donations made in Diane's memory may be directed to the American Diabetes Association.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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05855 M-66

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Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

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Father Jim Gunn................547-6322

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205 Clinton Street

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Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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School may have solution to dangerous crossing situation

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

> *"We haven't given up on the situation. It's just on a temporary holding pattern while we see if the trend holds."*
>
> **Dennis Halverson**,
> Charlevoix school board president

The dangerous situation Charlevoix students face when crossing Bridge Street may have been solved — at least for now.

An attempt by the school district to have the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) install a traffic light at Garfield and Bridge streets was slowed when MDOT representatives asked that a traffic study be done first.

Instead of waiting until the study was done, and MDOT made its ruling as to whether or not the light should be installed, school administrators teamed up with middle school parents to solve the problem.

The school board approved a new policy requiring parents to sign permission slips allowing their student to cross. The slip was attached to a letter sent to parents stressing the school's concern about students crossing the busy, four-lane highway.

The letter also reinforced that there is a school bus that will take all students to school safely and they don't need to walk. Bus routes were changed and four stops were added on the west side of Bridge Street to service all students, regardless of their proximity to school.

According to middle school principal Keith Haske, 40 students received their parents' permission to cross.

The city police then patrolled the area looking for students crossing and compared the names of those crossing to a list of approved names.

City police chief Dennis Halverson said in patrolling both the Garfield Street and Carpenter Avenue intersections with Bridge Street, about five to six students a day crossed, the majority of which had permission from their parents.

Those without permission were reported to Haske's office and he addressed the issue the following day.

He said this only happened in three instances and in each case the student returned the next day with a signed permission slip.

The results of the enforcement have been just what the school board was looking for.

"Since the letter went out the number of students crossing dropped considerably," Halverson said.

He added that this may be attributed not only to parental awareness, but also to the wintry weather which may have coaxed kids onto buses.

While city police patrols at the crossings have dropped off, Halverson said he still plans to have officers there periodically to monitor the situation.

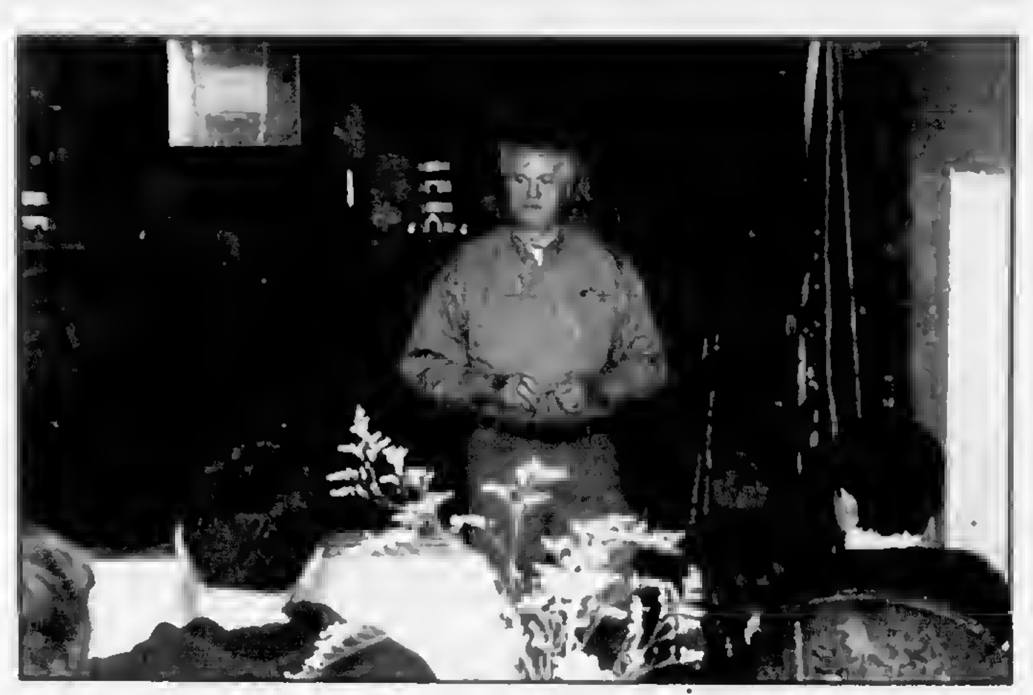
Because of this dramatic decrease in crossings, the board's plans to pursue hiring a consultant to conduct a traffic study for about $5,000 has been put off. They also agreed to hold off on asking MDOT to do its own study.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Dr. John Sturock said, "MDOT will do a one day study, if they come in and see no one crossing the street their recommendation won't be to put in a traffic light."

Instead of moving forward right now, when there are few crossings, the board voted at its Jan. 12 meeting to revisit the issue in March when the weather starts to warm up, tempting students to walk to school again.

Even though fewer students are crossing, the school board hasn't given up on providing a safe crossing route by having a traffic light installed.

Halverson, who is also the school board president, said, "We (the board) haven't given up on the situation. We are not walking away from it or throwing our hands up. It's just on a temporary holding pattern while we see if the trend (of fewer students crossing) holds."



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Career speech

Seventh-and eighth-grade students from Charlevoix Middle School attended a career pathway luncheon at the Weathervane Restaurant Jan. 14. At the event they enjoyed lunch and learned about becoming entrepreneurs from Mike Stowe, owner of Great Lakes Motor Works in Boyne City. This was one of the lunches that take place monthly to prepare the students for future careers. The focus of the day was business, management, marketing and technology.

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The Charlevoix City Council and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers except Councilman Bellows were present. All DDA members except John Taylor were present.

The following items were discussed but no action was taken:

- Council and DDA discussed a proposed 2004-2005 budget for the DDA fund,
- Council and DDA discussed a report on Marina Project funding,
- Council and DDA considered a request from the Chamber of Commerce to acquire the Old Post Office building. A proposal from the Chamber of Commerce will be considered at a Special meeting on February 23, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

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Spelling winner

Seventh grade student Emma Baker won first place at the Charlevoix Middle School spelling bee Jan. 13, sixth grader Rosa Salazar was the runner up. Both girls will compete at the Charlevoix County Spelling Bee scheduled to take place Feb. 6 in Harbor Springs.

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comprehend that people are living longer, which means a greater need than ever for this type of housing. (Notice I said "housing" not "business.") I have yet to hear a constructive and compatible solution to this dilemma.

This should not be an issue of who is right but what is right and good for Charlevoix.

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Yes, I have had personal experience with Sunnybank over the last three years, as my dear mom was a resident until she passed away. I had hoped she could live in a Charlevoix Sunnybank, but it never happened.

So please Charlevoix, let's be known as "Charlevoix the Caring and Cooperative." Let's all pull together and move in a positive direction toward an assisted living facility for our town.

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Recreational authority, pool millage in works

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

A recreation authority may be the answer to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool's financial woes.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Tim Boyko, president of the pool board, announced that the pool plans to work with three municipalities to establish a recreation authority. This body will allow the pool to put a millage request on the November ballot.

The authority would cover the city of Charlevoix and Charlevoix and Hayes townships. Boyko said these are the three areas from where the pool draws the greatest number of users.

Earlier this month he attended meetings of the township boards in Hayes and Charlevoix townships and both agreed to approve articles of incorporation to establish the authority.

Boyko said the only question was in Charlevoix Township, where some board members wondered whether they would be giving up rights to their recreation areas like Shanahan Field.

Boyko stressed that when the authority is created the only thing under its jurisdiction will be the pool. However, he said in the future it could take on more projects like a skate board park and a disc golf course.

With the city of Charlevoix also agreeing to join the authority, the next thing to do is for each of the three municipalities to approve articles of incorporation. This document has to be ready by March 1 to put the authority in a position to get the millage on the ballot. Boyko anticipates this being ready for their approval at February board and city council meetings.

After the articles are approved the authority's membership will be formed. Boyko said he anticipates this including two members of each governmental body and three outside members.

Pool director Al Gooch said the millage request will be for .3 mill for 10 years which will cost a homeowner whose home is valued at $100,000, $30 a year. This request will only go before voters in the city and in Hayes and Charlevoix townships. Other residents outside those areas will not be taxed.

Gooch said if approved, this would generate about $100,000 for the pool, which would cover about a third of its operating budget. The pool still plans to charge user fees, seek grants and have fund-raisers, like the annual auction, to make up the remaining two thirds.

Boyko said if approved, the money generated from the millage will allow the pool to enhance programs it offers and add some new ones.

Gooch said it will also give the pool some financial stability. He explained that year to year it doesn't know what grants or funds are going to come through.

"We've had great support from the community for the pool — doing a millage is another piece that will help us be stable and plan from year to year," Gooch said.

The pool has been seriously considering establishing an authority and putting the request before the voters since fall. Gooch said the project became mobilized most recently when Mayor Gabe Campbell brought up the millage option.

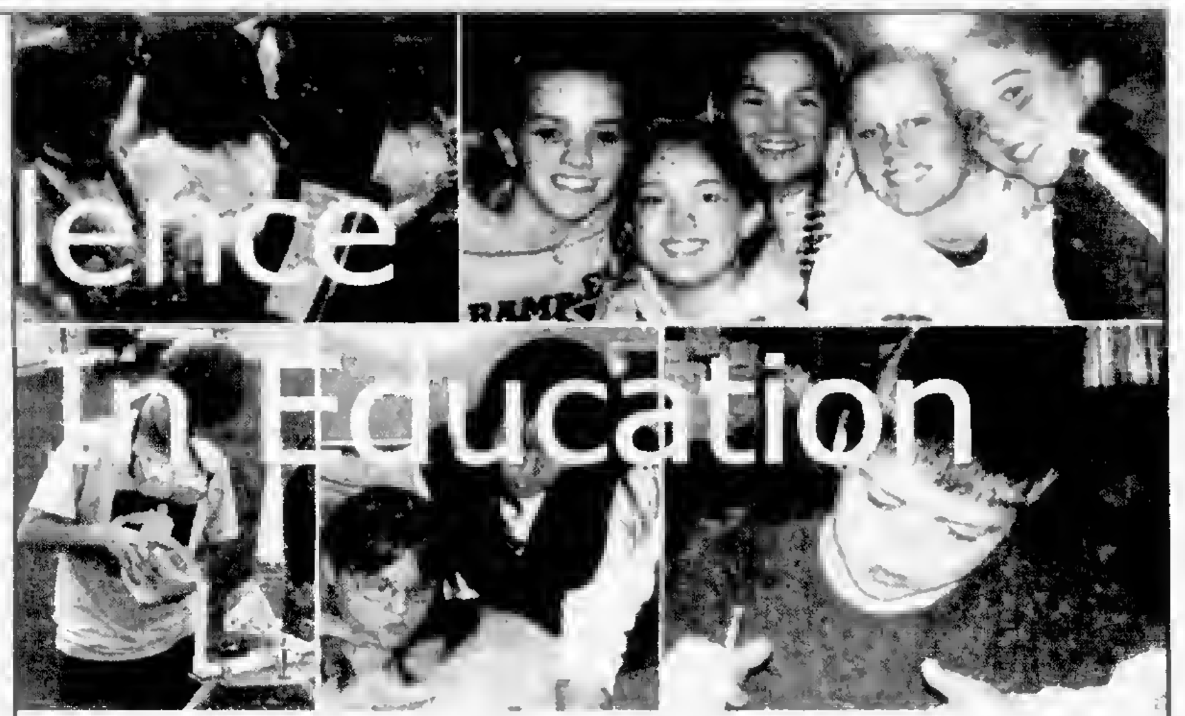
In the past the mayor has not supported the city handing over money to the pool because in 1992 voters turned down a request to support building the facility.

At council's Jan. 19 meeting Mayor Campbell stuck to his guns when Boyko again requested city funding for the pool's dollar nights program. The request was for $6,900 to help meet a matching grant from the Frey Foundation.

Council denied the request in a tie breaker decided by Mayor Campbell.

Even though he voted against the city giving the pool money, Mayor Campbell said now is the time to ask the voters for their support again.

"I think it would pass and I would be willing to make a donation and pass petitions," he said.



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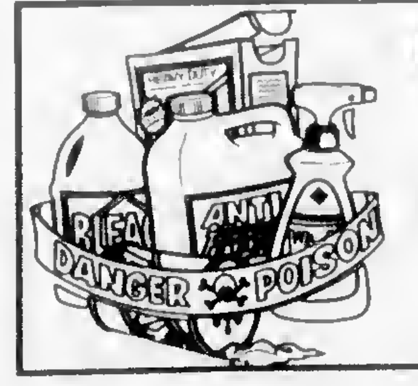

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FOIA request reason for hearing postponement

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decision to set the hearing.

Commissioner Campbell entered the FOIA request Dec. 23. In it he requested city clerk Liz Gooch, who is also the city's FOIA coordinator, to collect a slew of documents. These include documents related to the 1998 lot split of the proposed Sunnybank property. He also asked for documents related to the May Street Apartment complex currently under construction that the city was once sued over. His final requests were for documents related to Sunnyhank and documents related to the mayor's decision to fire the commissioners.

So far, it has taken two city staff members, Gooch and city manager's administrative assistant Linda Weller, 42 hours to fill the request. And Gooch said they have about 15 more to go.

Young, who is acting as counsel for the mayor, called Logie Jan. 14 and told him the city wouldn't be able to comply with the request before the scheduled hearings. Young asked for a 10 day extension which Logie said he had no problem agreeing to.

However, Logie needed this information to build his case for the hearings and asked that they be temporarily adjourned.

Logie should have the information by the end of this week and said he would then need time to review it.

Logie said he is hoping that while the FOIA request is completed and his firm pours over the information, the commissioners and Mayor Campbell will find a way to settle this issue.

"My hope is we will find a way to resolve this matter before the hearing," he said.

To resolve the matter both sides will have to agree.

The only way Mayor Campbell said he will agree to settle the matter is if the commissioners agree to rescind the motion they made to set the hearing.

"We can't have them making a motion for a piece of property that doesn't qualify," Mayor Camphell said. "I don't want to keep the city in turmoil. So, if they can come up with something reasonable and understand they can't do certain things, that's fine."

A new hearing date has not been set.

Boyne City/Charlevoix Road, US-31 to be reworked

The US-31 and Boyne City/Charlevoix Road intersection may become safer in the future.

Pat Harmon, manager of the Charlevoix County Road Commission, said the county was awarded up to $200,000 in a safety grant to improve the intersection.

Harmon said he is not sure what changes the county is going to make at that intersection yet. Currently, engineers from Northwest Design Group are working with the county to design a new, and safer, intersection.

After the design is approved, work will begin.

The county is hoping to have a design ready by mid-summer, Harmon said. Construction could begin in late summer or early fall.

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Attorney fee reimbursement tabled

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Settlement of a dispute between Mayor Gabe Campbell and five planning commissioners is on the horizon but whether the city will foot the bill for the commissioners' legal expenses is still up in the air.

City council tabled the commissioners' legal fees reimbursement request at Monday night's council meeting.

Commission chairman Dennis Kusina and commissioners, John Campbell, Francis "Brownie" Flanders, Steve Bennett and Richard Hodgson were all threatened with dismissal by the mayor. The mayor has said they had no business setting a public hearing for an assisted living facility in the R-2 single family residential district.

Early this month they hired John Logie, an attorney with the Grand Rapids law firm Warner, Norcross and Judd, to help defend their decision.

In a letter the commissioners wrote petitioning council for attorney fee reimbursement, they state, "As you know, we are all private citizens who have volunteered for our positions on the planning commission. Accordingly, we should not be forced to bear the burden of legal fees that are directly related to a decision that we made in our capacities as volunteer city officials, especially since the mayor will not have to bear this burden."

Council was split on the reimbursement issue with first ward councilman Bill Haggard supporting reimbursement, while his fellow first ward representative Bob Timms said no way.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson also said she won't support reimbursement.

Gibson said last year when she pursued a zoning debate with the city she had to pay over $2,000 in legal fees. She said if the planners are reimbursed she will submit her expenses too.

June Cross, a former long-time planning commissioner, said, "What they (the commissioners) did was wrong. I don't want my tax dollars going to pay for that fee."

John Dobulis, a member of the planning commission who has supported his fellow commissioners in their fight with the mayor, urged council to pay up now before it becomes a pricey legal battle.

"I understand emotions are involved in this thing. But the time has come to see if we can get rid of it," Dohulis said. "They (the commissioners) feel procedure was followed properly. At this point city council should cut their losses. If it gets pushed, it will be much more expensive than it is tonight."

To erase the past month of turmoil, Dobulis suggested to council that they settle the issue with the commissioners and pay their legal fees to date.

Commissioner Campbell, who attended the meeting, said he did not know the total of the charges to date. But a request made in writing to council asked for up to $5,000.

Council agreed to enter settlement discussions in this matter, but tabled the reimbursement request while they explore their options.

The fee issue will be back before council at a later date that has not been set.

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- Profits from local business are re-circulated in the town, while profits from Wal-Mart Supercenter are sent to Bentonville, Arkansas.
- Local businesses contribute generously to a variety of community activities, yet in 2002, Wal-Mart donated only four-tenths of one percent of its revenue to charities that met their standards.[1]
- It is predicted that for every Wal-Mart Supercenter opened, two grocery stores will close.[2]
- Nearly 13,000 traditional American supermarkets have closed since 1992.[2]
- Carter's of Petoskey stated that Wal-Mart contributed to their closing.

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Group circulating petitions against Wal-Mart

Wal-Mart

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nances.

Wal-Mart's plans for a supercenter will get a site plan review on March 3 at the Charlevoix Planning Commission.

Bob Hoffman, president of the anti-Wal-Mart group This Is Our Town, said members of the organization will be at the meeting in force.

"We think there are a number of issues that deal with wetlands and discharge into Stover Creek. We would like to see those issues addressed by the planning commission," he said.

As for the plan being in compliance with township ordinances, Hoffman said it might, but he does not know because he has not seen the official site plan yet.

"The only thing we know is that that property is zoned commercial. There are a number of other issues," he said.

Nancy Rajewski, chair of the commission and township trustee, said a decision could be made that night on the plan. She added it does not need the approval of the township board, only the planning commission.

Rajewski said usually there is no public hearing on projects which are before the commission for a site plan review. However, she will be opening the Wal-Mart meeting up to public comment, following Wal-Mart's presentation and a report from township consultants.

Speakers from the public will have about 3 minutes each.

Rajewski said plans for the Wal-Mart should be posted at the township hall around the end of this month.

At that time, she encouraged residents to examine the plan.

If they have any comments or questions, she said people are welcome to mail those to any of the planning commissioners.

The planning commissioners and their addresses are:

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- John Haggard — 09375 Pearl Avenue, Charlevoix, MI, 49720.
- John Dixon — 09522 Cottage Point, Charlevoix, MI, 49720.
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- Stan Martin — 09150 North Pointe Woods Drive, Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

In the meantime, This Is Our Town is circulating a petition throughout the town for people to sign if they are against Wal-Mart's plans.

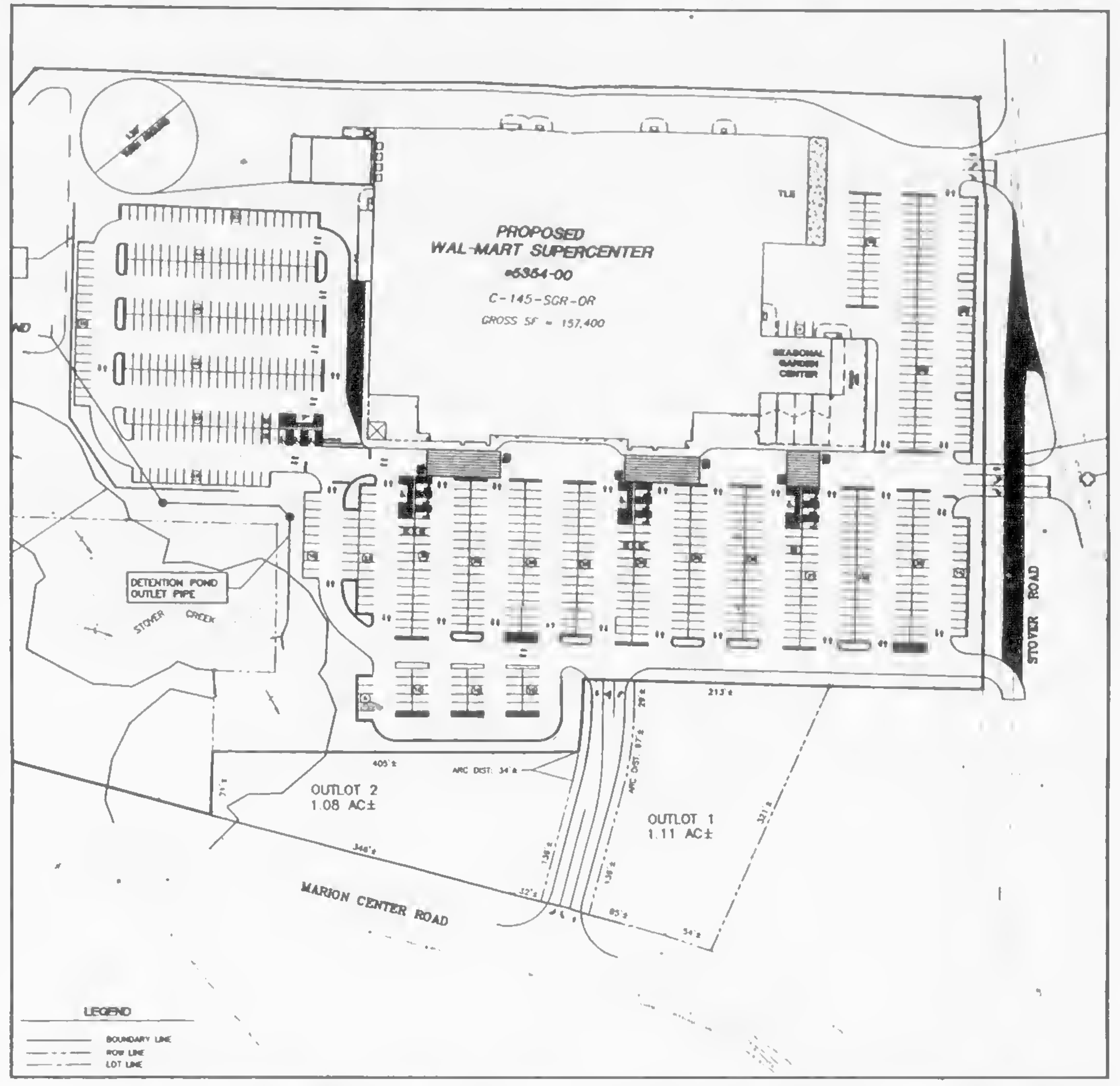
Hoffman said the group has not collected all of the petitions yet, but said there are already over 700 signatures.

This Is Our Town has been collecting signatures for about a week.

Hoffman said no one from the group has contacted Wal-Mart on this matter yet.

Danos said he has not heard from anyone against a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix and has not seen any petitions.

Wal-Mart officials said they hoped to have the store open in 2005.



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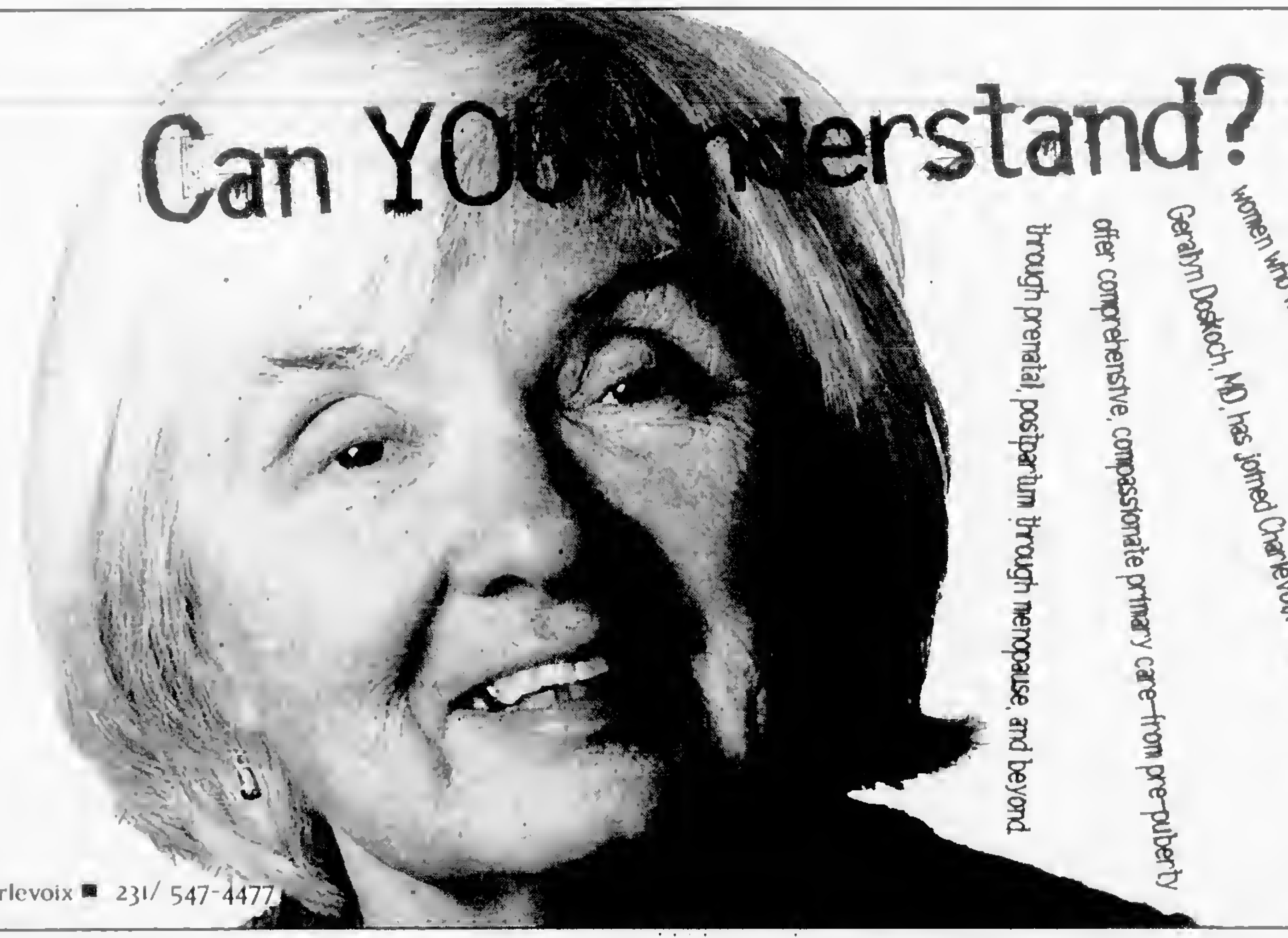
This conceptual site plan was submitted to the Charlevoix Township Planning commission in September. While it is not the official site plan — Wal-Mart has until the end of this month to submit it to the township — a company official said the new plan has only a few changes from this one. Most of the changes revolved around keeping parking and the building as far from Stover Creek as possible.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Police log

The information contained in this report has been compiled from the Charlevoix Police Department's log book, which is open to public inspection under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Because some officers are still working on their reports, and they were not available before press time, not all of the reports from this period are listed. If you have any information on these reports, please contact the Charlevoix Police Department at 547-3258.

- A 25-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested around 8:30 p.m., Jan. 18 on the 300 block of Mason Street for domestic assault.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 10 a.m., Jan. 16 near the intersection of M-66 and Bridge Street. One minor injury was reported.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 7 a.m., Jan. 14 near the intersection of Bridge and Carpenter streets. No injuries were reported.
- A vehicle was struck by an unknown vehicle on Jan. 14 near the intersection of State and Antrim streets.
- A vehicle hit a concrete parking barrier around 8 a.m., Jan. 13 at the Community Reformed Church on Petoskey Avenue.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 4:30 p.m., Jan. 12 near the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Fairway Drive. No injuries were reported.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 5 p.m., Jan. 12 near the intersection of M-66 and Bridge Street. No injuries were reported.
- A vehicle slid into a ditch due to slippery roads around 7 p.m., Jan. 11 near the intersection of M-66 and Stover Road.
- A vehicle hit a guardrail around 3 p.m., Jan. 11 near the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Ainslie Street.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 2 p.m., Jan. 11, at the Holiday Gas Station on Bridge Street.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 6 p.m., Jan. 10 near the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Ainslie Street. No injuries were reported.
- A vehicle was struck by an unknown vehicle around 8 p.m., Jan. 9 near the intersection of Belvedere Avenue and Alice Street.
- A blue Huffy bicycle was found on Jan. 9 at the ballfields on West Carpenter Street.
- A vehicle struck a parked vehicle around 5:30 p.m., Jan. 8 in the parking lot of the Charlevoix Middle School.
- A 42-year-old Lake City man was arrested for having an expired license plate and no proof of insurance around 8:30 p.m., Jan. 8 near the intersection of St. Mary and State streets.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 4:30 p.m., Jan. 3 near the intersection of Alice and East Upright streets. No injuries were reported.
- A 26-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested for disorderly conduct around 8 p.m., Jan. 3 on the 100 block of Green Street. The man was lying on the ground, intoxicated, and was verbally abusive to officers.
- A 38-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested for driving while his license was suspended - second - around 3:30 p.m., Jan. 1 near the intersection of Lincoln and Bridge streets.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 5:30 a.m., Jan. 1 at the Holiday gas station on Bridge Street. No injuries were reported.

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Rayder wrestling team does well at its home tournament

Charlevoix Rayder Wrestling competed in two meets and hosted their own tournament this week.

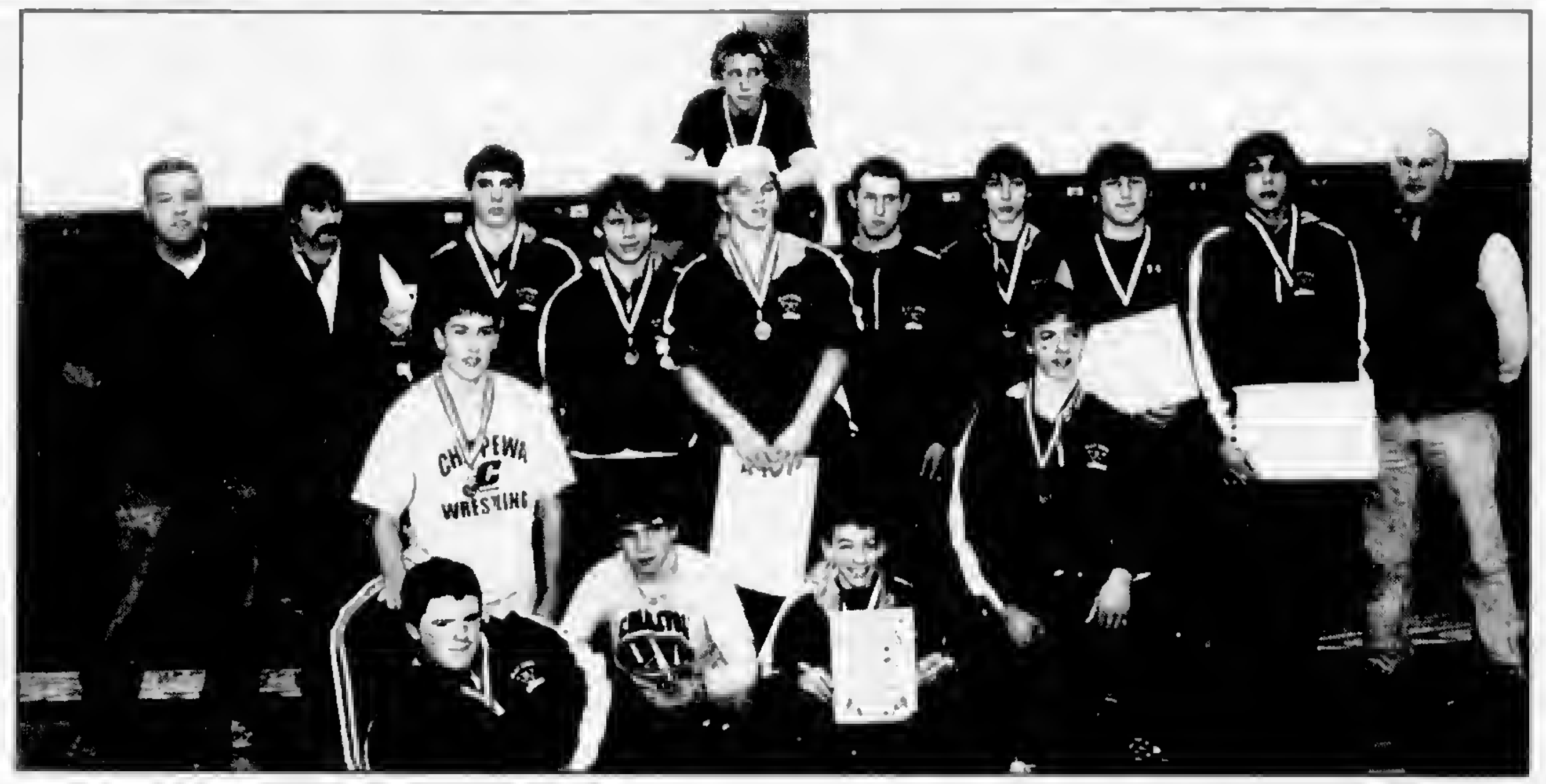
On Monday, Jan. 12 the team met Traverse City St. Francis at Kalkaska. Against Traverse City, Charlevoix won 66-6 with pins for Spencer Hankins, Nick Gotshall and Jeff Golovich. A loss against Kalkaska at 27-54 with pins for Nathaniel Sotuyo, Jeff Golovich, Pat Russell and Tony Kiernan.

On Thursday, Jan. 15, Charlevoix met Frankfort at Mancelona. They had a win against Frankfort 57-10 with pins for Jed Daman, Shannon Gillespie, Scott Sladek, Robert Gretsch, Gotshall, Sotuyo, Golovich, Russell and Kiernan. A win againt Mancelona 39-30 with pins for Sotuyo, Travis Burke and Gillespie.

They Rayders took first place at their first annual take down tournament Jan. 17. Other team scoring was Mancelona second, Frankfort in third, Kinross in fourth and Petoskey B in fifth. Aiden Finn of Mancelona was picked outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

"Our team has really come together this year. The boys were really excited to take the trophy here at their own tournament," Coach Craig Golovich said. "I want to thank my coaching staff, Bob South and Nick Gould for their hard work and dedication this team. We would not have the success we have had with out them. Nathaniel Sotuyo is our team wrestler of the day. He won all five of his matches with scores of 15-0 to take first place."

Other Places for Charlevoix were Spencer Hankins in fourth, Nick Gotshall in second, Tony Kiernan in fourth, Matt Novotny in second, Jed Daman in first, Shannon Gillespie in first, Travis Burke in second, Jaimen Waha in second, Robert Gretsch in third, Pat Russell in third, Jeff Golovich in first, and Scott Sladek in second.



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The Charlevoix High School wrestling team is (front, from left) Patrick Russell, Chris Aepelbacher, Spencer Hankins, (second row) Scott Sladek, Matt Novotny, (back) Assistant Coach Nick, Head Coach Craig Golovich, Jeff Golovich, Jaman Waha, Shannon Gillespie, Travis Burke, Nick Gotschall, Jed Daman, Nathaniel Sotuyo, Assistant Coach Bob South and (very back) Bob South.

Ski racing program at Charlevoix's Mt. McSauba

A ski racing program is offered at Mt. McSauba from 2 to 3:15 p.m., Saturdays, for the next three weeks.

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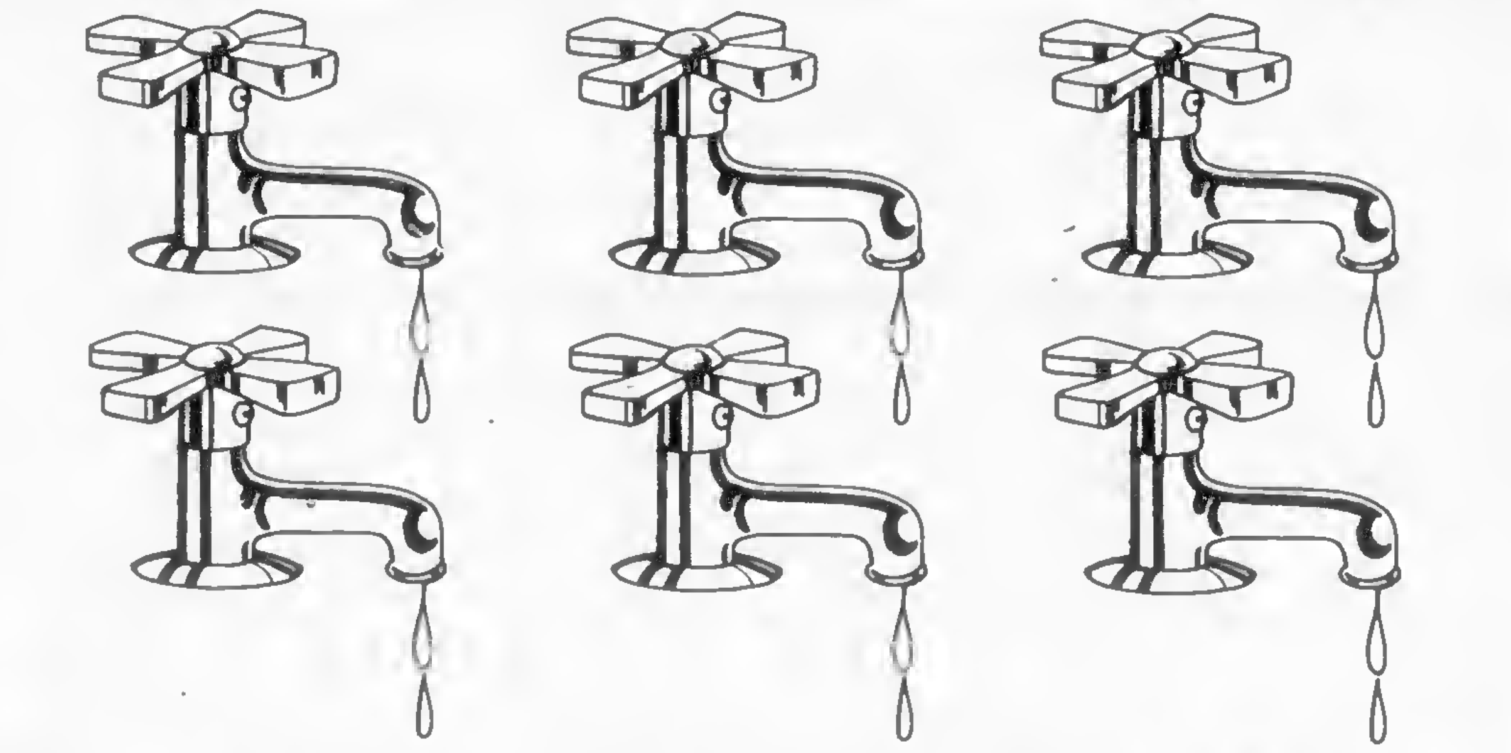

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Island sports gets sweep

By FRANK SOLLE
Special to the Courier

BEAVER ISLAND — The Beaver Island Islanders completed a double sweep against the Munising Baptist Bobcats here last weekend.

The basketball team topped the Bobcats 54-34 Friday night for its first win of the season, then claimed a 61-46 victory Saturday morning. The wins pulled the Islanders to an even 2-2 in Northern Lights League play, while improving their overall record to 2-4.

Senior Barry McDonough led the Islander charge with 18 points on Friday night and 27 on Saturday. Sophomore John Albin also netted double digits in both games, scoring 10 on Friday and 16 on Saturday.

Both games turned on key Islander runs. On Friday the Islanders broke open a tight game with a 12-0 run to start the third quarter and never looked back. Saturday's win was propelled by a 12-3 run over the last four minutes of the first quarter and then a strong 26-24 showing over the middle two quarters.

"We've had to totally reconstruct the team from last year," said first-year head coach Mike Myers. "This weekend was a confidence builder for us."

The volleyball team remained undefeated in league action with a pair of two-game wins. On Friday the Islander girls earned a 15-0, 15-12 win, while on Saturday the bested the Bobcats 15-5, 15-3. The wins put the Islanders at 4-0 in NLL action and 5-1 overall.

The Islanders' service game proved to be too strong for a young Bobcat team to handle. On Friday senior Kerrie Gillespie provided the service spark as she sent five winners over the net, including four aces, to close out the 15-0 game one win. In the second game Gillespie brought the Islanders back form a 7-2 deficit with another strong run that included three more aces.

"Kerrie has an awesome serve," said Islander coach Connie Boyle. "She gets in a groove and just keeps going."

Saturday it was fellow senior Rachel McDonough's turn to shine on the serve. McDonough's deceptively hard underhanded serve resulted in a 12-point run to close out game one. In the second game McDonough provided some strong defensive play while Gillespie keyed a crucial six-point run with a powerful overhand serve.

"We were well-prepared and our older girls took the leadership," Boyle said of the weekend's performance.

This weekend the Islanders host Paradise for their final home stand of the season. Friday night marks both Homecoming and Parent Recognition Night.

Courtesy photo

A Beaver Island volleyball player goes for a dig in a recent match.

Rec. volleyball scores

The Charlevoix Recreation Department volleyball scores are:

Women

Jan. 12

- Odd Ball, 21, 21, 21 and Burger King, 18, 15, 17.
- Burger King, 21, 21, 21 and Leftovers 11, 15, 16.
- Keie's Building, 20, 21, 21 and Leftovers, 22, 18, 15.

Jan. 5 - 8

- Oddballs, 21, 21, 21 and Leftovers, 16, 15, 14:
- Keie's Building, 19, 9, 15 and Odd Balls, 21, 21, 21.
- Burger Kind, 20, 19, 15 and Keie's Building, 22, 21, 21.

Standings through Jan. 12

1) Keie's Building, 13-5.
2) Odd Balls, 13-5.
3) Burger King, 6-12.
4) Leftovers, 4-14.

Men

Jan. 13

- TBA, 25, 25, 25 and Keiote Moon, 14, 21, 21.
- Keiote Moon, 19, 16, 25 and Swanson's K&D, 20, 16, 26.
- Wilmot Electric, 25, 25, 24 and Swanson's K&D, 20, 16, 26.

Jan. 5 - 8

- Wilmot Electric, 22, 21, 25 and Keiote Moon, 20, 6, 18.
- Wilmot Electric, 25, 25, 25 and TBA, 15, 12, 13.
- Swanson's K&D, 26, 25, 17 and TBA, 24, 20, 25.

Standings through Jan. 13

1) Wilmot Electric, 16-2.
2) Swanson's K&D, 11-7.
3) TBA, 8-10.
5) Keiote Moon, 2-16.

Co-ed

Jan. 15

- Charlevoix Energy Trading, 14, 14, 21 and Teamo Supremo, 21, 21, 14.
- Misfits, 16, 17, 21 and B.G.'s, 21, 21, 18.
- USCG Station 21, 19, 23 and South Side, 19, 21, 21.
- We could carry less, 21, 21, 21 and Time Machine, 15, 10, 10.

Jan. 14

- Misfits, 21, 18, 21 and PSD Solutions, 14, 21, 16.
- USCG Station, 21, 14, 12 and Teamo Supremo, 23, 21, 21.
- We could carry less, 20, 21, 14 and B.G.'s, 22, 11, 21.
- Time Machines, 21, 15, 16 and South Side Gym, 18, 21, 21.

Standing through Jan. 15

1) B.G.'s, 14-4.
2) Teamo Supremo, 12-6.
3) South Side Gym, 11-7.
4) PSD Solutions, 8-7.
5) We could carry less, 8-7.
6) Charlevoix Energy Trading, 6-9.
7) Time Machines, 5-10.
8) Misfits, 5-10.
9) USCG Station, 3-12.

Rayders have to give up two games due to ruling

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

A case of messed up paperwork has cost the Charlevoix High School varsity basketball team two games.

According to coach Keith Haske, the team had to forfeit a game against Suttons Bay and one against Boyne City because one of their players was ineligible to play.

The player, Erick Grossman, had transferred to Charlevoix from Indian River to live with his father. Grossman's parents are divorced.

Haske said Michigan High School Athletic Association rules state a player can be immediately eligible to play for a team if he or she transfers to a new school due to a divorce in the family.

Once in Charlevoix, Grossman filled out paperwork showing the transfer and submitted it to the school. Charlevoix was suppose to send that paperwork to Indian River and the athletic association.

However, that was never done.

"We never followed up with the paperwork," Haske said. "I didn't know we didn't fill out the form."

The situation came to light when Grossman moved back to Indian River over the holiday break, and the school discovered they never received the original paperwork from Charlevoix.

"Erick did everything he was supposed to do," Haske said.

But, because the school did not follow up on the paperwork, the Rayders had to forfeit the two games Grossman played in. This leaves the previously undefeated Rayders with a 5-2 record.

Haske said he does not know how this will impact the season for the team, especially considering they wanted to win the league and one of the games was a league game.

"I know in our hearts, we are undefeated," he said.

Haske added he does not know if the team will appeal.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Monday Madness • Jan. 12, 2004

	W	L
Buzy Bees	100	50
Flight Deck Top Guns	100	50
Villager Pub	94	56
Laural & Co. Hair Design	88	62
Strike Seekers	86	64
Friske Farm Market	82	68
Paul Bunyan Lanes	28	122
Team One	0	60

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Kris Dixon	707	204
Debi Grass	657	201
Carrie Blanchard	640	197

Men's Senior League • Jan. 12, 2004

	W	L
Top Rank Disposal	9	3
Mark White Paint & Stain	9	3
State Farm Insurance	7	5
B Vanloo & Sons	6	6
Kerr's Racing	5	7
Cemex Cement	5	7
Bayshore Steel	4	8
Central Drug Store	3	9

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jon Kiernan	618	241
Randy DeYoung	625	
Wayne Fries	620	236
Carlo D'Angelo		218

Young at Hearts League
Jan. 15, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	4	0
Has Beens	4	0
Misfits	3	1
Irish Rollers	3	1
Twilighters	1	3
Past Timers	1	3
Sparetime	0	4
Alley Cats	0	4

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Art Ruis	497	212
Don Bambach		175
Maury Dixon	454	168
Don Wells	454	
Zettie Kitson	459	175
Mary Lakies	422	157
Judy Potter		146
Dolly Coen	393	

Church League • Jan. 14, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	70	30
Ferguson & Chamberlain	57	43
R & C Roofing	57	43
Lutherans	55	45
State Farm Insurance	49	51
Martincheks	39	61
St. Mary's	39	61
Townhouse Bar	34	66

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jay Ruggerole		247
Jim Potter	593	
John Fiedorek	592	225
John Ferguson		223
Jack Burns	587	

Gutter Gals League • Jan. 15, 2004

	W	L
Express Yourself	28	12
Burger King Charlevoix	24	18
Argonne Supper Club	14	26
Paul Bunyan Lanes	14	26

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	528	192
Mary O'Brien	490	191
Diana Speigl	499	180

Tuesday Night Ladies • Jan. 13, 2004

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	10	2
Don's IGA	8	4
Hayes Legal Crew	7	5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	7	5
Grey Gables	5	7
Top Rank Disposal	5	7
Central Drug Store	3	9
Paul Bunyan Lanes	3	9

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

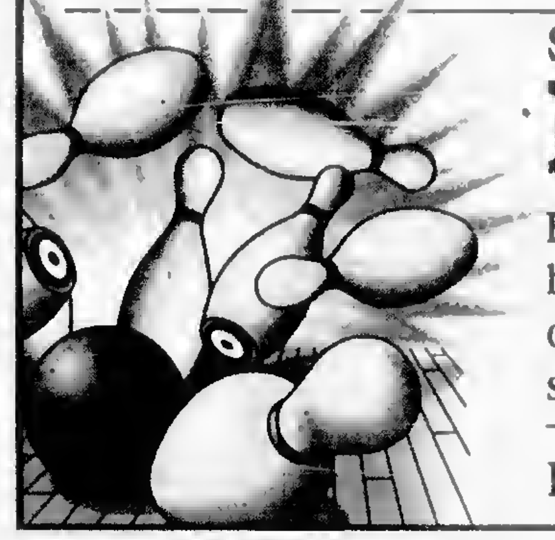
	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	548	235
Carol Kerr	541	198
Diana Speigl		191
Marlene Evans	522	

Double Deckers Mixed League
Jan. 4, 2004

	W	L
Blanchard/Crain	26	6
Webb	23.5	8.5
Spencer	21	11
Russell Amy/Jerry	20	12
Bradley	19.5	12.5
McDonnell/Sporer	18	14
Blanchard	17	15
Dixon/Kehrer	17	15
Sladek Laural/Joe	14	18
Russell C & R	13	19
Stein	12.5	19.5
Novotny S & J	12.5	19.5
Ferguson	10	22
Nordman	8	24

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Michael Webb	594	233
Roger Crain	584	230
Gary Spencer		219
John Ferguson	554	
Lynette Webb	563	201
Kris Dixon	506	195
Carrie Blanchard	512	198



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Basketball team adds two more big wins to its record

By **ALLEN TELGENHOF**
Sports writer

> *"It was a game that met the hype and that doesn't happen too often."*
>
> **Keith Haske**, Charlevoix coach on his game against Petoskey

The Rayder express rolled on again last week with two more victories, 63-61, over Petoskey and 86-48, over East Jordan.

The Petoskey game was hailed as one of the most exciting in recent Rayder lore as Jared Hunt's jumper at the buzzer won the game for Charlevoix against a tough Northmen squad.

"It was a game that met the hype and that doesn't happen too often," coach Keith Haske said.

The game was close throughout, with the Rayders holding a narrow 33-31 advantage at the half and 48-45 after three quarters.

"I thought the story of the first half was Ryan DeYoung (11 points in the half) and Cody Crain (10 points)," Haske said. "Cody made about three steals off Petoskey outlet passes and scored on them. Those were times when we were stopped, they got the rebound and still Cody turned them into points for us."

The Rayders extended the lead to eight midway through the fourth quarter as Scott Friske took control in the paint. But Petoskey's Anthony Wilhelm drained two key three-pointers and a Jordan Munson basket erased the Charlevoix lead.

The score went back and forth until the final possession of the game. Friske received the ball at the top of the key, penetrated and when the Northmen defenders collapsed on him, he calmly bounced the ball to Hunt who drilled the game-winner.

"Both teams didn't play that well until it counted," Haske said. "But they played as good as they could down the stretch. It was one of those games where the last team that had the ball was going to win it."

DeYoung finished with 17 points. Friske tallied 13 points and eight rebounds. Crain added 13 points and four steals. Hunt scored nine points.

The Rayders didn't suffer any letdown against East Jordan, racing out to a 34-15 first quarter lead and coasting to the win.

"It seemed like everything we threw up there in the first quarter went in," Haske said.

Charlevoix led 52-29 at the half and 76-44 after three quarters.

Friske led the Rayders with 17 points, 11 rebounds, six assists and three steals despite only playing half of the game. Hunt also scored 17 points.

Bryce Daly had nine points, six assists and two steals. DeYoung scored nine points as well.

Charlevoix, ranked fourth in the state in Class C by the Associated Press, hosted Harbor Springs in conference action on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Results were unavailable at press time.

The Rayders play at Grayling on Friday, Jan. 23.

Youth hockey wins

Boyne Area Hockey Paul Bunyan Lanes hockey team did well in the Traverse City Invitational Midget Hockey Tournament on Jan 16, 17 and 18.

Sixteen teams from St. Clair Shores to Newberry participated.

Boyne Area Hockey's first draw was the Blue Water Panthers from Port Huron.

Eli Barsy opened the scoring with a shorthanded unassisted goal.

Blue Water answered, then the defense took over. In the third period Russell Williams took a pass from Justin Conklin and powered in a shot on a short breakaway and Troy Scarbrough popped in a backhand to cap the 3-1 win.

Josh Aown and Ryan Fields gave the assist on Scarbrough's goal.

Goalie Bobby Courtright made 20 saves and was awarded the game MVP.

The second game was against Mt. Clemens. Boyne's teamwork, tough defense and excellent penalty killing made the difference in this fast and physical game.

Fields scored with assists from Barsy and Conklin and Scarbrough put in the passes from Darren Looze and Cody Webster on a power play to make the game 2-1.

Courtright earned the win in goal as both teams put 14 shots on net.

Defenseman Ryan Fields earned the MVP.

Boyne cruised to a 6-0 win in the third game with Traverse City number two.

Nick Ferree earned the shutout in goal. Fields scored the opener through heavy traffic, Barsy took a pass from Fields and lifted it over the goalie,Webster popped in a pass from Josh Aown on a pretty wraparound. Williams drove in two slapshots, one on a pass from Evan Keller and the other from Britt King.

JP Fiedorek gave a pass to Scarbrough who shot the length of the ice and hit the open net.

MVP went to defenseman Josh Aown. On Sunday, the boys played Royal Oak in the semi final bracket. Boyne got off to a quick start when Looze scored with assists from Webster and Scarbrough just 13 seconds in.

Royal Oak shortly answered, but after Looze and Webster both scooped up rebounds and scored with assists from Webster, Felds, Looze and Aown, the score stood 3-2. With 8 seconds left, Royal Oak tied after capitalizing on a power play which gave them a 6-4 man advantage.

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James R. Roberts vs. Karmen J. Roberts

Julie Daubenspeek vs. Paul Daubenspeck

Births

Alexandra Nichole, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Paul and Bettina Baron of Charlevoix on Jan. 7, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Twins, Lauryn Ann, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and Paige Marie, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces, were born to David and Jennifer Bunch of Ellsworth on Jan. 12, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are John and Joyce Shannon of Gaylord, Randall and Nancy Bunch of Howell and Carol and Joseph Kullsz of Walloon Lake.

Emma Louise, weighing 5 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Jeremy and Faith DeYoung of Charlevoix on Jan. 16, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Harold and Donna DeYoung and Eugene and Patricia Drench.

Noah Loder Guczwa, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to Tim and Laura Guczwa of Spring Lake in Grand Haven. Grandparents are Gary and Hazel Loder of Charlevoix, Frank and Carolyn Guczwa or Monroe.

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Agriculture department to have hearings

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service will have a public listening session in Lansing to gain feedback on a proposed rule to implement the new Conservation Security Program (CSP).

The meeting will be from 1-3 p.m. on Feb. 10 at the Clarion Hotel, 3600 Dunckel Road.

Authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill, CSP is a voluntary conservation program that supports ongoing conservation stewardship of agricultural working lands and enhances the condition of America's natural resources. The program is designed to reward the best conservation stewards of the most environmentally sensitive areas in targeted watersheds.

"We are holding the listening session to give the public ample opportunity to voice their opinions about the new program," said Ron Williams, NRCS State Conservationist for Michigan. "Last year, we used the public's ideas and suggestions to develop the proposed rule and now we are asking for comments that will help guide us in developing the final regulations for program implementation."

Public comments at the listening session will be limited to 5 minutes per speaker. Those who wish to speak may make arrangements in advance by calling Gloria Custer at (517) 324-5246 or they may sign up at the listening session.

If a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations are necessary, contact Gloria Custer by Jan. 27.

Written statements will be accepted at the listening session or may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax to Conservation Security Program Comments, ATTN: David McKay, NRCS Conservation Operations Division, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013; e-mail david.mckay@usda.gov; fax (202) 720-4265.

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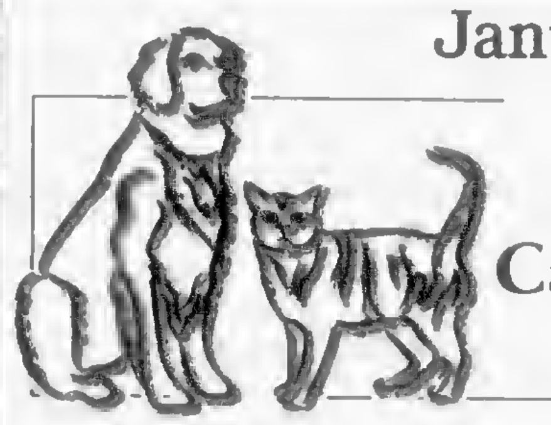

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Alano Club membership

The Alano Club Membership meeting is at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, at the clubhouse located at 104 Mason St. in Charlevoix.

All present and past members are encouraged to come as well as anyone who is interested in the club. Especially welcome are those in a recovery program in this area who benefit from the principles of the A.A. program and the clubhouse meetings.

Firefighter's Ball

The fifth Annual Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighters Ball will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Charlevoix Country Club. Tickets are $25 each. If you are interested in tickets please contact Shari Kline at 547-8495 or the fire department at 547-3279.

Pool events

The following three events are planned for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool:

- Try Scuba — 8-10 p.m., Jan. 27, Cost $15. An opportunity to use Scuba equipment in the pool to see if the sport is for you.
- Review-Fun — 4-6 p.m., Jan. 31, Cost is $15 or $25 if you need rental gear. An opportunity for certified divers to review their skills and try out the new equipment received as Christmas gifts and/or try out new shop equipment.
- Pool/Academics Class — 6-10 p.m., Tuesdays and 2-6 p.m., Saturdays, Feb. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17 and 21. Cost $215. This is an opportunity to complete the classroom and confined water portions of dive certification training.

For more information contact Charlevoix Area Community Pool at 547-0982 or Scuba North (231) 947-2520.

Stroud recognition

The Charlevoix Township Board will be holding an open house in honor of Oscar Stroud for his many years of service to the people of Charlevoix Township. We will acknowledge his retirement from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31 at Stroud Hall, 12491 Waller Road in Charlevoix. The public is encouraged to attend.

No classes

Charlevoix High School students do not have class Friday, Jan. 23, for a teacher in-service.

Also, there is no school for Charlevoix Public School students on Jan. 26, due to a Professional Development Day.

Classes will resume at normal times on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in Charlevoix from 12 to 5:45 p.m., on Jan. 22 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church at the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or just drop in.

Beginning in January all donors will be required to provide an ARC donor car, driver's license, or other government issued ID, prior to donating.

Witness for Life

Please join the "Witness for Life" from 4 to 5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, at the corner of Bridge and Clinton Street in Charlevoix. This marks the date of the Roe/Wade decision of 1973, which legalized abortion. Signs are welcome. Call Marge at 547-2401 for further information.

Free Throw contest

The local Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Youth Free Throw Contest. All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Championship. The local competition starts at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Charlevoix Middle School gym.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with the winners progressing through local, district, and state competition. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus International headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Shawn McDonough at 547-5437.

Parenting workshop

The Charlevoix Public Library is offering a parenting workshop for families who have children from a previous relationship and have entered a new marriage, or are considering entering a new marriage. These workshops are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Thursday evenings with focus on "A Real Family" taught by Amy Spegele, Family Life Educator. The workshop will be focusing on many issues faced by blended families.

Admission is free and the classes take place downstairs in the meeting room at the Charlevoix Public Library, please call or stop in to register.

The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton Street. Their hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday. Contact the library at 547-2651 or online at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Florida reunion

The sixth Florida reunion for all those from the Charlevoix area will be on Feb. 19 at the Old Port Cove Club, in North Palm Beach, Fla. Call Joyce Duke for more information at (561) 622-0596.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more infomation call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

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SCRAPBOOK

New Gym Opens Saturday Night

Marks First Home Basketball Game of Season

Indoor Baseball, VolleyBall and Music by School Band Included in Program

Charlevoix's new high school gymnasium will be opened to the public for the first time on Saturday evening of this week, when the Red and White quintet takes on Kalkaska high school in the opening home game of the season.

Other features of the opening night program are a volley ball game between two teams composed of high school girls, an an indoor baseball game between two Charlevoix men's teams. In addition the Charlevoix high school student band will entertain with musical selections.

Work has beeen rushed to get the gymnasium ready for the opening night, and while not fully completed it is now available. Some idea of the dimensions of the new gym may be gained by the following figures. The interior floor is 56 feet in width by 95 feet in length and the basketball court is 42 feet wide and 85 feet long. Both basketball and indoor baseball courts have been marked out.

Other equipment includes drinking fountains and sanitary cuspidors on the end walls. Enough bleachers have been ordered for the main floor to seat 240 spectators and it is expected they will be available for the opening night. Balconies on three sides of the room equipped with three rows of opera chairs will accomodate 340 people. The large stage will accomodate many more and there is plenty of standing room in addition to seats. Fifteen large ceiling lights illuminate the playing floor in addition to a series of hidden lights beneath the balconies.

The gym has five separate exits so that a large crowd may leave the room in short time. One set of shower baths for boys have been installed and ready for use, but otherwise the basement is not completed.

However, the contractors have stated that unless unseen obstacles prevent, the entire structure will be finished by the end of February.

Charlevoix Courier, Jan. 11, 1928

Ice Crusher Plows Path for Island Ferry At St. James

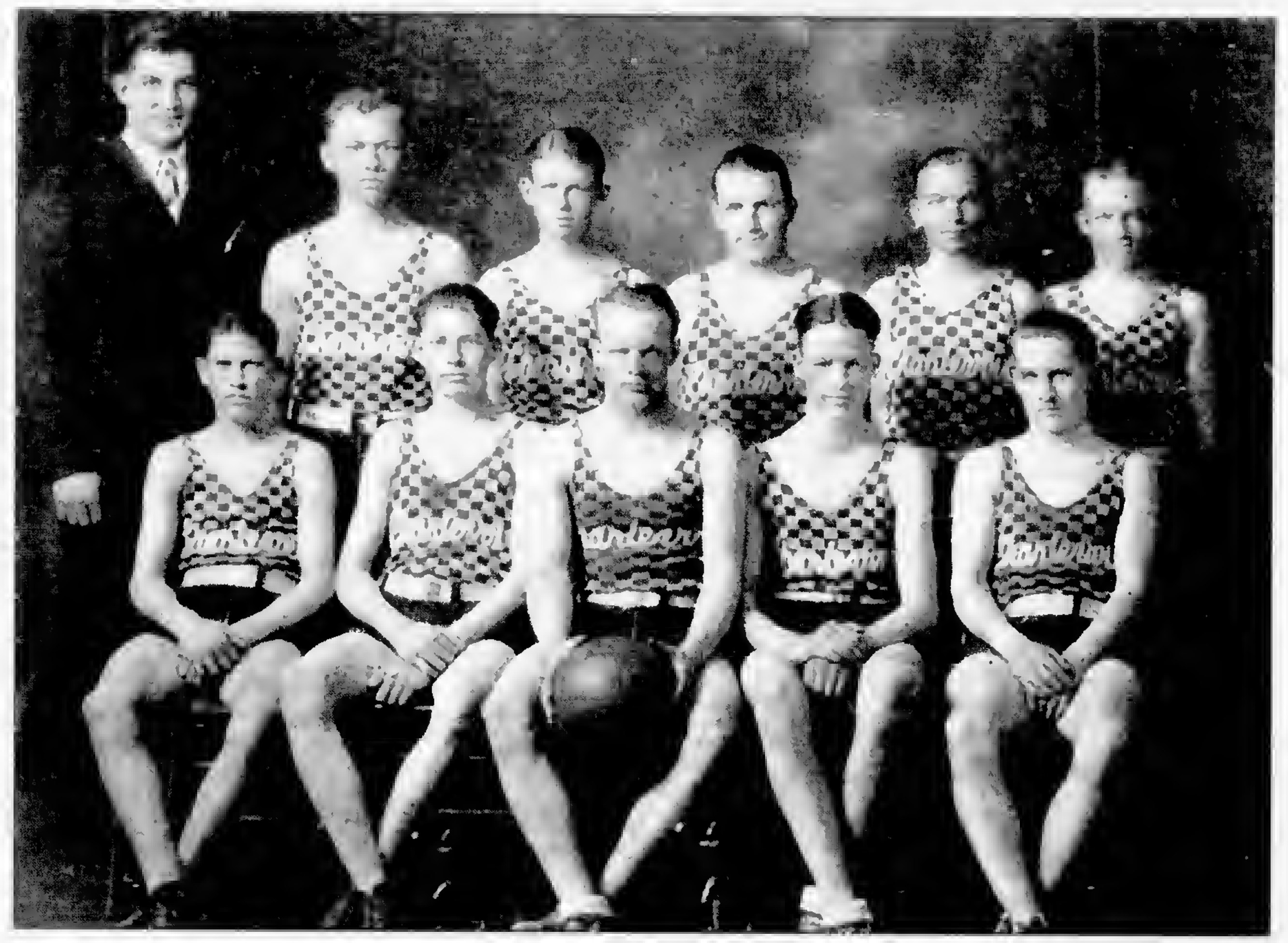
Blocked from entering St. James harbor Friday by ice which had formed that day, the North Shore had a channel plowed for it Monday by the Coast Guard's Mackinaw which came over from Cheboygan.

The Mackinaw took 25 minutes to ram a path through the ice and out again. The North Shore planned to sail again Thursday morning for the Island.

Beaver Islanders got a big laugh out of the published report that the North Shore was a rescue ship bringing needed food to keep folks from starving. Stores and homes there are well stocked for the next three months.

On the Lyons boat were two cars, four caskets, 20 barrels of oil, two stoves, 3000 pounds of coal, five cases of food fats, ten boxes bread, 15 sacks of feed, four cases tobacco, 19 cases liquor, 300 cases of beer and ten cases of wine.

Charlevoix Courier, Jan. 7, 1948



Courtesy of the Charlevoix Historical Society

Charlevoix High School Basketball Team 1927-1928. (Front, from left) Bill Novak, Max Novak, Lyle Beaudoin, Bill Supernaw, Dick Marshall, (second) Coach Bayard Buchan, Ed Kling, Vic Smith, John Williams, Joe Smith and Corny McCall. Stories compiled by Cynthia Postmus on behalf of the Charlevoix Public Library.

Memorial Book Shelf at Library Sponsored by Club

A Memorial Shelf is to be started at the Charlevoix Library.

Sponsored by the Dickens Club

the purpose of the Shelf is to give citizens an opportunity to give books in memory of relatives or friends, and thereby add to the Library.

Four persons have started the shelf with gifts: Mrs. Harry Craig and Mrs. Archie Livingston in memory of their mothers; Mrs. Clair Webster and Mrs. Angus Fochtman in memory of their parents.

A specially designed bookplate has been obtained and one of these will be put on the inside cover. It tells who gave the book and in whose memory. Organizations as well as individuals can give books in memory of members, as can neighborhoods for a friend, or relatives for those who gave their lives during the war.

The library can supply infomation if help is wanted as to what book to buy.

The Memorial Shelf Plan has been carried out successfully in other places. In one town of 1300, during eight years 689 books which the public library otherwise could not have afforded were put on the shelves.

Charlevoix Courier, Jan. 21, 1948

Stores Close for Half Day

Thursday Afternoon is Picked by Merchants

Most of City's Business Men Have Signed Agreement to This Effect

Merchants of Charlevoix have decided to adopt a most wise and beneficial policy. Under the signatures of practically all of the merchants on Bridge street, the owners of these stores have agreed to close their places of business at 12:00 p.m. each Thursday for the balance of the day during the months of February, March, April and May, and no doubt October, November, December and January.

The carrying out of this movement will give the clerks and themselves a chance to get out doors and do things they have heretofore had to put off until Sunday.

Putting is plainly, they have decided to get a little more out of life than has been possible under the old system of staying "holed up" between the walls of the store from Monday morning until Saturday night, with Sunday as the only breathing spell from one years end until another.

Local banks and dentists are included. Patrons and customers of the places of business and service, are asked to arrange their trading accordingly, and the favor will be greatly appreciated.

A large number of towns in the state take all of Thursday off, while others close their place of business at noon on Saturday. However, Thursday afternoon wil prove the best arrangement for Charlevoix with the exception of the busy months of June, July, August and September.

Pastors of our local churches will no doubt expect a larger Sunday church attendance, the increase being largely composed of merchants whose previous excuse for non-attendance has been "duties at my place of business tie me up six days a week and Sunday morning is devoted to taking care of the many little repairs and upkeep about the home."

Charlevoix Courier, Jan. 28, 1925

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No parking

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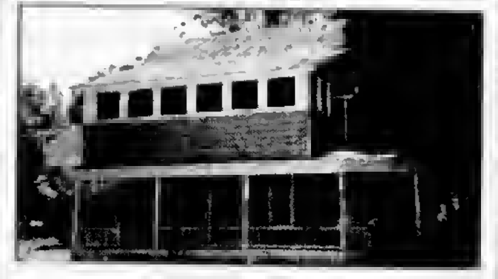

210 Lewis St.

Great older home in a location close to town...Could be converted into one home. Wrap around porch, backs up to alley, nice size home. Live in one side and rent out the other! $298,000. MLS #39330

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Nestled on a beautiful evergreen tree setting, this classic farmhouse offers the best of both worlds! A short walk to downtown and even a shorter walk to the country just outside your back door. The Charlevoix City Golf Course is next to this property, and Lake Michigan beach is within walking distance. Three bedrooms, one bath and 1,700 sq. ft. $169,900. MLS #393383

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Bank Foreclosure

Incredible hilltop setting overlooking Lake Charlevoix complete with 13.5 acres of privacy, ponds and hardwoods. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, newly decorated with bright open interior and decks galore. Priced well below appraisal. Asking $349,000.

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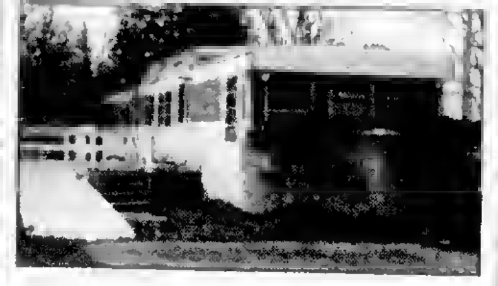
South Side Charlevoix



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Inside...

Blizzard bags

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Residents, roads buried

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Winter weather hammered the Charlevoix area last week, bringing several inches of snow and frigid temperatures.

According to Jim Caldwell, lead operator of the Charlevoix Water plant, the area received about 7 inches of snow on Thursday and another two inches by mid-afternoon Friday, making a total 59 inches of snow on the ground.

The average yearly snowfall for the Charlevoix area is 104 inches.

"We are a little over halfway there," Caldwell said.

Andy Sullivan, meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said the showers were the result of a very cold air mass moving over the relatively warm waters of Lake Michigan. The water temperature is currently around the mid 30s, but the air temperature is in the upper singles and teens.

Sullivan said there is more in store for Charlevoix residents this week. He said the cold air and snowy weather should stick around through this weekend.

Sullivan pointed out in late fall the National Weather Service did predict a slightly warmer winter, with average precipitation.

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Photo by Jeremy McBain

A Charlevoix County Snowplow clears off the shoulder of Stover Road near Marion Center Road Friday, following some wicked winter weather. Storm forecasters say the winter weather will stick around through this weekend.

ZBA votes against Sunnybank

Attorney for developers may take it to circuit court

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The city may have told an assisted living developer no, but a circuit court judge could say yes.

The city of Charlevoix's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) ruled Jan. 21 that professional office uses allowed with a special use permit in the R-1 and R-2 single family residential districts do not include assisted living facilities.

This means the application submitted by Ruth Bellisimo and Diane Gillette, owners of Sunnybank Retirement Community, can only go through with the help of a judge.

The application submitted in early December requested that the city planning commission grant Gillette and Bellisimo a special use permit to build an assisted living facility. The proposed property is a 2-acre parcel owned by Charlevoix resident Ed Amick that is located in the R-2 district off Petoskey Avenue on Charlevoix's north side.

Ed Engstrom, an attorney with the Charlevoix law firm Barron and Golski argued on behalf of Bellisimo and Gillette. He said that because there is no definition of professional office in the R-1 and R-2 districts that the same uses that are allowed in the professional office district, including nursing homes, are allowed as a special use in the R-1 and the R-2.

On Dec. 8 the planning commission made the controversial decision to set a public hearing to listen to the request.

The hearing was postponed pending an appeal by city manager Mike Wiesner and at that appeal, the ZBA ultimately ruled the facility is not an allowable use in that district.

The ZBA's decision circled around definitions of professional office and nursing home.

Because there is no definition of professional office in the zoning ordinance, the ZBA relied on a dictionary of general use to define it. After looking up the definition of professional and office, members of the ZBA

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Alfredo Jose Caicedo, 19, Midland. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend one day MIP class; $100 in fines and costs.

Tino Chico Shackleford, 27, Ellsworth. Driving while license suspended. Serve five days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

James Douglas Fresaro, 17, Bloomfield Hills. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend one day MIP class; $100 in fines and costs.

Jayson Lee Goldsmith, 20, Boyne City. Violation of restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Kristine Rose Grice, 42, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Daniel Lee Derenzy, 53, Boyne City. Driving while under the influence of alcohol — second offense. Two years probation; vehicle immobilized 180 days; attend three Alcoholic's Anonymous classes per week; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 91 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 243 days held in abeyance; $1,100 in fines and costs.

Andrew Charles Wright, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Amy Nicole Cosola, 20, Birmingham. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend one day MIP class; $100 in fines and costs.

Josette Marie Wardin, 24, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Brandon Joseph Murray, 17, East Jordan. Destruction of property. Six months probation; five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; $225 plus restitution to be determined, in fines and costs.

Monty Dee Loper, 47, Boyne Falls. Larceny, over $200, under $1,000 Six months probation; 40 days in jail, 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail, 20 days held in abeyance; $200 in fines and costs.

Dylan Mitchelle Moore, 17, Boyne City. Trespassing; and minor in possession of tobacco. Five months probation; 30 days in jail with credit for two days, 28 days held in abeyance.

Timothy Lemuel Thomas, 45, Petoskey. Drunk and disorderly person. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Orin James Oldebekking, 55, Williamsburg. Driving while under the influence of alcohol. Jail for 20 days with credit for one day, serve 19 days; $1,280 in fines and costs.

Eric Hausler, 43, Boyne Falls. Driving while impaired. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 66 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 50 days held in abeyance; $950 in fines and costs.

Joshua David Williams, 22, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of a building under $200. Six months probation; 93 days in jail, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 83 days held in abeyance; $621.94 in fines and costs.

Kyle Irving Leinstein, 21, Harbor Springs. Driving while impaired; and no operator's license on person. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,010 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Aaron Grams, 23, Charlevoix. Larceny under $200. Serve 20 days in jail; $705 in fines and costs.

Christopher A. Hayden, 20, East Jordan. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Bound over to circuit court.

Circuit Court

The following case was heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

John Michael Yuschik, 47, Charlevoix. Probation violation — driving while under the influence of alcohol, third offense. Jail for 12 months with credit for 182 days, serve 12 months.

Assumed Name

The following business filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

TNT Gunworks, 58 Park Drive, East Jordan, by Todd Michael Huzek

Marriages

The following people have been granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Timothy Paul Hefty, 21, East Jordan and Diane Patrice Sullivan, 23, Traverse City

Bryan Manning Burns, 21, Petoskey and Elysia Ann Baker, 17, Boyne City

Births

Chase Michael, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces, was born to Mark and Holly Vincent of East Jordan on Jan. 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Evan Layton, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces, was born to Joseph and Ann Marie Solomon of Charlevoix on Jan. 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. There is one sister, Hannah Christine. Grandparents are Lois Furtaw and the late William Furtaw of Rogers City, Dianne and Mike Dauser of Grandville and Jerry and Cheryl Solomon of Rockford.

Annual Ride-In Saturday

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Thanks to favorable winter weather, the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club's annual Ride-In will be closer to home this year.

The event, which will be Saturday, Jan. 31, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., was usually at Ferry Beach. However, club president Bruce Wood said great winter conditions will allow the club to have the event in downtown Charlevoix this year at East Park.

"The trails are great. They are being groomed all the time coming into Charlevoix," Wood said. "They will be groomed several times this week."

This year's annual Ride-In will feature door prizes, free hot-dogs, hamburgers and brats, a membership drive and a T-shirt sale. Wood added most of the door prizes were donated by local merchants.

The club has around 50 members.

To get to the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Ride-In, use the snowmobile trail to get to Ferry Avenue and then turn left on Belvedere Avenue.

Belvedere Avenue will take you into town.

Parking will be at Veteran's Park.

Wood said there will be signs leading downtown for snowmobilers or they can just follow the "green diamonds."

Correction

On page 17 of the Jan. 14 edition of the Charlevoix Courier the name of a member of the Rayders wrestling team was misspelled. His name is Robert Gretsch.

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Blizzard Bags help area elderly in winter

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff Writer

Over 10 inches of snow was forecasted to fall Wednesday Jan. 21.

This news was a thorn in the side of people in the business community that have to make the morning and evening commute to work. But for homebound elderly people in town it's more than an inconvenience.

Shirley Johnson, a Charlevoix resident who lives at the Pine River Place, said she feels a little anxious as she sits in her apartment watching the flakes fall and wondering if her next meal will arrive.

"I'm practically in a wheelchair, I don't get out," she said.

With no mobility and senior center meals on wheels volunteers unable to navigate nasty roads to get meals in the hands of Johnson and others, they could be left hungry.

But many area seniors are finding additional help through preplanning by coordinators of "Meals on Wheels" programs at both the Charlevoix Senior Center and the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging.

"They are not going to go hungry," Susan Bergmann, director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, said.

The commission on aging sends extra frozen dinners out in early December and asks recipients to rotate them. On the weekends they get five hot meals and two frozen meals. If the weather is bad, they throw in an extra frozen meal just in case.

The senior center handles the nasty weather by assembling blizzard bags for the 17 people they deliver to every day.

The bags include packaged applesauce and granola bars, canned soup, cracker packages and juice.

"The people at least have something they can snack on and don't have to get excited about not having a meal," Earl Muma, director of the Charlevoix Senior Center, said.

Menus for the Meals on Wheels program are inspected by the Area Agency on Aging. Meal providers are required to include 3-4 ounces of protein, one cup of fruits and veggies, bread, dessert, milk, one serving of vitamin C, one serving of vitamin A three times each week and only one high sodium meal a month.

Those who are delivered meals through the senior center are charged $3. A $2 donation is suggested for those who partake in the commission on aging program.

For more information about the senior center's Meals on Wheels program contact the center at 547-5361 or for information about the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging program contact the office at 237-0103.

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Senior Center Director Earl Muma helps Kim Brock, a Bergmann Center employee and Helen, a Bergmann Center AKtion Club member gather meals, on wheels food and blizzard bags.

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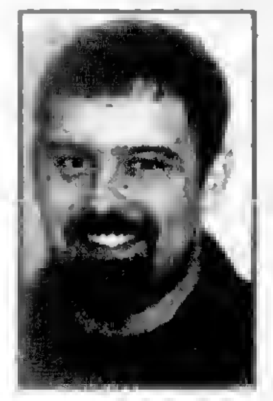
Walking billboards, road heroes and athletics



Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

Ah, the winter weather has arrived in Charlevoix.

It is during this time of the season, I find myself sitting back a little more and deeply thinking about things around me. Usually, a cup of hot tea is in my hand, maybe mixed with something to stimulate the thoughts further.

So, without further ado, here are a few things to think about this month.

Advertising

The other day I found myself at the Grand Traverse Mall. Before all the local merchants start sending me hate mail, I usually don't spend too much money there, I just enjoy people watching.

While there I noticed the massive amount of people who have become walking billboards. You see them every day, wearing T-shirts that say "Nautica" or "Guess" or whatever.

It seems that fashion is no longer the color of your clothing, its cut or the cloth that it is made out of. Fashion today is the brand name prominently displayed for all to see.

I could never get into this trend. But, it is so hard to find a simple shirt anymore without advertising on it. Have you ever really taken a look at what retailers have to offer in clothing? Just when you find a shirt that is the color and cut that you like, you look at the front to find some business name splashed across it.

Personally, I don't understand why people would want to pay to advertise a business. I am from the school of thought that says businesses must pay me to advertise for them.

Oh well, I guess I am just not as hip as I used to be.

On a side note — NASCAR fans have really taken this clothing as advertising trend to the max. I see several of them sporting coats now that are covered with the same advertising that is on their favorite driver's car. I find this very interesting.

The best one I saw was last weekend at the Grand Traverse Mall. Here was a middle aged man, walking around the mall with a NASCAR jacket on. And, in big letters across the front and back of this jacket was the word "Viagra" – which is a brand-name drug to cure impotence in men.

This was a man who was either proud of his erectile dysfunction or not really sure what "Viagra" is.

Snowplows

During this time of year, there is a hero that tends to be overlooked by the community.

This hero helps keep us safe on the roads, by clearing a path. He or she keeps traffic moving, helps us get to work and thus keeps commerce flowing.

This hero of the winter is snowplow drivers.

These men and women work long hours each week to make sure our drive to work or school is uneventful in the morning. Sometimes even over 60 hours a week. They brave chilling temperatures and whiteout conditions as they complete their task.

Sure, sometimes we get mad at them when driving behind one or they push the snow into our driveways. But think of where we would be without snowplow drivers....besides a ditch, that is.

Jim Parrish

It saddens and angers me that the Charlevoix Community School Board decided to fire Charlevoix High School varsity girls' coach Jim Parrish.

Parrish is a man who I have enjoyed working with over the last few years. He came to the program following the controversial resignation of former basketball coach Jason Otter and helped lead the team to success.

Along with his quiet and kind demeanor, Parrish led the girls' basketball team to conference and district championships. Even this year, when Parrish found himself without some of his star players due to injury, the team went to the district finals.

But, apparently this is not enough for some people in our school district. In his reasoning for wanting the board to fire Parrish, school athletic director Jim Kanine said he was concerned with Parrish's leadership, conditioning and the team's success, among a few others — all very minor.

Kanine even said that some people — who he wouldn't name — wanted a coaching change.

I am sorry, but I thought Parrish was a decent man and a good coach. He was a great example to the students on his basketball team and his team was successful, even if they didn't go to state finals.

The people of the school district — parents, administrators and fans — need to remember that school sports is about learning teamwork, the thrill of competition, athletic skills and bonding between students.

It is not about winning.

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What will happen when Wal-Mart comes to town?

Edith Gilbert

'Behind the news'

The next time you drive to Wal-Mart in Petoskey, think how lucky you are that we don't have one in Charlevoix — at least not yet!

Yes, I know this mega corporation delivers phenomenally low prices, cheap groceries, promises new jobs and enriched local tax coffers. But at what cost?

When you buy for less at Wal-Mart, you are still paying — it's just a question out of which pocket?

Let's start with jobs that Wal-Mart offers. Workers who are hired for these so called "jobs with a future" are not likely to get more than $6.25 to $8 an hour and 70 percent of "associate jobs" are part time or 28 hours a week.

Associate positions must remain flexible and require some nighttime and weekend work. There is no overtime offered. As a result, Wal-Mart workers often turn to food stamps — paid for with our tax dollar — apply for the federal government's Earned Income Tax Credit and turn to states for aid in child support payments.

Is it any wonder that 500,000 workers quit these dead-end jobs every year?

What about Health Care? Part-time Wal-Mart workers have to wait two years for insurance, full-time employees wait six months for insurance, and the coverage has high premiums and deductibles.

Consequently, uninsured workers are forced to use emergency room services that we pay for.

Speaking of insurance, life insurance for Wal-Mart employees is actually a tax shelter for the company. Wal-Mart offers its employees something called "company paid life insurance" which turns out to be, according to Newsweek Magazine, a clever loophole in the federal tax code.

Wal-Mart agrees to pay $5,000 to the family of anyone who dies while employed by Wal-Mart.

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Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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Letters to the editor

Wal-Mart = traffic

Editor:

Have you considered the increased traffic congestion in our community if the proposed 157,000 square foot Wal-Mart Supercenter is allowed to be built? First of all, Wal-Mart has proposed closing Stover Road and adding a new traffic signal in the location of the old Silver Birch Motel.

Local traffic on Marion Center Road, M-66 and US-31 will be forced to handle an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 additional shopping trips per day to the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter. That's not including the semi-truck traffic needed to fill up the big-box store that will travel on M-66 and US-31. Maybe you've already noticed the extra time in traffic at the corner of M-66 and US-31, and that's only with the relocation of the Post Office and the new high school.

What combined impact will summer bridge traffic and Wal-Mart traffic have on our town? Where will the traffic through town end? Two summers ago, it took me an hour to get to Wolohan's to buy a sheet of plywood. Do we as year-round Charlevoix residents, want to experience Venetian Festival traffic everyday so people in East Jordan, Ellsworth, Torch Lake, and others can shop at a Wal-Mart Supercenter?

We already have a Wal-Mart Supercenter only 20 minutes away.

Dave Beane
Charlevoix

Don't worry about Wal-Mart

Editor:

Local merchants and residents should not worry about Wal-Mart coming to a nearby township. They, instead, should worry about how to come up with $3.8 million dollars for a marina project that probably isn't needed either.

Richard L. Weidinger
Ellsworth

Wal-Mart will hurt

Editor:

We all know the movie "It's a Wonderful Life." In it, George Bailey was able to see what would have happened to his community if he had not existed; now there's something to think about.

What would be the economic effect of a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix? Many towns have taken the time to do an Economic Impact Study and have found it would be detrimental to have this type of supercenter in their community so they have denied zoning on that basis alone. The town of North Elba, who oversees the development of Lake Placid, New York a small tourist town very similar to ours, enacted zoning laws that call for "any undue adverse impact on the natural, physical, social and economic resources of the Village/Town [to] be avoided." Their Economic Impact Study showed that it would take up to 14 years to refill vacant space caused by the construction of a superstore. Another Economic Impact Study done on three small, adjacent towns in Maine showed that 44.6 percent of the local businesses' revenue was spent within the surrounding two counties. This compares to 14.1 percent for a major big box retailer. That is money that will no longer go to local banks, manufacturers, newspapers, repair people and, maybe more importantly, local charities. The Maine study showed that the local businesses contributed four times as much, based on overall sales, as Wal-Mart gave to charities in 2002. How do we suppose that will affect local schools, food banks, the pool, the Venetian Festival and of course the Petunia Patrol? Imagine what this community will be like if the stores directly affected by this didn't exist. It's not that just the stores would be vacant, the jobs would be lost, the money that flows back into our local economy would be lost and our very sense of community would be lost.

I do not want to overlook the environmental effects this will also have. In June, 2001, the Department of Justice settled multiple Clean Water Act violations with Wal-Mart to the tune of $1 million and a $4.5 million environmental management plan that was intended to improve their compliance with environmental laws. Only two years later, in 2003, the Attorney General of Connecticut is suing several Wal-Marts and Sam's Clubs for failing to obtain the necessary permits for wastewater discharge. The Attorney General said, "There is a clear pattern of corporate

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Wal-Mart's price is great

GILBERT

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This is not a fortune, but it is free and give employees a reason to sign up. Wal-Mart, of course gets tax deductions that are worth far more than the death benefit it pays to the family.

In southern California 70,000 grocery workers have been striking major local chains for over 4 months, because the companies are demanding a 50-percent cut in workers' medical coverage, plus a two-tier wage system that denies new employees good middle-class wages now being paid to grocery workers. The companies claim that potential Wal-Mart competition is forcing their hand. We already know what Wal-Mart has done to the toy stores.

Professor Ken Stone released a study for the Iowa State University that says, "When Wal-Mart comes into a small town, they're going to take a big hunk out of the retail pie and the retail pie is virtually fixed. Somebody loses."

In Charlevoix that means more vacant stores, plus the city will lose property tax revenues. In addition Wal-Mart's profits leave the area and are not re-invested here

Finally, when asked about union membership, Wal-Mart states they are non-union, not anti-union, but according to a former employee, Dale Stiles, "The open door policy means that if you OPEN your mouth, you'll be OUT the door."

For those who are interested in learning more on this subject, there are two excellent books currently available. One is called, "Nickel and Dimed" by Barbara Ehrenreich, which was on the N.Y. Times best-seller list, and the second is called "Slam-Dunking Wal-Mart!" by Al Norman.

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- Working full time as a Wal-Mart associate means working 28 hours a week for between $6.00 and $7.50[1] (2001 wages).
- In 2001, its sales clerks made less, on average, than the federal poverty level.[2]
- Wal-Mart's employee turnover rate is 44%[2] and "70% of employees leave within the first year."[1]
- Even Wal-Mart has to cut back hours during the off-season to keep up profits.[3]
- Full-time employees are eligible for health insurance, but they must pay 35% of the costs, twice the national average.[1]
- Many employees can't afford the health insurance offered by the company, and many of those that do have health coverage through the company can't afford deductibles that run as high as $3,000 a year.[4]

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disregard that rises above the management of individual stores. Such a callous disregard of their environmental responsibilities will not be tolerated." This is the second time Wal-Mart has been referred to the Connecticut Attorney General. Apparently the $5.5 million total fine in 2001 was not of consequence to this corporation.

I ask our county officials to be thorough in their investigation of what this development will really do to our community. Commissioning an Economic Impact Study to help protect our community character is an important part of thoroughness.

I am asking the supporters of this development to consider whether or not this sounds like such a wonderful life? While George Bailey may be a fictional character, I hope that the spirit of his message will be felt by our community.

Maureen Themm
Charlevoix

Thank you Edith

Editor:

Dear Edith Gilbert:

So glad you are still young and well. I remember a beautiful slim Gilbert yacht, black hull, must have been a connection. My parents bought the Japanese cottage in a grove of trees about 1923 from the Kittselmans who had lived in Japan. My nephew Burton Hales is the current loving owner who also grew up in the cottage, along with his brother Dan Hales, who is now living as close as he can — next door. On the then open porch of the Casino in 1937 I met Helen Cornwell of Sequanota and are still living happily ever after — and shouting many mornings, "This a Charlevoix Day."

Every day of the war in the Pacific was also delightful on the aircraft carrier USS Wasp with Air Officer, Commander Ed Shanahan. We had the Courier and a boat bigger than the Sylvia and we were always sailing to Beaver Island! Valentine Love to you ALL.

Homer and Helen Jones
Hightstown, N.J.

Blood drive success

Editor:

Do you remember the harsh, blizzard-like conditions on Thursday, January 22?

The weather was hard and cold outside, but hearts were soft and warm inside the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix as the Red Cross had its January community blood drive.

Red Cross staff and Red Cross volunteers welcomed 126 potential donors. What a spectacular turnout at a time when the demand for blood is growing faster than the collections.

I am so proud of the active support for the Red Cross that we can count on in Charlevoix! Thank you!

The list of heroes for the Red Cross in Charlevoix is long and impressive. It includes all of my volunteers who make phone calls, bake and work at the blood drive, every individual who donates blood, the Lions Club members who willingly do the hard work of setting up all of the beads, tables, chairs and supplies for the afternoon, then return to reload and reset. I'm grateful to the Reformed Church and to the businesses that promote awareness of the blood drives with posters and flyers. Thanks to the city water and electric staff for dealing with the banners in the strong winds.

Bethany Lutheran Church will host a drive for Type O blood from 1 - 6 p.m. on March 11. The Reformed Church will again be the site for the community drive from noon - 6 p.m. on May 13. Please be a regular blood donor for the American Red Cross. Thank you!

Ellen Schuiling
Charlevoix Coordinator

Thank you

Editor:

To the generous people of the three county area, we thank you for your unselfish donations to the 2003 "Toys for Tots" toy drive. Toys, books, games, financial support were collected and distributed to over 350 children from 168 families in the Charlevoix area.

This massive job would not have happened without the help of all the dedicated volunteers from the following groups: Charlevoix Christmas Foundation, Salvation Army, Family Independence Agency, American Legion, Marine Corps League, V.F.W., Care and Share, the churches, school, local news outlets, Traverse City Trolley, the Charlevoix Street Department and the many businesses that placed boxes and posters in their stores.

Special thanks to you Bev Boss and your Christmas crew.

Without your support many families would not have had a truly joyous Christmas. Thank you to all the many volunteers who spent countless hours sorting and preparing bags and boxes for delivery on Christmas week.

We of the Marine Corp. League salute you. Semper Fi.

Russell A. Bolt
Charlevoix

Wonderful music

Editor:

This music listener regularly bounded back and forth from places like Masonic Temple in Detroit to Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor for 32 years to attend the very best presentations by leading symphony orchestras, bands, chamber music ensembles, dance companies and instrumental and vocal soloists from all over the nation and the world. Now, the great news is that Northwest Academy Band of Charlevoix will perform at Hill Auditorium on Jan. 23 in competition with other selected student ensembles.

It was my pleasure to hear this group several times during the past few years. A few weeks ago I heard them play the compositions to be performed in Ann Arbor. They were truly very proficient and exciting. So much so in fact, that I decided to go to Petoskey to hear them again yesterday, in spite of very wintry weather. They were the invited guests and participants in a program sponsored by the Crooked Tree Arts Center, but at Petoskey High School.

The additional happy surprise was the music performed by the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra, divided by their concert orchestra and their chamber orchestra, a culmination of great effort by Robert Dudd, Dorothy Gerber chair for children and music, who rightly boasted the successes of getting more than 400 area students involved in learning to play stringed instruments:

The Youth Orchestra is comprised of students from this large group of new enthusiasts from several local communities. Happily, this string orchestra has greatly improved in a very short time and were a joy to hear, thanks to Dudd, who with his obvious enthusiasm and commitment conducted the orchestra. The Sunday program concluded with two pieces performed by the strings group and the Northwest Academy Band, again with Dudd as capable conductor and with a few additional student musicians helping out.

A big thank you, then, to Dudd, Gary Stutzman, conductor of the Northwest Academy Band, Dale Hull, director of the Crooked Tree Arts Center and the students and parents who made this enjoyable and inspiring event possible. And the best of wishes to Stutzman and the band and in Ann Arbor on Jan. 23.

You are great.

How soon will we hear about Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra being invited to perform at a well-known, prestigious auditorium? Soon, I bet.

David A. Wassenaar
Charlevoix

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Jan. 21	17	7	tr
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Jan. 25	16	-5	.1"
Jan. 26	20	5	—

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Charlevoix County Commissioners
Synopsis - Organizational Meeting of the 136th Session

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. on January 14, 2004 in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the December 29, 2003 meeting.

Motion elected Commissioner Reinhardt temporary Chairman.
Secret Ballot declared Commissioner Patrick permanent Chairman.

Motion declared Commissioner Roloff Vice-Chairman.

The Board agreed to keep the meeting schedule for 2004 the same as 2003's:

MEETING SCHEDULE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	Second Wed., monthly 3:00 p.m. Fourth Wed., monthly 7:00 p.m.
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	As necessary(No set schedule)
PERSONNEL/INTERNAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE	First Wed., monthly, 3:00 p.m.
PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIAL/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE	First Tues., monthly 3:00 p.m.

Motion continued publication of synopsis of Commission meetings in County newspapers.

Motion approved appointment of Oral Sutliff to the FIA Board to finish Eleanor Sutliff's term.

Motion approved the appointment of Cheryl Beyer as Deputy Emergency Services.

Motion approved the slate of appointments as agreed upon.

Motion approved Resolution #04-001, Computer Support Agreement.

Motion approved the reappointment of John Kurtz and Ellen Zienert to the Workforce Development Board for two-year terms.

Motion approved Resolution #04-002, Drunk Driver Jail Reduction and Community Treatment Program.

Motion approved hiring a part-time position for IT with Personnel to decide if it will be a part-time county employee or a part-time contractual position.

Motion adjourned the 136th session of the Board of Commissioners.

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Loeb project still needs aquifer tests

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Marion Township consultants have found two parcels off Loeb Road would support on site septic systems, but a study of whether or not wells would impact the aquifer has been held up.

In November, the Marion Township Board approved hiring consultants to help the township work through the kinks of a controversial rezoning request.

Wayne Boss and his family members, who are partners in Legacy Development Group, LLC, have filed a request with the township to rezone land they own from agricultural to R-1, single family residential, to make way for a development.

The request applies to two parcels totaling 53 acres, both fronting on Loeb Road around where it intersects with Veenstra Road.

The development plan presented by the Legacy group at a public hearing in late October included 85 "affordable" home sites on lots that would be a minimum of 20,000 square feet. Boss said he is aiming to keep prices under $120,000.

Residents at the hearing voiced concerns about the property's ability to maintain a good septic system and to handle this type of development in lieu of wet areas. Each home would require its own on-site septic and well or the developers could go with a shared water supply.

Aaron Nordman, a civil engineer with Performance Engineers in Charlevoix, was contracted by the township to study these issues.

He said he is looking at two things. One, soils and the possibility of contamination from onsite septic fields. And two, the impact on-site wells would have on the aquifer both in terms of contamination and water supply.

Larry Levengood, a registered sanitarian with the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, helped Nordman with the study. Levengood said a study of this kind is a typical approach to development.

"There is greater concern here in that we are looking at more units than there are in most projects," he said.

Nordman and Levengood have completed the septic part of the study and Nordman said no problems were found.

On the parcel north of Veenstra Road, which Nordman referred to as the sandy site, he found a confining clay layer. And at the south site, tests showed high groundwater and a wet area on the back side of the property. He said these wet issues doesn't mean this southerly parcel can't be developed — Legacy will just have to design around it or deal with it by using mounded septic systems.

Boss has said he doesn't plan to develop this wet part of the property, which he estimates to be about five to seven percent of the whole piece.

Nordman said he assumes he won't find any problem with onsite wells, but hasn't been able to do that part of the study yet because Boss has told him it isn't something Legacy is required to do.

"We can possibly waive it and close out the project, that just wasn't the original plan," Nordman said.

Nordman told Boss this change in the scope of the project isn't a decision he could make and it would have to be cleared by the township planning commission.

Boss is in the Upper Peninsula this week and was unavailable for comment for this story.

Planning commission chairman Tim Matchett said he doesn't think Boss is stalling. He said for the aquifer test, Legacy will have to foot the bill for two wells that can later be used for residences, but the up front cost it still there.

Barney Way, one of the developers, attended the commission's meeting on Jan. 26 and said the group is looking at building a shared water system with two large wells. With this approach the wells being used for tests would be a waste for the developers.

At the commission's meeting they reviewed a memo from Nordman. In it he tells them that Legacy has provided several well logs for surrounding properties as well as a log of one onsite well.

"This information could be used to make some inferences about the susceptibility of the proposed aquifer to contamination from the on-site septic systems. However, without conducting an aquifer test, we do not believe that enough information has been presented to make any reasonable assessment of the aquifer characteristics pertaining to storativity, transmissivity, yield or impacts to neighboring properties," Nordman wrote in the memo.

He then recommended that the township require the aquifer testing. And the commission ultimately voted to require the test.

Once Nordman brings back the aquifer information the township's planning commissioners will make a recommendation to the township board as to whether or not they feel the rezoning request should be approved. The Charlevoix County Planning Commission will then review the request and make its recommendation.

Then the township board will review it and make the final decision.

The planning commission may review the aquifer information at its next meeting scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 23 at the Marion Township Hall located off Marion Center Road. However, Matchett said it is doubtful the study will be ready for review.

Matchett said the commission is taking its time on this rezoning request and is being very cautious.

"It's one of the largest rezones to R-1 quite frankly in the township, period, to date. It's a big step. It's a large amount of land," Matchett said.

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City wants change in bridge operation

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff Writer

Bridge coaching may make your summer commute through Charlevoix a little faster.

City manager Mike Wiesner plans to contact representatives at the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to inquire about the possibility of making some changes in the way the bridge currently operates.

At the city council meeting Jan. 19 discussion emerged once again about closing the north intersection of Bridge and Clinton streets to help alleviate the seasonal traffic problem.

Discussion from those who attended the meeting did not support this idea.

Many brought up the traffic study done by Rick Lyles and Associates of Williamsburg that showed this would not make a significant difference in the flow of traffic, would be difficult to enforce and may be perceived as "anti-pedestrian."

Lyles' crew was in Charlevoix watching traffic and pedestrian flow during the summer of 2002. The study they later completed said Bridge Street, a two-lane road and the drawbridge are the source of the traffic debacle.

Lyles suggested removing some parking spaces and altering crosswalks, but did not advocate closing that north intersection at Bridge and Clinton streets.

Kirby Dipert, owner of several clothing stores along Bridge Street said such a closing would not only be anti-pedestrian it would be anti-business. He said closing the crosswalk could deter people from shopping on the Round Lake side of the street from Clinton Street to Bridge Park Drive.

"And I don't think it's going to overall improve anything. I think it would just change it," he said.

Dipert suggested managing the openings and closings of the bridge instead in an attempt to limit the amount of time it's open.

"I think if we have the bridge open 50 percent less time, there will be 50 percent less of a traffic backup," he said.

Wiesner said it would take a recommendation from a traffic engineer to make major changes to the bridge openings. But he said some easy to implement small changes could be an option.

He plans to discuss with MDOT the possibility of installing a clock at the pier head that is synchronized with the bridge operator's clock so boaters know when the bridge will open. He said he is also considering getting a radio for the bridge operator so that individual can communicate with boaters and get them ready to make their way through.

"Hopefully it would get the boats in a tighter line so the bridge doesn't have to stay open as long," Wiesner said.

Drain commissioner thinks county is not paying enough

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner JoAnne Beemon said she is tired of the way the county treats her position and is thinking about going to an attorney about it.

Beemon announced her intentions at a Charlevoix County Commission meeting earlier late last month, saying the yearly salary of $1 was not enough and the commissioners are not paying her for all the meetings she is required to attend as part of her position. She said she has contacted a Traverse City attorney about the matter, but has not had time to meet with him.

"It is a disservice to the people in the county who elected me to do my job," she said. "Who in their right mind would go up against big money and the good old boy network to protect streams for nothing."

Beemon said she regularly attends meetings that she is required to attend, where she is the only county official who is not being paid to attend that meeting. She added even Charlevoix County Commissioners are paid for the meetings they attend as part of their jobs.

Beemon said when she was elected, she knew that the county would only pay a salary of $1 a year for the drain commission, but she thought the commissioners would be fair about the meetings she must attend.

But, Beemon said she is not the first Drain Commissioner to have an issue with the county commissioners.

"There is a colorful history of the Charlevoix Drain Commission, going back to a 1972 squabble between the drain commissioner and the county commission," she said.

In that argument, the drain commissioner was complaining because his budget was slashed and his pay was cut down to $1.

"Our county hasn't wanted a Drain Commissioner, so they made it so painful and difficult to do the job. My job is to protect natural water sources and resources of Charlevoix County," she said.

But, Charlevoix County Commissioners say this is not true.

Charlevoix County Commissioner Valerie Snyder said beside the fact that state law required the county to have a drain commissioner, Beemon's $1 a year salary is consistent with a lot of other northern Michigan counties, such as Emmett County.

In fact, Snyder said she thinks the county is actually moving forward in its relationship with the drain commissioner. She said before Beemon was elected, the drain commissioner did not have an office. Now the Drain Commissioner has an office and a computer.

Snyder added, the drain commissioner is in charge of drains in the county and Charlevoix does not have any.

But, Beemon argues this is false.

"There are designated drains in Charlevoix County. There are two drains," she said.

Beemon added she is getting requests for more drains. Plus, she said state laws indicate she is responsible for all the natural waterways in the county.

Snyder said, "I think there is a difference of opinion between the role (Beemon) thinks she has and the role some of the commissioners think she has."

As for getting paid for the meetings she attends, Shirley Roloff, county commissioner and member of the audit committee that pays for those meetings, said Beemon simply is not turning in the required paperwork.

And when she does, Roloff said Beemon does not fill it in completely.

"I have said to her every month, "JoAnne, please turn in a voucher,'" Roloff said. "We do this every month and there is nothing there."

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Norwood Zoning Administrator resigns

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff Writer

After three years of service, Norwood Township zoning administrator Lynn Smolenyak has stepped down.

She officially resigned the position at the Norwood Township Board meeting Jan. 19 saying the part-time job has become a full-time responsibility and it's just too much. She said the job takes at least 700 hours a year.

"The time the position requires is too intrusive to my first priorities which are my family and other job," Smolenyak wrote in a letter to the township board.

While she cited time as the contributing factor in her decision, Norwood Township Supervisor Wayne Boss said there was more to it.

"I think she got tired of getting blasted from side-to-side by the Maynards (Mark and Marilyn) and having her integrity impugned, which was not justified. Lynn was a very competent zoning administrator," Boss said.

Township clerk Doris Pearl agrees that Smolenyak endured unnecessary hardship. At the meeting Jan. 19 Pearl said she thinks Smolenyak was the best zoning administrator in Charlevoix County.

Smolenyak's work as the administrator has been under strict scrutiny over the past year. A zoning dispute between neighbors Mark and Marilyn Maynard and Frank and Barb Hamilton centered around permits she issued the Hamiltons for a fencing modification and a shed addition for their kennel operation, Auntie Barb's Country Kennel.

The permits were overturned by the Norwood Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) at a November 2003 meeting. The board then asked that the Hamiltons reapply for their special use permit under the new zoning ordinance to operate the kennel.

Smolenyak appealed that ZBA decision at the request of the Hamiltons. Whether or not the ZBA will rehear the appeal will be decided later this month at a meeting scheduled to take place at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Norwood Township Hall.

Either way the board rules, this dispute will likely end up with either the Hamiltons, the Maynards or both suing the township.

The Maynards have also called into question whether Smolenyak selectively enforces the zoning ordinance elsewhere in the township. Marilyn sent a list of 13 complaints she claims reflect "selective enforcement" by Smolenyak, to planning commissioner Mark Pirie at his request.

Marilyn said she is hoping that with Smolenyak stepping down, this alleged activity will stop.

"I would like things to be fair for everybody and would like the law to he applied to everyone," she said.

Smolenyak has denied the Maynards claims of misuse of her position.

In her resignation letter to the board, she states, "I have always interacted with residents and other agencies in a professional manner."

The resignation takes effect Feb. 16.

The board has not yet decided how to fill the position. Smolenyak has suggested her replacement be a "professional, experienced zoning official."

"The learning curve is too great and the risks too many these days, to use any willing citizen," she wrote.

Professionals Smolenyak said might be a good fit include policemen, lawyers or criminal justice majors.

With this suggested change from a local face to a professional she also suggested an increase in pay. So the new approach to the position won't be cost prohibitive she suggested partnering with another township or the county and having the administrator fulfill duties for each municipality.

Boss said he doesn't agree that a professional is needed.

"My feeling is that the Maynards have made the position so difficult. Under normal circumstances I think it could be handled by a normal individual in the township," he said.

But Boss said he doesn't anticipate the Maynards backing down. And Marilyn said she and her husband don't plan to step back until the ordinance is enforced the same for all Norwood Township residents.

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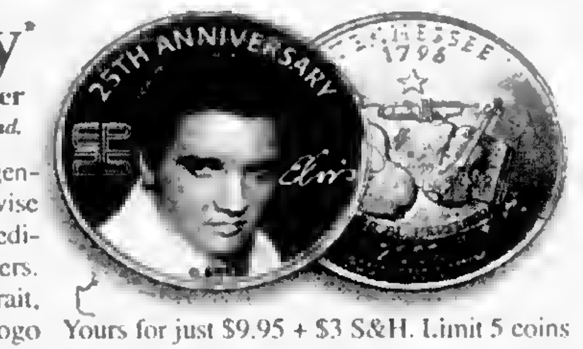

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Norwood board makes appointments

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The Norwood Township Board appointed new members to the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) and the planning commission.

At the Jan. 19 township board meeting the board considered seven applications in making its appointments. Patrick Klooster was named a member of the ZBA and township clerk Doris Pearl and resident Cindy Brooks were named to the planning commission.

Klooster is an alternate who will fill the seat of Tom Carey who resigned in December. Klooster's term will run through Dec. 31, 2006.

ZBA chairman Bill Jackson, who had resigned in November, citing other commitments, agreed to stay on for one more meeting.

At the meeting the ZBA will consider a request for a rehearing submitted by zoning administrator Lynn Smolenyak on behalf of Frank and Barb Hamilton.

This meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m., Jan. 28 at the Norwood Township Hall.

After that meeting, Jackson will resign, leaving another ZBA seat up for grabs. The planning commission will make its recommendation for that vacancy at its meeting Feb. 5.

Terms had expired for planning commission chair Mark Maynard and commissioners Dave Parsons and Julie Burgess.

Parsons and Burgess declined to be re-appointed. Parsons said he can't make the majority of meetings and Burgess said she is just too busy.

But Maynard, who has been a planning commissioner for five years and chairman for three of those years, said he wanted to continue to serve.

In spite of his interest, Boss recommended the township board not re-appoint him and fill his seat with Denny Way, Boss' relative through marriage.

He said Maynard's "feud" with his neighbors, the Hamiltons, about their kennel operation, was "whaling over into township matters" and would likely get the township sued.

Boss said he read an e-mail sent to township zoning administrator Lynn Smolenyak from Maynard about permits that had been requested by the Hamiltons.

This e-mail lead Boss to believe Maynard "couldn't approach certain things unbiasedly."

Because of Boss' perception that Maynard couldn't be objective, he said it isn't appropriate that he continues to sefve.

In December, when he initially made the recommendation to replace Maynard with Way, some who attended were outraged claiming his action constituted nepotism.

At the recent meeting, Boss didn't back down and made the motion to appoint Way.

"It's a crock. Even though Denny Way is my wife's first cousin, he was the sixth person I contacted to see if they would serve and the first to say yes. I wouldn't say the sixth person selected is showing favoritism," he said.

However, his motion died for lack of a second.

Township Board treasurer Ellen Jenson said in making her decision, she wasn't focused on the nepotism concern.

She said of the seven applicants, Way's resume had the least amount of information and she felt others, like Brooks who was ultimately appointed, were more qualified.

The final planning commission seat will be filled at the board's next meeting scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Norwood Township Hall located at 19759 Lake Street in Charlevoix.

The township has received other applications from Doug Way, Sr., Frederick Siegwart, Sadie Bartosik, Jerry Straub and Wayne Wynkoop.

Norwood Township residents interested in filling the planning commission seat can contact Pearl at 547-9096 for a list of information that is needed. Or e-mail her at dapearl@freeway.net.

The planning commission meets monthly and members are compensated $50 per meeting.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, January 19, 2004 • 7:00 p.m.

109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present except Councilman Bellows.

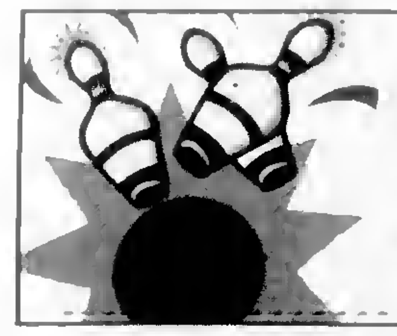
The following proceedings took place:

- Certificates of Appreciation were given to Robert Timms for his service to the Board of Review, to Roger Knutson for his service to the Shade Tree Commission, and to Mrs. Ostling, for the late Gene Ostling's service on the Zoning Board of Review.
- Denied a motion to participate in the Frye Foundation Grant for Charlevoix Area Community Pool.
- Tabled a request for reimbursement of legal fees for five Planning Commissioners.
- Adopted a motion to approve the Coastal Management Program grant agreement.
- Approved a motion to refer the City Clerk's compensation to the Compensation Commission.
- Adopted a motion stating that Council does not presently contemplate adding additional Clerk job duties beyond what is currently in effect by State Law, the City Charter and the City Code.
- Approved a motion to appoint Stephanie Brown as Deputy Clerk.
- Scheduled a Public Hearing for February 16, 2004 to consider a request by Robert Wine to vacate the Nettleton Street alley.

Council adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

Elizabeth A. Gooch, City Clerk
Gabe Campbell, Mayor



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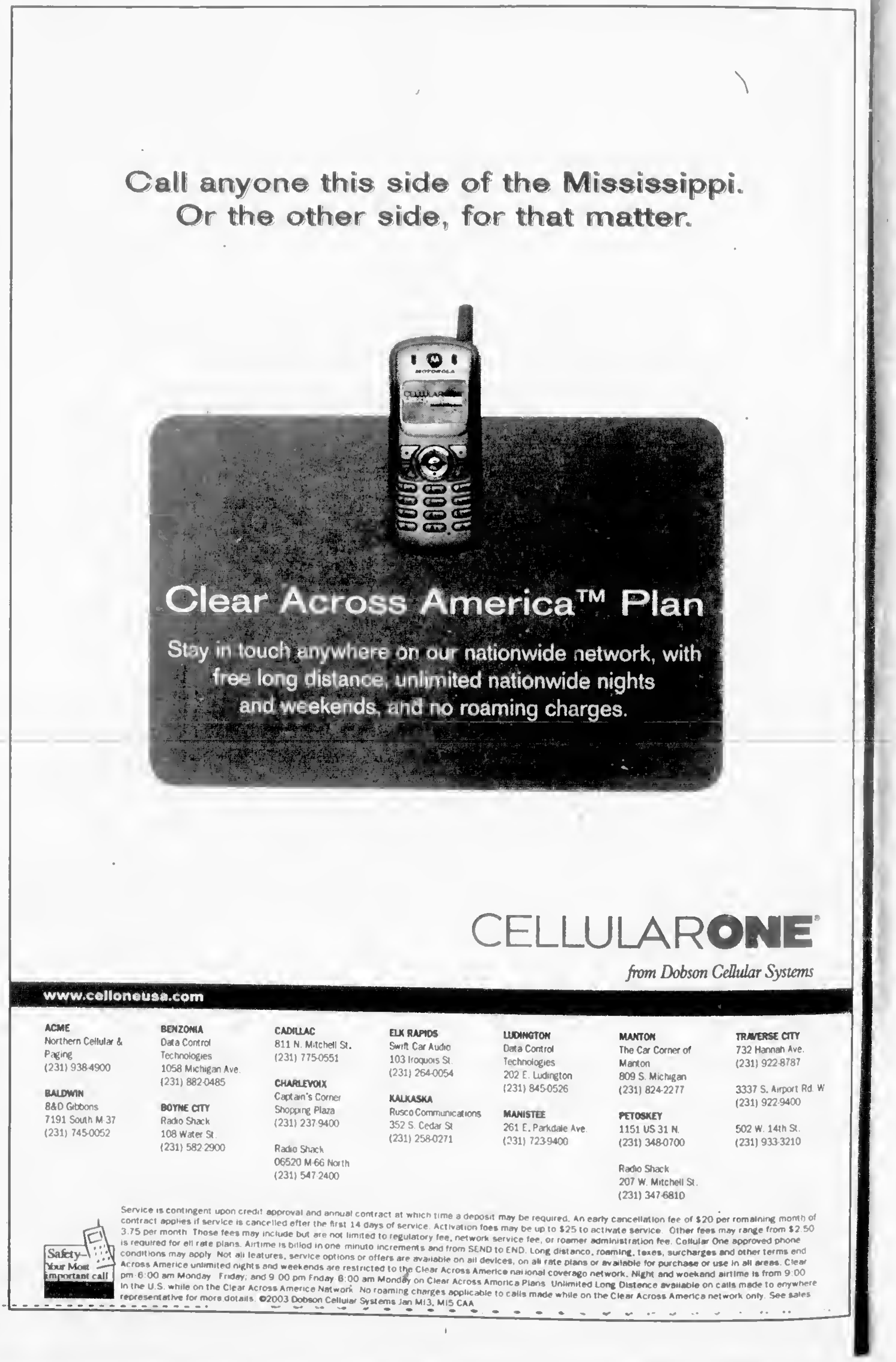

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Attorney: City not violating charter

Council to decide if clerk changes to full-time

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Charlevoix's City Council will soon make a final decision on the city clerk's position.

At its meeting scheduled to take place at 7 p.m., Feb. 9 council will end the month-long debate which has circled around whether the clerk's position should be full or part-time.

Liz Gooch

City council member Shirley Gibson has argued that the city charter intends this position to be full-time.

The clerk's seat is currently being filled by Liz Gooch who was reelected in November of 2003. Gooch is compensated for 20 hours of work but has said she can't fulfill all the duties of the clerk in that time. Any time she works over 20 hours is not paid for.

She said most of her current responsibilities include keeping records like city council minutes, compiling voter registration information, running elections, coordinating Freedom of Information Act requests and acting as clerk for both council and the Board of Review.

Gibson said if the job was restored to what is intended by the city charter and code, there would be more than enough work to fill 40 hours.

"If it (the clerk's position) was meant to be part-time it (the charter) would say part-time," Gibson said. "I want an elected official down there that doesn't answer to the city manager."

City manager Mike Wiesner said duties assigned to the clerk in the city code that have been carried out by other city staff members include transferring deeds for Brookside Cemetery, signing checks and collection of civil infraction fines.

He said someone needs to be at city hall 40 hours a week to provide this service to the public, but the work itself requires only about eight hours a year to complete.

Wiesner said the city gets about 31 cemetery deed transfers annually with each taking about 10 minutes to process. The treasurer's office is handling the civil infraction fines and the checks are signed by a machine.

He plans to recommend that council change the ordinances in the city code that assign these duties to the clerk.

While Wiesner said the work just isn't there to warrant full-time status for the clerk, Gibson said the duties being assigned to the deputy clerk/treasurer, who is expected to be hired this week, should be given to the clerk to make the position full-time. She thinks the deputy should be the part-time employee.

This deputy will be responsible for a number of duties including filling in at city council meetings, assisting in elections, doing accounts payable and receivable, keeping cemetery records and filling out workman's compensation paperwork.

In the job description posted for the position, the word "may" was added before each duty that would fall under Gooch's official deputy. This includes assisting Gooch in registering voters, maintaining voting records, supervising elections, taking minutes at council meetings, recording and collecting cemetery lot transfer costs and maintaining cemetery records.

By having the word "may" there, city attorney Jim Young said the city has avoided violating the city charter which gives the clerk the responsibility of hiring a deputy.

Section 3.8 of the city charter states, "The city clerk may, with the approval of the city council, appoint a deputy clerk."

Council will take one final look at the issue next Monday night acting on a review by the city compensation commission that took place Jan. 23.

The commission decided that if council makes the clerk's position full-time, the full-time deputy clerk's position should be eliminated and the clerk's salary set at $34,000.

If council decides to keep the position at its current part-time status, the commission recommended it continue at the present salary $16,416.

In making its determination, the commission referenced the charter, finding the clerk's position listed along with the city manager and fire and police chiefs, as an administrative position.

Of these administrative positions, the clerk is the only one working part-time.

Commission member Ken Staley said by grouping these positions the charter implies the clerk's position is also full-time.

But Wiesner said in the 20 years he has served as city manager the position has always been part-time and he does not plan to recommend a change to council.

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Library may be able to get many donations

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

A consultant said the campaign trail leading to $1 million for the Charlevoix Public Library building project has many supporters and just a few hurdles to overcome.

Sandi Frost-Parrish, a consultant with Monaghan Associates of Grand Rapids, was in charge of a feasibility study that looked at whether the money to fund the over $7 million library project was available in Charlevoix.

She was in town last week on Jan. 22 presenting the results of the study to a group of over 30 interested residents.

"You've picked a good time. We are seeing a strengthening in philanthropy, especially in the past [illegible] months and we are at the front end of an economic recovery," she said. "We feel if you go out and raise the money today, you could raise in the neighborhood of $1 million toward the project."

This recommended figure is an estimated total of gifts and grants the library may get for the project. The support gauged by the study was enough for Monaghan to recommend that the library move into the next phase of the project, the capital campaign.

Frost-Parrish said this is exciting news as only about 50 percent of projects they look into get their seal of approval.

The study identified enough gifts in the five figure range to recommend this next step. Even though no six figure gifts have been pinpointed, Frost-Parrish hasn't given up. She has meetings scheduled for mid February with two significant foundations that could boost the capital campaign goal to between $1.5 and $2 million.

"Those two could make a dramatic difference in what we recommend," she said.

In the 43 interviews that the three-member Monaghan interview staff conducted, they found 13 things working in the library's favor as volunteers begin to raise money.

She said the community understands the importance of the library and that the current location off Clinton Street is no longer cutting it. She also heard during the interviews that Charlevoix needs to keep pace with surrounding communities like Petoskey and Traverse City and this project is a step forward.

Those interviewed also recognized there is a need for community meeting space, technology and an expanded children's area, all of which the proposed project would provide.

She said they also found preservation of the middle school is perceived as an important element of the project. The plan is to convert the old Charlevoix Middle School off Grant Street, into a state-of-the-art Charlevoix Public Library.

However, this renovation was also one of five things working against the library.

Frost-Parrish said there was some question as to what extra charge there will be for renovation versus a new building and just how much space the library needs.

The new library proposal looks to renovate and add on to the existing school. The proposed brick facility is about 24,000 square feet, with all its main functions on the first floor.

This primary floor will include small additions, totaling just under 4,000 square feet of space — one will house the program room and the other, a children's activity room. The facility will offer adult, children's and teen collections as well as a popular reading room, plenty of quiet reading areas, a self check out, a staffed circulation desk and outdoor landscaped plazas.

Some expressed concern that the second floor office area should be used for books. The second level floor won't sustain the weight of books and Frost-Parrish stressed this is an educational issue that will be addressed as word spreads throughout the community.

She also sensed nervousness from some people interviewed about passing of a millage on June 14 without some support for the project from a government entity. She said the city of Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority came up frequently as a possible source of funding.

Other millage jitters sparked questions about competition from other entities like the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, which is working toward establishing a recreational authority to get a request for .3 mill on the November ballot.

With this $1 million recommendation under its belt, the library board of trustees now has to work on the rest of the funding equation making up the remaining $6 million with the millage, the sale of the current building and possible participation by governmental entities.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Sandi Frost-Parrish a consultant with Monaghan Associates in Grand Rapids was in town last week to recommend that the Charlevoix Public Library go for about $1 million in its capital campaign. The money will help support its over $7 million proposed new library project.

And these numbers will have to be worked out quickly.

This month, Paul Stauder of Stauder-Barch in Ann Arbor, the library's financial advisor for the bond, will use the Monaghan group's study information to calculate the size of the bond the library will need to ask voters to approve to fund the project.

Once the bond amount has been established, Tom Colis, the library's bond attorney with Miller Canfield in the Detroit area, will write the ballot language.

The ballot language and the bond size has to be in the hands of Dr. John Sturock, superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools by March 1. Sturock will then pass it along to the district's attorney for review.

If the library comes up with the money, the board is hoping to break ground in the spring of 2005 with about 14 months of construction to follow and a grand opening in the summer of 2006.

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Local author, Cadarette, to have book signing

Local pastor, the Rev. Kathy Cadarette, has just released a book she wrote about her experiences with God in the midst of grief.

Cadarette wrote "A Very Present Help" based on the five years she served as pastor of Horton Bay and Greensky Hill United Methodist Churches.

Shortly after she was appointed as the pastor in Horton Bay, she was joined there by her current husband, Dave Cadarette and his first wife, Cathy. Cathy had just been diagnosed with incurable cancer and given six months to live.

She lived for almost four years, allowing God to answer prayers to see her daughter marry and her two sons graduate from Boyne City High School.

"This book is really a love story," Cadarette said. "It's about the love between Dave and Cathy; the love between them and the church; the love of all three of us as friends; and the unexpected love between Dave and me. But, ultimately, it's about God's love for all of us and His desire to be very present help in the midst of our lives."

Cadarette is a native of Greenfield, Ind. She majored in journalism at Ball State University and worked for newspapers for nine years.

In 1994 she graduated from United Theological Seminary and was appointed to the Horton Bay United Methodist Church. After taking a three-year leave of absence to write her book, Kathy returned to full-time ministry in 2003 and is serving as a pastor of the Alanson and Harbor Springs United Methodist Churches, while she and her husband, Dave, continue to make their home in Horton Bay.

Kathy Cadarette will signs copies of her book from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Bridge Street Book Shop, 407 Bridge Street, in downtown Charlevoix.

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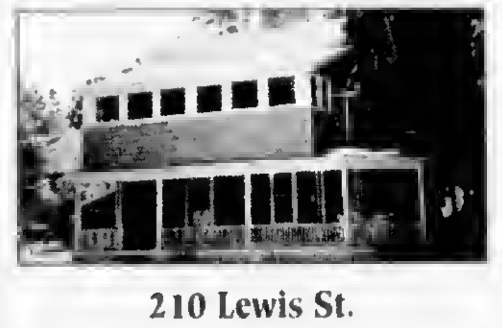

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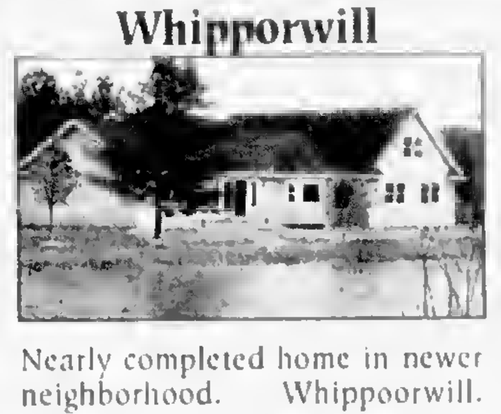

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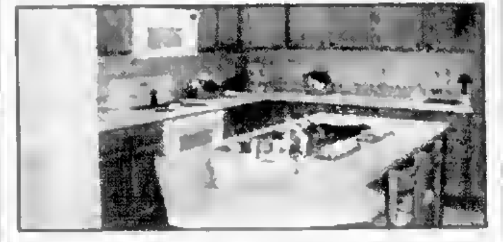

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BUSINESS

Pine Cove Apartments reveals its new look

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Pine Cove Apartments has had a makeover.

Last spring the apartment complex, which has been located on May Street since the 1970s, unveiled its newly renovated buildings.

Heidi Lowell, resident manager, said the Charlevoix Limited Partnership — owners of Pine Cove — decided the buildings needed new roofs, windows and siding. Plus, the individual units were also upgraded with new air conditioners, refrigerators and interiors.

"It was a complete overhaul," Lowell said.

Work was completed over four months, while tenants were living in the buildings. But, this did not slow the complex's desirability to customers as it is 97 percent full with a three month long waiting list.

No other expansions to the complex are planned in the future.

Lowell said Pine Cove Apartments is composed of 94 units, with a majority of those being one and two bedroom apartments. There are some three and four bedroom apartments.

In those apartments, Lowell said it is 25 percent singles, 50 percent families and 25 percent elderly.

Prices for an apartment run between $400 and $435, per month. Subsidies are available.

Because its price is lower than many other rental units in the area, Lowell said, this complex fills a need for affordable housing.

And, the tenants of Pine Cove are very respectable citizens of Charlevoix.

Just to get an apartment in the complex, a possible tenant must pass a credit check, criminal check and background check. Because of this scrutiny, Lowell said there are some great people in at Pine Cove.

For more information on Pine Cove Apartments, call 547-5202.

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Pine Cove resident manager Heidi Lowell shows off the newly renovated living rooms at the complex. The complex had a complete overhaul last spring.

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Islanders end home sports season with wins for both

By FRANK SOLLE
Special to the Courier

BEAVER ISLAND — The Islander volleyball and basketball teams closed out the home portion of their 2003-04 schedule in fine fashion here last weekend as the home teams claimed victory in all four contests.

The volleyball team improved to 6-0 in Northern Lights League play with a Friday night win over the Paradise Rockets 15-10, 15-7, and a 15-7, 15-8 decision Saturday morning.

The two wins put the Islanders in firm control of the top spot in the league standings as Paradise falls to 4-3. The Rockets and the Islanders each have a victory over Mackinac Island, giving the Lakers two league losses. The Islanders travel to Mackinac February 13-14.

On Friday, the Islanders found themselves trailing Paradise 7-2 in the opening game before rallying behind solid, all-around team play.

Danielle Cary and Christine McDonough provided the spark from the service line, while Cary and Melissa Bailey were strong at the net. Kerrie Gillespie and Rachel McDonough added some critical defensive play.

The second game was not as close on the scoreboard, but still filled with action as both teams played to their talent with plenty of long rallies between points.

Cary again had a number of kills while Rachel McDonough and Gillespie each served up timely aces.

Saturday's contest saw the local girls fall behind 7-2 in each game before battling back for the wins.

"Apparently, they really like the challenge," Islander coach Connie Boyle said of her team's propensity to fall behind before picking up their play.

"It's often been an issue for us over the years," the coach added. "I think part of it is they are just too nice. We have to develop that killer instinct."

The basketball team was not challenged nearly as much as they easily grounded the Rockets 57-30 on Friday and 62-49 on Saturday.

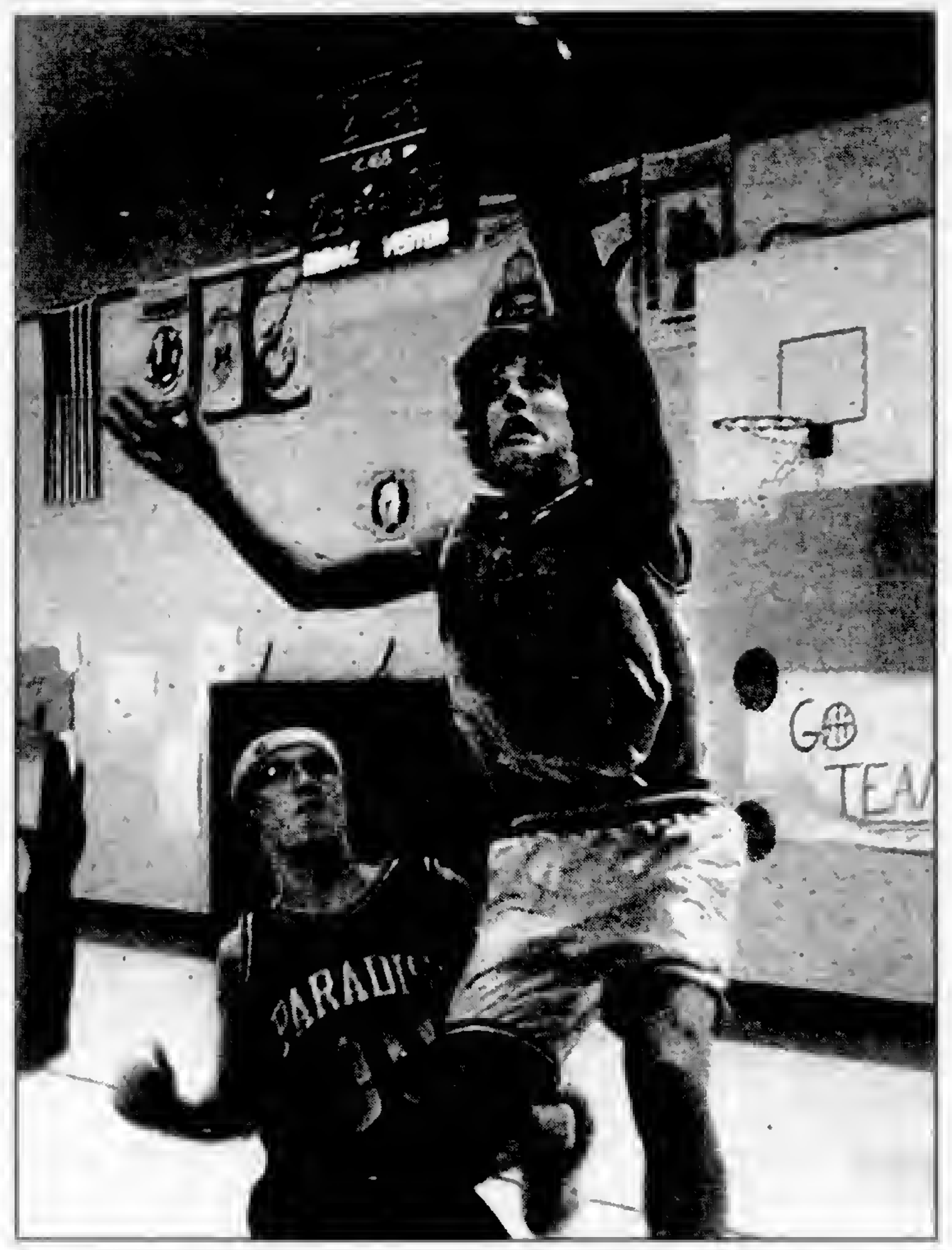
Freshman Jared Wojan stepped up offensively over the weekend, leading the Islanders in scoring on Friday with a career-high 24 points. On Saturday he added another dozen, improving his season average to just under 10 points per game.

Senior Barry McDonough led the team Saturday with a season-best 34 points. On Friday he scored 16. McDonough leads the team with an 18.6 scoring average.

The Islanders broke open Friday's game with a 20-0 run to start the second quarter. Wojan scored 14 of his 24 during the run.

On Saturday the Islanders used a 13-0 run to open the third quarter and put out the Rockets' fire.

The Islander teams travel to Grand Marais this weekend to face the Polar Bears in more NLL action.



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An Islander goes up for a basket in the team's last home game of the season.

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Winter fun

Parker Elowsky, 7, of Charlevoix (left) took advantage of the snow day away from school to try out some of the many sled-worthy hills around Charlevoix. He and his brother, Hudson Elowsky, 5, took turns sliding down this snow pile on Park Avenue Friday, while another group of children enjoyed a similar hill just down the street.

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Charlevoix Rayders beat Grayling in wild game

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Since coach Keith Haske brought his run and gun style of basketball to Charlevoix, teams in the Lake Michigan Conference have searched for different ways to slow down the Rayders.

Most have tried to control the tempo and slow the game down.

Grayling, the league's newest member, tried something new. They ran with the Rayders. And ran and ran. They ran all the way to a 102-99 loss.

The 201 points scored in the game were believed to be a league record.

"The people who didn't make the trip down to Grayling missed a great high school basketball game," Haske said.

The game was nip and tuck throughout with the Rayders jumping out to an early 6-0 lead, but the Vikings battled back to ties at 6-6 and 8-8.

The Rayders' largest lead in the first quarter was five at 15-10, but Grayling took its first lead of the game at 19-17 minutes later. Charlevoix led 23-21 at the end of the first stanza with 11 of the Rayder points coming from Scott Friske.

Early in the second period, Charlevoix extended the lead to 29-23 on a Friske putback. The Vikings battled back to cut the lead to 42-40 when Bryce Daly answered with a three-point bucket to extend the lead to five.

Grayling cut the lead to one again at 45-44 and Daly answered with another three-pointer with 35 seconds left in the half. The Rayders headed to the locker room with a 50-47 advantage.

Charlevoix led throughout the third quarter, by as much as seven and never fewer than three. Graylings junior guard Gibson Tobin knocked down four three-pointers though to single-handedly keep the Vikings close. Charlevoix led 76-73 after three quarters.

With 7:02 left in the game, Charlevoix led 81-75 when Friske was called for his fourth foul and headed to the Rayder hench. The Vikings scored four straight to cut the lead to two.

Jared Hunt sank two free throws and Kyle Kramer scored to push the lead back to six at 85-79. Grayling wouldn't go away though as they scored seven straight points to take an 86-85 lead, only their second lead of the game and the first since it was 19-17.

Friske entered the game during the Viking run and hit two free throws to regain the lead for Charlevoix at 87-86. On the ensuing play, however, he picked up his fifth foul and left the game for good with three and a half minutes to play.

Grayling scored four straight for a 90-87 lead. A Kramer putback cut the deficit back to one and John DiMartino's two free throws gave the Rayders the lead again at 91-90.

The Vikings converted a three-point play to take what would prove to be their last lead of the game at 93-91. The Rayders then scored nine straight points on a Daly three-pointer and free throw, three free throws by Kramer and a hasket by Ryan DeYoung to take a 100-93 lead with 1:12 remaining.

Grayling hit another three-pointer though, stopped the Rayders and converted another field goal to make one final run. Tobin then stole an errant Rayder pass and was fouled with 12.7 seconds to go and his team trailing 100-98.

He could only convert one of the two free throws to cut the lead to one. Grayling was forced to foul and Daly calmly sunk both free throws to ice the game.

Daly finished with 24 points and five assists to lead Charlevoix. Friske had 22 points and 11 rebounds. Kramer had 14 points in what Haske termed the best game of his life.

Hunt scored 14 points and dished out five assists. DeYoung added 11 points.

Tobin finished with 37 points for Grayling.

The Rayders shot 50 percent from the floor and 60 percent from behind the three-point arc. The difference in the game may have been from the free throw line where Charlevoix was 30 for 39 and the Vikings were only 18 of 36.

Earlier in the week, the Rayders manhandled Harbor Springs, 79-59.

Friske led the team with 22 points, 15 rebounds, three assists and two blocks. Cody Crain scored 12 points and had six assists. Ben Bergmann and DeYoung each scored 10 points.

The Rayders (7-2 overall, 4-1 conference) face a difficult test Friday at Traverse City St. Francis where they meet the undefeated conference leader.

Charlevoix slipped to number six in the Associated Press poll last week in Class C, likely due to the two forfeit losses while St. Francis received honorable mention.

Charlevoix indoor soccer results

Charlevoix Indoor Soccer league results for Jan. 17.

Great White beat the Red Hots 16-2. Leading scorers for Great White were Ryan Gokee with 6, Josh Manker with 3, and Jim Armstrong with 3.

Blue Steel beat the Black Attack 11-1. Mike Dupuis led the Blue with 6 goals, while captain Jack Dart gets the 1 for the Attack.

Maroon Mission beats Orange Crush 10-4 Ezra Bakker had 2 goals and Isaac Matchett contributed 1 for Maroon Mission while Ben Scheelk had 2 goals for Orange Crush.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Monday Madness • Jan. 19, 2004

	W	L
Villager Pub	138	62
Laural & Co. Hair Design	132	68
Strike Seekers	122	78
Flight Deck Top Guns	114	86
Friske Farm Market	109	91
Buzy Bees	106	94
Paul Bunyan Lanes	51	149
Team One	0	80

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Kris Dixon	765	233
Jeanne Rankl	725	211
Krista Fowler		194
Came Blanchard	674	

Men's Senior League • Jan. 19, 2004

	W	L
Top Rank Disposal	11	5
Mark White Paint & Stain	10	6
State Farm Insurance	10	6
B Vanloo & Sons	8	8
Bayshore Steel	7	9
Central Drug Store	6	10
Kerr's Racing	6	10
Cemex Cement	6	10

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jeff Smith	613	254
Chuck Pop	605	244
Mo Dixon		233
Joel Stradling	599	

Young at Hearts League
Jan. 22, 2004

	W	L
Has Beens	8	0
Misfits	6	2
Irish Rollers	6	2
Half & Half	5	3
Twilighters	5	3
Past Timers	1	7
Alley Cats	1	7
Sparetime	0	8

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenheit	496	210
Chet Otmanowski	458	197
Jack King		164
Don Wells	425	
Mary Lakies	480	182
Dolly Coen	412	169
Judy Potter	454	165

Church League • Jan. 21, 2004

	W	L
Ferguson & Chamberlain	95	55
Paul Bunyan Lanes	92	58
Martincheks	79	71
State Farm Insurance	77	73
St. Mary's	71	79
R & C Roofing	67	83
Lutherans	67	83
Townhouse Bar	52	98

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mike Webb		243
Ken Schoenheit	627	234
Randy DeYoung		237
Bill Gengle	586	
Doug Martinchek	578	

Gutter Gals League • Jan. 22, 2004

	W	L
Express Yourself	32	28
Argonne Supper Club	30	30
Paul Bunyan Lanes	30	30
Burger King Charlevoix	28	32

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	475	184
Jane Holm	531	183
Mary O'Brien	490	
Bennie VonHelens		175

Tuesday Night Ladies • Jan. 20, 2004

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	14	2
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	11	5
Grey Gables	9	7
Top Rank Disposal	9	7
Don's IGA	8	8
Hayes Legal Crew	7	9
Paul Bunyan Lanes	3	13
Central Drug Store	3	13

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	635	236
Cindy Mansen	569	207
Connie Wood		200
Carol Kerr	530	

Double Deckers Mixed League
Jan. 18, 2004

	W	L
Blanchard/Crain	29	7
Webb	23.5	12.5
Spencer	22	14
Russell Amy/Jerry	21	15
Blanchard	21	15
Bradley	20.5	15.5
Dixon/Kehrer	20	16
McDonnell/Sporer	18	18
Sladek Laural/Joe	17	19
Russell C & R	17	19
Stein	16.5	19.5
Novotny S & J	12.5	23.5
Nordman	11	25
Ferguson	11	25

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	584	238
Michael Webb	594	233
Gary Spencer		219
John Ferguson	554	
Lynette Webb	563	201
Kris Dixon	506	195
Carrie Blanchard	512	198

Casino League • Jan. 22, 2004

	W	L
4 Play	83	17
Still Working On It	70	30
Brimley Babes	67	33
Hot Slots	63	37
Rock	51.5	48.5
The Wantabee's	25.5	74.5
Last Year's Leftovers	23	77
Ye Ye Sisterhood	17	83

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Bill Ellman	416	228
John Fiedorek	419	226
Roland Tunison		228
Gordon Selph	391	
Debbie Blanchard	484	263
Lynette Webb	407	210
Diane Kerr	359	190

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
Jan. 11, 2004

	W	L
Horon	30	10
Cunningham/Mikulski	27	13
Moore	26.5	13.5
Novotny	24	16
O'Leary	22.5	17.5
Golovich	22	18
Stebe/Soulliere	19	21
Bradley	18	22
Hart	17	23
Stebe/Rodriguez	15.5	24.5
Herboldsheimer	12.5	27.5
Mackinder	10	30

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Scott Mackinder	532	201
Jeff Novotny	533	193
Richard O'Leary	477	190
Debbie Horon	501	211
Jeannie Stebe	495	198
Linda Mackinder		194
Cindy Novotny	460	

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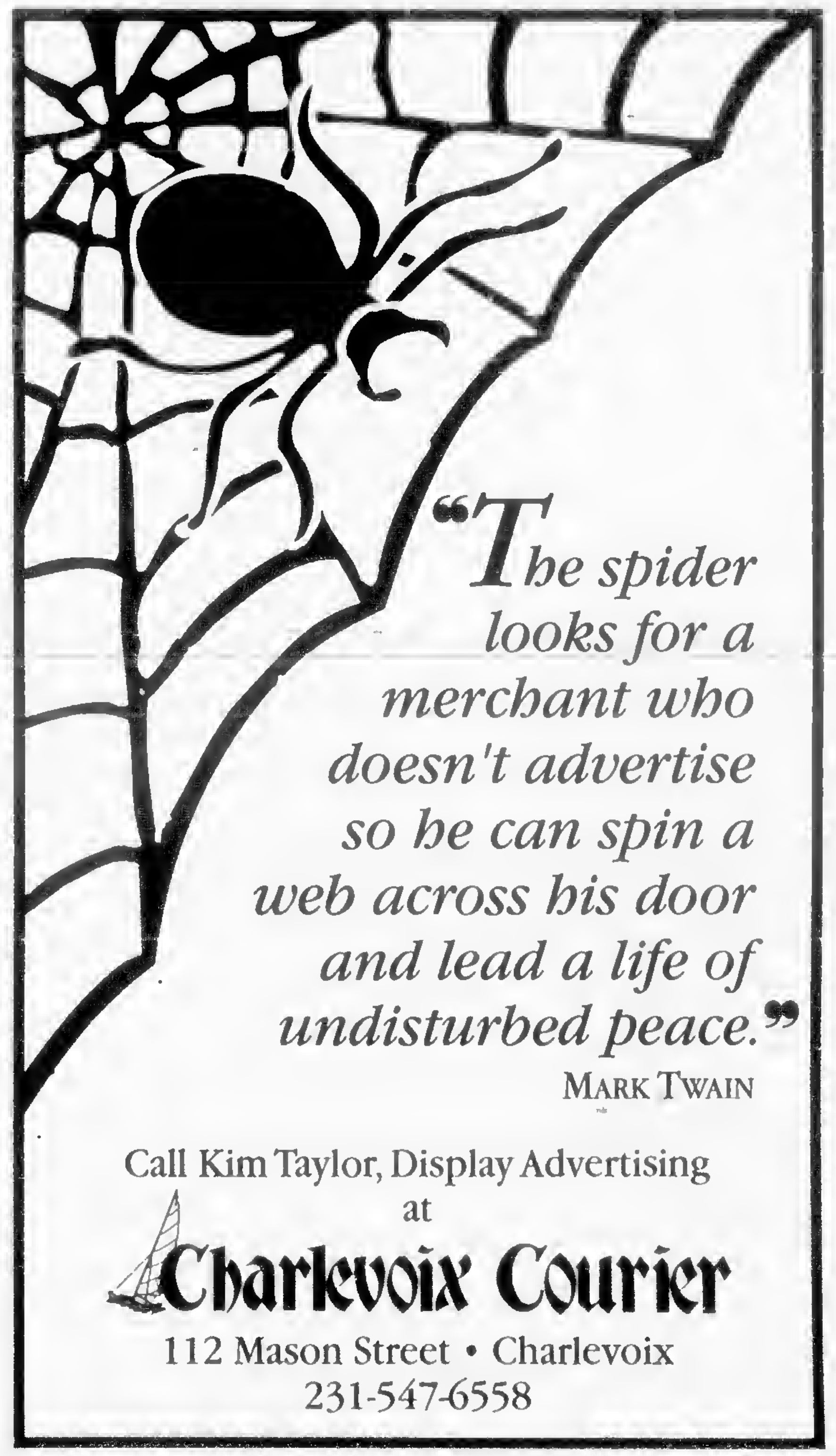
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Winter weather expected to stay around

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Mick Papp, left, and Matt Maillouix shoveled out this driveway on the north side.

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"Obviously we have deviated from that since," he said.

Sullivan said the cold weather does bring some good news. The longer it stays around, the faster the waters of Lake Michigan will freeze, which will hring an end to lake effect snow.

The winter weather has heen great news to some area businesses, especially snow plows.

Dan Skrezeckoski, who plows out several area driveways with his truck, said the last three weeks have made up Decemher's slow start.

"January is turning out to he a good month as far as plowing," he said.

Skrezeckoski added he has spoken with a few other plow drivers, who have also said this month has heen good to them.

Charlevoix road crews have also been very busy as winter weather dumps snow on the roads.

Pat Harmon, Charlevoix County Road Commission manager, said his drivers have been working 10 to 12 hour days since last week.

But, he added his drivers have been working less this year than last.

"Up to this point, we have had a pretty easy winter, I think," he said.

Charlevoix City Street Superintendent John Martin also said his drivers are on schedule.

"It is kind of business as usual," he said.

Health department has free radon testing kits

In observance of National Radon Action Month, free radon test kits are available at local offices of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the local health department which serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.

It is easy and inexpensive to detect and remove radon. If a radon test kit detects unsafe radon levels, the health department offers free consultation to assist residents in solving the problem including linking residents with certified contractors who can install an inexpensive mitigation system.

National Radon Action Month co-sponsors such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) encourage everyone to test their home for radon hecause radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S.

"When radon is inhaled, it decays into radioactive particles that become trapped in your lungs," said Joshua Meyerson, M.D., Medical Director of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

"These radioactive particles can cause damage to lung tissue and over time, this tissue damage can result in lung cancer."

Any home can have a radon problem, said Scott Kendzierski, who coordinates National Radon Awareness Month activities for the health department. Contrary to public understanding, there is no direct correlation between radon levels and building age.

Several homes in the area have been identified with elevated radon levels, including some severe cases.

"The risk for unsafe levels of radon in our counties is classified as 'moderate exposure' by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," he said.

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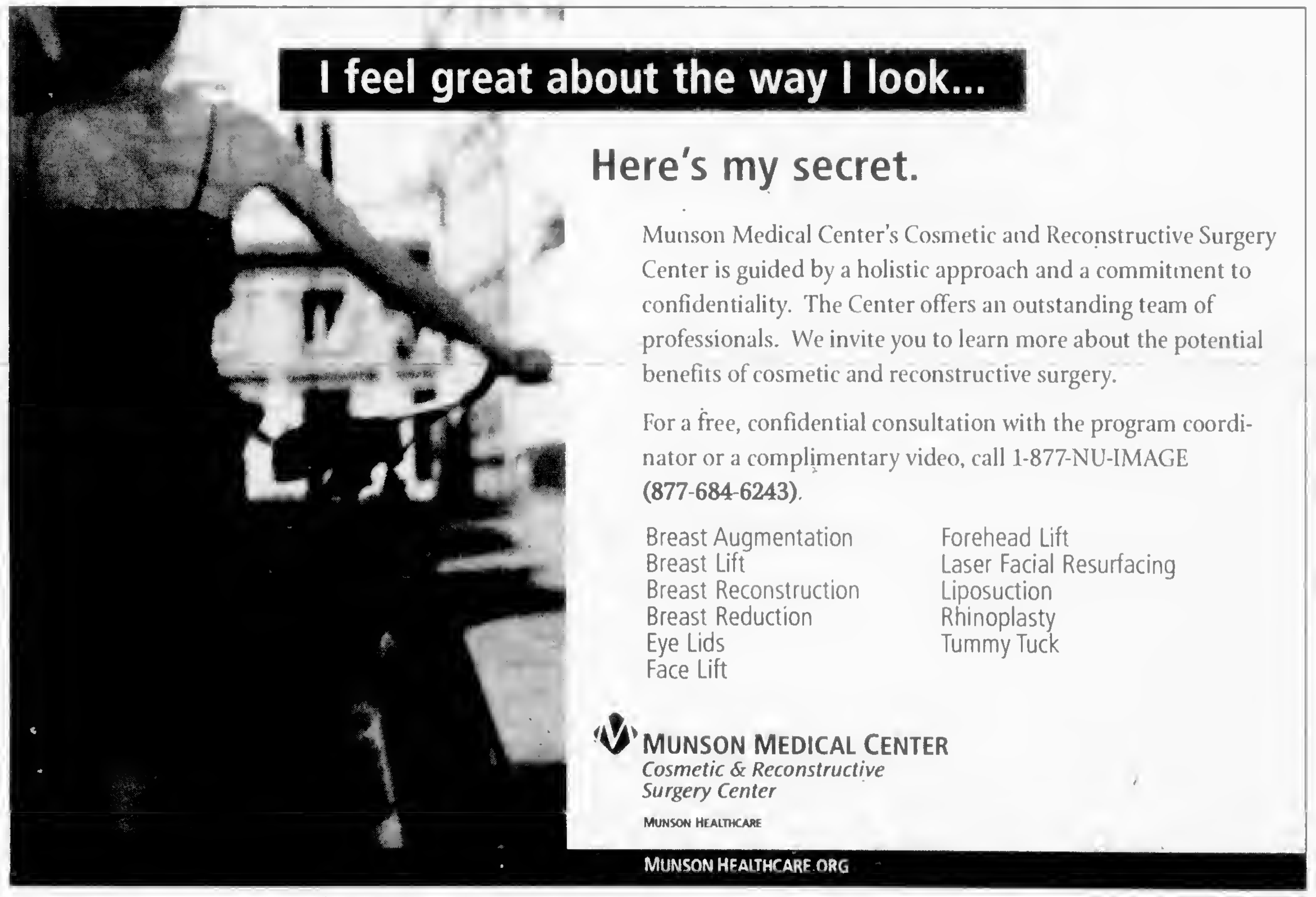

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Sunnybank claims zoning law flawed

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concluded professional offices are places from where people practice things like medicine, law and accounting. They said this does not include a residential facility.

When city planner Gerry Harsch was asked if not in the R-1 or R-2, where does assisted living fit in the ordinance, he responded, "I don't know."

He said it would conceivably be allowed in the R-4, multiple dwelling residential district, but not practically.

He said the unit size required in the R-4 is twice the size of units that would be put into an assisted living facility.

Harsch further explained that the R-4 requires 15 percent ground coverage. With the 49 unit, single level Sunnybank proposal, this would require a six acre lot. To fit Sunnybank on a two acre lot, like the one they are looking at on the north side, while meeting the R-4 ground coverage requirement, the building would have to be three stories high.

However, multiple stories are not desirable for a facility like this because of the nature of its residents, the elderly, who are often wheelchair bound and can't easily travel to different levels.

Aside from the fact that multiple levels are a challenge to residents, Harsch said a developer looking for a vacant two acre parcel in the R-4 district in the city isn't going to have any luck — it doesn't exist.

He said this development would not be possible unless an existing development in the R-4 is torn down.

"For all practical purposes, there is no district within our zoning ordinance which is available to accommodate this project," Harsch said.

Engstrom's argument that assisted living is a nursing home was also debated.

Harsch argues that assisted living facilities are not the same as nursing homes. He said he equates assisted living more with congregate living facilities that offer small apartments and common living areas.

But according to the definition in the zoning ordinance Harsch said it could be argued that they are in the same realm as nursing homes and are thus allowed in the C-1 commercial district and the professional office district.

Harsch plans to review the nursing home definition and make a recommendation that the planning commission work on clarifying the wording.

Engstrom thinks the city is trying to cover its tracks.

"They are scrambling to change the definition. They're changing their position to fit this use in the professional office district. It's just not proper," he said.

Engstrom said with no space for assisted living in the R-4 and the possibility of it not being allowed in any other district in the city, he has a case of exclusionary zoning.

"We have the right to go before (33rd) Circuit Court Judge (Richard) Pajtas for him to decide whether it's (assisted living) been excluded in this city," Engstrom said.

One standard they will have to meet if it goes to court is that this is a needed project.

"No one has ever said it's not needed in the city, that's one element (of the exclusionary zoning case) fulfilled," Engstrom said.

He said the best outcome of the lawsuit would be for Judge Pajtas to rule in Sunnybank's favor, allowing construction at the R-2 lot on the north side.

With the ZBA's rejection of assisted living as an allowed use in the R-2, the planning commission must now address its Dec. 8 decision to set a public hearing to listen to Sunnybank's request.

Harsch said the commission can approach the issue in two ways. They can hold the hearing and make a finding that based on the ZBA's decision the request cannot be fulfilled because the assisted living facility is not an allowed use in that district. Or, they can vote to not reschedule the hearing, which was postponed pending the recent appeal, because it is not a use allowed in the R-2 district.

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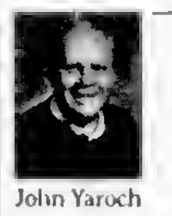

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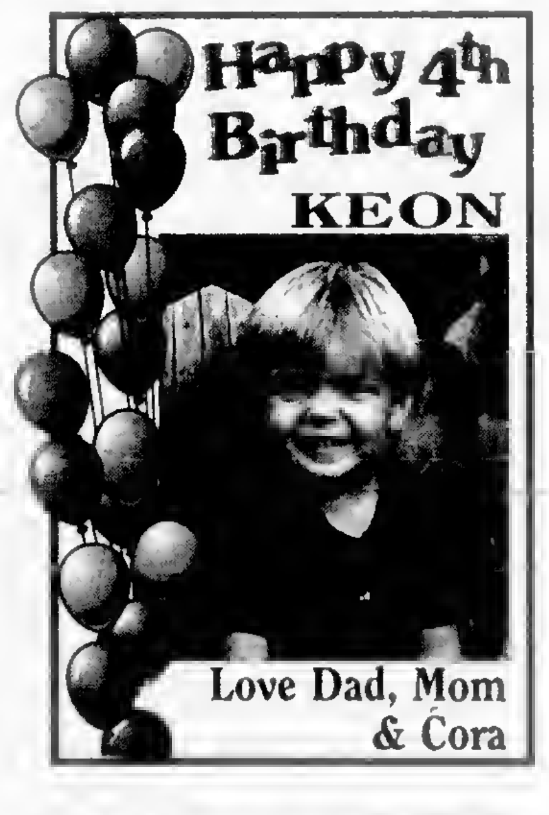

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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 03-010619-DE

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

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PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 03-010617-DE

Estate of Alfred J. McEnhill, Jr., Dec.

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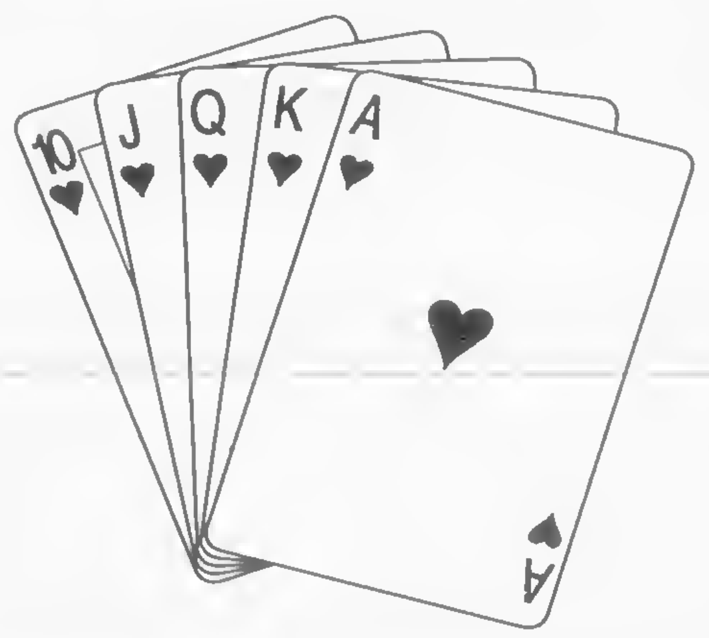

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Area events

Family workshop

The Charlevoix Public Library is offering a parenting workshop for families who have children from a previous relationship and have entered a new marriage, or are considering entering a new marriage. These workshops are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Thursday evenings with focus on "A Real Family" taught by Amy Spegele, Family Life Educator. The workshop will be focusing on many issues faced by blended families.

Admission is free and the classes take place downstairs in the meeting room at the Charlevoix Public Library, please call or stop in to register.

The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton Street. Their hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday. Contact the library at 547-2651 or online at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Pool events

The following events are planned for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool:

- Scuba Review-Fun — 4-6 p.m., Jan. 31. Cost is $15 or $25 if you need rental gear. An opportunity for certified divers to review their skills and try out the new equipment received as Christmas gifts and/or try out new shop equipment.
- Pool/Academics Class — 6-10 p.m., Tuesdays and 2-6 p.m., Saturdays, Feb. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17 and 21. Cost $215. This is an opportunity to complete the classroom and confined water portions of dive certification training.

For more information contact Charlevoix Area Community Pool at 547-0982 or Scuba North (231) 947-2520.

Stroud honored

The Charlevoix Township Board will be having an open house in honor of Oscar Stroud for his many years of service to the people of Charlevoix Township. The township will acknowledge his retirement from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31 at Stroud Hall, 12491 Waller Road in Charlevoix. The public is encouraged to attend.

Bible study

A new lunchtime Bible study for men and women starts at 12:10 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix located at the corner of US-31 and Mccch Street. The six week video series will follow with a small discussion group after each video. For more information call Sandy Malewitz at 547-1975.

Winterfest

Charlevoix High School Student Council invites all alumni and community members to participate in 2004 Winterfest activities. Halftime ceremonies will be at the Rayder basketball game on Friday, Feb. 13. The Winterfest Dance will be from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Charlevoix Elementary School. If you have questions, ask any student council member of call advisor Gail Cherry at 547-3222, extension 2032.

Valentine Day breakfast

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will hold a Valentine Day pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Club House, two miles north of the bridge on US-31. This All You Can Eat breakfast features pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, sausage gravy with home made biscuits, coffee and juice for $5 per person.

Firefighters Ball

The fifth Annual Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighters Ball will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Charlevoix Country Club. Tickets are $25 each. If you are interested in tickets please contact Shari Kline at 547-8495 or the fire department at 547-3279.

Florida reunion

The sixth Florida reunion for all those from the Charlevoix area will be on Feb. 19 at the Old Port Cove Club, in North Palm Beach, Fla. Call Joyce Duke for more information at (561) 622-0596.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church at State and Clinton streets. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-1388.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

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Sheriff reminds drivers to travel safely

Pointing to recent statistics that show fatalities on the rise on America's roadways for the first time in over a decade, public safety officials are urging motorists to exercise extreme caution this winter.

According to the Department of Transportation, 42,815 people died in traffic accidents in the U.S. last year, the most since 1990. With the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) citing traffic accidents as the leading cause of death during winter storms, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is reminding travelers that despite adverse conditions, many accidents can be avoided.

"What a lot of people need to understand is that a high percentage of traffic fatalities are a result of poor decision-making," Sheriff George T. Lasater of Charlevoix County and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association said.

"In bad weather, it may come down to something as simple as postponing travel for a day. If you do have to brave the elements then watch your speed, don't try to drive too far if you're tired, and make sure your vehicle is equipped with the necessary equipment for the conditions. Most importantly, always wear safety belts and never get behind the wheel after having too much to drink."

In 2002, nearly 18,000 Americans died in alcohol-related accidents, the most since 1992. Most of these victims were not wearing seat belts. Despite statistics showing that seat belt usage in the U.S. has increased over the years with about four of every five travelers now buckling up, there is still room for improvement.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that if all drivers and passengers wore seat belts, approximately 8,000 lives a year would be spared nationwide.

Even with improved safety technology, such as airbags in a majority of vehicles, the United States, once the safest country in the world for driving, has fallen to ninth among industrialized nations based on fatalities per 100 million miles traveled, according to a recent study conducted by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development. The organization, which collects a variety of health and safety data worldwide, indicated that the U.S. has been surpassed by countries such as Great Britain, Canada and Australia in traffic safety.

America's declining rating can be attributed to the higher incidence of casualties from speeding, drunk driving and seatbelt negligence, as well as a greater number of deaths among motorcyclists — many of whom do not wear helmets. Another factor is the proliferation of sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks, which present a greater danger to smaller vehicles in accidents and which roll over more frequently.

Traffic deaths and injuries are a growing concern all around the globe. The World Health Organization has recently published a report indicating that traffic accidents will become the world's third leading cause of death and disability by 2020. In fact, automobile accidents will be the main subject at the World Health Day conference to be held on April 7, 2004. The event will mark the start of a global campaign for traffic injury prevention.

In the U.S., federal and state lawmakers are trying to do their part by allocating funds to improve conditions of the nation's roads, creating electronic weather advisory signs, and banning driver cell phone use.

Nevertheless, adds Sheriff Lasater, safe travel ultimately comes down to the people on the roads.

> *"What a lot of people need to understand is that a high percentage of traffic fatalities are a result of poor decision-making."*
>
> **George T. Lasater**,
> Charlevoix County Sheriff

"The individuals behind the wheel are not only responsible for themselves and their passengers, but responsible for all the other travelers they share the roads with at a given time. Every thought and every action counts."

In what is already been a harsh winter throughout much of the U.S., the Michigan Sheriffs' Association suggests the following safety tips for road travel in winter weather:

Winter driving tips:

- Check your tires, engine oil, antifreeze, and brakes before embarking on a trip
- Buckle up and make sure your passengers do too
- Reduce speed in snow, sleet and rain
- Allow yourself plenty of braking space in wet weather
- Lightly pump your brakes on wet roads when slowing the vehicle
- Never venture down unplowed roads
- Avoid distractions (talking on the cell phone or eating)
- Keep headlights on and use low beams in fog
- Listen to the radio for information on local road and weather conditions
- Pull off the road if you're tired or if outside conditions worsen
- If you break down, don't venture more than 100 yards from your vehicle to seek help

Things to include in your vehicle during winter driving

- Map of the area where you're traveling
- Water
- Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Snowbrush and ice-scraper
- Package of cat litter (for tire traction)
- Spare tire, as well as tire-chains or tire-cables (even for 4x4s)
- Small shovel
- Hats, weather proof gloves and boots and a heavy blanket
- Matches and flares
- Cell phone (for emergency use only)

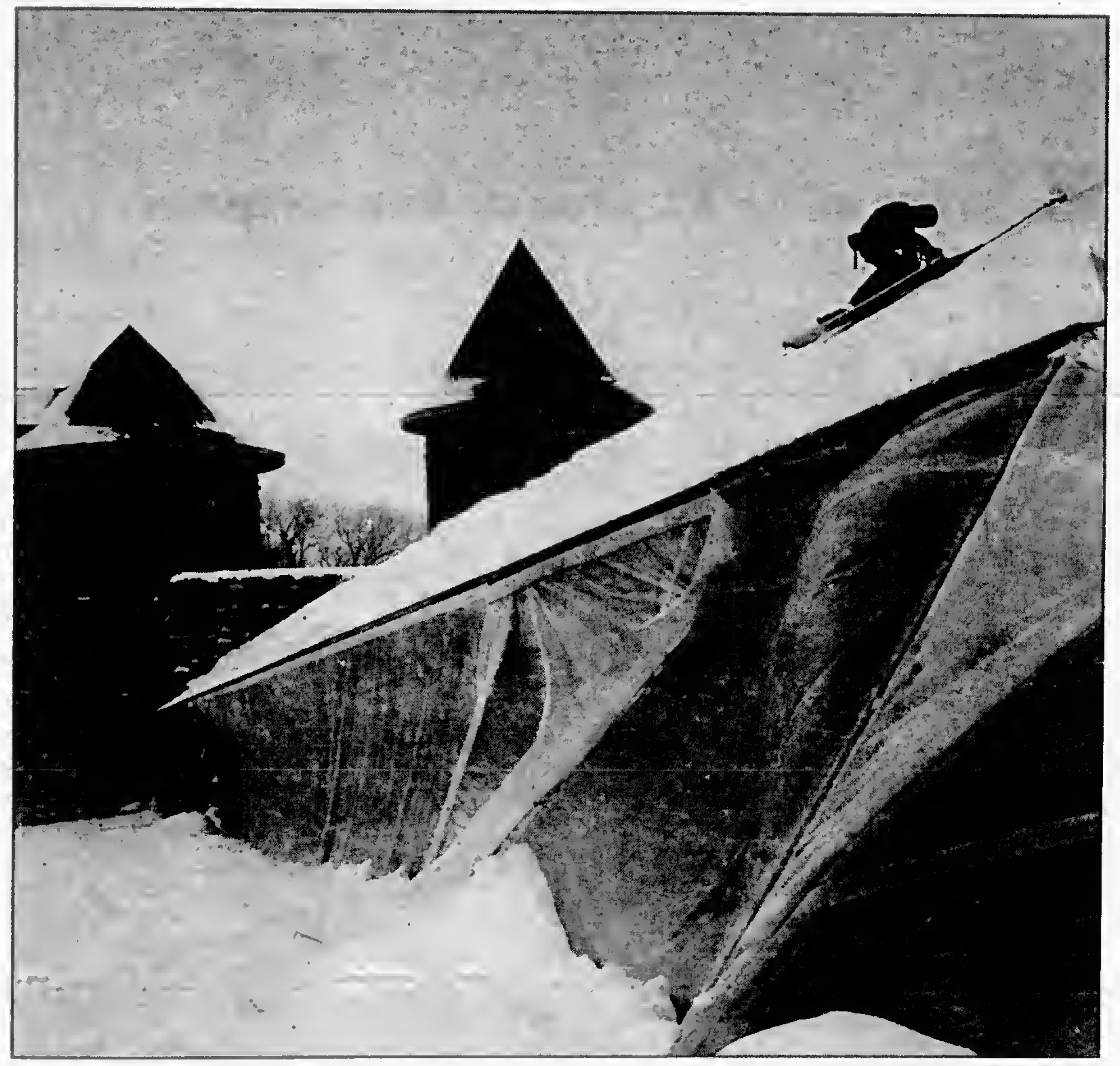

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Castle work

A $3 million project at Castle Farms that started in October of 2003 is about 50 percent complete. Last week workers from Pearsall Construction braved high winds and nasty snow storms to install air vents on the roof of this pavilion. The project includes two 6,400 square foot pavilions that will extend into the center grass field from the former cattle barn. They also worked on trusses for the large building they are roofing.

The renovation will open up covered event space to accommodate 900 people, pavilions and a courtyard area for family activities, with a 20 foot pond at its center, chapels, gardens and added parking.

Society to have romantic dinner

The Historical Society will host a potluck Valentine dinner at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the historic depot at the end of Dixon Avenue in Charlevoix complete with romantic music, history, poetry, and tales both fictional and true.

The public is invited to attend.

Those who do come are asked to bring a dish to pass and their own tableware.

Your admission ticket is at least one Valentine signed with your name or "from a secret admirer" that will go into a decorated box and later will be distributed to shut-ins and the elderly on Valentine's Day. Bring your wedding picture, which will be displayed and admired by all.

A special treat this year will be romantic songs sung by The Charlevoix Men's Chorus.

For more information about this event or if you need a ride call the Charlevoix Historical Society at 547-0373.

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Wal-Mart meeting postponed

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Wal-mart has postponed its plans to meet with the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission for at least a month.

Last week, planning commission chair Nancy Rajewski said the retailer informed her it did not have all of its needed information for a March meeting. Therefore, Wal-mart officials asked her to postpone the planned meeting to sometime in April.

Rajewski said the company must have site plans to the township one month prior to a formal site plan hearing — which was what Wal-Mart was requesting. Since the meeting is being postponed until sometime in April, this means Wal-Mart does not have to have its site plan to the township until March.

Rajewski said she did not know what information the company still needed before presenting its plan. Wal-Mart officials did not return telephone calls before presstime.

In an interview with the *Charlevoix Courier* in late January, Wal-Mart official Chris Danos said the new plans only had minor changes from those presented in September to the township. Most of those changes centered around keeping development away from Stover Creek.

A conceptual plan presented in September shows a Wal-Mart supercenter located near the intersection of Marion Center Road, Stover Road and US-31 in Charlevoix Township.

It would have 40,000 square feet of grocery space on the left side of the store and over 100,000 square feet of retail space on the right side. The store would be a total of 157,400 square feet.

There is also room for seasonal sales, such as Christmas trees and garden supplies, as well as an automotive department for tire, oil and lube changing.

The supercenter will have two main entrances, not including a truck entrance on US-31. One entrance will be on US-31 and the other will be on Marion Center Road. Plans also show the addition of a lighted signal at the US-31 entrance and the addition of deceleration and acceleration lanes and turn lanes on US-31.

These road plans are subject to approval by the Michigan Department of Transportation. A traffic study is currently being worked on.

Wal-Mart officials said they hoped to have the store open in 2005.

Bob Hoffman, a Charlevoix resident and president of the anti-Wal-Mart group This Is Our Town, said the group is looking forward to seeing Wal-Mart's new plans.

"We will be interested in seeing the changes in the plans," he said. "There are viable reasons to deny the site plan request."

As for the postponement, Hoffman said it is advantageous for This Is Our Town.

He said it gives the organization more time to build its support and gives it more time to do necessary research.

Currently, the group is circulating a petition in the area of people opposed to Wal-Mart's plans for a supercenter.

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The [illegible] Beaver Island [illegible] Center [illegible] doors to its [illegible] Page 15

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Roar of winter

While snow fell all around them, these snowmobiles sat silent in East Park Saturday while their owners took part in the annual Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Ride-In. The Ride-In featured food and drinks for the riders, raffle tickets and other prizes and plenty of friendly banter. (More pictures on page 23)

Sturock against state grades

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Report cards issued by the state last week for public and charter schools in Michigan have disappointed some administrators with Charlevoix Public Schools.

This is the first year the Michigan Department of Education has administered this accountability system which rated Charlevoix Elementary School a C and gave Charlevoix Middle and High schools Bs. The local charter school, Northwest Academy was not rated.

Grades were released Jan. 30 and the local reaction hasn't been positive.

"Not many superintendents in the state of Michigan are happy with this program. The state tried to rush something out that unfortunately penalized us and a lot of school dis-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

August James Baker, 20, Afton. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Lauri Ann Welsh, 40, White Lake. Driving while license suspended. Serve 10 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Gary Steven McSawby, 50, Charlevoix. Controlled substance — maintaining a drug house. Jail for 30 days with credit for 16 days, serve 30 days.

Phillip Carson Chapman, 48, Hessel. Driving while under the influence of alcohol — third offense. Prison for minimum of 18 months and a maximum of five years. Driving while license suspended. Prison for a minimum of three months and a maximum of three months. Open alcoholic container in vehicle. Prison for a minimum of three months and a maximum of three months. Fines and costs totaling $120.

Kenneth Gene Young, 25, Lansing. Driving while under the influence of alcohol — second offense; and driving while license suspended. Two years probation; 240 hours of community service work; conviction reportable to the Secretary of State; licensing sanction reportable to the state police; alcohol treatment as recommended by the probation department; 12 months in jail with credit for one day, serve 120 days; $955 in fines and costs.

Aubrey Lynn Salinas, 23, East Jordan. Controlled substance — maintaining a drug house. Two years probation; outpatient rehabilitative treatment as recommended by the probation department; 120 days in jail with credit for two days, serve two days; $565 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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Van Houten's Commodities, 01908 Wangeman Road, East Jordan, by Nathan Van Houten

Wood Furniture by Design, 04996 Castleview Drive, Charlevoix, by James S. Mazur

Mary's of Charlevoix, 403 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, by Mary H. Faculak and David J. Guanci

Kent Car Audio, 204 Petoskey Avenue, Charlevoix, by Charles Maskaluk

Justin Thorp Services, 19898 Gennett Road, Charlevoix, by Justin Thorp

Raymond Kokko Maintenance, 10121 Hyck Road, Charlevoix, by Raymond Kokko

Custom Cleaning, 223 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, by Samantha Harris

Tom's Trany Shop, 7241 Lake Street, Charlevoix, by Thomas R. Kennedy and Susan A. Kennedy

Cherry Nails, 181 M-66 North, Charlevoix, by Tony Ung

Marriages

The following people were granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michael Reggie Fiebig, 36, Charlevoix and Michelle Yvonne Shaw, 38, Charlevoix

David Eugene Seymour, Jr. 19, Charlevoix and Jessica Lynn Skop, 19, Charlevoix

Donald Richard Bergmann, 25, East Jordan and Rebecca Lynn Kuzmik, 21, East Jordan

Roman Gabriel Frank Brock, 30, East Jordan and Cathalene Ellen Brock, 29, East Jordan

Warner K. Stringfellow III, 48, Atlanta and Marlene Cynthia Maltese, 51, Charlevoix

Births

Benjamin Allen, weighing 10 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Richard and Lynn Sutton of Charlevoix Jan. 30 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has a sister Devin, 3. His grandparents are Richard and Jean Sutton of Charlevoix, Marie (Rusty) and Jim Kahn of Harbor Springs and Mike and Cathie Misiak of Tecumseh.

Casandra Rose, weighing 10 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Andrew and Mandy Lablanc of Ellsworth on Jan. 27, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital..

Police log

The information contained in this report has been compiled from the Charlevoix Police Department's log book, which is open to public inspection under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Because some officers are still working on their reports, and they were not available before press time, not all of the reports from this period are listed. If you have any information on these reports, please contact the Charlevoix Police Department at 547-3258.

- A 26-year-old Petoskey woman was cited and released around 12 a.m., Jan. 30 near the intersection of Burns Street and Petoskey Avenue for driving while her license was suspended.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 6 p.m., Jan. 27 near the intersection of Bridge and Carpenter streets. No injuries were reported.
- A vehicle struck a parked vehicle around 9 p.m., Jan. 24 in the Charlevoix Middle School parking lot on May Street.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 9:30 p.m., Jan. 23 on the 200 block of West Hurlbut Street. No injuries were reported.
- Two white males are suspected of stealing body jewelry around 2:30 p.m., Jan. 23 from the Shell gasoline station on Bridge Street.
- A vehicle struck a steel post around 5 p.m., Jan. 19 at the Charlevoix Car Wash on Bridge Street.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 2:30 p.m., Jan. 12 near the intersection of State and Clinton streets. No injuries were reported.

Up North Big Band to perform Sundays at Four

The first "Sundays at Four" program will be the Up North Big Band, featuring pianist Elizabeth Humphrey and vocalist JoAnne Beemon.

The show will take place at 4 p.m., Feb. 15 at the Charlevoix First Congregational Church located at 101 State Street.

The Up North Big Band is made up of musicians from varied professions who dedicate themselves to the preservation of live big band music.

There is no charge but donations are gratefully accepted. A reception follows the program.

For more information call (231) 536-7018.

Clarification

A story in last week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier on page 15, should have said Pine Cove Apartments are located on May Street, near the Charlevoix Middle School.

Weather

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Jan. 27	19	13	2.5"
Jan. 28	20	14	7"
Jan. 29	20	9	1"
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Who will be the next queen?

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Charlevoix High School 2004 Winterfest King and Queen will be crowned at half-time of the Charlevoix and East Jordan Varsity Boys Basketball game Feb. 13 at Charlevoix High School. The court includes the following seniors (front, from left) Front row Annakate Trubilowicz, Brittni Simonti, Brooke Blanchard, Jessica Pettis, Libby Campbell, (back) Scott Friske, Bryce Daly, Mike Dupuis, Josh Fassett and Tim Cross.

At half-time of the Rayder basketball team's Winterfest match-up against East Jordan a king and queen will be crowned.

This year's court includes 10 seniors. They are: Brittni Simonti, Bryce Daly, AnnaKate Trubilowicz, Scott Friske, Jessica Pettis, Josh Fassett, Brooke Blanchard, Mike Dupuis, Libby Campbell and Tim Cross.

Out of the five accomplished female students, only one will be selected to be the 2004 Winterfest queen.

Simonti is the daughter of Al and Kathi Simonti. She is a member of the National Honor Society and when she isn't hitting the books, she enjoys football. In the fall of 2004 she is thinking about attending Grand Valley State University.

Pettis, a Rayder student athlete, is the daughter of Jim Pettis. During her high school career she has participated in volleyball, softball, basketball and cheerleading and is a member of the National Honor Society. After graduation she plans to attend Grand Valley State University to pursue a degree in a field related to health care.

Trubilowicz is the daughter of Bill and Marty Trubilowicz. When she isn't busy with the National Honor Society, the French Club, the Spanish Club, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council or steering meetings as student council president, you can find her skiing, running cross country or playing tennis and soccer. After high school she will head to Ann Arbor where she will enroll at the University of Michigan majoring in political science.

Blanchard is the daughter of Clint and Patricia Blanchard and Shaunee and Steve McKenney. Her high school career has been a mix of athletics and academics. When she isn't busy with the National Honor Society or the Spanish Club, you can find her on the basketball court or blocking shots in goal on the soccer field. This fall she will

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Winter fun at the high school

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The 2004 Winterfest celebration at Charlevoix High School will be a week-long event packed with everything from goofy getups and shopping cart floats to a face off of two neighboring basketball teams.

During the week the students will decorate the halls, create Rayder banners, decorate shopping carts and hone their talents for six minute shows.

The week of activities will be rounded out by a dress-up competition with a daily theme.

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Decision needed in Gooch debate

EDITORIAL

Why won't they just make a decision?

This city clerk debate has outlived its welcome. The Charlevoix City Council needs to come to a decision now, instead of debating this matter to death.

The issue is: Charlevoix City Clerk Liz Gooch, an elected official, wants to be full time in the wake of the deputy clerk's recent retirement. Currently, she is part time, while the deputy clerk is full-time. She says she needs to be full-time because the work load is too much to complete in 20 hours. Therefore, she said she has been working 40 hours a week at times, without being compensated for it.

But, some people in city government just don't want this to happen.

First Charlevoix City Manager Mike Weisner wanted to violate the city charter by hiring a deputy clerk. The city charter clearly says the city clerk makes this call at the approval of the Charlevoix City Council. However, Weisner insists he can hire a deputy clerk, but, sorry, the charter reads differently.

Then, some officials said we just can't afford it. How can we not afford it if we eliminate the deputy clerk position or make it part time? That argument doesn't float.

Then they argued that the city clerk position has always been part-time and it hasn't been a problem. Charlevoix is a growing city and in a growing city, the duties of city government grow. Sometimes, we need to change the way we do things to keep pace with life.

The bottom line is it seems there is a power struggle going on at city hall and it is getting pathetic. Some people in the city need to relinquish some control.

Gooch should be paid for the hours she works. If the city does not want to make her full-time, at least pay her for the hours over 20 that she does work.

Make the decision. It is time to move on.

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Wal-Mart may be an opportunity for some

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Since childhood I have heard from ministers and inspirational speakers that the Chinese word character for opportunity is the same as the character for crisis.

I have never verified the truth of this with a Chinese language scholar, but it is a worthwhile sentiment in any case.

Some of Charlevoix's citizens clearly view the coming of a Super Wal-Mart to the shore of our community as a crisis and there seem to be others who think it represents opportunity. While living in Iowa I was part of a small community that fended off the final arrival of a Super Wal-Mart for five years at considerable legal, emotional and psychological cost.

The store is now operating in that community. I suspect Wal-Mart will finally be here as well.

We pretty much know about the crisis side; what could be the opportunities? Some of us will not wish to ever visit the new store, even though it may offer specific products we want. Some will not mind paying a little more for products or services if a local business benefits from those actions.

Both the above groups could very well be served by a potential new business related specifically to the arrival of Wal-Mart: We could call it Delivery of even Deliverance.

Some number of our local population could fill a need by purchasing and delivering pre-ordered products from the new super store. Delivery fees would be set by the difference between Wal-Mart prices and local prices for the same products.

All the new business needs is a telephone or an Internet site and some reliable delivery vehicles. The people who never want to darken the doors of Wal-Mart could stay away, even while purchasing its products and could also benefit the local Deliverance business by paying for delivery and the delivery service would help keep local dollars in the local economy. And of course if someone wanted to pay even more for some needed product, they could specify that it be purchased in a local business and have to pay even more for some needed product; they could specify that it be purchased in a local business and have it delivered for a modest fee.

Fifty years ago I worked for Neff Brothers Grocery in downtown Charlevoix. We delivered our products to anyone who wanted them. We even did the shopping for our customers, packing it from the shelves and sending it off in our delivery van. Neff's delivery service was free, but times change. It was popular as a service then and there seems little reason why it wouldn't be equally popular now.

Wal-Mart could eventually shrink the size of their parking lot because Deliverance workers would be visiting the establishment and shopping in one trip for dozens of families or individuals. Out-of-town deliveries might be just a tad more expensive, but even those living in rural areas should be willing to pay a little extra not to have to drive to either Charlevoix or Petoskey. At least one empty downtown store front could house the Deliverance offices, and maybe competition for the lucrative delivery business would produce two such opportunities.

Fuel costs for local shopping would be reduced with fewer vehicles making the trip to Wal-Mart: Kind of like mass transit for products rather than people. Summer traffic congestion would be limited somewhat. Do you really want to fight your way through the Wal-Mart parking and the over-busy, over-large and confusing store interior when you could be enjoying your lake view or a sunset, the flowers in your yard or the crisp new cover of snow?

Entrepreneurs arise! Our crisis can be your opportunity.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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Letters to the editor

Are you prepared?

Editor:

There are several business opportunities available in Cadillac. Carter's, 45,000 square feet, closed. Glen's, 55,000 square feet, closed. Kmart, 120,000 square feet, closed and Wal-Mart, 120,000 square feet, closing to build bigger.

If relocating does not interest you, similar opportunities may be coming to Charlevoix. How strong is your planning commission?

Kevin Hall
Cadillac

Norwood dispute should go to mediation

Editor:

As a resident of Norwood Township and an active participant in township affairs, I have been concerned about the recent public dispute in our township. At the Jan. 19 board meeting, I publicly suggested that all participants be civil, respect each other's opinions and perhaps, learn how disputes can be amicably resolved. I had specifically suggested that the parties consider using the effective mediation services of Northern Michigan Community Mediation. My suggestions were directed at the township officials, as well as the parties having the dispute.

Thus, I was very disappointed to read in the Jan. 28 issue of the *Charlevoix Courier* that the township supervisor chose, in my opinion, to aggravate the situation by publicly detailing his opinion regarding the dispute and related issues. In my opinion, those types of comments will only serve to stiffen the resolve by all parties and divide our township.

Friends and neighbors, there are many critical social and economic problems in our world; let's appreciate all advantages we enjoy living here, and, in regards to the recent public disputes, request the Norwood Township and city of Charlevoix officials to demonstrate the leadership they were elected to fulfill.

Bill Lovett
Charlevoix

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Don't sink

Ballery Birdsall, 3, of Charlevoix enjoyed the winter weather in East Park Saturday, while her family took advantage of the annual Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Ride-In.

How to get your event news into the Charlevoix Courier

If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail charlevoixcourier@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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- A jury in Oregon found Wal-Mart managers had coerced hundreds of employees to work overtime without pay, and the company is facing over 40 similar suits around the country.[1]
- It has what may be the "largest sex-discrimination case employment lawyers can think of."[2] It also has the "most American with Disabilities Act-related EEOC suits of any US company.[3]
- The Manufacturing sector employs over 3,000 people in Charlevoix County, and Wal-Mart is "probably a significant part" of the dynamic causing the loss of US manufacturing jobs to overseas markets.[4]
- Contrary to the 1980s "Made in the USA" campaign, only 15% of Wal-Mart's items are now made in the USA.[5]
- In 2002, 10% of all US imports from China were bought by Wal-Mart. That was $12 billion that was not paid to American companies.[4]

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Wedding

Newcomb — Udy

Rachel Newcomb and Kevin Udy, both of Collierville, Tenn., were married Sept. 13, 2003 in front of 175 guests at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church.

Rachel is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Newcomb of Charlevoix. Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Udy.

The Rev. Waring Porter of Knox Presbyterian Church, in Harrison Township, performed the service.

The bride wore a pearl adorned silk and satin dress, which was made as a gift by the groom's aunt. She also had a pearl beaded headpiece and carried a bouquet of hydrangea, rose and stock combination that was handcut and tied with an ivory ribbon.

Music at the ceremony was provided by Theda Williams on piano and Grant Newcomb on the trumpet.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Chelsea Newcomb.

Bridesmaids were Jocelyn Lorenger, Emily Eshenroder, Shelley Williams, Anne Scott and Danielle Smith. They wore French blue satin gowns and carried blue and green hydrangea bouquets.

Rachel Sjolander was the flower girl.

Brett Ament was the ring bearer.

The best man was Bradley Udy, the groom's brother. Groomsmen were Jim Metzger, Steve Caldwell, Steve Bawks, Rob Myers and Grant Newcomb.

Ushers were Justin Clark and Scott Graul.

A reception was given at Stafford's Perry Hotel in Petoskey.

The couple went on a wedding trip to Grand Cayman. They are making Memphis, Tenn. their home.

The bride graduated from Michigan State University in 2001. She works for Medtronic in Memphis, Tenn.

The groom graduated from Michigan State University in 2001. He works for Hunter Fan Company in Memphis, Tenn.

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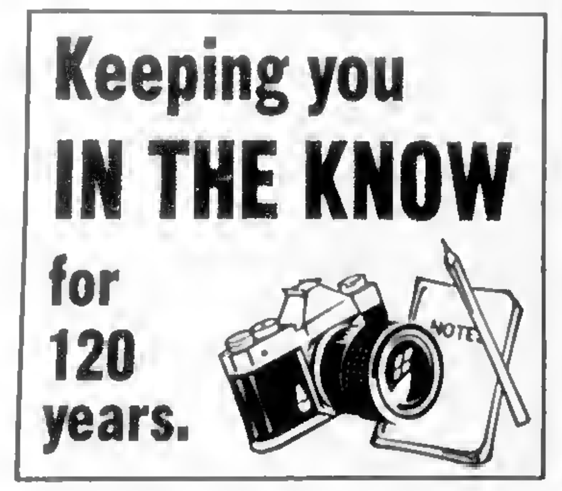

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Petrosky named to new public affairs position

Tim Petrosky

Timothy D. Petrosky has been named public information director for Consumers Energy.

He succeeds Kevin Keane who was recently appointed area manager for Genesee and Lapeer counties.

In his new position Petrosky will share responsibility for statewide media relations relating to the utility's electric operations and service to customers. He will also continue to support public affairs activities at the Big Rock Point Restoration Project.

He will maintain an office in northern Michigan.

He began his career with Consumers Energy in 1981 as a part-time meter reader. He has held positions in marketing and sales, community services and public information. In addition to Big Rock Point, he has worked in the utility's Royal Oak, Livonia, Alma, Fenton and Saginaw offices.

Petrosky was named Big Rock Point public affairs director in 1991 and is responsible for the plant's media relations, emergency communications, local government and public relations and employee communications.

Petrosky earned a bachelor's degree from Ferris State University and a master's degree in communications from Eastern Michigan University. Petrosky, wife Tricia, and children Jacob and Elizabeth, reside in Charlevoix.

Big Rock Point was the world's first high power-density boiling water reactor and an important research site for the nuclear power industry. The plant was shut down on Aug. 29, 1997, after 35 years of service, making it the nation's longest running nuclear plant.

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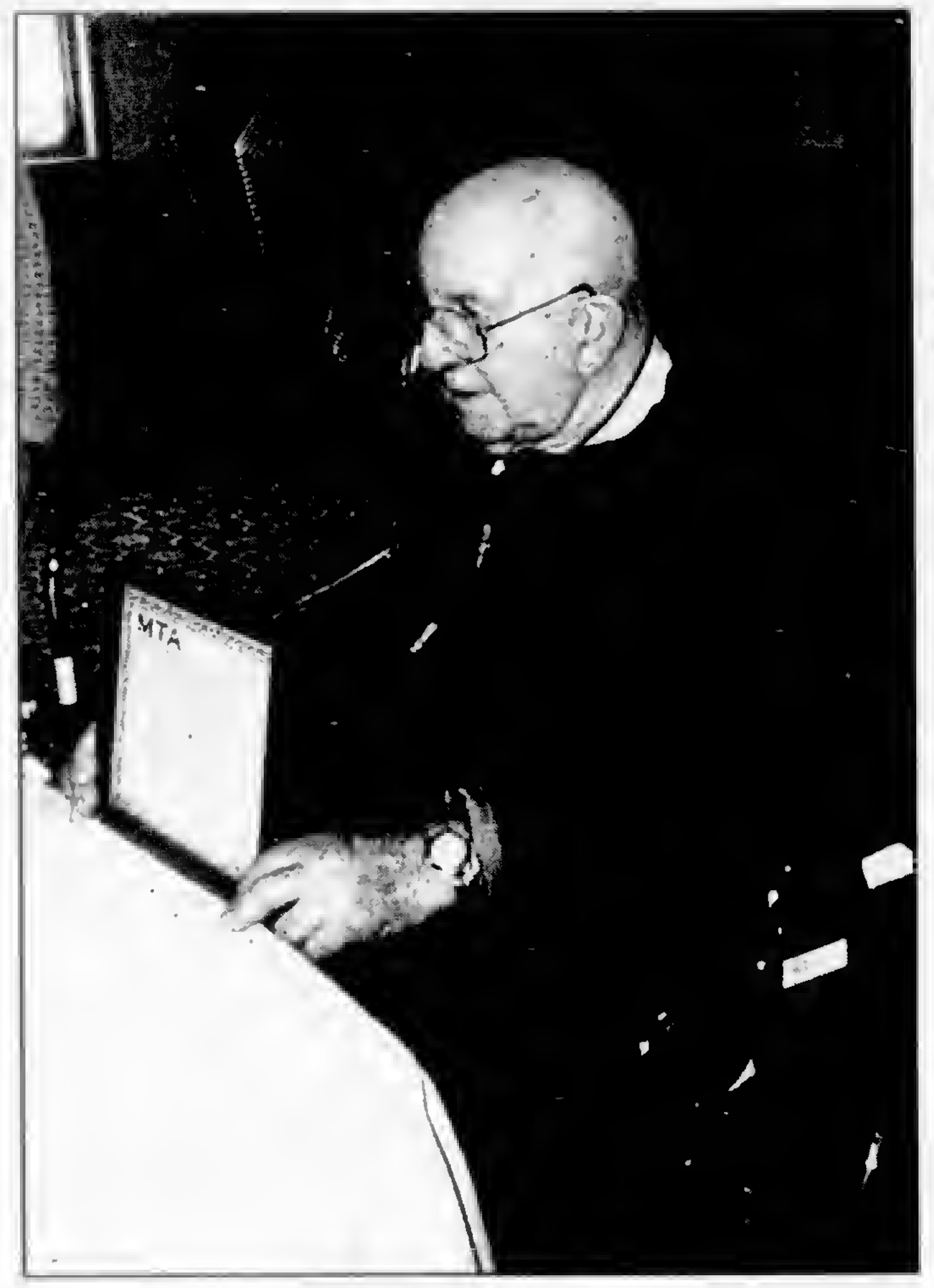

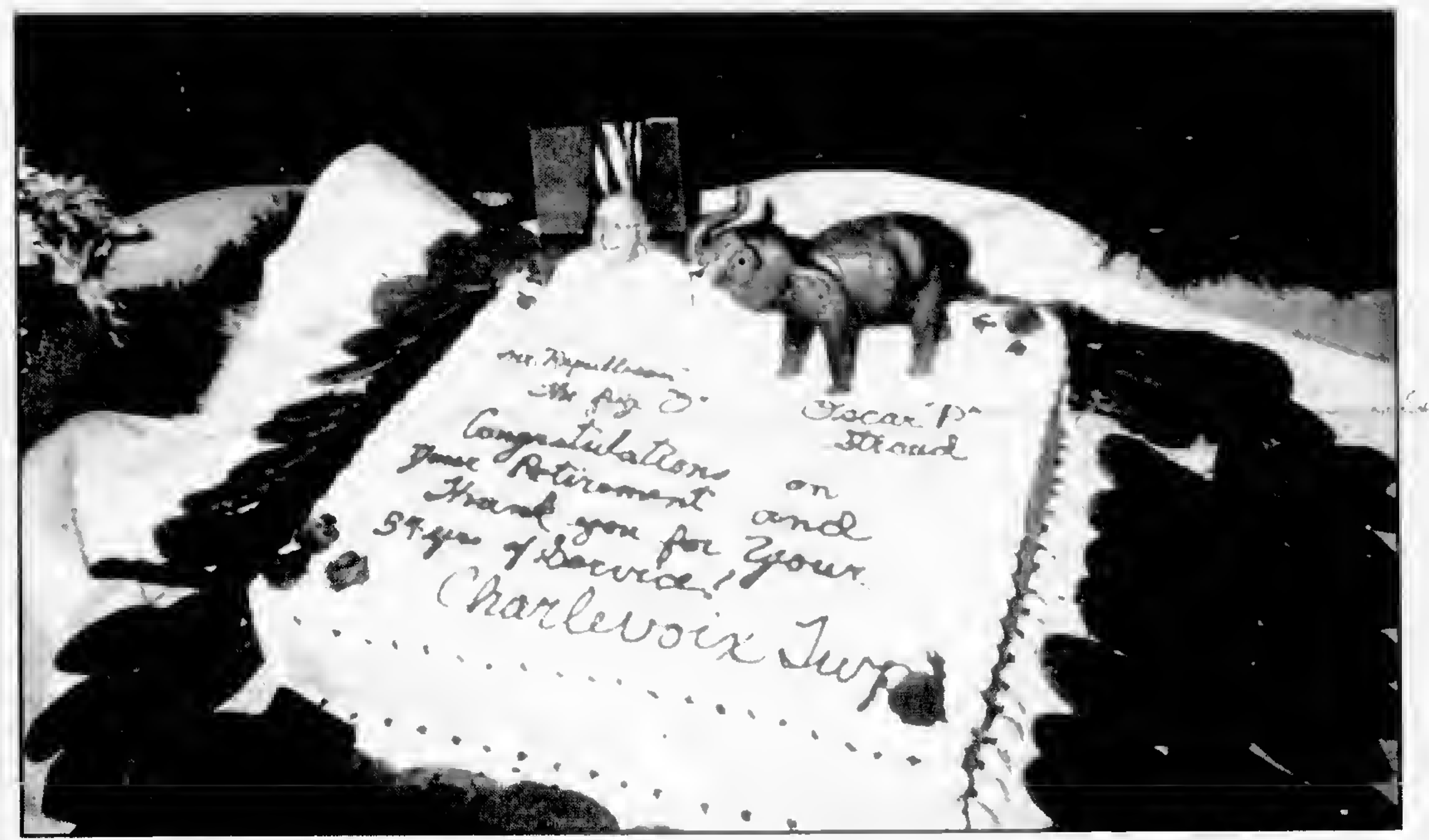

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Courtesy photos

(Left) Long-time Charlevoix Township supervisor Oscar Stroud holds a plaque from the Michigan Townships Association recognizing his service to Charlevoix Township. He started with the township board in 1966 and resigned in December. He is 91 years old. (Above) Local caterer Dave Phillips crafted this edible tribute to long-time Charlevoix Township supervisor Oscar Stroud. Stroud was the driving force behind several major projects including the township owned water and sewer systems, the township fire department, the Shanahan Field recreation area, the construction of the township hall called Stroud Hall and the township's paved road system.

Library to take part in community reads event

Little Traverse Community Reads will continue this month with a community book discussion of the Newberry Honor Book, "The Watsons Go to Birmingham," by Christopher Paul Curtis.

Discussion will take place at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Charlevoix Public Library located off Clinton Street in Charlevoix.

Library Director Val Meyerson will lead the group in a lively discussion of this hilarious tale.

"A book discussion is a wonderful way for parents to spend an evening with their child," Meyerson said.

Meyerson has invited parents and their middle school age children to participate.

The Watsons' story takes place in 1963. Byron Watson and his younger brother Kenny are constantly in trouble for one thing or another.

Before the system can label Kenny a delinquent, the family packs up the car to deliver Kenny to his grandmother in Birmingham. The journey from Flint is packed with humor, until faced with one of our country's most tragic events, the bombing of the Sixteenth Avenue Baptist Church.

The author gracefully blends the fictional account of an African American family with the factual events of the violent summer of 1963.

For more information contact the library at 547-2651.

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library.

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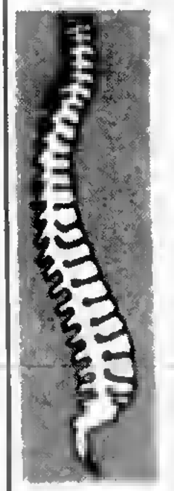

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Obituaries

David Alan Farnsworth: Oct. 10, 1950 - Jan. 30, 2004

David Alan Farnsworth, 53, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at his home in Charlevoix.

He was born Oct. 10, 1950, in Watertown, N.Y., the son of Donald and Roberta M (Lance) Farnsworth. He grew up in the Detroit area and graduated from Redford High School in 1968, then attended Lawrence Tech.

He has lived in Charlevoix for 23 years, where he was a member of the Charlevoix Country Club. He loved to golf and had shot a hole-in-one at the Country Club.

David was employed at Bay Shore Steel where he was a purchasing agent. David was also a journeyman carpenter.

He is survived by his mother, Roberta M. Johns of Saint Claire Shores; brother, Robert A. (Phyllis E.) Farnsworth of Fairfield Glade, Tenn.; nephews, Robert and Michael Farnsworth; nieces, Heather Farnsworth and Kendra Kinsey.

Visitation will be 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 4 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Following the visitation, Michael will be cremated and his remains will be interred in the York Township Branch Road Cemetery near Medina, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Charlevoix High School Golf Team.

Matilda K. Willard: Oct. 5, 1916 - Jan. 25, 2004

Matilda K. (Guidi) "Til" Willard, 87, of Portland, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004.

She was born Oct. 5, 1916 in Ionia, a daughter of Santino and Mary Guidi. Her eyes shown with proud memories when she described the family candy store in Portland.

Candyland was run as a family operation and she could remember making fudge, taffy and other candies. A kid in a candy store as she recollected.

Mrs. Willard graduated from Portland High School, attended Michigan State University and graduated from Central Michigan University. She met her husband, Ralph, in high school and they were married for 61 years, prior to his passing in 1999.

They had three children, Steve, Louise and Roger. While the children were growing up, Til worked part-time as a merchandiser for Marjo Hat Shop in Grand Rapids.

She also ran fashion shows at various department stores, like Steketees, showcasing hats and purses. In 1956, she and Ralph moved the family to Portland.

Til went to work at St. Patrick in Portland as an English teacher, when her youngest child was 18. She went on to implement the first home economics class there. She had the distinction of being one of the first lay teachers hired at St. Patricks and rose to the position of elementary principal.

Mrs. Willard was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, parents, sister, Vi and brothers, Ronald and Carl. She is survived by her children, Steven (Kay) Willard and Roger (Diane) Willard, both of Portland and Louise (Dr. James) Hilligan of Charlevoix; six grandchildren, Wendy (Greg) Woodruff, Julie Willard, Todd Willard, Christine (Don) Harbort, Jeffrey (Janice) Hilligan, Jennifer (Bryan) Vollmer; seven great-grandchildren, Rachel and Jordan Woodruff, Madison, Mackenzi and Nicholas Harbort, Tucker and Abigail Hilligan and one Vollmer on the way.

Thanks to a special friend, Valerie Jenkins and the caring staff (especially Kerinne) and nurses at Heartland Healthcare in Ionia.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at the Portland Cemetery later this spring. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Barker-Leik Funeral Home in Mulliken.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Flood waters

Work on Charlevoix City Hall gave officials a chance to fix a leaky water pipe leading to the city last week. After digging through Mason Street, workers found the pipe — which quickly filled their hole with water — and patched it. Workers estimate the pipe had been leaking for about a year.

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Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
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Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.

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11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Pioneer Clubs	6:45 p.m.

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Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Philip Starks 547-4221
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Pastor: Mike Mitchell....237-0800

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Geri Litchfield....582-9262

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Michael C. Smith.... 547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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Commissioner wants to cut council pay

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

A question has been raised as to whether or not the mayor and six city council members should be paid for their service.

John Campbell

"They (council and the mayor) are no different than people that serve the community on library boards, school boards or township boards. It's a service to the community to be there," John Campbell, a member of the city of Charlevoix Compensation Commission, said.

Campbell reviewed information from the Michigan Municipal League outlining how other communities handle compensating city officials. He said other mayors and council members are given everything from no money at all to more money than the local group gets.

Currently the city pays its six council members a total of $10,800 and the mayor $3,400. The mayor's payment is more than is given in Petoskey, Boyne City and East Jordan but is less than Traverse City. And the council allocation is more than East Jordan and Petoskey but is less than Boyne City.

Campbell brought the local stipend up at the Jan. 23 compensation commission meeting. According to the city charter this commission sets the salary for the mayor and council.

He said in bringing up the issue he was not proposing that this wage be abolished or raised, he was just discussing.

Prior to attending the meeting Campbell talked to three council members. He said two of the three were in favor of discontinuing the wage.

Third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain, who received a call, said, "The money was not a driving factor in it for me. I would probably do it for nothing, it's a public service job for me."

Chamberlain and others serve not only at two council meetings every month but also attend any special meetings and several ad hoc committee meetings. Chamberlain said these meetings are on top of personal time they use researching issues.

Others on the compensation commission agreed with Campbell that the elected positions are a way of serving the community and not jobs, but didn't wholeheartedly support cutting their stipend.

Phil Kluczynski, a commission member, said, "I don't think any of these people run for those positions because its profitable. They do it because it's a service to the community."

Kluczynski added that if abolishing the wage would save the city a bundle of money it might be worth it but it really wasn't for the $14,000.

But Campbell said the change isn't about saving the city money, its about taking the politics out of the position. He said he thinks that if the pay were cut maybe people serving who have their own agendas would be cut out of the picture.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson said Campbell should stop worrying about the agendas of others and start worrying about his own.

She feels his sudden interest in this issue is related to his pending dismissal from the city planning commission.

"I think him bringing this up at the compensation commission meeting with the current situation is a conflict. He's mad at the mayor and city council because he didn't get his way on assisted living," she said.

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> Planning Commissioner and city compensation committee

The alleged conflict Gibson alludes to stems from council's December vote against setting a public hearing to discuss a planning commission recommendation to amend the zoning ordinance to include assisted living. Campbell is a planning commissioner.

After council denied the hearing, the commission set a public hearing to hear a request to locate Sunnybank Retirement Community, on a north side property in the R-2 single family residential district.

This action prompted Mayor Gabe Campbell to threaten the dismissal of Campbell and four of his fellow commissioners. The Mayor claims their decision constituted neglect of duty and inefficiency.

Campbell denied that the compensation issue and the dismissal are related.

Another compensation commission member, Lou Hollow, also saw how cutting council's cash could be perceived in this way.

"It would look like the compensation commission is taking a position, slapping the council and the mayor," he said.

Commissioner Ken Staley motioned not to change the current compensation. This motion died for lack of a second.

Compensation Commission chairman Ed Johnson said he isn't comfortable supporting any change without first seeing how the people in those seats feel about it.

Another motion was made to table the matter to be brought up at a later meeting. This motion passed. Now, the commissioners plan to speak with members of council, the mayor and other communities about it.

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Governor cuts less than expected from budget

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Public school districts across the state are breathing a sigh of relief as high early projections of cuts to state funding for public schools were overestimated.

"I certainly like $79 better than $196, but still it's $79 a student and $79 a student for us is about $100,000," Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Dr. John Sturock, said.

Dr. John Sturock

On Jan. 8 a letter written by Gov. Jennifer Granholm was sent to school superintendents across the state announcing final decisions for budget cuts.

The letter with news of cuts was expected, but the size of the cuts was a surprise.

In mid-October Granholm announced that the state is facing a $900 million deficit it has to make up before the fiscal year ends on Sept. 30, 2004. Of that deficit, $349 million is a shortfall in the school aid fund.

The expected result at that time was a probable cut to the foundation grant at $196 per student which would cost Charlevoix Public Schools about $276,000. The school board got together and started talking cuts.

They decided to make the money up by cutting back in ways that wouldn't affect programs and paying the difference out of the district's fund equity.

That $1.6 million fund equity account will likely still take a hit, but it won't be as hard.

Granholm's latest plan reduces the foundation allowance by $84 per pupil for payments from October through January. So far, this has cost the district about $25,750.

Greg Bird, spokesman for the state budget office, said "It's good news, but it would be better if we didn't have to prorate at all."

According to Bird, things are looking even better for schools this month. He said at the Jan. 14 revenue estimating conference there was talk of that allowance reduction coming the school district's way even more. They are expecting the February cut to be between $74 and $79 per student.

Accounting manager for the Charlevoix School District, Shawn Biddle said this $74 cut is expected to stay at that level through the rest of the fiscal year and will cost the district $5,900 for February.

These cuts will likely plague the rest of the fiscal year and in the end will cost the district about $100,000. Just exactly where the money will come from will be discussed at the school board meeting scheduled to take place at 7 p.m., March 8 in the library at the high school located off Marion Center Road.

While the board will have to talk about where money will come from to band-aid this year's budget, the future looks bright. When the new fiscal year starts on Oct. 1, 2004, no cuts should be facing schools and the district should get $7,887 per student for the year.

Bird said at the state's January revenue estimating conference it was projected that the school aid fund for fiscal year 2005 is going to be about $414.2 million in the positive. This will be made more definite on Feb. 12 when Granholm presents the budget.

Bird said the reason for this better financial situation in 2005 is due to a better economic forecast and expected increases in revenue from the school aid funds main contributor, the sales tax.

He said Granholm is expecting people to buy more and is also taking into account two new lottery games, Club Keno and Pull Tabs. These lottery games are expected to bring in $50 million to the school aid fund.

But with the state facing a $1 billion deficit in the 2004-2005 fiscal year, and Sturock isn't holding his breath with hopes that the school foundation allowance is safe.

"How that (the deficit) will affect public schools remains to be seen. I wish I could project into the future. We'll base next year's budget on what we're getting this year ($7,887 per student)," he said.

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Kennel issue appears to be headed for court

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Norwood Township's Zoning Board of Appeals won't rehear a permit appeal, so a circuit court judge may have to.

Permits for the construction of a shed and the modification of an existing fence issued for Auntie Barb's Country Kennel were overturned by the township's zoning board of appeals (ZBA) in November.

This action followed an appeal from Mark and Marilyn Maynard who are neighbors and former customers of kennel owners Barb and Frank Hamilton. Mark Maynard, is also a Norwood Township Board Trustee, a ZBA member and the former chairman of the township planning commission.

Mark Maynard said in June he and his wife appealed the permits which were issued to the Hamiltons by township zoning administrator Lynn Smolenyak in April and May of 2003. They claim those permits were given when the property didn't conform with the zoning ordinance.

Three grueling ZBA meetings followed to resolve the Maynards' appeal.

The Hamilton's property is located at 02161 US-31 in Charlevoix's Norwood Township. They were granted a special use permit to operate a kennel there on April 12, 1995 under the township's 1991 zoning ordinance. This 1991 ordinance was revised and the new ordinance went into effect on June 16, 1995.

The ZBA decided that the Hamiltons had not done work of "substantial character" to get the kennel operation up and running in the months between their permit being issued and the new ordinance going into effect. And because of that, ruled the Hamiltons do not have a vested right for use of their kennel facility.

The ZBA also ruled the scope of kennel operations has changed from what was approved in 1995.

This means the Hamiltons need to get a new special use permit under the current ordinance, bringing the kennel and grounds up to today's ordinance standards.

Smolenyak entered an appeal of that decision on Dec. 18 on behalf of the Hamiltons. Dan Barron, the Hamiltons attorney with the Charlevoix law firm Barron and Golski, argued the legal standard the ZBA used in making its ruling was wrong and the issue needed to be reheard.

But that request for rehearing was denied at the ZBA's Jan. 28 meeting. ZBA chairman Bill Jackson said the board acted on a recommendation by Norwood Township attorney Bryan Graham.

Graham advised the board that there was no clearly erroneous standard it used in making its decision and therefor no grounds on which to rehear the case.

This means the Hamiltons can proceed in one of three ways. They can file an application with the township planning commission to get a new special use permit. They can file an application with the planning commission to amend their current permit to comply with the current zoning ordinance.

Or, they could appeal the decision to circuit court. And according to Barron a lawsuit is most likely the direction they plan to take.

He told the board, "Unfortunately this matter will most likely have to be decided in a court of law."

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Free throw champions

Ten boys and girls from the Charlevoix area were named local champions of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and will go on to compete at districts on Feb. 7. Winners are: (from left) Emily Foster, Desirea Faust, Erika Faust, Nichole Speigl, Sherry Boss, Keegan LaBlanc, Beau Boss, Ty Jones, Sam Balasz and Dustin Dibble.

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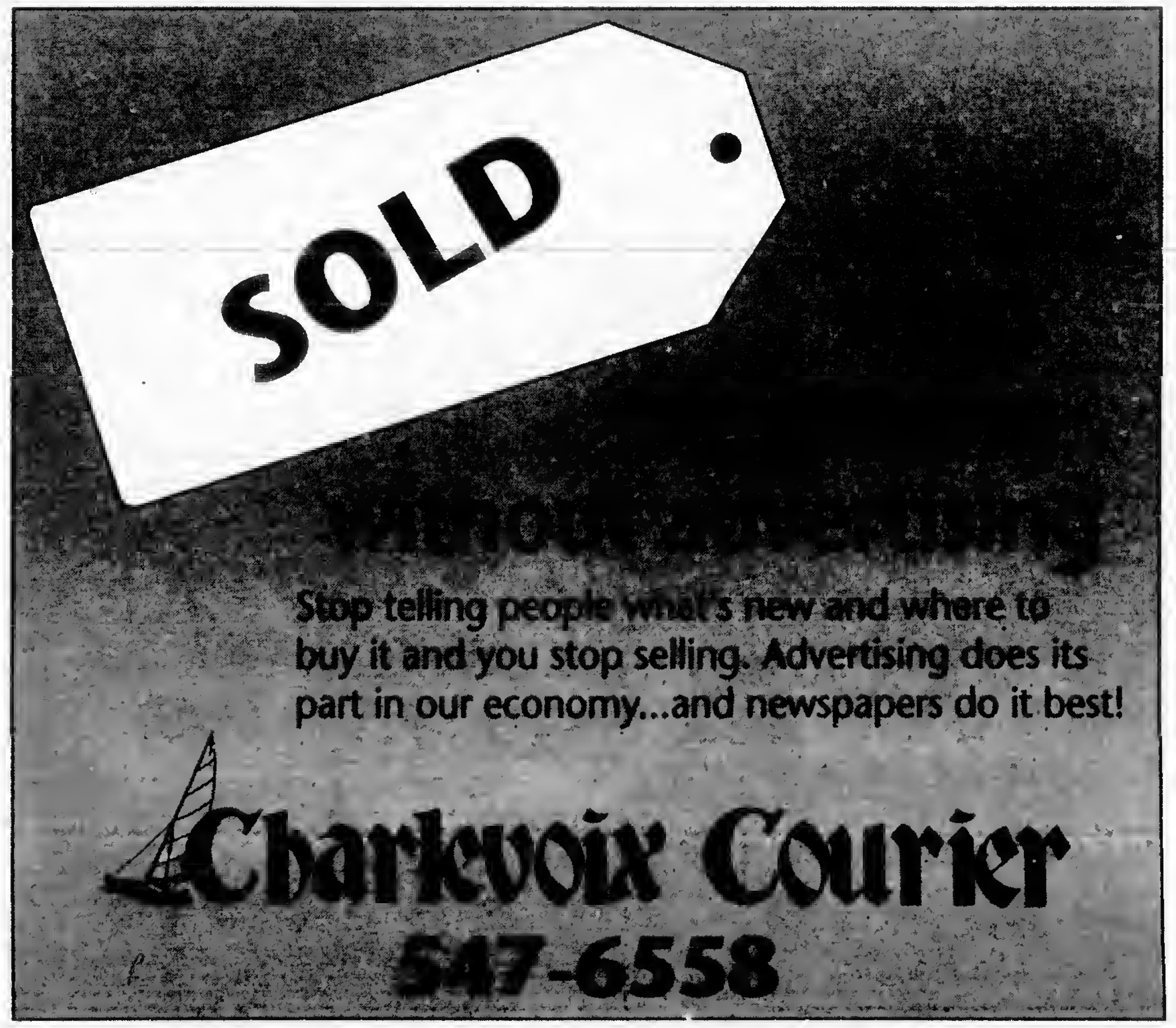

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WIC serves low income pregnant, postpartum and breast feeding women and infants and children to age five who are a nutritional risk.

"The record number of WIC participants is certainly a reflection of our struggling economy," Pat Fralick, director of the WIC program, said. "But it also reflects the respectful service provided hy our staff. It is very difficult for many people to ask for help so we really try to make families feel comfortable when they come to the health department."

WIC provides vouchers to purchase specific foods each month that are designed to supplement participants' diets. The foods are high in nutrients, such as iron-fortified cereals, vitamin C rich juices, peanut butter and tuna fish.

"WIC coupons are redeemed for nearly $1.5 million in groceries every year in our four-county area," Fralick said. "Without WIC, local food pantries would really be struggling to keep up with the needs of hungry families."

According to the USDA Food and Nutrition service, WIC saves lives and improves the health of nutritionally at-risk women, infants and children. Research has shown that the WIC program plays an important role in improving hirth outcomes, like fewer premature hirths and fewer infant deaths is well as decreasing health care costs.

"For each dollar spent on WIC, there is a savings in health care dollars up to $3.13," Fralick said. "This is an exceptionally cost-effective program."

Families may sign up for WIC at the health department offices in Bellaire, Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. The WIC program is open to women who are pregnant, postpartum (up to six months following the birth of infant) and/or breast feeding, and infants up to 12 months of age and children up to five years of age.

Local applicants must live in Michigan and meet the income requirement, currently an annual income below $33,485 for a family of four.

For more information about WIC contact the local health department at 547-6238.

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Locks of love

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In "Warrior Soul" he recounts some of his most dangerous assignments: Playing a deadly game of cat and mouse with a Nicaraguan patrol boat on a clandestine reconnaissance mission on the Mosquito Coast.

Cut off on the streets of Beirut, the author's SEAL detachment battles snipers on the Green Line. In the mid-Atlantic, Pfarrer's unit attempts to retrieve - or destroy - the booster section of a Trident ballistic missile before it can be recovered by a Russian spy trawler. On a runway in Sicily, his assault element surrounds an Egyptian airliner carrying the Achille Lauro highjackers.

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In addition to his outstanding eight-year career as a Navy SEAL, Pfarrer was also the screenwriter for the motion pictures "The Jackal," "Darkman," "Red Planet," "Virus," "Hard Target" and "Navy SEALs."

Pfarrer is co-founder and director of Visual Purple, LLC, a corporation providing national security affairs training with clients including the Department of Defense, FBI, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and U.S. Special Operations Command, among others.

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New island health care facility opens

By Frank Solle
Special to the Courier

BEAVER ISLAND — One time island physician and former president of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center board of directors, Dr. Phillip F. Lange, became the first patient at the new Beaver Island Rural Health Care facility last week and was given the honor of cutting the ceremonial ribbon prior to entering the examination room.

"This is just great," Dr. Lange, who as board president through the 1990s, helped lay the groundwork for starting the process of building a new clinic, said of the new 8,000 square-foot facility. "I now see fewer and fewer people leaving the island for medical care."

Sometimes even good change doesn't come easily to small communities, and the building of a new clinic on Beaver Island after 50 years in the old location has been no exception. Ever since Beaver Island Rural Health Center received a $1.5 million state grant in 2001, an air of controversy has swirled around the development, building, and now the opening of this impressive facility.

From deciding where the building should go, to its final shape and size; from the type of exterior siding, to the style of windows; to which fuel should be used to heat the facility and who should provide it, the island community has wrestled with opinion, emotion and concerns each step of the journey.

But through a summer heated by the non renewal of one health care provider's contract, an autumn colored by another's resignation and the hiring of a new provider with longtime connections to the island, to a winter chilled by controversy over the terms and amounts to charge the local, independent dentist for her use of the building, construction on the new facility continued.

"This has been very energy consuming in a variety of ways," Transition Manager Arlene Brennan said of the move to the new clinic. "But our staff has been fabulous. We really have a great work group here. They have taken a lot of pride in this. Everyone has had a lot of input and been very involved since day one."

Brennan added, "Functionality is the name of the game and this is at the very top. The design is beautiful, plus there is a lot of room for growth and expansion. This is going to serve the community for many years to come."

Current Beaver Island Rural Health Center board president Connie Wojan echoed Brennan's thoughts.

"This is something that will meet our needs as the population continues to grow. We didn't build this for the next two years, we built it for the next 50," she said.

Speaking of the overall appearance of the new building, Wojan added, "It's more beautiful than anything I imagined."

Asked what the new facility means to the island, Wojan was quick to respond, "It means a better quality of life. It means the ability to attract professionals. And it means the possibility of offering a wider range of medical services."

Both Wojan and Brennan gave praise to Beaver Island Rural Health Center board member Don Spencer, who acted as the Building Project Coordinator.

From his perspective, Spencer said, "This has been a dream to work with. This is one of the most important infrastructures in the community. Health care, schools, power and roads — those are the biggies. This is a major piece of that puzzle. Maybe we have set the bar for the community for new developments."

One member of the community who played a major behind-the-scenes role in making this development come true is Bill McDonough. While not a member of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center board, McDonough does sit on the board's Resource Development Committee.

Photo by Frank Solle

Dr. Phillip F. Lange cuts the ribbon on the new Beaver Island Health Center as the first patient.

Looking to what he expects the community's response to the new facility will be, McDonough said, "I didn't envision something this grand. When the people of the community visit this for the first time they are going to be awed by the beauty and the functionality of this facility and I think they will quickly become very proud of it."

The new clinic officially opened this past Monday. An island-wide open house is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Sunday. A grand opening celebration is scheduled for June 25.

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City clerk debate continues at council meeting

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

At city council's meeting this week, a familiar debate took center stage.

On Feb. 2 council debated the city clerk's position and didn't make a final decision as to whether it should maintain its part-time status or be bumped up to full time.

Third ward city council member Shirley Gibson has argued that the city charter intends this position to be full-time.

"My feeling in reading the charter, is its intent is for the city clerk's position to be full-time. The job has been eroded and I want to see it go back to what the charter intends," Gibson said at the meeting.

But after over 30 minutes of discussion, Gibson, second ward council member Karen Campbell and about five public supporters of full-time clerk status, were unable to sway the rest of council.

Third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain said his concern with making a change to full-time is money.

"I have to tell the taxpayers how I will come up with $16,500 plus the cost of health care insurance," he said.

In late January, the city's compensation commission recommended that if council makes the clerk's position full-time, the full-time deputy clerk's position should be eliminated and the clerk's salary set at $34,000.

If council decides to keep the position at its current part-time status, the commission recommended it continue at the present salary $16,416.

Aside from the financial hit the city could take, Chamberlain also sees no need for a change.

"For over 20 years the system has worked fine; why change it?" he said.

The clerk's seat is currently being filled by Liz Gooch who was reelected in November of 2003. Gooch is compensated for 20 hours of work, but said she can't fulfill all the duties of the clerk in that time. And any time she works over 20 hours is not paid for.

"I can't do it in 20 hours. There are things that just aren't getting done. Last week I put in 40 hours and I've never asked for compensation," she told council.

Gooch said most of her current responsibilities include keeping records like city council minutes, compiling voter registration information, running elections, coordinating Freedom of Information Act requests and acting as clerk for both council and the Board of Review.

Even though council voted in January not to expand the clerk's responsibilities, they will revisit the issue. At Monday night's meeting they decided to review a list of her duties for consideration. This information will be brought up at a future meeting.

Chamberlain said he would support paying Gooch hourly for any time she worked beyond the 20 hours she receives a salary for. First ward councilman Bob Timms also supports this approach.

Gooch said she would accept this.

Chamberlain hopes this clerk saga will end soon so the city can "start looking to the future."

He said there are bigger fish to fry. With Wal-Mart coming to Charlevoix Township's south side he thinks council needs to look at ways to support and revitalize the downtown.

"We are getting wrapped up in micro-management issues and not setting policy for the future of Charlevoix. This is not good," Chamberlain said.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Sliding into fun

Students at Charlevoix Elementary School enjoyed outdoor winter recess on Feb. 2 sliding down this unconventional snow slide on the playground. When the temperatures are zero or below students can't go outside and there have been several days over the past few weeks when this has been the case.

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February 15, 2004 is the last day to pay 2003 winter taxes without penalty. After Monday, February 16th, a 3% penalty will be added to the tax portion of the bill. Any 2003 taxes can be paid at City Hall or by mail until March 1 when they will be turned over to the County Treasurer.

Richard M. Brandi
City Treasurer

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Students named to 2004 Winterfest court

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attend Central Michigan University to pursue a pre-medical degree.

Campbell is the daughter of Wendy Grahn-Campbell. During high school she found her niche on the stage, in the classroom and in the pool. Campbell is a member of the National Honor Society and has been active in performing arts and in the Spanish Club. She excelled as a member of the community swim team and as a runner. She plans to attend the University of Michigan this fall to study business and accounting.

While these prospective queens dream of the crown, six royal princes will be waiting in the wings to hear who will be named the 2004 Winterfest king.

Daly is the son of Dennis and Suzette Daly. During his high school career he has played basketball and soccer and enjoyed working at Ward Brothers. This fall he will attend either Michigan State University or Grand Valley State University.

Friske is the son of Neil and Joyce Friske. During high school he excelled on the soccer field and basketball court. He enjoys German and Spanish and is a member of the National Honor Society. After graduation he plans to attend college.

Fassett is the son of Martin and Karla Fassett. During high school he has worked hard on athletic teams and in the classroom. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the high school band and serves as student council president. He plans on attending Aquinas College in the fall, majoring in information technology and administration.

Dupuis is the son of Mark and Molly Dupuis. During his four years at Charlevoix High School he has kept busy as a member of the National Honor Society and the soccer and ski teams. He hopes to play soccer at the University of Michigan or at Notre Dame.

Cross is the son of Larry and Cathy Cross.

He enjoys being outside snowshoeing, hiking, fishing and camping. His interests include photography, enjoying nature and art.

The night after the royal couple has been named, Charlevoix High School students will frost the Winterfest week with a celebration.

The Winterfest dance will take place from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Feb. 14 in the gym at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Winterfest events to fill school week

WINTERFEST

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Festivities will kick off Feb. 9 when students will search out an interesting hat to cover their coif for Hat Day.

On Feb. 10 they will wear their class colors. Freshmen will wear yellow, sophomores will wear green, juniors will wear red and seniors will be in blue.

Then, on Feb. 11, class colors will change to future school colors as students and staff show off their collegiate allegiance dressing in college sweatshirts.

Those dreams of post high school education will change to laughs on Feb. 12 when students tear through their dads' closets in search of one of his ugliest ties for "Dad's Ugly Tie Day."

That day at lunch, tie clad students will fill the commons to entertain and be entertained at a Winterfest karaoke sing along.

After the hats, sweatshirts and wildly printed ties are put away, on Feb. 13 Rayder pride will shine as students deck themselves, head-to-toe, in maroon and white. The school colors will splash across the gym bleachers at 1 p.m. that day when teachers, students and alumni gear up for the big game at the Winterfest Assembly.

The varsity Rayders will take on East Jordan at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 13 in the high school gym, located off Marion Center Road. At half-time the cart floats will parade through the gym and the Winterfest king and queen will be crowned.

Win or lose against East Jordan, a big dance party is scheduled to take place from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, at Charlevoix Elementary School. The school is located at 13513 Division Street in Charlevoix.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 28, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on January 28, 2004 in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved Resolution #04-003, Computer Support System with CTL Systems for the remainder of the calendar year. Commissioners Frykberg and Jason voting no.

An IT Committee was formed. The Committee will include Commissioner Snyder as chair, Commissioner Frykberg and representatives from each department.

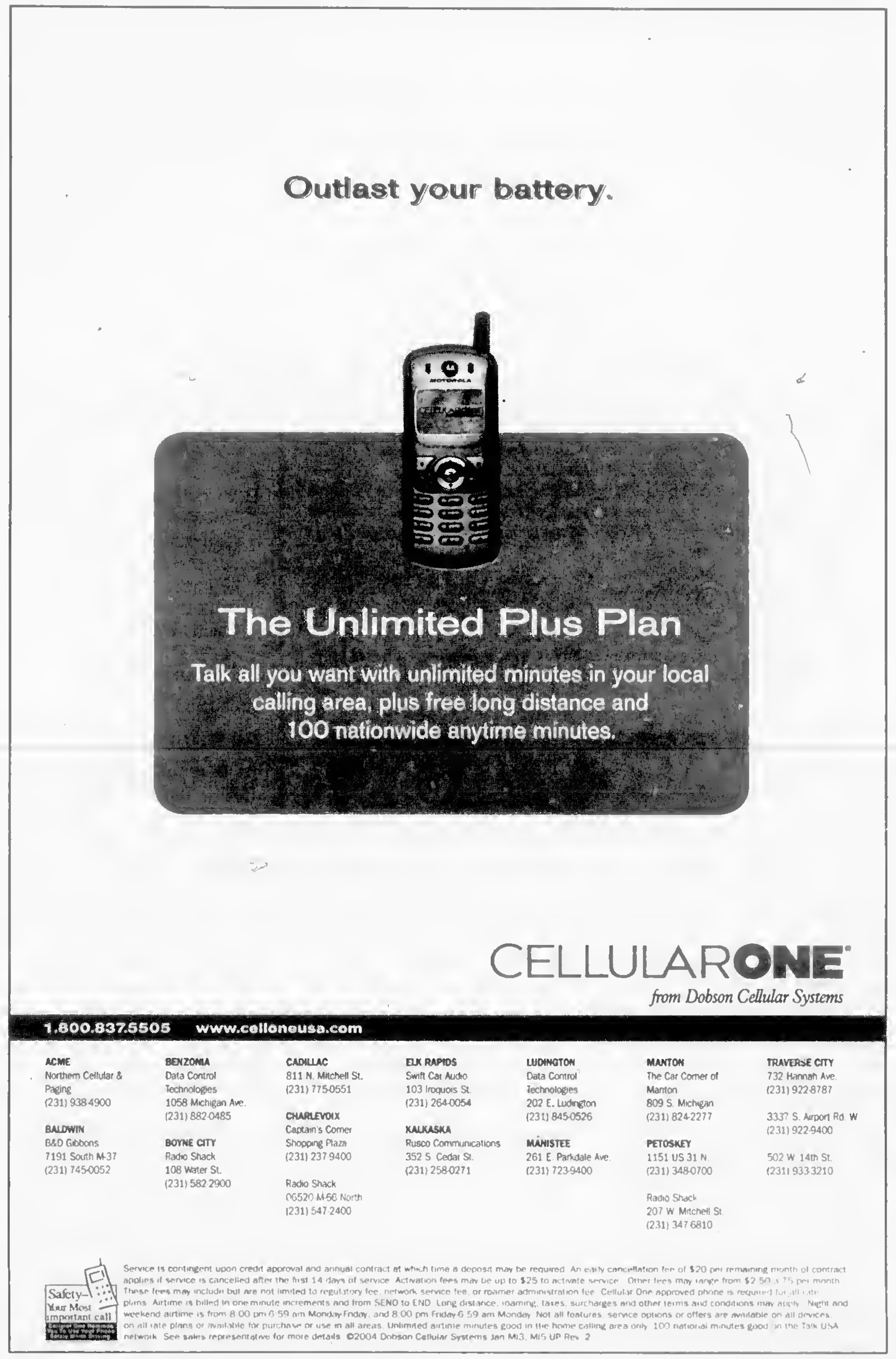
Minutes of the January 14, 2004 meeting were approved by consensus.

Motion approved Resolution #04-004, Park Re-Organization, and appointed a committee for this purpose.

Appointed to the Parks Committee were Valerie Snyder, Dennis Jason, Shirley Roloff, Jane Brannon, Caroline Kobylczak, Ralph Harmon and Dave Seeley.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk



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SPORTS

Charlevoix ski team performs well at Rambler meet

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix/East Jordan High School boys' ski team took third place at the Jan. 29 Rambler Meet, while the girls' took fourth.

Coach Sue Miller said she is happy with the results overall.

"There is room for improvement; we need to fine tune," she said.

Harbor Springs took first in the boys' and girls' meet.

Miller added she wanted to congratulate senior Mike Dupuis on a fine season.

"It has been a joy working with him," she said. "He certainly has come a long way in four years. Mike was a strong player on the team and he will be missed as a part of our team."

Dupuis' ski season ended early this year because he had to undergo surgery on his knee on Jan. 30.

"We wish (Dupuis) much success into a strong recovery," Miller said.

Individual results for the boys' team in the slalom are: York Smith in fifth place, with an overall time of 1 minute, 3.41 seconds; Taylor Fisher in seventh place, with an overall time of 1 minute, 4.23 seconds; Patrick Teske in eighth, with an overall time of 1 minute, 4.41 seconds; Dupuis in eighteenth, with an overall time of 1 minute, 9.29 seconds; Cameron Attee in twenty-fifth, with an overall time of 1 minute, 17.02 seconds; and Andrew Mallory in thirty-seventh place with a did not finish.

Individual results for the boys' team in the giant slalom are: Dupuis in sixth, with an overall time of 48.49 seconds; Fisher in seventh, with an overall time of 48.70 seconds; Teske in eleventh, with an overall time of 49.64 seconds; Mallory in twelfth, with an overall time of 49.91 seconds; Smith in twenty-first with an overall time of 52.88 seconds and Attee in thirty-seventh, with a did not finish.

Individual results for the girls' team in the slalom are: Margaux Rowley in third, with an overall time of 1 minute, 4.81 seconds; Michelle Fritsch in fifteenth, with an overall time of 1 minute, 14.90 seconds; Kelsey Poineau in nineteenth, with an overall time of 1 minute, 16.81 seconds; Katie Diller in twentieth, with an overall time of 1 minute, 17.20 seconds; Kristin Dupuis in twenty-fourth, with an overall time of 1 minute, 26.48 seconds and Sarah Lorne in thirty-fourth, with a did not finish.

Individual results for the girls' team in the giant slalom are: Rowley in fourth, with a time of 47.40 seconds; Fritsch in eighth, with an overall time of 48.44 seconds; Poineau in twenty-first, with an overall time of 53.08 seconds; Diller in twenty-fourth, with an overall time of 53.48 seconds, Dupuis in twenty-sixth, with an overall time of 56.45 seconds and Jenny Rich in twenty-eight, with a did not finish.

Rayder wrestlers compete in Gaylord Invitational

The Charlevoix Rayder wrestling team traveled to Gaylord for the Northern Michigan Invitational tournament Saturday, Jan. 30.

"We came up against our toughest competition yet. Most of the 26 schools at the tournament were Division I and II. Charlevoix was 1 of only four Division IV schools invited to this tournament," Coach Craig Golovich said.

Places went to Jeff Golovich in sixth, Shannon Gillespie in seventh and Tony Kiernan and Jamen Waha in eighth.

Charlevoix indoor soccer results

In indoor soccer play last week, Great White defeated Team Yellow 7-1.

Josh Manker, Ryan Gokee and McDonald all had two goals.

But Great White couldn't hold out in back to back play. The team was edged out in the final minutes of their second game against Maroon Mission by one goal. The final score was 6-5. Bini led Mission Maroon with four goals and Marvin Witthoeft had three assists.

The leading scorer for Great White was Jim Armstrong with two goals while Manker, Gokee and Phillips all had one.

Blue Steel handled the Black Attack 14-4. Exchange student Nurken Ashenov led the steel with seven goals. Orange Crush took care of the Red Hots by the score of 9-1. Surprising performances by Northwest Academy administrator Scott Cochran and former goal keeper Jake Pace who both tallied hat tricks.

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REQUEST TO VACATE AN ALLEY

The City Council of the City of Charlevoix will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 16, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at 109 Bridge Park Drive (US Coast Guard Conference/Training Center), Charlevoix, Michigan for the purpose of receiving input on:

A. A request by Robert Wine, 306 Nettleton, to vacate the east-west alley between Crouter and Petoskey Avenues.
Description: The West 172.25' portion of the alley extending from Nettleton Street to Burns Street bounded by the southerly line of lots 95 and 94 of Crouter's addition and part of the southerly line of lot 93 of Crouter's addition that was not vacated in liber 201 page 115 on 04/28/65; and bounded by the northerly line of lot 96 of Crouter's addition; said alley is 16' x 172.25'.

B. A request by the City of Charlevoix to abandon the north-south alley between Nettleton and Burns Streets.
Description: The North 151.68' portion of the alley between Nettleton Street and Burns Street bounded by the easterly line of lots 96, 97 and 98 of Crouter's addition and bounded by the westerly line of lots 90, 89 and 88 of Crouter's addition; said portion of alley is 16' by 151.68'; and the South portion of the alley between Nettleton Street and Burns Street bounded by the easterly 37.7' line of lot 9 of the unrecorded plat of Fox and Eaton's addition and bounded by the westerly 37.2' line of lot 6 of the unrecorded plat of Fox and Eaton's addition; said portion of alley is 16.5' wide.

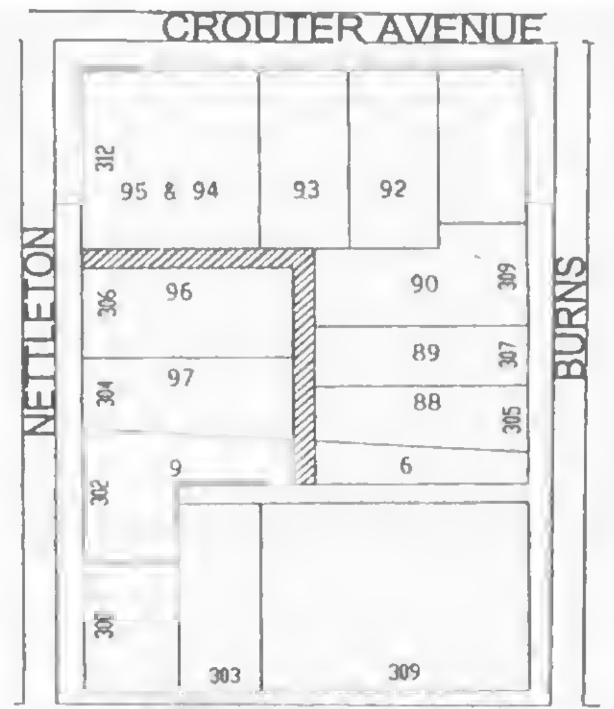
RESOLUTION — INTENT TO ABANDON

At a regular meeting of the City Council held at 109 Bridge Park Drive, USCG Acacia Conference/Training Room, Charlevoix, Michigan, on January 19, 2004, the following resolution was made by Councilman Timms and seconded by Councilman Haggard, to-wit: to schedule a public hearing for Monday, February 16, 2004 to consider the request by Robert Wine to vacate the Nettleton Street alley and to consider Staff's request to abandon the north-south alley (the two requests will be considered separately).

Motion adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas: Councilmembers Campbell, Gibson, Haggard and Timms.

Nays: None.
Abstain: Councilman Chamberlain.
Absent: Councilman Bellows.



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SPORTS

Charlevoix wins thriller against rival St. Francis

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

It was a heavyweight prizefight, but it took place on a basketball court.

The experienced, battle tested champion against the young upstart contender.

The champion was undefeated, but for a couple of technical disqualifications. The contender was unbeaten, but untested.

The stage was set for the Charlevoix-Traverse City St. Francis showdown in the Lake Michigan Conference last Friday night. And the game lived up to its billing.

The Rayders were knocked down early, but got up off the canvas and won a decision over the Gladiators, 75-66 before a sellout crowd of over 2,000 in Traverse City.

"It was everything we expected," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "I thought it was a tale of two tempos, they kept it to the way they wanted to play it in the first half and we got it to where we wanted to play it in the second half."

St. Francis led by as many as 11 in the first quarter and left the court after the period with a 20-11 advantage.

In the second stanza, the Gladiators bumped the lead to 12 at 29-17 with 4:58 left in the half.

Rayder senior all-stater Scott Friske took over offensively for the Rayders, scoring Charlevoix's last ten points of the half. Unfortunately for the Rayder faithful, St. Francis all-conference star Josh Jorkasky matched Friske nearly basket for basket, scoring his team's last eight before intermission.

The Glads held a 37-30 lead at the half. Friske scored 15 for the Rayders in the first two quarters.

Haske adjusted the press at the half, moving the trap from halfcourt to the backcourt and the change paid dividends immediately as St. Francis turnovers and subsequent fouls allowed the Rayders to score the first eight points of the second half.

A short jumper by Ryan DeYoung following a steal by and feed from Jared Hunt put the Rayders in the lead at 38-37 with 6:14 left in the quarter. It was Charlevoix's first advantage since they led 2-0 to start the game.

"It is a bit of a cliché, but in this game I thought the first two minutes of the second half were the key," Haske observed.

The lead then changed four times in the remainder of the period. Neither team led by more than three. Friske's score on a spin move off an offensive rebound tied the game at 51-51 at the end of the third period.

On the first few possessions of the fourth quarter, Friske not only continued to be a force offensively but he switched defensively to cover Jorkasky and held him scoreless.

"We had talked in our pregame that we wanted to start off (with a) quick (defender) on Jorkasky so we went with Hunt," Haske said. "Later in the game we wanted to switch over to Friske to get a bigger player on him. It wasn't something that I told him (Friske) to do (in the fourth quarter). He enjoys that — guarding their best player."

While Jorkasky was silent, the Rayders put together a 12-4 run to begin the period. Hunt scored six and Friske four during the burst.

The spurt gave Charlevoix a 63-55 advantage with 4:27 left in the game. St. Francis scored but twice in a row, the Rayders' Bryce Daly blew past his defender for layups to push the lead to 67-57.

Kyle Kramer then rebounded a missed free throw and his putback made the score, 69-57 with only 3:06 remaining.

Just as the Charlevoix faithful breathed a slight sigh of relief, Jorkasky converted a three-point play to trim the score to 69-60. Moments later, the Rayders were called for a personal foul followed by a technical.

Jorkasky went to the free throw line with a chance to shoot four charity tosses with the clock stopped. He could only convert one of the four however.

The Gladiators made one last push, cutting the lead to 69-66 with 1:16 left, scoring three on a long shot and making two free throws following a foul call on Friske on a play where he swatted the St. Francis shot into the seats.

St. Francis wouldn't score again, however, as the Rayders converted six of eight free throws down the stretch, including two big ones in a one-and-one situation by Ryan DeYoung.

"It was a game where everybody chipped in," Haske said. "Bryce and Hunt had key plays when it counted. Bryce drove by his guy about four times in a row. John DiMartino came in and made some big plays for us. Kyle Kramer didn't play much but his putback was big."

Friske finished the game with 29 points and 19 rebounds.

Haske said, "(Friske) leads in a lot of ways. He gets after the other guys a hit. He's intense. He's just ready to play every night. He keeps turning it up more and more and just when you think he's done it all, he does a little bit more."

Daly ended up with 17 points. Hunt added 14.

The Rayders (8-2 overall, 5-1 conference), are still undefeated on the court and are now tied for first place in the Lake Michigan Conference. St. Francis dropped to 9-1 overall, 6-1 conference.

Charlevoix has three games this week. They hosted the Kalkaska Blazers on Tuesday, Feb. 3 but results were unavailable at presstime. The Rayders play at Boyne City on Friday, Feb. 6 and Glen Lake on Saturday, Feb. 7.

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Strike Seekers	143	107
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Buzy Bees	138	112
Flight Deck Top Guns	132	118
Paul Bunyan Lanes	95	155
Team One	0	100

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Debi Grass	703	226
Kris Dixon	707	192
Jeanne Rankl	681	215

Men's Senior League • Jan. 26, 2004

	W	L
Top Rank Disposal	13	7
State Farm Insurance	13	7
Mark White Paint & Stain	11	9
B Vanloo & Sons	9	11
Kerr's Racing	9	11
Cemex Cement	9	11
Central Drug Store	8	12
Bayshore Steel	8	12

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	592	212
Shawn Putman		205
Dan Gillespie	587	205
Jim Descamps	581	

**Young at Hearts League
Jan. 29, 2004**

	W	L
Has Beens	12	0
Half & Half	9	3
Irish Rollers	8	4
Misfits	8	4
Twilighters	6	6
Sparetime	3	9
Past Timers	1	11
Alley Cats	1	11

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Art Ruis		189
Ken Schoenheit	516	184
Eldon Potter	488	188
Ralph Kitson	492	
Theola Elzinga	448	161
Maxine Ruis	437	158
Anah Potter		151
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Church League • Jan. 28, 2004

	W	L
Ferguson & Chamberlain	127	73
Paul Bunyan Lanes	118	82
Martincheks	109	91
State Farm Insurance	97	103
R & C Roofing	91	109
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Scott Mackinder	616	258
John Fiedorek	622	252
Joe Otmanowski	593	247

Gutter Gals League • Jan. 29, 2004

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	50	30
Express Yourself	44	36
Peul Bunyan Lanes	38	42
Burger King Charlevoix	28	52

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	577	204
Mary O'Brien	570	202
Diana Speigl	497	184

Tuesday Night Ladies • Jan. 27, 2004

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	17	3
Grey Gables	12	8
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	12	8
Hayes Legal Crew	10	10
Top Rank Disposal	10	10
Don's IGA	9	11
Paul Bunyan Lanes	6	14
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cindy Brooks		211
Leanna Mosoryak	488	189
Cindy Mansen	480	
Cindy Pallagi	475	
Rene Thomas		189

Casino League • Jan. 29, 2004

	W	L
4 Play	93	17
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	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	570	290
David Skeel	427	236
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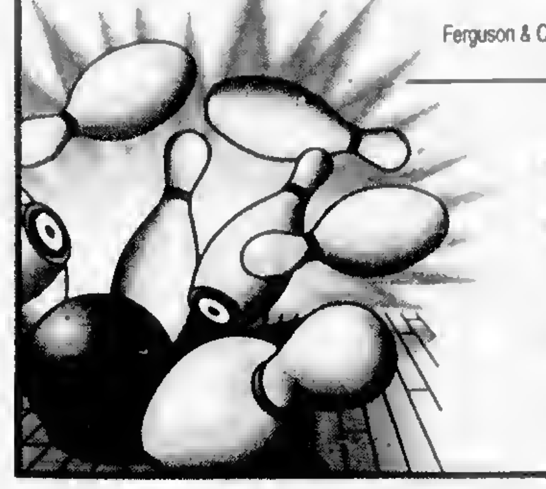

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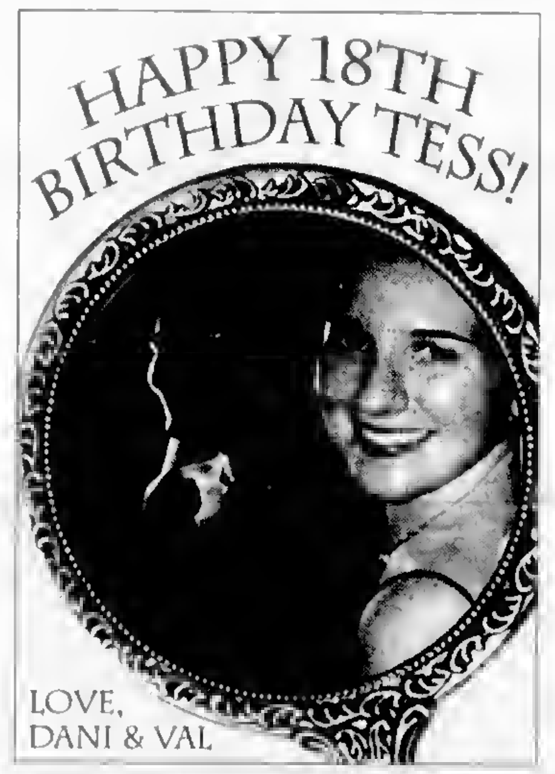

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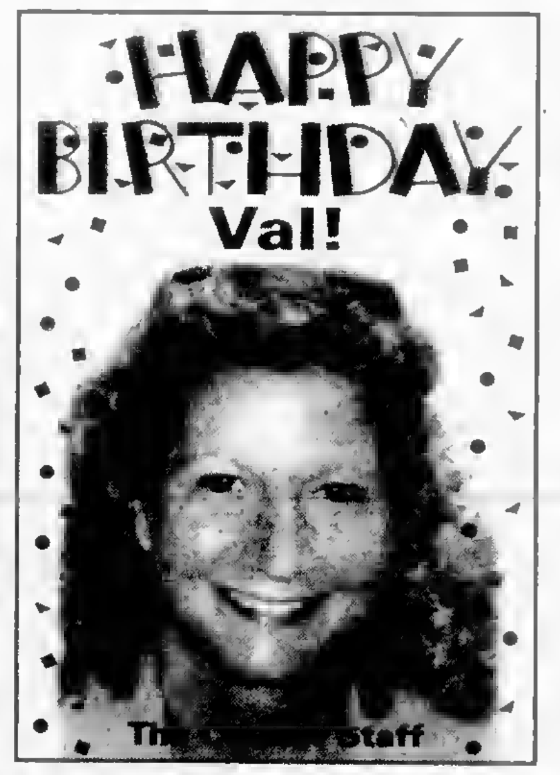

MISC. FOR SALE 134

HISTORIC LAMPSHADES green and white enamel from Loeb/Castle Farms. Call 231-547-4122.

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HOUSE FOR SALE 160

HISTORIC HORTON Bay home. Large garage, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, $154,900. Call Greg Bryan, Remax Charlevoix. Call 231-547-9980.

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Prepared by: Douglas C. Carlson, Esq., Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, 200 Public Sq., Ste. 3300, Cleveland, OH 44114.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT-
FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
OF HEARING
FILE NO. 04-010633-GA

In the matter of Rollin Dulaney
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:* James Dulaney whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at 1:45 p.m. at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The Petition(s) filed by Corrie Vining requesting Marge Krchak or another suitable person be appointed guardian for the above-captioned person.

Date: January 26th, 2004

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Charlevoix events

Library events

The Charlevoix Public Library story hour is 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., Thursdays and 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. on Saturdays. Children from the ages of 2 to 7 are invited.

The theme schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 5 and 7 — Groundhog's day, how long will winter last?
- Feb. 12 and 14 — Kids choice!
- Feb. 26 and 28 — Oops! It was an accident! Come laugh and enjoy stories about mistakes that have been made!
- March 4 and 6 — Happy one-hundredth birthday Dr. Seuss!

Lapsit, for children ages 0-3 takes place on Thursday from 10:05 to 10:20 a.m. Lapsit is full of songs, stories and finger plays.

Story hour and Lapsit will coincide with the school schedule. If school is canceled due to weather, story hours will also be canceled.

The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton Street. Their hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday. Contact the library at 547-2651 or online at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Pool events

The following events are planned for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool:

- Pool/Academics Class — 6-10 p.m., Tuesdays and 2-6 p.m., Saturdays, Feb. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17 and 21. Cost $215. This is an opportunity to complete the classroom and confined water portions of dive certification training.

For more information contact Charlevoix Area Community Pool at 547-0982 or Scuba North (231) 947-2520.

Bible study

A new lunchtime Bible study for men and women starts at 12:10 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix located at the corner of US-31 and Meech Street. The six week video series will follow with a small discussion group after each video. For more information call Sandy Malewitz at 547-1975.

Bake sale

The Northern Michigan Marine Corps League will host a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, in the lobby of Glen's North on US-131North in Petoskey. They will have cakes, cookies, muffins and other sweets for sale.

All proceeds will go directly towards supporting the ongoing community activities for which the Marines in this area are well known: Toys for Tots, Scholarships, Honor Guards, Adopt-A-Highway and others.

Any serviceman who has been honorably discharged my join the Marine Corps League. For information about membership and activities, telephone Glen Williams 582-6858.

Winterfest

Charlevoix High School Student Council invites all alumni and community members to participate in 2004 Winterfest activities. Halftime ceremonies will be at the Rayder basketball game on Friday, Feb. 13. The Winterfest Dance will be from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Charlevoix Elementary School. If you have questions, ask any student council member of call advisor Gail Cherry at 547-3222, extension 2032.

Pancake breakfast

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will have a Valentine Day pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Club House, two miles north of the bridge on US-31. This All You Can Eat breakfast features pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, sausage gravy with home made biscuits, coffee and juice for $5 per person.

Firefighter's Ball

The fifth Annual Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighters Ball will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Charlevoix Country Club. Tickets are $25 each. If you are interested in tickets please contact Shari Kline at 547-8495 or the fire department at 547-3279.

Financial workshop

Join in at the Charlevoix Library at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, February 17, to learn strategies to help achieve your financial goals. In this workshop you'll be shown how to assess where you stand today, figure out how much money you'll need to retire comfortably, safely build a nest egg, evaluate investments, as well as receive tips from other no-so-rich fold who managed to retire comfortably.

All are welcome. No previous investment knowledge is necessary. Please call the library to register, 547-2651.

Florida reunion

The sixth Florida reunion for all those from the Charlevoix area will be on Feb. 19 at the Old Port Cove Club, in North Palm Beach, Fla. Call Joyce Duke for more information at (561) 622-0596.

Charlevoix meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

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For more information call 237-9392.

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Elementary school gets a 'C' in state report

GRADES

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tricts in the state of Michigan — good schools were unfairly penalized," said Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Dr. John Sturock.

The report card rating is part of the state program Education Yes and federal legislation No Child Left Behind and its Adequate Yearly Progress evaluation.

The overall grade assigned to each school is based on three scoring criteria — Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) achievement status, MEAP achievement change and indicators of engagement which looks at instructional quality and learning opportunities at each school.

Preliminary test scores that were released Oct. 20 gave Charlevoix Elementary School a C. The school's principal Dick Swenor appealed the grade.

According to the appeal letter written by Swenor, the C the state gave his school shows the calculation methodology has some major flaws.

The C came from a failing grade the school received for its achievement "change grade," which looks at the change in MEAP test scores from one year to the next. The state is looking for steady improvement.

Swenor admitted that the school is not "acing achievement change" but they aren't failing it either. He wrote that the school has fluctuated up and down some, but hasn't experienced any major dips during the period the state reviewed.

Sturock said the elementary school has scored high consistently on the MEAP test, but is being penalized because they didn't have a big change in the number of students who met the state standard.

"When you are at the top end of test scores it's harder to change those scores, he said.

Swenor wasn't the only one who didn't feel his school was fairly represented. About 1,200 other appeals from elementary and middle schools across the state flooded the department of education.

In spite of Sturock and Swenor's feeling that the report card rating methodology is flawed, the state did not change the elementary score.

In order to make sure the grade improves for next year, Sturock said the district plans to concentrate, as it always has, on improving MEAP scores.

But this rating doesn't have him looking at major changes to the way the elementary school educates students. He said he knows they are doing a good job.

"What is most important is that our community knows we are doing a good job. When our kids leave Charlevoix Public Schools and go on to college, they do very well and are very successful. That's what is most important. To put a grade on something just doesn't make sense to me," he said.

"I understand accountability, but when you put this (report card program) in the hands of politicians that don't understand education, I think you get problems and I think that's what we've got."

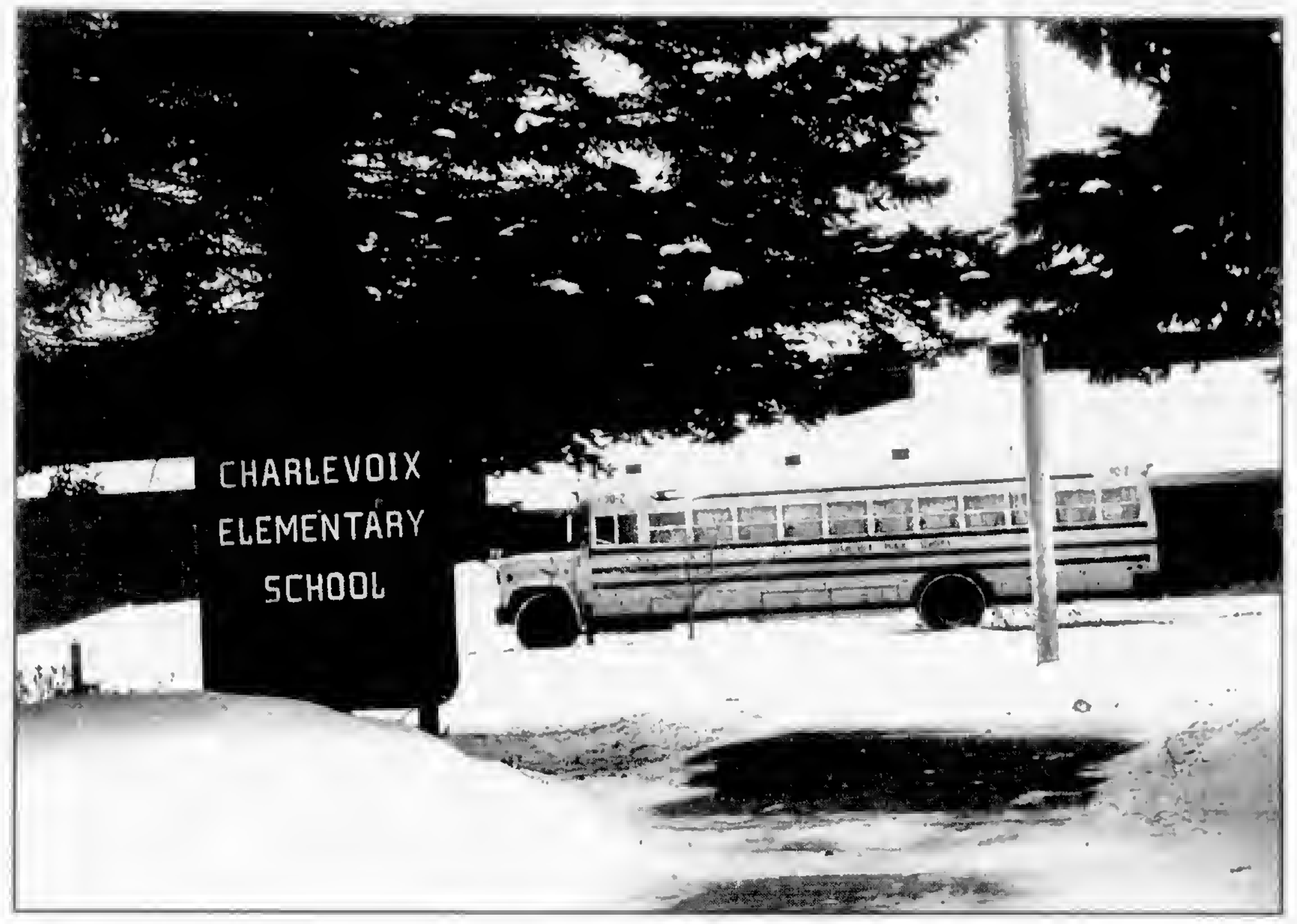

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The state did not change the C it gave Charlevoix Elementary School, pictured above, during the first year of its report card accountability system, in spite of an appeal from school principal Dick Swenor.

Cool ride into town

Riders from around the area converged on downtown Charlevoix Saturday during the annual Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Ride-In (Below) Riders follow markers leading to East Park in downtown Charlevoix.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

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(Above) Elaine Scharenbroch warms her hands Saturday at a fire in East Park during the annual Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Ride-In. Along with a chance to warm up, riders could enjoy food, drink and conversation.

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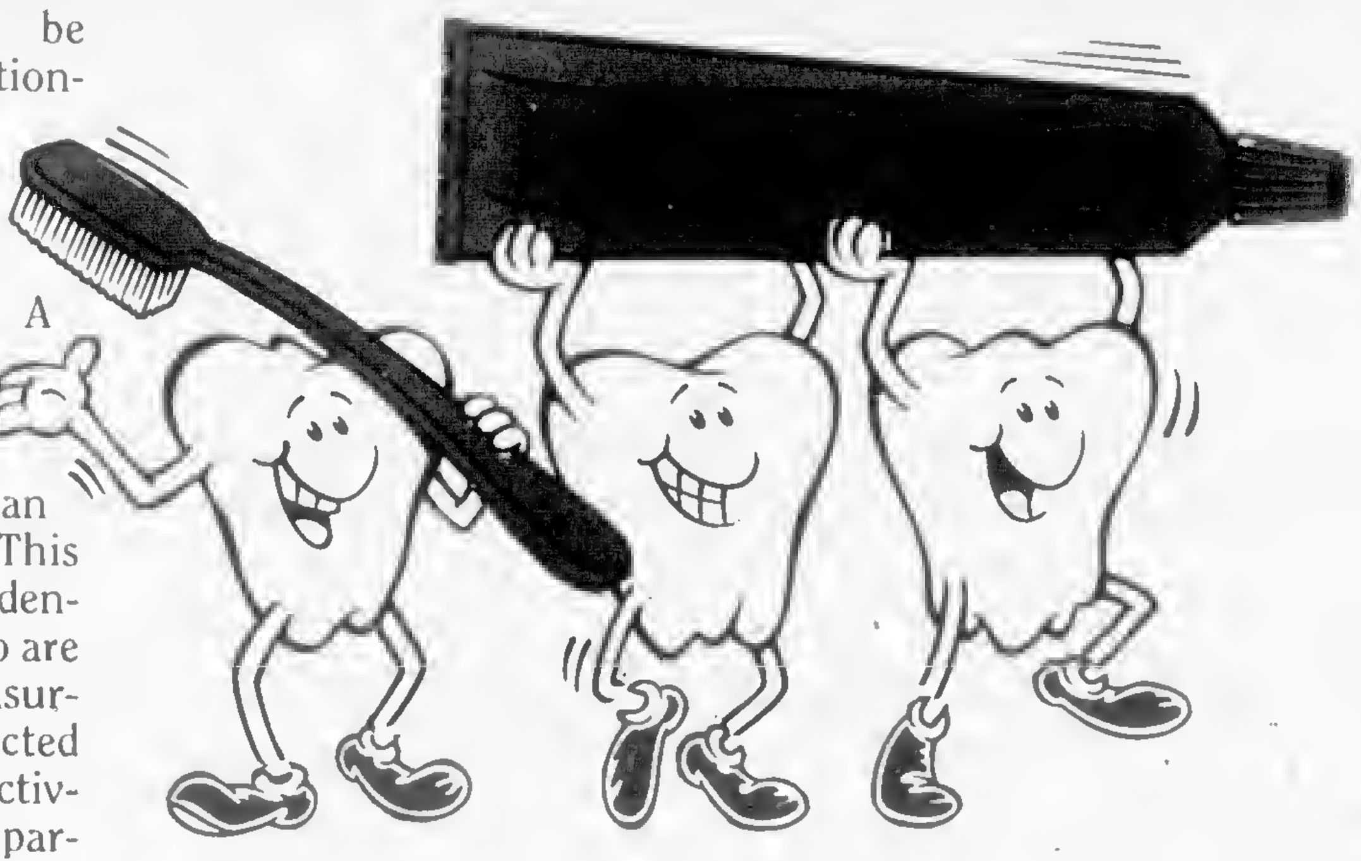
Area Dentists Observe National Children's Dental Health Month February 1-29

Local dentists observing National Children's Dental Health Month will be involved in many educational and preventative dental activities during February. Included among these activities is the "Dentist With A Heart" program, sponsored by Vacationland Dental Society, an affiliate of the American Dental Association. This program provides free dental care for children who are not covered by dental insurance. The schedule reflected below highlights local activities as well as dentists participating in the "Dentist With A Heart" Program:



- ♥ Dentists will be holding dental screenings at Charlevoix Elementary School:
  - Dr. Paramo
    February 6, 9:00 a.m.
  - Dr. Suckert
    February 11, 1:30 a.m.
  - Dr. Merrill
    February 13, 11:00 a.m.
  - Dr. Porter
    February 20, 9:30 a.m.
  - Dr. Balasz
    February 27, 9:00 a.m.
- ♥ Dr. Balasz will be at St. Mary's on February 13, 10:15 a.m.
- ♥ Dr. Sladics will be at East Jordan Elementary on February 6, from Noon-3:00 p.m.

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- ☑ Make sure your child visits the dentist every six months.
- ☑ Make sure your child uses a fluoride rinse if recommended by your dentist.
- ☑ Check your child's teeth for white, yellow, or brown spots, which are a sign of decay.
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Mariners move

The Lake Charlevoix Mariners are moving their youth sailing program to Depot Beach this summer.

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Ski Tour

A well-known women's ski tour will be coming to Charlevoix at the end of February, thanks to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

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City getting sued over Sunnybank

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The future of Sunnybank Retirement Community in Charlevoix is in the hands of circuit court judge Richard Pajtas.

On Monday, Feb. 9, Ed Engstrom, an attorney with the Charlevoix law office Barron and Golski, filed a lawsuit against the city of Charlevoix on behalf of Sunnybank owners Diane Gillette and Ruth Bellisimo.

Engstrom said he is basing his suit on a constitutional issue. He said the city's zoning ordinance is invalid because it excludes assisted living facilities like Sunnybank.

Based on the ordinance, the single family residential district is a no go for assisted living. On Nov. 17, Charlevoix's city council opted not to set a public hearing to discuss amending the ordinance to allow assisted living facilities in the R-1

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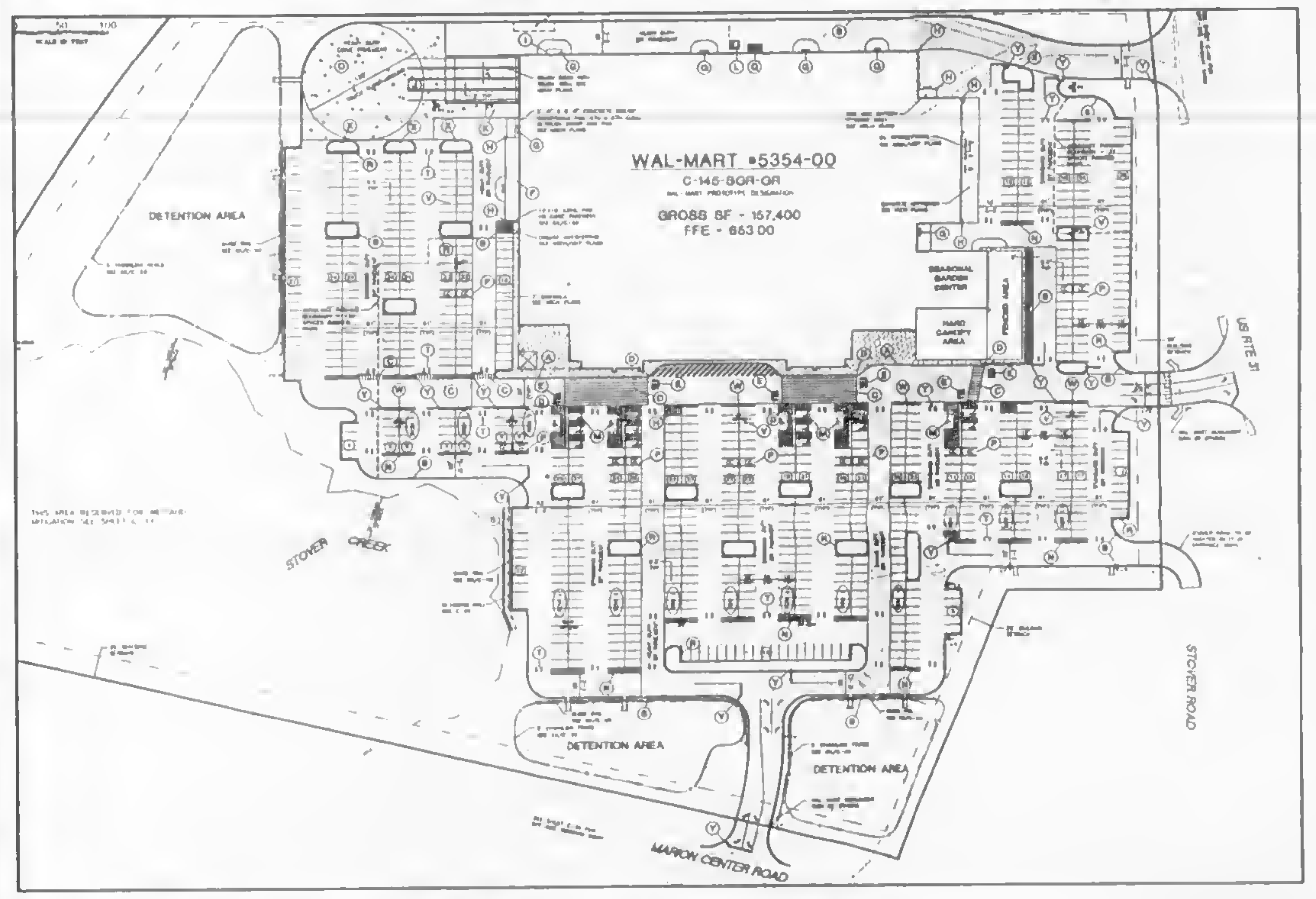
Photo by Jeremy McBain

Frosty the tree

During a break from the numerous snow showers the Charlevoix area has been hit with recently, this tree was found to be covered with a thick coat of ice during the early morning last week on Marion Center Road. Another cold snap is expected around the end of this month.

Wal-Mart preliminary plan released



Courtesy graphic

This Wal-Mart supercenter is being pursued for Charlevoix Township.

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

A formal site plan review for a Wal-Mart supercenter is being scheduled for April 21 before the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission.

However, preliminary site plans were circulated to commission members and Charlevoix City officials last week. Michael Corcoran, township attorney, added this is not a complete application by Wal-Mart.

"This is just to show everybody in draft form what they are proposing," he said.

A complete application includes not only a site plan, but a "whole litany of things" such as traffic studies and environmental studies, he said. Wal-Mart must submit a complete application 30 days before its formal site plan review.

Corcoran said since the commission is shooting for an April 21 meeting, Wal-Mart will have to get its complete application in by the end of February or early

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Christopher John McKenney, 28, Boyne City. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Fines and costs totaling $1,500.

Hunter Steven Miller, 17, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend BASES classes; 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Matthew Mitchell Tucker, 20, Grand Blanc. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Amher Lynn Hull, 19, Gaylord. Malicious destruction of property over $200 and under $1,000. Three months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for four days, 30 days held in abeyance; $350 in fines and costs.

Kimherly Renee Vos, 32, Boyne City. Driving while under the influence of alcohol. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in aheyance; $1,155 in fines and costs.

Kerri Lynn Thompson, 24, Boyne Falls. Driving while under the influence of alcohol. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve six days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 76 days held in aheyance; $1,365 in fines and costs.

David Edward Stockford, 39, East Jordan. Larceny by conversion over $200 and under $1,000. Six months probation; 60 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 59 days; $1,600 in fines and costs.

Douglas Joseph Buday, 43, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in aheyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Albert Henry Baker, 22, Boyne City. Driving while under the influence of alcohol. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in aheyance; $950 in fines and costs.

Kyle Lee Winstone, 18, Charlevoix. Violation of a restricted license. Six days of community service work; $150 in fines and costs.

Robert James Lehto, 42, Boyne City. Driving while under the influence of alcohol. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 56 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 40 days held in abeyance; $1,100 in fines and costs:

David Michael Archer, 44, East Jordan. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Stevie Paul Massey, 40, Boyne Falls. Driving while under the influence of alcohol. Bound over to circuit court.

Circuit Court

The following case was heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Michael Edward Downs, 24, East Jordan. Prohation violation — delivery/manufacturing of marijuana. Jail for 12 months with credit for 120 days, serve 12 months.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Uniquely Equine Designs, 07575 Pincherry Road, Charlevoix, by Jessica Crouch

MT Enterprises, 09888 Old US-31 North, Charlevoix, by Matthew D. Berg

Groudis and Company, 1907 Wheeler Road, Boyne City, by Nicholas G. Groudis

Acme Immobilizations, 13120 Waller Road, Charlevoix, by Donald J. Sproul and Sherry L. Sproul

ORCA Food and Beverage Supply, 301 Mercer, Charlevoix, by William Schulman and Christopher Ames

Clear Water Plumbing and Heating, 04909 Loeb Road, Charlevoix, hy R.L. Wojan Enterprises, Inc.

Marriage

The following people were granted a marriage license hy the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Joshuah Quinton Gray, 21, Boyne Falls and Christin Lynne Nessen, 18, Boyne Falls

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Rohyn Morgan vs. Mack Morgan

Pamela Grove vs. Robert Grove

Evelyn Knapp vs. Jeremy Knapp

Lori Lynne Drost vs. Deano Douglas Drost

Phillip White vs. Marygrace White

Mandy Boris vs. John Boris

Daniel Magee vs. Lori Magee

Births

Maggie Jean, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Glen and Rhonda Thorman of East Jordan on Feb. 3, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Carol Fratrick and Thelma Thorman.

Alikszander Kiel Gardner, weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce, was born to Larry Gardner Jr. and Gretchen Downing of East Jordan on Feb. 5, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Alikszander has a sister Anna and a brother William. Grandparents are Larry Gardner of East Jordan, Marla Gardner of Boyne City and Elizabeth Downing of East Jordan.

Devin Scott, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Travis an Tonya Holmes of East Jordan on Feb. 5, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Diana and Chris Avery of Charlevoix, Marla Koppenal of Hillman, Danny Holmes of LaPorte, Ind.

Greer Jolee, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Christian and Tracey LaCroix of Charlevoix on Feb. 6, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Laurana Ann, weighing 5 pounds, 11 ounces, was born to Raymond and Shirley Dyer of Boyne City on Feh. 7, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Snow
Feb. 3	36	19	2"
Feb. 4	31	15	1.5"
Feb. 5	21	3	—
Feb. 6	29	4	3.5"
Feb. 7	28	17	3.5"
Feb. 8	18	-1	tr
Feb. 9	32	6	1.5"

Correction

The maker of the cake at the Oscar Stroud retirement party was misidentified on page 7 of the Feb. 4 edition of the Charlevoix Courier. Nancy Rajewski made the cake.

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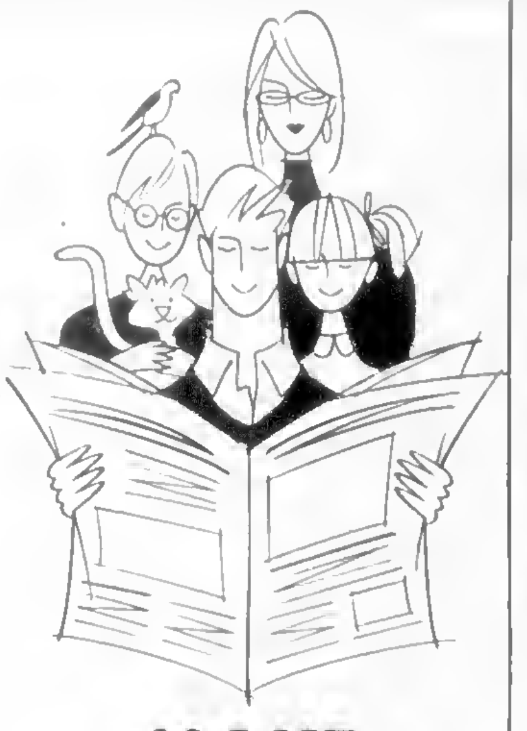

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Harbor to host Day of Caring

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

During an afternoon in early Septemher many local workers will shift their focus from work, to the community.

The local manufacturing company Harbor Industries is steering an effort to mobilize Charlevoix County's business community to volunteer for a Community Day of Caring.

"This is an important part of our corporate culture — we feel we have an obligation to the community," said Tim Parker, vice president of Harbor Industries' northern operation.

On Feb. 4 a group of area professionals including a Realtor, a banker, a business owner, a hospital administrator and two area non-profit representatives, met with some employees of Harbor Industries to start planning the day.

They decided to orchestrate the event on Sept. 9, 2004 in recognition of the lives lost in the terrorist attacks that took place on Sept. 11, 2001.

At last week's meeting, project planning groups were divided into three teams — the project team, the recruiting and puhlic relations team and the administrative team.

Now, the project team will search out projects that need to be done in the county.

While the mission is being decided, recruiters will line up volunteers and spread the word. And the administrative group will act as a liaison between the two, setting up sponsorship and documenting the event.

The goal is to get workers across the county to work together on a project that will benefit Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne City.

The project will take place during the work day. Parker said he hopes this doesn't discourage participation. He said businesses that roll up their sleeves and dive in with the Day of Caring project will enjoy the benefits of their workers learning to work as a team and sharing in the rewarding experience.

Parker said the Day of Caring project his company pursued this year in Grand Haven, where Harbor Industries' corporate headquarters is located, was a huge success with close to 1,000 people volunteering.

He is hoping to see the local event have the same success.

The planning group is looking for more interested people from the business community in Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne City. The group will meet at 8:30 a.m., the first Thursday of the month at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix. The next meeting will take place March 4.

For more information or to get involved, call 237-6242 or e-mail the group at GetInvoled@harborind.com.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

These Charlevoix County business professionals are part of a group organizing a community Day of Caring, volunteer outreach project, to take place Sept. 9. They are (front from left) Valerie Thornburg, Jennifer Archambault, Janice Carpenter, Dee Vincent, Kim Steven, (back) Denny Way, Kathy Johnson, Tim Parker, Diane Clifford, Debbie LaCount and Mike Hurchick.

Indoor sidewalk sales to start Feb. 13

Charlevoix Indoor Sidewalk Sales are this President's Weekend, kicking off Friday, Feb. 13, through Monday, Feb. 16. For further information contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 547-2101.

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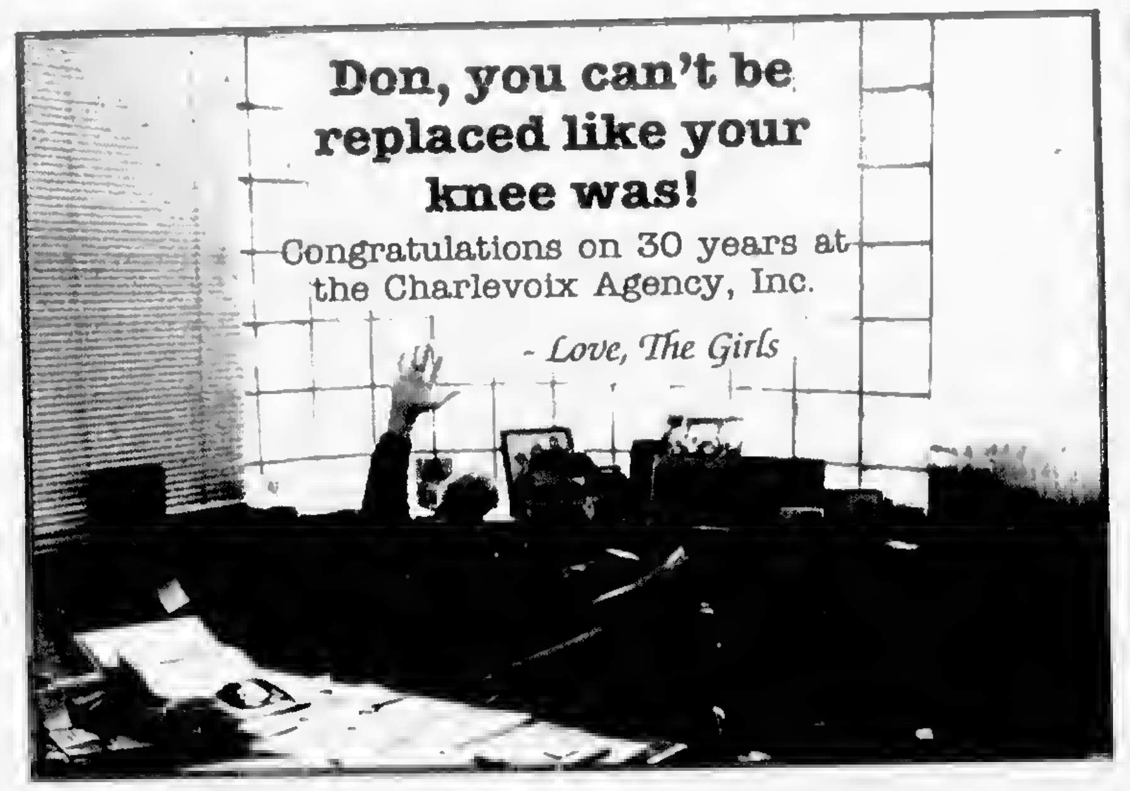

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Changes in friendship bring lessons in life

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

The sayings about change are correct.

Things always change. Nothing ever stays the same.

These words have haunted me lately as I think of my own life. I try to remember that change is not all bad.

For example, in the past year I learned I have an incurable, life-altering disease — a change that one can do without. But, within a few months I learned I am going to be a father and then — after four years of searching — I bought a house outside of town.

While the disease is a big change, there were two other changes to my life that were positive. Do they cancel out the pain of the disease? Not really. Each change affects different aspects of our lives and brings new lessons to learn.

With these major changes behind me, it would seem that I am ready for anything that comes my way. Again, not really. While I would love to say, "Bring it on!" I cannot. To be honest, I need a break from this change train, but this is one all of us will ride throughout our lives.

So, while I am not ready for every change that is coming my way, I am starting to accept the idea of it. But, there is one change that is the poltergeist of my haunting. That is any change that involves friends.

Recently, a friend since my freshman year of college informed me that he was moving out to the Pacific Coast — it seems his wife was offered a wonderful job out that way. While in the last few years we have not been as close as we were in college, the thought of him moving out west brought up the realities that I may not see this pal for a long, long time.

No, our friendship will not be over, but with that much distance between us, the chances of talking are few and far between.

But that is just another change in life. Friends come and friends go and it is amazing how fast it happens.

I began to think about this whole issue after this telephone call from him. How many good friends have I lost touch with as we go on making something out of our lives? How many people in my memories do I still talk to?

My college days were filled with fun. I remember sitting in my dorm room late at night with this buddy who is moving out west and about five others, quietly drinking cheap beer and discussing philosophy and politics.

How many of them do I still see? Maybe one or two, at the most.

And going further back to those youthful days when summer seemed forever and it was OK to play with action figures in the mud of someone's backyard. I remember battling with my buddies on BMX bicycles over who was the best at popping wheelies.

Or when I was in high school in Gladwin and we would drive to the big city mall to try and pick up girls. We were too hormonal and pimply faced to be attractive to many females, but we had fun trying.

How many of those chums do I still see? None. I know one, at least, has died.

Here it is many years and many changes later. We are all out pursuing our lives, starting families and just trying to make it in this world. Each of us has new friends, some of whom may eventually drift away, only to be replaced by others.

I wish each one of them the best in life. They have created so many wonderful memories to keep my soul warm on cold winter days. Plus, my friendship with each one has taught me something different.

One friend taught me the love of music, another taught me philosophy, another taught me a sense of adventure and so on and so on. Each one was a personal instructor to me who taught me how to live in this changing world.

Within the next few weeks, I will be meeting with this buddy who is moving out west. We will drink a toast and say goodbye. Into the future he will go, while the memories I have remain in the past. While drinking that toast, I will not only be wishing him well, but each one of the friends from the past who have led me to where I am today.

Will I see him again? I don't know. Depends on what other changes and lessons are in store.

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An elegant afternoon during a northern winter

Edith Gilbert

'Behind the news'

Summer people always ask us, "What do you do in Charlevoix in the winter?"

Honestly, there are times when one doesn't know what to do first, and the last bitter, cold Sunday was just one of those days.

Of course, in the morning one has the choice of going to church or taking advantage of fresh powder and skiing. I decided in the afternoon to attend the opening of the Kitchen Painters Exhibit at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

This group of artists has been painting together once a week for over 20 years — yes, in the kitchen at the center! Here we were offered a welcome choice of hot soups. There were so many people who showed up that they unfortunately ran out of soup.

I chatted with a goodly number of Charlevoix people, including Mike Bergeon, Jerry Staublin, Alberta Beyers, Edith Dale, Cynthia and Roger Postmus, Rudy and Virginia Scharschmidts, Sharon and Roger Knudsen. We circulated in the lower level and admired a lovely choice of oils and watercolors, mainly of flowers, fruit and marine scenes. They are nicely framed and matted and it's good to know they are for sale and modestly priced.

At 4 p.m. we were all invited to go upstairs and sit in the crowded gallery, where there happens to be a retrospective exhibit of Marian McKay's large vibrant contemporary paintings. Here we listened to a delightful quartet — members of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra — perform as part of the free First Sunday Gallery Series, which will continue through May.

Robert Pattengale, formerly professor of music at Minnesota State University Moorhead, introduced the program as a Baroquen Consort. Pattengale played the harpsichord, Roger Lilak played the wind synthesizer, (which is capable of sounding like a violin, oboe, flute or saxophone), Margaret Beck, the viola and Bing Farrar, bass. Selections were as familiar as our copper sunsets, but still varied, ranging from Handel's "Water Music," Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nacht-

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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Arts center had delightful winter activities

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musik," and ending with the familiar "Swing Low."

Still I must tell you why this was such a remarkable experience! To be seated in a gallery of huge, bright contemporary paintings — (the kind that attract attention and some people would confidently say, "Why my five year old can do better than that!") while listening to music that was composed over 300 years ago was utterly thrilling. It made me wonder what the next 300 years will have in store for us? People who were present will long remember this unusual Sunday afternoon experience.

At 5 p.m., the concert was over, so there was still plenty of time to return home and watch the Superbowl game on TV, with all the halftime unexpected brou-ha-ha.

Believe me, it was a full Sunday for us stay-at-homes, and now all you snowbirds know precisely what we do in Charlevoix during the winter.

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Letters to the editor

Are we next?

Editor:

Hearne, Texas — the town that Wal-Mart killed twice — got their Wal-Mart supercenter about 10 years ago. In five years, Wal-Mart drove most of the local merchants out of business, by sucking the town dry and then when there were not enough people left in town, Wal-Mart left too.

Floyd Hafley, former city manager in Hearne, said, "Then, after 10 years, the Wal-Mart closed and the building still stands vacant as well as most of the downtown businesses. They hurt us coming and going."

Sound familiar? Sound scary? It's been repeated in town after town after town. But Wal-Mart can be stopped in many communities like ours. It's not a done deal! The future of our community is in the hands of five Charlevoix Township planning commissioners: Nancy Rajewski, Dave Christiansen, John Haggard, John Dixon and Stan Martin. Please call or write them and ask them to say "no" to Wal-Mart in Charlevoix.

We all live in Charlevoix because we like the small-town atmosphere. Let's keep it that way!

Jim Berlage
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

The staff and students of Charlevoix Middle School would like to express appreciation to the Boss family for their generosity in opening up the facilities and outfitting our students free of charge at Mt. McSauba last week.

Each class in turn was treated to a special winter experience in celebration of the completion of their MEAP testing. Many students were able to ski, snow-blade or snowboard for the first time. Others simply enjoyed these activities along with sledding and snacking in the lodge.

Everyone, including the teachers, had a wonderful day!

Thank you to those who were on hand to help students get fitted for equipment, as well as for the general hospitality and supervision that was provided during our stay. We are fortunate to have such a great winter recreation facility for our community.

It is also heartening for us to know that the community recognizes and supports the academic efforts of our students and staff.

Keith Haske
Principal
and
The Charlevoix Middle School staff and students

Watch bus lights

Editor:

To the Driver of the Black Pickup Truck:

On Friday, Jan. 30, our two sons were getting off the bus at the entry to Phelps Valley subdivision on Marion Center Road. You were driving northbound, talking on your cell phone (according to the bus driver).

Maybe you were distracted by your conversation. Maybe you were eager to get that snowmobile out of the back and go riding. Maybe you were just driving too fast. No matter what the reason, you didn't stop for the 17 flashing lights on our sons' school bus.

Thank God that Bill, driver of bus 11, has the "thumbs-up" system to signal to the kids if it's safe to cross. Thank God that our kids paid attention to Bill and didn't dart across anyway. Because, driver, sometimes kids are excited to just get home and don't pay attention to safety. Sometimes they don't look out for irresponsible drivers.

Driver of the black pickup truck, you could have killed our only two children that day. Today, instead of writing this letter to you, we would be burying them. You would have been dealing with a personal tragedy that day, but we would have been making phone calls to Sault Ste. Marie and Florida telling grandparents that their grandsons were dead.

You see driver, there are reasons for those lights. Bus drivers take that job and make a promise. That promise is that they will get our kids to and from school safely. But once the children step off that bus, they have to trust that ALL drivers will stop for the flashing lights and that the children won't impulsively run across the street.

I hope the driver of that black pick-up reads this. I hope that he will stop the next time he sees those 17 flashing lights. And thank you Bill, for saving our children's lives.

Tom and Dawn Hovie
Charlevoix

Follow ordinances

Editor:

I have been following the articles regarding the recent happenings in Norwood Township.

From what has been written in the paper it sounds like Mark and Marilyn Maynard have been trying to get the officials in Norwood Township to enforce the zoning ordinance.

It appears that the Maynard's have spent considerable time and invested a great deal of money to force the Township officials to do their job.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has found in the Maynards favor twice over the course of seven months.

Now we have the Township Supervisor Wayne Boss personally attacking the Maynards in print. He is saying that the Maynards are making zoning enforcement "so difficult."

The reality of the situation is: that the Maynards wish to have their property rights protected as provided by the township zoning ordinance.

I do not feel that demanding the protections guaranteed by law is being "so difficult." It is my suggestion that if the township officials were doing their jobs this would not even be an issue.

Wayne Boss is an elected township official and has a responsibility to be objective and fair to all of the citizens of the township. It would appear that he has chosen sides and is not afraid to slam the Maynards in the newspaper.

Wayne Boss is using his official position to assert his personal feelings in a public forum. I feel that this conduct is totally inappropriate for an elected official.

If the township ends up in court it will not be because of the May-

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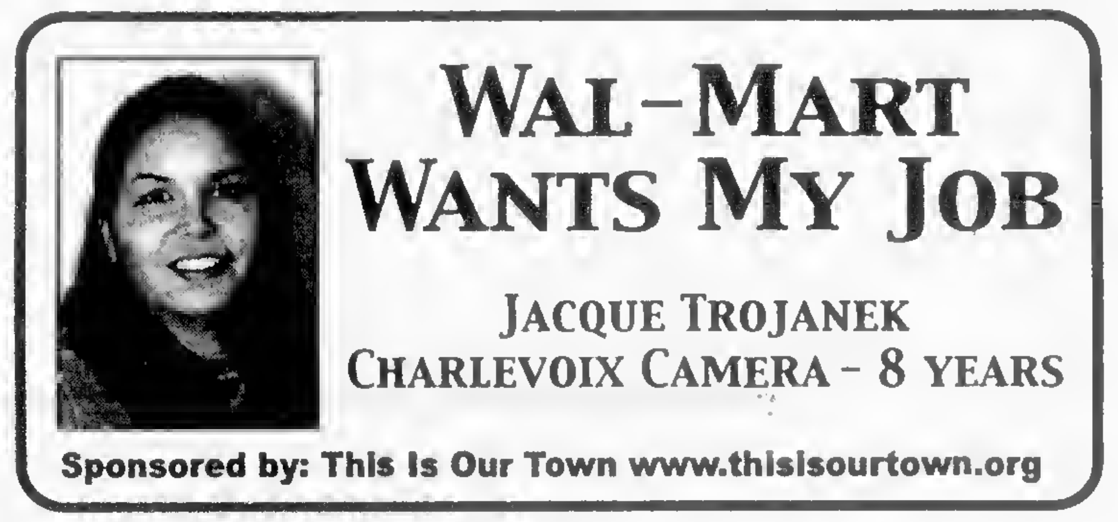
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Library can bring books to you

Edith LaClair said she couldn't wait for Monday morning last week when she talked about her enthusiasm for the new outreach program at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Recently LaClair had surgery and found that her recovery required a wheelchair and far less convenience than she was used to. An avid reader, her trips to the library had been curtailed, and she was thrilled to read one Sunday in the St. Mary's church bulletin that she could have books delivered to her door.

"I thought, this is wonderful! Why didn't somebody do this a long time ago?" she said.

After calling the library, she was soon visited by a cheerful volunteer with a huge bag of books. LaClair chose seven or eight volumes while explaining her love of mysteries, histories and biographies and has been reading non-stop ever since.

Meanwhile her recovery is progressing nicely and LaClair is now using a walker with ease and hopes to be out and about in the spring. She encourages anyone who has difficulty getting to the library to do what she did, call 547-2651.

Parents with new babies or young children are also welcome to use this service. A volunteer will arrange to bring books or video materials to your home and return every couple of weeks to pick them up and leave a new supply.

This is sponsored by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, with volunteers Sharon Knutson and Mary Snider.

Courtesy photo

Edith LaClair, right, receives a new set of books from Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library volunteer, Sharon Knutson.

Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Martinus graduates

Emily Martinus graduated from Adrian College in December, magna cum laude, with an elementary teaching certificate. She is a 1999 graduate of Charlevoix High School and is the daughter of Stephen and Jennie Martinus of Charlevoix.

CMU dean's list

Several Charlevoix students have been named to the dean's list at Central Michigan University for the fall session. They are: Jessica S. McCafferty, Jennifer L. McClellan, Scott E. Pair and Lauren J. Silberhorn.

Calvin College dean's list

Two Charlevoix students have been named to the dean's list at Calvin College for the fall semester. They are Laura S. Borths and Sarah K. Mays.

Drost named to dean's list

Taya Drost, daughter of Chris and Danya Drost of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Hope College in Holland.

Londgren performs

Brandon Londgren, son of Jeff and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, participated in the production of "The Gondoliers" on Feb. 5-8 at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn. Londgren, a 2002 home school graduate, is a member of the Bethany Choraliers.

Miller graduates

Heidi Michelle Miller, of Charlevoix, graduated from Michigan State University, with a bachelor of arts degree. She has a major in studio art.

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Pageants to be at Charlevoix High School

Applications are now being accepted for the 2004 Miss Northwest Michigan USA/Miss Northwest Michigan Teen USA pageant to be April 16 and 17 at the Charlevoix High School auditorium.

The event is an unofficial preliminary to the prestigious Miss Michigan USA/Miss Michigan Teen USA event whose winners go on to the nationally televised Miss USA/Miss USA Teen and then on to Miss Universe.

The pageant is open to young women from the Northwest Lower Peninsula who are between the ages of 14-26, never married, a United States citizen and reside or attend school in Emmet, Charlevoix, Leelanau, Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Mason Lake or Osceola County.

The teen delegates must be at least 15 and under 19 as of Sept. 1, 2005 while "miss" delegates must be at least 18 and under 27 as of Feb. 1, 2005. The top three in each division will receive automatic berths into the Miss Michigan USA/Miss Michigan Teen USA pageant which will take place next fall in Port Huron.

In addition to the crown and title of Miss Northwest Michigan USA and Miss Northwest Michigan Teen USA, the winners will receive a prize package that includes full fees paid for the state event, gift certificates for clothing and other valuable prizes.

The first and second runners-up in each division will receive a place in the state event with a portion of their fees paid and other prizes. The contestants are judged in three equal categories consisting of personal interview, swimsuit and evening wear. Performing a talent is not a requirement.

For more information and to receive an application form, call the Miss Northwest USA offices at (906) 228-5499. Or visit the web site at www.michiganusapageants.com.

Up North Big Band to perform Sunday at Four

The first "Sundays at Four" program will be the Up North Big Band, featuring pianist Elizabeth Humphrey and vocalist JoAnne Beemon.

The show will take place at 4 p.m., Feb. 15 at the Charlevoix First Congregational Church located at 101 State Street.

The Up North Big Band is made up of musicians from varied professions who dedicate themselves to the preservation of live big band music, rehearse weekly under the leadership of musical director Karl Gilewicz.

This group of 18 musicians perform around the state in such venues as the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Blissfest and most recently at the National Cherry Festival's first annual "Battle of the Big Bands."

This year, Humphrey will lead and accompany the audience in singing some of the "golden oldies" including "My Funny Valentine," and some others that most of us warble just in the shower.

There is no charge but donations are gratefully accepted. A reception follows the program.

For more information call (231) 536-7018.

Rod and Gun Club to have pancake breakfast

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will have a Valentine Day pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the club house, two miles north of the bridge on US-31.

This All You Can Eat breakfast features pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, sausage gravy with home made biscuits, coffee and juice for $5 per person.

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Obituaries

Orville Kenneth Kanipe: May 19, 1923 - Feb. 2, 2004

Orville Kenneth Kanipe, 80, of Southgate died Feb. 2 at Henry Ford Hospital in Wyandotte.

Orville was born May 19, 1923 in Boyne City to Austin Kanipe and Dolly Erickson.

He was married to Norma Herbert on Feb. 7, 1959 in Grand Rapids. He was a master welder and later worked maintenance for General Motors Fisher Body, retiring July 1, 1979.

He was in the U.S. Army during World War II from June 3, 1943 to March 13, 1946 earning an American Theater Ribbon, a EAME Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, a Good Conduct Medal, a Purple Heart and Victory Medal World War II.

He was a lifetime member of the American Disabled Veterans and the Gibraltar American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers Austin, Conrad and Erving and two sisters, Marcella and Florence.

He is survived by his wife Norma Kanipe of Southgate; his son, Kenneth (Marlene) Kanipe of Massillon, Ohio; three daughters, Victoria (Duane) Farnum of Rockwood, Lorinda (Theodore) Beneteau of Southgate and Robin (James) Harris of Charlevoix; a sister, Virginia Magana of South Carolina; seven grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

A funeral service took place Feb. 4 at Arthur Bobcean Funeral Home, Inc. in Flat Rock. The pastor Rick Jewett of the Light-House Ministry in Lincoln Park officiated. Cremation followed the service.

George Edward Sneathen: Died Feb. 9, 2004

George Edward Sneathen, 89, formerly of Charlevoix, passed away Feb. 9, 2004.

He was born and raised in Charlevoix. He graduated from Central Michigan University, and went to work for the Pure Oil Company later transferred to Dawes, W.V.

He retired from Capitol City Supply Company in Charleston, W.V. where he was a resident for many years. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II. He was stationed in England where he met his wife, Mary Blaker, who preceded him in death in 1991.

He is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Sneathen, of Morgantown, and Ann Moncer, of Huntington, W.V. One son Timothy Sneathen, of Washington, D.C.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Lee and Helen Sneathen, and Frank and Katherine Sneathen both of Charlevoix; two sisters, Evelyn Bare of Petoskey, and Marjorie Bare, or Royal Oak; and one grandson, Christopher Moncer.

Funeral Service and burial was in Charleston, W.V.

Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Mariners moving to Depot

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

File photo

These sailors are part of the annual 4-H Youth Sailing School that takes place on Lake Charlevoix in both Boyne City and Charlevoix. The Mariners program was recently permitted to use a new location at Depot Beach.

Charlevoix's youngest up and coming sailors will relocate this summer, just a few feet away from their traditional home at Depot Beach.

The Lake Charlevoix Mariners is part of the 4-H Youth Sailing School stationed on Lake Charlevoix with hubs in both Charlevoix and Boyne City.

The Charlevoix program has operated since 1986 on the north end of the Chicago Club property adjoining Depot Beach. But with both the sailing program and the club expanding, the space they have traditionally operated out of will soon be unavailable.

Tom Barnes, a board member and treasurer for the Mariner group, attended the Charlevoix City Council meeting Jan. 2 hoping the city would accommodate the program's need for a new home.

He requested that city council allow the Mariners to return to their roots. The youth sailing program started in the 1970s and was operated in conjunction with the Charlevoix Yacht Club. At that time the operation was based at the north end of Depot Beach.

This is where Barnes asked for permission to host this summer's sailing school.

The move will include relocating a dock and two 8-foot-by-8-foot storage buildings and clearing some brush to make space for land side learning.

This request was unanimously granted by council for one year. The limited approval was given after first ward councilman Bill Haggard said he wants to make sure the operation doesn't interfere with beach activities.

If the new location works for the city and the sailors, the group will have to come back to council next year and make its request again.

Permission to use the property was given under the condition that the plan doesn't violate a grant agreement the city made with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) when it was given a Trust Fund grant to do beach area improvements.

City manager Mike Wiesner plans to send a sketch of the plans along to the DNR.

"I don't see a problem, but I would rather ask and be OK," he said.

In 2003, the sailing program employed three student instructors and offered 430 students one week of instruction. The program focuses on both boater's safety and boat handling. They learn using 15 feet long, JY-15 sailboats.

Week-long sessions run from early June through August. For more information about the sailing program contact the Michigan State University Extension at 582-6232.

Make Time to Worship

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Chamber to bring ski tour to Charlevoix

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Women from all over will flock to Charlevoix this month to cross country ski and snowshoe as part of the nationally known Women's Ski Tour.

Amy Lalewicz

Amy Lalewicz, Charlevoix's downtown coordinator who is organizing the event, said it will be a lighthearted afternoon in the snow highlighted by delectable indulgences tucked into different turns in the trail.

"It's all about women and chocolate and fun," she said.

The day will start at 8:45 a.m., Feb. 29 with registration at the Charlevoix Country Club. Skiers and snowshoers can shove off any time between 9 a.m. and noon as long as you finish by 2:30 p.m.

The path will be five miles of groomed trails winding through breathtaking wooded and open natural areas at the country club. Lalewicz stressed it is not a competitive ski event, women can ski the whole loop as many times as they like or go three steps and head to the clubhouse for coffee.

She smiled as she described the three support stations along the way where ladies can sip water to quench their thirst and laughed as she said the recharge will also include Kilwin's fudge and bite size scones.

The sweet samplings along the way are a build-up to the afternoon treats skiers will warm up with when they finish the course and head into Mahogany's dining room at the club.

Inside, a soup lunch complemented by bread and veggie, fruit and cheese trays as well as bite size carrot cake, toffee and other chocolate delights will be offered. To wash down the flavors a Charlevoix Ladies Tour signature coffee roasted by Charlevoix's own Denise White or signature wine, will be served.

The idea to bring the tour to town was sparked in September as Lalewicz, who works with the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, set out to generate off-season business in town.

After meeting with hotel owners, ideas of a winter festival were bounced around, but Lalewicz said those are going on all around Charlevoix and we need something unique.

She went on-line and came across Kaye Krapohl, of Traverse City, who founded the Women's Ski Tour.

This year the event has been a big hit as far away as Colorado and at closer locations like Marquette where 400 women participated and in Traverse City where 1,200 skied.

While the event will likely bring many new faces to town, the focus of the tour is not only to drum up business for area retailers and restaurants. Proceeds from the event will support BASES, the local teen center.

BASES provides a drug-free environment for young people and substance abuse prevention, education and early intervention services.

Opportunities to support BASES will include the sale of coffee, wine, event T-shirts and posters, silent auction items and on-site massage.

Lalewicz expects a good turnout this year and an even better turnout in years to come. She thinks Charlevoix will become an established premier Women's Ski Tour destination and the event will be stretched to a full weekend of activities.

To sign up or to learn more about the event visit www.womensskitour.com or visit the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce located off Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix. Call Lalewicz with questions at the chamber at 547-2101.

The Charlevoix Snow Times, a publication with information about the event is being printed. Inside participants will find discounts for participating businesses in town.

Those who would like to volunteer to help or are willing to donate bread, a cheese or vegetable tray can also call Lalewicz at the chamber.

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Women on the ski tour get a chance to meet some new people, while having a good time.

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nard's or the Hamiltons, it will be because of the misconduct of the public officials in Norwood.

Sue Meggison
Charlevoix

Help the schools

Editor:

My name is Nichole Zawisza and I am the Home and School Chairperson (PTO President) at St. Mary's School.

I am writing because there is a great lack of knowledge in Charlevoix when it comes to small things our community could be doing to lessen some of the financial burden that our school faces on a regular basis and the one our public schools now face.

Box Tops for Education is a wonderful program. For every box top that is turned in our schools receive 10 cents. They are on more than 50 products and most people who do not have children in school do not know what they are. All they have to do is cut the box top off and give it to one of our local children. Ten cents adds up very quickly and it is one of the more lucrative programs out there for schools if people know about it.

I spend a great deal of time ripping them off at the recycle bin with my children. On any given day we have taken home as many as $2 worth. It may not seem like much, but it adds up. Here is a web site you can check my information by, www.boxtops4education.com/how/brands.asp.

There have also been occasions when the cashier at Glen's has asked the person in front of me what school they would like their accumulated money to go to. These people choose not to participate because they believe it will cost them extra. This is not the case. There is no extra amount added to a person's bill for this program. All you have to do is spend $25 or more and Glen's donates money to our schools.

Spartan labels offer 2 cents for every item turned in. On these you need to remove the computer scanning code and turn them in. Oleson's also offers cash for a percentage of sales receipts that are turned in.

There are others like Campbell Soup labels that most people are aware of. It does take a little time, but not much. If everyone in our community would just find a few of these a week the education of our children would be the very best it can be.

Charlevoix Public School estimates that it will cost over $6,000 per student to provide Charlevoix's children with a good education during this school year. With the cuts from our state government it will be hard on our schools. If we could all pitch in any of the ways I have suggested above we will be able to continue providing our kids with a great start to their future. What kind of education do you want our future leaders to have? Help support our local schools.

Nichole Zawisza
Home and School Chairperson
St. Mary's School

Firefighters to have annual ball

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The Fifth Annual Firefighter's Ball is this weekend at the Charlevoix Country Club.

The ball is scheduled to take place at 8 p.m. on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, in the club's Mahogany's dining room.

According to Shari Kline, treasurer for the Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighters Association and co-chair of the firefighter's ball committee, this event is the association's major fund-raiser for the year.

Proceeds will benefit the city of Charlevoix Fire Department, and the city's emergency medical technicians and dive team.

Last year, 200 people attended and the association raised $3,600 for the department. The money was used to buy a utility trailer for the city dive team and paid for training for emergency medical technicians.

In past years, the money raised at the ball has paid for an automatic external defibrillator, radios for firefighters and a new snowmobile. All of this equipment is not in the city's budget and wouldn't be possible without the financial boost from the ball.

"The equipment we have been able to purchase over the past four years has really helped better equip and educate the people at the fire department which helps the community as a whole," Kline said.

The much anticipated event is a formal evening celebration that will also include a silent auction and door prizes. Those who attend will indulge in heavy hors d'oeuvres and will be entertained by DJ the DJ, Dr. Dennis Joy.

Tickets are $25 each and can be bought by calling Kline at 547-8495 or by calling the station at 547-3279.

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Charlevoix County Tentative Equalization Ratios

Published as required by PA 165 of 1971

	REAL PROPERTY												PERSONAL PROPERTY	
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Evangeline Township	N/A	1.00000	45.95	1.08814	46.95	1.06505	48.14	1.03864	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
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An end to the spring musical?

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Since the 1970s the Charlevoix Elementary School Musical has been a spring rite of passage, but a recent decison by the school board could close the curtains on the show.

The Charlevoix Public School Board voted Monday night, Feb. 9, to remove the rolling bleachers in the middle school gym. These bleachers provide seating for many of the 1,000 people who attend the annual musical at that school.

The school district is currently in the bid process to replace the school's gym floor this summer. The floor is so hard it has been argued that prolonged use could do physical harm to students.

The project will cost the sinking fund about $100,000.

When the middle school staff caught wind that the floor was going to be redone, they started thinking of other needs in that gymnasium space.

Middle school principal Keith Haske sent a memo to the board's building and grounds committee recommending that the rolling bleachers be removed to make way for enhancements to the school's physical education program.

"There would be a variety of uses for the wall, which we can't use at this time because of the bleachers," he wrote.

These uses include paddle ball, a climbing wall and batting cages. He said the additional space would also be used for soccer and hockey.

"This will open up opportunities for our kids on a daily basis," Haske said.

Last year, the bleachers were used once and that was for the spring musical.

School board trustee Bill Trubilowicz, who is a member of the board's building and grounds committee, met with elementary school music teacher Marina LaBlance, who has directed the musical since its inception, and Mary Beth McGraw, the elementary art teacher who deals with set design for the show, to discuss the issue.

He said from those discussions he found LaBlance and McGraw aren't interested in moving the musical because it took years to work out the quirks at the middle school.

While those teachers aren't willing to make a move, Trubilowicz feels there are alternatives. He suggested the musical make its new home the high school off Marion Center Road.

"They don't want to compromise the program (by moving) but in the end they couldn't convince me that they would compromise the program. That (ending the program) would be a tragedy for all the kids," Trubilowicz said.

School board president Dennis Halverson who is also a member of the building and grounds committee, agreed that the tradition could continue at a new location and the challenges of making that change did not outweigh the likely benefits to students when those bleachers are removed.

Halverson said while the current location at the middle school has advantages for the program, so does the high school. He said the bathroom situation is better as is parking.

Elementary school principal Dick Swenor said LaBlance went to the high school to see if it would work and found the short side of the bleachers, where visiting fans sit, did not provide adequate seating for the students performing.

This year the elementary school has 443 students. High school principal Gary Grundman said that short side seats 330 people. If you sat two students in an aisle you could fit 370. With three to an aisle, you could seat 390.

However, students need those aisles to come down and perform. Plus, teachers also have to sit among the students.

Trubilowicz said, "It didn't seem to me it (the seating issue) was insurmountable. There are ways to overcome it."

And Swenor is hopeful.

"Marina is a child-centered teacher — I believe she will make something happen," Swenor said.

LaBlance could not be reached for comment by press time.

LaBlance is planning for this to be the final year of the program and in recognition of its 32 year history she is going to go back to the first theme, "Sing A Song." The show will kick off at 7 p.m., March 24 in the middle school gym.

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Visitors, residents to get a 'Taste of Charlevoix'

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Who: Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce
What it is: A chance to taste some of the fine food and drink sold by area merchants.
When: June 26
Where: Charlevoix's East Park

The many flavors of Charlevoix will be showcased in East Park this spring at the inaugural event "A Taste of Charlevoix" sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jacqueline Merta, president of the chamber, attended the Jan. 2 city council meeting to set in motion official planning for the June 26 event.

She asked council for use of East Park as the taste event venue and also to allow people there to drink and buy wine and beer from local vendors like Scovies and Esperance.

In the alcohol request written by chamber of commerce board of directors President Maura Snabes, she stated that the vendors would sell the alcohol from a tent and that the chamber would get a one-day liquor license from the MLCC.

In a memo to council, city manager Mike Wiesner wrote that in the past, events have taken place there when alcohol was allowed for small, non-public groups, but alcohol was not sold or consumed by the public.

But council didn't have many questions.

All of the five members that were present gave their approval to the chamber for use of the park and also passed the alcohol request.

City police chief Dennis Halverson said he will take a look at how to handle law enforcement that day. Issues he plans to look into include the city's insurance, the capacity or size of the event and security.

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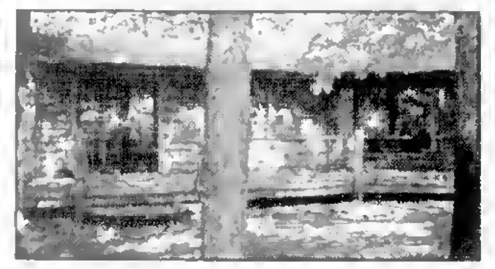

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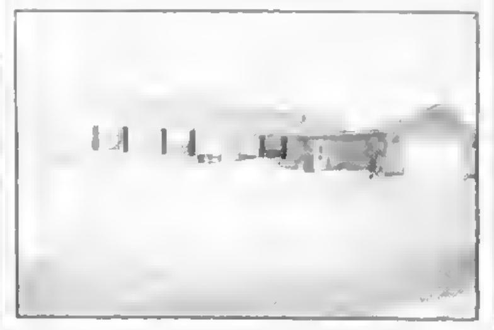

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Business Briefs

Friske Orchards celebrating National Cherry Month

Friske's Farm Market is sponsoring their First Annual Cherry Recipe Contest. Professional chefs and Friske employees are eligible to enter. Entries must be in by February 16. Finalists will be named in each category, salad and/or pie, and final judging will be Sat., Feb. 28 at 10:30 a.m. Stop and have fun with your recipes!

Anora Purdy is Castle Farms' event contact person

Anora Purdy is employed by Castle Farms as their liaison and main contact person for events and meetings for Richard and/or Linda Mueller. She is responsible for booking weddings and events. Anora will also be giving tours through the site. Anora, the Chamber wishes you well. We know you are doing a fantastic job.

Coffee, tea & more...

Kris Way is the new owner of "The Coffee Shop," formerly Black Bear Coffee & Tea Lodge. The Coffee Shop offers coffee, tea, an assortment of candy and baked goods and a variety of Friske Orchards & Farm Market products. Wireless internet access is also being offered to those in need! Stop in, have a cup of coffee and wish her well!

Mary's of Charlevoix opening in old Ace Hardware building.

The former Ace Hardware location at 403 Bridge Street will be undergoing renovations and transforming into the home of a new business, "Mary's of Charlevoix." They will be featuring clothing, gifts, art and furniture. Mary's of Charlevoix is owned by business partners and Charlevoix residents Mary Faculak and David Guanci. Faculak is also the owner of Mary's of Boyne in Boyne City and the EJ Shoppe in East Jordan. Mary will be retiring from her position as Executive Director of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce on February 15. A late spring opening is planned. The Chamber wishes Mary and Dave well.

2003 Chamber Checks results are in

The Chamber gift certificate program was a great success! We are pleased to announce that 770 Chamber Checks totaling $12,125 were purchased and redeemed in the 2003 calendar year. Chamber Checks can be purchased from the Chamber office or online at www.charlevoix.org. They make wonderful gifts and can also be used as employee incentives. They may be redeemed at any business that is a member of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

Valerie Thornburg is office manager of Huntington National Bank's Charlevoix office

Valerie Thornburg was promoted to office manager of the Huntington National Bank's Charlevoix office in April, 2003. She was previously the personal banker supervisor of the Traverse City Campus Plaza office. Stop in at the bank and get acquainted with Valerie.

Lexalite has new name

While its legal entity remains Lexalite International Corporation, Lexalite has brought together three of its sister companies under the umbrella of Spectrums Inc.

Do you know what services and benefits are provided to your members?

The Chamber exists to serve the needs of our members. It does that in several ways, some of which serve all members, but others, which are very specific to members' needs.

Two specific services & benefits are:

- Group health care plans for business through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan *(certain plans are exclusive to Chamber members only)*
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January 19-25 2004 Website Referral Summary

This is a summary of referrals for the specified week from the business directory on www.charlevoix.org. The Chamber receives these reports every 2 weeks. The total number of referrals from the website this week was 15,453. Each member averaged 31.47 referrals from the website this week. Each day this week there was an average of 2,207 referrals from the website business directory. So far this year, each member is averaging 136.03 referrals from the website. So far this year, the total number of referrals from the website business directory is 66,790.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Feb. 14 - Raven Hill - 2nd Sat: Science for Kids - Light up a Valentine (231)536-3369

Feb. 14 - 5th Annual Firefighters Ball 547-8495

Feb. 15 - 1st Congregational Church "Sunday at 4" Concert Series 547-9122

Feb. 16 - 1st Annual Cherry Recipe Contest at Friske Orchards (231)599-2604

Feb. 28 - Raven Hill - 4th Saturday: Art for Adults - Basketry (231)536-3369

Feb. 28-29 - Charlevoix Ladies Ski Tour

Business After Hours

The next Business After Hours is February 19 from 5 to 7pm at Stafford's Weathervane.

Business Breakfast

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is March 5, 2004 at 7:30 a.m. at Grey Gables.

Retail Meeting

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Winter class

Charlevoix Middle School students got to spend some fun time at Mt. McSauba recently. This day was in celebration of their completion of the MEAP test. Above, (from left) Jackie Burns and Haley Belfy on the tow rope.

Vienna Choir Boys to perform at arts center

The Crooked Tree Arts Center's Virginia McCune Performing Arts Series continues with a concert by the Vienna Choir Boys on Saturday, March 6.

The concert will be held at St. Francis Xavier Church in downtown Petoskey and is a collaboration between Crooked Tree Arts Center and St. Francis Xavier Parish. Tickets are $20 adults and $8 students for Crooked Tree Arts Center members; $25/$10 for nonmembers. Reserve seating is available for $50 Patron and $100 Sponsor.

Call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337 or purchase online at www.crookedtree.org.

In 1498, half a millennium ago, Emperor Maximilian I of Austria moved his court and his court musicians from Innsbruck to Vienna. He gave specific instructions that there were to be six boys among his musicians.

For want of a foundation charter, historians have settled on 1498 as the official foundation date of the Vienna Hofmusikkapelle and — in consequence — the Vienna Choir Boys. Until 1918, the choir sang exclusively for the court, at mass, at private concerts and functions and on state occasions.

Musicians like Heinrich Isaac, Paul Hofhaimer, Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber, Johann Joseph Fux, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Antonio Caldara, Antonio Salieri and Anton Bruckner worked with the choir. Some were choristers themselves, such as composers Jacobus Gallus, Franz Schubert and later the conductors Hans Richter, Felix Mottl and Clemens Krauss.

Today there are about 100 choristers between the ages of 10 and 14, divided into four touring choirs. The four choirs give about 300 concerts and performances each year in front of almost half a million people. Each group spends nine to 11 weeks of the school year on tour. They visit virtually all European countries, and they are frequent guests in Asia, Australia and the Americas.

Together with members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the Vienna State Opera Chorus, the Wiener Sängerknaben maintain the tradition of the imperial musicians: as Hofmusikkapelle they provide the music for the Sunday Mass in Vienna's Imperial Chapel, as they have done since 1498.

The choir's repertoire includes everything from Gregorian Chant to contemporary and experimental music. Motets and lieder for boys choir form the core of the touring repertoire, as do the choir's own arrangements of waltzes and polkas by Strauss.

A very important part of the repertoire are staged works. The Wiener Sängerknaben regularly produce their own children's operas; such as Benjamin Britten's "The Little Sweep," Engelbert Humperdinck's "Hänsel und Gretel," Joseph Rheinberger's "Das Zauberwort " and Gerald Wirth's "The Journey of the Little Prince" and "Die Schicksalstafel," based on the Babylonian myth of Anzu. Choirmaster Raoul Gehringer is currently writing a new opera based on Herman Melville's "Moby Dick."

Since the 1980s, the choir has sung a cappella arrangements of pop songs. In 2002, they recorded their first album of popular music; featuring songs by Madonna, Celine Dion and Robbie Willams among others, selected by the boys themselves. The best-selling CD created was nominated for the 2003 Amadeus, the Austrian music award.

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SPORTS

Basketball team wins three straight last week

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders had a busy, but successful, week on the basketball court last week, winning all three games.

Charlevoix defeated Kalkaska, 73-55; beat Boyne City, 77-55; and topped Maple City Glen Lake, 91-75.

The victories put the Rayders record at 11-2 overall, 7-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference. Charlevoix is ranked no. 4 in Class C in this weeks Associated Press basketball poll.

"It was a good week for us," coach Keith Haske said. "I was really impressed with the Boyne City game. We played real well at their place and we've struggled there in the past."

Against Kalkaska, Jared Hunt led the way with 21 points, eight rebounds, six assists and six steals, playing what Haske termed a great game, probably his best all around this year.

Bryce Daly scored 15. Cody Crain dished out eight assists.

Scott Friske had 14 points, eight rebounds and four assists and reached a milestone by scoring his 1000th point as a Rayder.

The Rayders led 22-13 at the end of the first, 41-24 at the half and 53-38 after three quarters. Charlevoixs largest lead of the night was 26 midway through the fourth quarter.

Daly led the Rayders against Boyne City with 23 points and five assists. Kyle Kramer scored 13 points off the bench.

Friske had 11 points and 13 rebounds. John DiMartino provided a spark off the bench with nine points and four steals.

"We shot the ball real well," Haske said. "Bryce really played tremendous for us. He scored 11 in the first quarter mostly just taking the ball to the basket."

Charlevoix led 48-32 at the half.

The Rayders traveled to Glen Lake on Saturday after playing Boyne the night before and prevailed in a shootout.

"I thought we looked a little tired," Haske said. "We bad played the night before, but Glen Lakes game had been cancelled so they were a bit more rested maybe."

Daly again was high scorer witb 21 points. He also handed out five assists.

Friske scored 20 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. DiMartino had 12 points, four rebounds and four steals.

Hunt tallied 11 points while Crain chipped in with nine.

Charlevoix led 27-20 after the first quarter and 52-40 at the half.

The Rayders played at Elk Rapids on Tuesday, Feb. 10, but results were unavailable at press time. Charlevoix returns home this Friday, Feb. 13 for a contest against East Jordan.

Wrestling team does well at J.V. tournament Saturday

The Charlevoix Rayder wrestling team went to the Houghton Lake tournament Saturday, Feb. 7.

"We had a great day at this J.V. tournament," Coach Craig Golovich said. "Our guys were wrestling in their own caliber and most of them came out on top."

First place went to Matt Novotny, Shannon Gillespie, Chris Aepelbacher, Nathaniel Sotuyo, Zach Scharenbrach, Scott Sladek and Jed Daman.

Second place to Jacob Wimmer and Tony Kiernan.

Third place to Nick Gotshall, Brandon Johnstone, and Jamen Waha.

Fourth place to Patrick Russell.

Charlevoix traveled to Benzie Central on Monday and St. Ignace on Thursday, Feb 12.

Stingrays swim team competes at Pacer

On Saturday, Jan. 31, Kristen and Alex Gooch represented the Charlevoix Stingrays Swim Team at the Pacer Invitational held at Alma College.

The Charlevoix Stingrays Swim Team was one of 13 teams that competed. Kristen Gooch, 10, placed thirteenth in the 100 I.M., fifteenth in the 100 Freestyle, sixth in the 50 Butterfly and twelfth in the 50 Backstroke.

Alex Gooch, 9, placed eighth in the 100 I.M., third in the 50 Fly, fifteenth in the 50 Freestyle and second in the 50 Breaststroke.

The Charlevoix Stingrays Swim Team invites any swimmer that can swim the length of the pool to come try the team out. If you have any questions about the swim team, please contact the Charlevoix Area Community Pool at 547-0982.

Results for Rec. volleyball

The Charlevoix Recreation Department's volleyball scores through Feb. 5 are:

Women
- Odd Balls beat Burger King, 21-16, 21-16, 21-17.
- Odd Balls beat Keie's Building, 21-23, 21-13, 21-19.
- Keie's Building beat Leftovers, 19-21, 21-5, 23-21.

Men
- Swanson's K&D beat TBA, 22-25, 25-16, 30-28.
- Wilmot Electric beat TBA, 25-19, 25-17, 25-22.
- Wilmot Electric beat Keiote Moon, 25-19, 25-17, 25-22.

Coed
- Time Machines beat USCG Station, 27-25, 18-21, 21-10.
- South Side Gym beat Misfits, 11-21, 21-14, 21-19.
- BG's beat Charlevoix Energy Trading, 20-22, 21-12, 21-17.
- PSD Solutions beat Teamo Supremo, 21-18, 16-21, 13-21.
- We Could Carry Less beat Misfits, 21-18, 21-16, 19-21.
- Charlevoix Energy Trading beat Time Machines, 11-21, 21-14, 21-15.
- South Side Gym beat PSD Solutions, 21-18, 21-16, 21-19.
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Township shooting for April 21 meeting

WAL-MART

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March.

As for the preliminary site plan given to township and city officials, Wal-Mart official Chris Danos said it is the plan that his company will be pursuing.

The plan shows little change from previous ones submitted by Wal-Mart for a supercenter located on US-31, near Marion Center and Stover roads. Two noticeable changes are the addition of two detention ponds near Marion Center Road and the addition of five parking spaces, bringing the total parking up to 779 spaces from 774.

The plan still shows 40,000 square feet of grocery space and over 100,000 square feet of retail space, for a total of 157,400 square feet.

There is also room for seasonal sales, such as Christmas trees and garden supplies, as well as an automotive department for tire, oil and lube changing.

The supercenter will have two main entrances, not including a truck entrance on US-31. One entrance will be on US-31 and the other will be on Marion Center Road. Plans also show the addition of a lighted signal at the US-31 entrance and the addition of deceleration and acceleration lanes and turn lanes on US-31.

In previous interviews, Wal-Mart officials said they would like to have the store open in 2005.

Sunnybank claims zoning should allow for it

SUNNYBANK

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and R-2 single family residential districts.

This meant Sunnybank's plan to locate to a 2-acre parcel located in the R-2 district off Petoskey Avenue on Charlevoix's north side was foiled.

But Engstrom refused to give up and in December approached the planning commission with a new idea. He claimed that professional offices are allowed in the R-2. Because professional office is not defined in the ordinance, what is allowed in the professional office district, including nursing homes, are allowed in the R-2.

Central to this argument was his claim that nursing homes are akin to assisted living facilities.

The planning commission made the controversial majority vote to set a public hearing to listen to the special use permit request based on this rationale.

City manager Mike Wiesner appealed that decision and in late January the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) ruled that Engstrom's line of thinking did not follow the intent of the zoning ordinance.

This means the city council and the ZBA have said assisted living does not fit into the single family residential district.

Engstrom's lawsuit argues it's not just that the facility isn't accommodated in the single family residential district, the city has excluded this type of facility across the board.

He said his exclusionary zoning case is strong because according to state statute a municipality can't exclude a use when it is proven to be needed.

"And no one has argued it (assisted living) isn't needed here," Engstrom said.

Engstrom is anticipating the city arguing that assisted living facilities are allowed in the professional office district.

In a recent interview, city planner Gerry Harsh said assisted living facilities are not the same as nursing homes, which are permitted in the professional office district. He said he equates assisted living more with congregate living facilities that offer small apartments and common living areas.

But according to the definition in the zoning ordinance, Harsch said it could be argued that they are in the same realm as nursing homes and are thus allowed in the C-1 commercial district and the professional office district.

Harsch plans to review the nursing home definition and make a recommendation that the planning commission work on clarifying the wording.

He also said assisted living could conceivably be allowed in the R-4, multiple dwelling residential district, but not practically.

He said the unit size required in the R-4 is twice the size of units that would be put into an assisted living facility.

Harsch further explained that the R-4 requires 15 percent ground coverage. With the 49 unit, single level Sunnybank proposal, this would require a six acre lot. To fit Sunnybank on a two acre lot, like the one they are looking at on the north side, while meeting the R-4 ground coverage requirement, the building would have to be three stories high.

However, multiple stories are not desirable for a facility like this because of the nature of its residents, the elderly, who are often wheelchair bound and can't easily travel to different levels.

Aside from the fact that multiple levels are a challenge to residents, Harsch said a developer looking for a vacant 2-acre parcel in the R-4 district in the city isn't going to have any luck — it doesn't exist.

He said this Sunnybank development would not be possible unless an existing development in the R-4 is torn down.

"For all practical purposes, there is no district within our zoning ordinance which is available to accommodate this project," Harsch said.

Engstrom said this available land issue is his second strength in the lawsuit against the city. He said even if the city argues it does allow for assisted living in the ordinance, there isn't any land large enough for it.

"I don't think they'll be able to show they've allowed for it in that (professional office) district or anywhere else," he said.

The lawsuit may not have to go through a heated trial, Engstrom said he is willing to negotiate and hopes to reach a resolution. But any resolution he will agree to will have to allow the facility to be built on that R-2 lot on the north side.

"If not, I guess the judge will have to decide," he said.

If it comes down to the judge's decision, he is hoping Pajtas will rule in Sunnybank's favor, allowing construction at that site.

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Bayshore Steel	12	12
Cemex Cement	12	12
B Vanloo & Sons	9	15
Ken's Racing	9	15
Central Drug Store	9	15

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jon Kiernan	682	256
Harry Rogers, Jr.	636	246
Jeff Smith		235
Chris McCallum	590	

Young at Hearts League
Feb. 5, 2004

	W	L
Has Beens	14	2
Misfits	11	5
Twilighters	10	6
Irish Rollers	10	6
Half & Half	9	7
Sparetime	6	10
Past Timers	2	14
Alley Cats	2	14

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Irene Cellner		154
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	W	L
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State Farm Insurance	117	133
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Moore	30.5	13.5
Horon	30	14
O'Leary	26.5	17.5
Novotny	24	20
Golovich	23	21
Bradley	20	24
Hart	19	25
Stebe/Soulliere	19	25
Stebe/Rodriguez	18.5	25.5
Mackinder	13	31
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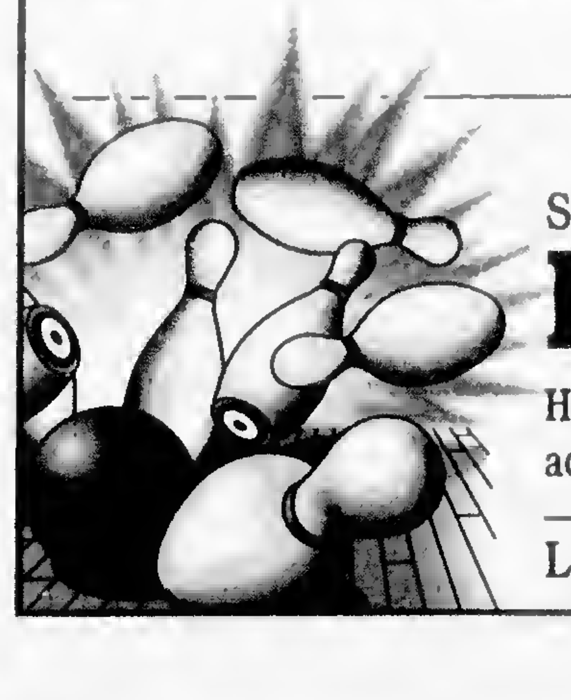

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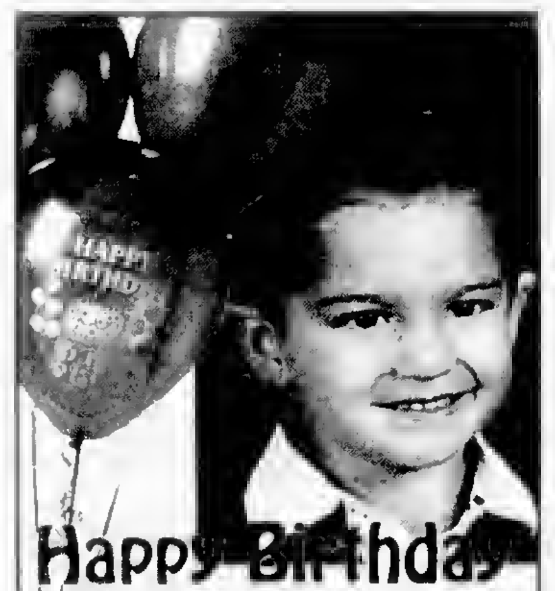

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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010634 DE

Estate of WILLIAM W. HERMANN
Date of birth: 02/15/1922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, WILLIAM W. HERMANN, who lived at 108 McKenzie Street, East Jordan, Michigan died 11/18/2002.

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Date: February 4, 2004

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Decedent's Estate
State of Michigan
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Trust: Ilar A. Easterwood Living Trust dated November 8, 2000
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Trophy display

Charlevoix High School is in the process of finishing their new trophy display cases in the commons area outside the gymnasium. The trophy area is near completion, and now the school is asking for community assistance to complete the next phase.

A Hall of Fame for All-state athletes is being constructed along the North/South hallway, opposite the gymnasium. All athletes, who achieved all-state status in their sports at CHS, are asked to send a 2-inch-by-3-inch senior picture along with the year(s) All-state status was accomplished, the sport(s) and a correct spelling of their name. Additionally, if an athlete was a state champion, please send a 5-inch-by-7-inch picture. Only one picture is needed even if All-state status was achieved in more than one sport. Please include a contact person and phone number if there is a question about the information sent.

Please send the photo and information to the following address: Attn: Ken Plude, Project Coordinator, Hall of Fame, Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Library events

The Charlevoix Public Library story hour is 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., Thursdays and 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. on Saturdays. Children from the ages of 2 to 7 are invited.

The theme schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 12 and 14 — Kids choice!
- Feb. 26 and 28 — Oops! It was an accident! Come laugh and enjoy stories about mistakes that have been made!
- March 4 and 6 — Happy one-hundredth birthday Dr. Seuss!

Lapsit, for children ages 0-3 takes place on Thursday from 10:05 to 10:20 a.m. Lapsit is full of songs, stories and finger plays.

Story hour and Lapsit will coincide with the school schedule. If school is canceled due to weather, story hours will also be canceled.

The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton Street. Their hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday. Contact the library at 547-2651 or online at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Winterfest

Charlevoix High School Student Council invites all alumni and community members to participate in 2004 Winterfest activities. Halftime ceremonies will be at the Rayder basketball game on Friday, Feb. 13. The Winterfest Dance will be from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Charlevoix Elementary School. If you have questions, ask any student council member of call advisor Gail Cherry at 547-3222, extension 2032.

Financial workshop

Join in at the Charlevoix Library at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, February 17, to learn strategies to help achieve your financial goals.

In this workshop you'll be shown how to assess where you stand today, figure out how much money you'll need to-retire comfortably, safely build a nest egg, evaluate investments, as well as receive tips from other not-so-rich folks who managed to retire comfortably.

All are welcome. No previous investment knowledge is necessary. Please call the library to register, 547-2651.

Lenten study

The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren will be a Lenten study beginning at 6 p.m., Feb. 18, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix. Soup and bread will be available at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 18.

This Christian book has the goal of drawing readers closer to the God as they discern why God created them for this time and place.

The public is wholeheartedly invited to begin this 40 day journey.

Florida reunion

The sixth Florida reunion for all those from the Charlevoix area will be on Feb. 19, at the Old Port Cove Club, in North Palm Beach, Fla. Call Joyce Duke for more information at (561) 622-0596.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Flap Jack Resturant.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-1388.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

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SCRAPBOOK

Part two in writer's series of survival on Lake Michigan's ice

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

When I look out at Lake Michigan these winter days, I am reminded of the true story of Clayton Brown, and how treacherous and dangerous the lake can be. We are so blessed to live here, and enjoy the benefits of the lake, but it takes a story like this to remind us that the lake is also something to be respected and wary of, when it is violent.

In my last article, the men were losing the battle with the wind. They spent a wild night, and when dawn came, they had drifted on the ice toward Good Hart, fifteen miles from the place they started from. They didn't know it then, but they were 12 miles from land. They couldn't make it to solid ice. All along the edge of the ice field, there was a belt of slush. The fog and snow covered the lake, and they couldn't tell where they were. They were hoping that perhaps they might be drifting toward Beaver Island.

Shortly after daylight, they heard airplanes overhead, and knew a search was underway, but also knew they wouldn't be seen, as they couldn't see the planes. Shortly after dawn, Clayton realized that the Coastguardsman, Cunningham, had lost consciousness. Clayton had given him his warm mittens earlier, but the cold was too much. He slapped him and shook him for half an hour, and then realized the man was dead.

Clayton's father-in-law sat hunched in the stern of the skiff, not speaking. Then he announced that he was going to get out of the boat and try to walk to shore. He wouldn't listen to Clayton, and climbed out. The slush had hardened enough to hold a man's weight, and Clayton followed behind him, heading into the storm. He felt that though their chances were slim, he couldn't let Beardsley go alone.

They had gone about 150 feet when Beardsley broke through the crust of slush and fell into the icy water up to his armpits. He struggled for a minute, but the shock of the cold water killed him. Clayton finally managed to pull him out of the water and onto the ice. He knew he couldn't drag him all the way back to the skiff, so he went back for the canvas windbreak, and wrapped Beardsley in it, and left him on the ice. Then, Clayton struggled back to the skiff, and waited his own fate.

Around noon, on Sunday, Clayton had been adrift for more than 24 hours. The wind began to drop and the water calmed some, but the temperature was falling. He took the seats out of the boat and broke them up with his ax, but everything was water-soaked and nothing would burn. He chopped up his frozen trout and found it tasted pretty good. He took his coat off, pulled his cap down, and buttoned the coat, with his arms inside. He took an old blanket he had brought for a wind breaker, and wrapped up in it. He had got his feet wet pulling Beardsley out of the water and he knew his feet were freezing. The skiff was frozen in the ice. He couldn't risk walking on the frozen slush, so he sat there with Cunningham's body by him. Just before sundown, the fog lifted and the sky cleared. He could see land for the first time, and saw the sun sink, figuring that would be the last sunset he would ever see. He thought the search had been called off, for there were no more planes. He later learned that a friend of his wouldn't give up. He was a hunting and fishing partner. He told the searchers that Brown would come ashore, even if it was in Wisconsin, and still be alive. Clayton slept most of the night, exhausted from the cold and the long ordeal. Before sleeping, he ate some more of the frozen trout and then lay in the boat with a dead man and the body of his father-in-law 50 yards away on the ice.

When he awoke on Monday morning, the sun was up, and the mainland shore was in sight, across the miles of new ice which had frozen again in the windless night. He stood up, but found he couldn't walk. His feet were without feeling and the ice buildup on his clothes was too thick to break off. He took his knife and hacked at the outer clothing, cutting it off bit by bit.

The job was very difficult, as three fingers on his right hand were frozen and useless. He knew the high bluffs he saw along the shore were somewhere by Good Hart or Cross Village. It looked like there were about 5 miles of ice to traverse to reach the shore. It was actually 12 miles. He decided live or die, his only chance was to try to make it to shore. He stepped out of the boat and the frozen slush was safe, so he started out and made it to the new ice. He ate a little more of the fish and felt he could make it to land by noon. He decided not to take anything with him, as he was so weak.

When he was about two miles from the boat, a lone plane went over, but didn't see him. The ice was very rough, and he fell many times, trying to lift his legs over the ridges. When he was thirsty, the ice in places was so thin that he could break a hole in it, and drink. He crawled across the worst places on his stomach. He came to open cracks that had to be jumped, and had a very difficult time of it, as his feet felt like two wooden stumps. The weather stayed cold and clear. He knew he had no choice but to keep going and he wasn't ready to die.

At that time, most of the Lake Michigan shore from Harbor Springs to Sturgeon Bay was uninhabited. He knew he would be in trouble if he walked ashore where he couldn't get help. The ground was covered in deep snow, and he wouldn't be able to walk through it. He saw the spire of the St. Ignatius Church, an Indian Mission at Middle Village, a mile or two south of Good Hart. The spire rose above the tree covered dunes. A few Indian families lived there and he knew he would have a chance. Some of the families got their drinking water from the lake and there was a path they had made to get to the water. He followed the path about 100 yards and it led him to the mission and the houses, hoping to find someone who would help him.

The rest of Clayton's ordeal will be in next month's story, telling the end to his long ordeal.

Official Notice

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
February 2, 2004

All Councilmembers present except Councilman Bellows.

- Approved a motion to allow the Lake Charlevoix Mariners to use the north end of Depot Beach for the summer of 2004, contingent on approval by the DNR.
- Approved a motion to allow the Chamber of Commerce to hold "A Taste of Charlevoix" in East Park on Saturday, June 26, 2004, and to allow the sale and consumption of alcohol in the park for this event.
- Awarded the fuel purchase bid to Holiday Station Stores.

Council adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

Elizabeth A. Gooch, City Clerk
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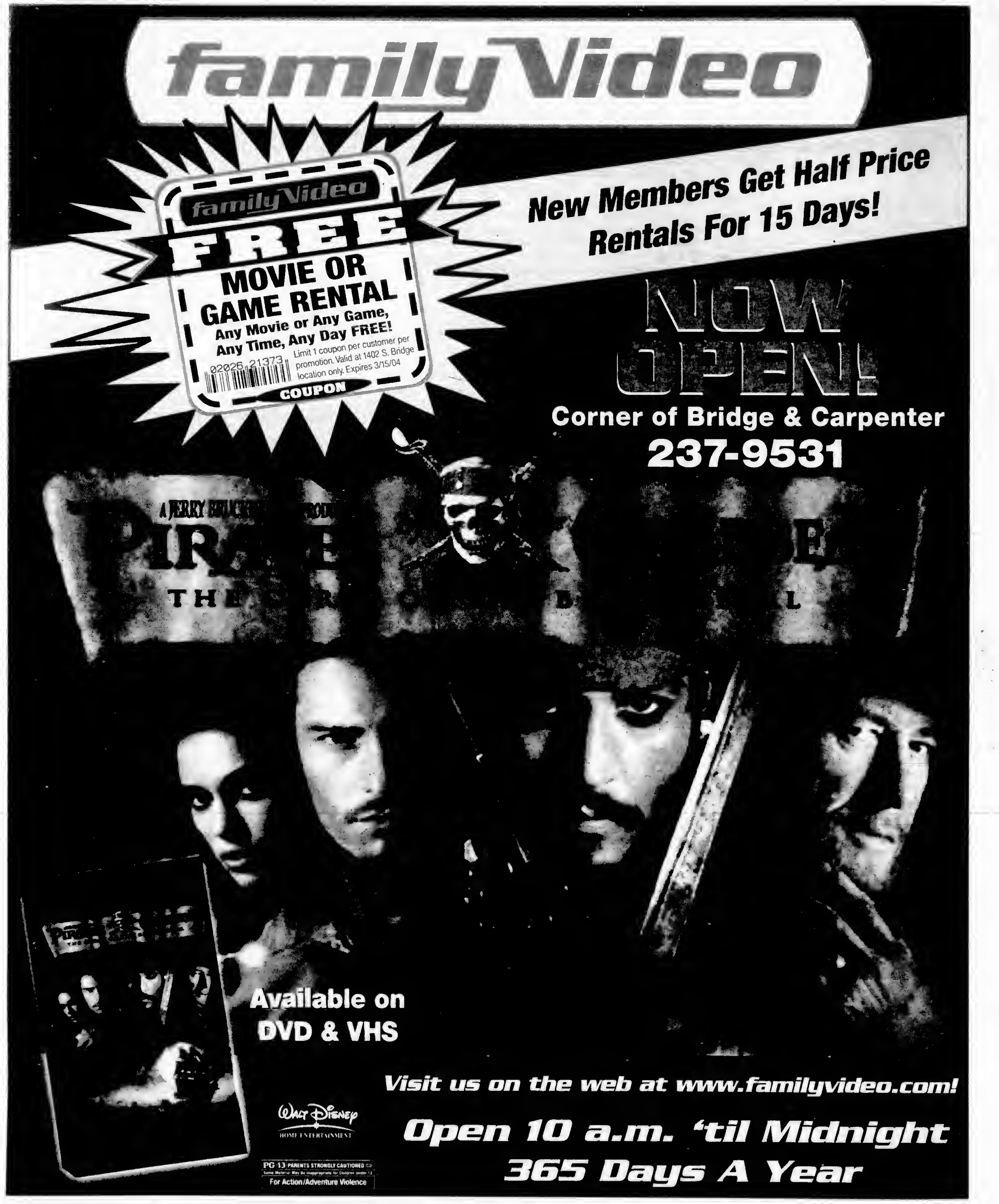
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High school performing arts going to state finals

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

A Rayder bus loaded with excited Charlevoix High School performing arts students crashed the Valentine's Day Winterfest Dance at Charlevoix Elementary School.

They entered with news that hasn't hit the high school since 1995 — they qualified for the state finals competition.

That day they had been in Bay City at John Glenn High School competing with six other schools in the region for a chance to be one of two to go on to the state competition.

The 35 student performers dazzled the judges with a 45 minute excerpt from their winter show, "The Sound of Music."

"Their hearts are just in the show. They love this show and it shows when they are on stage," director Beth Sherman, said.

The judges look at costuming, sets, acting, music, the flow of the show and the performers' ability to capture the audience.

As they traveled back to Charlevoix from the regional competition, Sherman got a call confirming that the Rayder group had met the judges' expectations and made the final cut.

Sherman announced the win and the kids erupted.

"Right now we are within the top 12 theater productions in the state," she said.

Sherman is the daughter of Connie Ford who is the director of the program at the high school. She took the reigns for the latest show while Ford addresses an illness in the family.

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Winter's queen

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Brittni Simonti hugs the 2005 Winterfest Queen as she is awarded the 2004 Winterfest Queen's crown during halftime ceremonies at the Charlevoix High School varsity basketball game Friday.

Campbell, Bennett off commission

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

City mayor Gabe Campbell decided to make some changes to the planning commission membership.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Feb. 16, he opted to appoint two new planning commissioners to replace Steve Bennett and John Campbell. Campbell and Bennett's term was up on the commission.

"That's politics. He gets to do what he would like to do," John Campbell said.

The mayor said his decision was not related to the dismissal procedures he is currently embroiled in aimed at ousting both Bennett and Campbell, along with Dennis Kusina, Francis "Brownie" Flanders and Richard Hodgson, from the commission.

Those planning commissioners voted to set a public hearing for a special use permit request made by Diane Gillette and Ruth Bellisimo, owners of Sunnybank Retirement Community.

Gillette and Bellisimo wanted the commission to approve the permit so they could build an assisted living facility on property located in the R-2 single family residential zoning district on Charlevoix's north side.

Their decision to hear that request came after city council voted against setting a hearing to discuss amending the zoning ordinance to allow this type of facility in that district.

The mayor said their action was a violation of the commission's bylaws and opened the city up for a lawsuit.

The zoning board of appeals has since ruled this type of fa-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Kenneth Alan Ziebell II, 20, Roscommon. Minor in possession of alcohol-second offense. Attend Impact Weekend; $200 in fines and costs.

Daniel Joseph Mazich, 25, Holly. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Keever Elijus McPherson, 23, East Jordan. Violation of a restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Carl Edward Pollaski, 33, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Jenna Christine VanLoo, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Bryan Douglas Honeysette, 37, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Casey Douglas Dougherty, 19, Petoskey. Home invasion — second degree. Bound over to circuit court.

Christopher John McKenney, 28, Boyne City. Receiving and concealing stolen property, over $1,000 and under $20,000; and larceny from a building. Bound over to circuit court.

Danny Charles Dice, 40, Charlevoix. Retail fraud — second degree. Two years probation; 365 days in jail, serve 30 days, 335 held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Montgomery Scott Wilhelm, 37, Boyne City. Check, non-sufficient funds over $100. Fines and costs totaling $1,463.04.

Jason Gregory Hughes, 27, Charlevoix. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Gary Lynn Smith, 43, Charlevoix. Driving while under the influence of alcohol. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail. 30 days held in abeyance; $950 in fines and costs.

Samuel Donald Morse, 33, Ludington. Driving while license suspended — second or subsequent. Serve 20 days in jail; $1,500 in fines and costs.

Christopher Isaiah Hefty, 24, East Jordan. Driving while under the influence of alcohol. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail, 60 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance; $1,155 in fines and costs.

Gwendolyn Jean Duhart, 42, Charlevoix. Welfare fraud under $500. Two years probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, 89 days held in abeyance; $2,820 in fines and costs.

Carlyle Thomas Latoff, 27, St. Johns. Drunk and disorderly person. Six months probation; attend two substance abuse counseling classes a week; 93 days in jail, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 88 days held in abeyance; $600 in fines and costs.

Justine Renee Duncan, 32, Charlevoix. Larceny under $200. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 82 days held in abeyance; $850.48 in fines and costs.

Donald Craig Goodrich, 42, East Jordan. Drunk and disorderly person. Six months probation; attend two substance abuse counseling classes a week; 51 days in jail, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 40 days held in abeyance; $300 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses have filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Skip's Auto Sales, 530 State Street, Boyne City, by Paul W. Daubenspeck.

Parrott Island Tanning Salon, 00930 Tomkins Road, Boyne City, by Stephane Parrott.

Redmer Construction, 09254 Nelson Road, East Jordan, by Karl Redmer.

Simply Swedish, 221 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, by Ingrid Nedwick.

A-Plus Floor Covering, 704 Wenonah Street, Boyne City, by Andrew Loren Pflung.

Corey & Lacey's Housekeeping, 2233 Schrouder, East Jordan, by Lacey Richardson.

Mark Joseph Babcock Physical Therapist, 414 A, East Dixon, Charlevoix, by Mark Babcock.

Marriage

The following people were granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Gary Dean Allen, 45, Boyne Falls and Oralee Lila Grohaski, 49, Boyne Falls.

Divorce

The following people have been granted a Judgment of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Tara Zumbaugh vs. Mark Zumbaugh.

Births

Haley Ann, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, was born to James Phillips and Rubyann Pardee of East Jordan on Feb. 8, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Alexander Sebastian, weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Richard Fales, Jr. and Sierra Coutles of Bellaire on Feb. 10, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Christopher James, weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Patrick and Melissa Symons of East Jordan on Feb. 12, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Patrick, II and the late Raymond. Grandparents are James and Kay Spence of Eaton Rapids and Nina Symons of East Jordan, Kathy and the late William Symons of Bridgeport, Conn.

Volunteers needed in Charlevoix Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program

The Charlevoix Senior Center is in need of volunteer delivery drivers for its Meals on Wheels program.

The center is looking for about four drivers to deliver meals to homebound Charlevoix residents on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Volunteers are asked to be at the center at 10:45 a.m. Delivery takes about 30 minutes with anywhere from two to 10 stops along the route. Most meal recipients are in town.

Those who are interested in volunteering are asked to call Debbie at the senior center 547-5361.

Clarification

In a story on page 8 of last week's edition of the Courier on the Lake Charlevoix Mariner's, it should be noted that the program has always been at Depot Beach. It is moving to a new location at Depot Beach though.

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Township trail delayed, settlement discussed

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Settlement talk in the lawsuit facing Eveline Township has delayed a possible trial.

A final pre-trial conference was set for Feb. 9 in the case lodged against the township by Dawson and his son Mark "Barney" Way.

But this was postponed until April 12 to allow further settlement talk between the two.

According to township attorney Kevin Elsenheimer, they are still exploring some kind of resolution short of litigation. He said any solution that the township will agree to has to make sense for the property or litigation is inevitable.

Stephen Winter, an attorney from Detroit representing the Ways, declined to comment on the settlement.

Township supervisor Dan Skreczkoski is hoping the two sides can find common ground.

"If we can stay out of court, I think that's advantageous. You lose total control once it goes to court," he said.

The Ways filed suit against the township in September of 2003 alleging the board acted on an exclusionary zoning ordinance when it denied their rezoning request.

In March of 2003, the board turned down the Way's request to have their property rezoned from agricultural to R-4, a residential zone that accommodates mobile homes.

The request applied to two pieces of property spanning over 150 acres, located adjacent to one another, with frontage on M-66 and Brock and Ferry roads.

The Ways claim that the development planned for the property would include about 200 manufactured homes and would provide needed affordable housing.

The township's master plan supports this and states that there exists, "a lack of low cost housing or rental homes and apartments in the township."

In spite of the apparent need, the board acted on recommendations made by the planning commissions for both Charlevoix County and Eveline Township that it deny the request.

The township planning commission came to a unanimous decision, saying the rezone could bring on higher density development than is supported by the master plan. If fully developed, the Way property in the R-4 district could accommodate a 1,200 unit manufactured home community.

The county planning commission also recommended against the rezone for that reason. The change would allow eight units per acre which is higher density than the 3-6 units per acre the master plan encourages in that area.

However, county planner Larry Sullivan issued a six page letter as to why he feels it would be appropriate to rezone 77 acres that make up the north half of the property, but not the 78 acre south half.

He believes the property on the north would better support a number of homes because of its close proximity to M-66 and that by developing the property there, the township would be limiting sprawl.

The township board's decision to deny the request for rezoning the whole piece spurred this lawsuit.

The Ways claim the decision the board made constitutes exclusionary zoning which violates the Township Rural Zoning Act, the Mobile Home Commission Act and their constitutional rights.

Their lawsuit states, "The township zoning ordinance excludes the development of manufactured home communities from the township and from the Way property. The township's denial of the Ways' application for rezoning excludes the development of manufactured home communities from the township and the property. The township's exclusionary zoning has caused the Ways to suffer loss and damage and incur irreparable injury."

The Ways are asking Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas to decree the township's zoning ordinance invalid and illegal and to recognize the township's denial of the rezoning request as exclusionary and to issue a permanent injunction against the township, restraining it from interfering with their proposed use of the property as a manufactured home community.

In Elsenheimer's response to the Ways' claims he states, "The township denies these allegations as untrue."

Elsenheimer requests that Pajtas dismiss the Way complaint and award the township its costs and attorney fees.

Both sides have submitted exhibit and witness lists for trial. If the case is not settled before the final pre-trial/settlement conference on April 12, a trial date will be set at the conference.

> *"If we can stay out of court, I think that's advantageous."*
>
> **Dan Skreczkoski**,
> Eveline Township Supervisor

Charlevoix high school hires new J.V. cheerleading coach

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Charlevoix's Kelly Jones was recently named the junior varsity cheerleading coach at Charlevoix High School.

Jones, 37, joins varsity coach Erin Beemis in an effort to bring the high school's cheerleading program to the next level.

"Erin and I are really excited to bring the cheerleading full swing," Jones said.

Jones, a mother of three, has a long history with cheerleading. She was an East Jordan cheerleader under the well-respected coach Phylis Olszewski. At that time she was named most valuable for three of four years cheering.

Kelly Jones

After high school she went on to teach with the United States Cheerleading Association for a summer. The group put on clinics for high schools squads across the Midwest.

She has since made her home in Charlevoix with her husband Bob Jones and children.

Her current team of four girls at Charlevoix High School cheer for the boys basketball team. In the fall a new group cheers for the football team.

Part of the program strengthening plan includes reviving the mascot which made its return at the Homecoming game Feb. 13 and strengthening tumbling skills through weekly gymnastics classes.

The high school's cheerleaders will compete Feb. 21 at Escanaba.

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Official Notice

North Country Community Mental Health Board will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, February 19, 4:30 p.m. at the Antrim County Building, 205 E. Cayuga St., Commissioners Room, Bellaire MI. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231)347-7890.

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Chamber comes up with great idea

EDITORIAL

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has come up with a cool way to bring people to Charlevoix during the slower winter months — a woman's ski tour.

The nationally famous Women's Ski Tour will be coming on Feb. 29 to the snowy grounds of the Charlevoix Country Club. The idea for this came from downtown coordinator Amy Lalewiez, who is also organizing the event, as a way to bring more business to town in the winter.

When Lalewiez started looking at ways to pump up business in the cold months, she said she wanted something unique to the area. In her search, she discovered the Women's Ski Tour, which is usually something that has been hosted by just Traverse City.

The event has been very popular with women, bringing participants from all over. At the recent Traverse City tour, 1,200 women took part.

However, now, Charlevoix is going to benefit from this event along with Traverse City. And not only will local businesses capitalize from the addition of new faces to the area, proceeds from the event will support BASES, the local teen center.

The event is non-competitive and open to both female skiers and those on snowshoes. It will be through 5 miles of groomed trails at the country club. Along the way, participants can enjoy sweet treats, tasty drinks and wonderful friendship. Afterwards, they will all gather at the country club for a soup lunch.

The chamber has come up with a great idea with this Women's Ski Tour. It utilizes the beauty that we already have, the accommodations we already have and possibly brings in more revenue for local businesses.

Let's hope this ski tour is as successful as Traverse City's this year and in the years to come. Hopefully, the chamber will use its talents to create more business building events like this in the future.

Letters Policy

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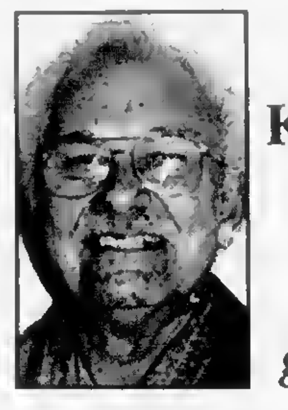
Our God is God of many religions



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

I have had a religious revelation. It came from John Kearney by way of the *New York Times*.

Mr. Kearney is a graduate student in journalism at Columbia University who on Wednesday, Jan. 28, revealed a most widespread misunderstanding of fundamental concern. Some of our generals and many of our religious leaders seem to have concluded that the God of Islam is certainly not the God of Judaism and Christianity.

Mr. Kearney pointed out that Muslims pray to the God of Abraham and Isaac, as do Christians and Jews. People of any religious faith may misunderstand what God has had to say, but it was immensely comforting to me to be informed that Muslims, Christians and Jews worship, pray to and revere the same Old Testament God.

How is it that we can have come to the conclusion that THEIR God is not OUR God? According to Mr. Kearney, the problem is one of language and proper translation.

Allah, Jahweh, Jehovah, Allaha or any of several other names in various languages are merely different ways of spelling or presenting the name of God. The God for all three of these Middle-eastern based religious traditions is the same God.

The proper translation of a phrase we often read in our papers or hear on our other media is critical to worldwide understanding. When Christian Americans read that someone has spoken the phrase, "There is no God, but Allah," we are likely to feel an affront, as though OUR God has been ignored. The proper translation of, "There is no God, but Allah" is "There is no God, but God," which is the Muslim refutation of polytheism, not the claim of there being some other god.

As a person who values words and their clear understanding, this is a mighty important distinction. If we are in fact all praying to the SAME God, then he or she can hardly be on one side or the other in any kind of conflict.

From now on whenever some print or electronic medium says or writes Allah, just translate it for yourself. Where it says Allah, read or hear God. The world will be a better place for your efforts at proper translation.

If the clarification announced by Mr. Kearney could be made from every Christian pulpit in America over the next few weeks, we would be that much closer to world peace, and we could stand to be closer to world peace.

Are words important? People often die for want of clear understanding of simple words. We should at least clarify the question of whose God we are talking about.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letter to the editor

Stop Wal-Mart

Editor:

Al Norman, the author of "Slam Dunking Wal-Mart" agreed to head up a 12 week campaign against building a Wal-Mart in his home town of Greenfield, Massachusetts, which they won. Six years later, he is still fighting for small town America and here are his reasons:

"Maybe it's because I'd rather support the Little Guy than the Big Guy.

Maybe it's because I like doing business with people I know.

Maybe it's because I think Americans deserve more than one store.

Maybe it's because I think communities should not all look the same.

Maybe it's because I don't think anyone deserves Wal-Mart as a night-light.

Maybe it's because Wal-Mart makes a union job look like heaven.

Maybe it's because I'm not ready to surrender my country to "Walmartians."

Maybe it's because I think land is a finite resource.

Maybe it's because I like buildings that have windows somewhere.

Maybe it's because I think Wal-Mart knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

Maybe it's because my brother-in-law lost his job twice when Wal-Mart put smaller companies out of business.

Maybe it's because I like a fair fight."

Please tell the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission you don't want your community to look like every exit on every highway. They are Chairperson Nancy Rajewski, Dave Christiansen, Stan Martin, John Haggard and John Dixon. Please call or write them. Also, if you haven't already, please sign a petition.

John Winn
Charlevoix

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Letters to the editor

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Wal-Mart not a done deal

Editor:

Contrary to what many people believe, the opening of a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix is not a done deal. All we know for sure is that the property is zoned commercial and that Wal-Mart wants to build a 157,000 square foot store which will do several things.

It will dump many thousand gallons of untreated water into Stover Creek every time it rains, which could pollute the creek and threaten the Ferry Beach area where our children swim. It will create new low paying, part time, non-benefit jobs which will replace full time better paying jobs with benefits. It will change the small town character of Charlevoix and jeopardize the benefits of living in a small town environment. It will mean that local businesses will not have the funds available to support local school activities and charities to the extent they have in the past.

In exchange for what? Possible lower prices on groceries? A recent study in Petoskey shows that the difference between Wal-Mart, Glens and Oleson's was only a couple of dollars a week and that was before using double coupons which Wal-Mart does not accept. And this is before the competition goes out of business like Carter's. Higher demands on our local law enforcement and other agencies due to shop-lifting, lockout of autos and road maintenance from additional travel.

Think about the summer backups which now can extend to M-66 from the Bridge. Think about Marion Center Road and the High School. Think about turning south onto US-31 from Marion Center Road. Think about all the other negatives of having a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix when we have one available in Petoskey.

Think about your community and what you want it to be. This is our town and we have the right to determine what the future holds for it. Let the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission know that you are against the proposed Wal-Mart in Charlevoix.

There are the means to stop it, but we need to act now. Support the efforts of This Is Our Town, Inc.

Robert B. Hoffman
Charlevoix

Service will be cut

Editor:

A few years ago, my wife and I were shopping for a vacuum cleaner. We looked at an upright Hoover in the Cadillac Wal-Mart. The associates knowledge of vacuums was limited to knowing what aisle they were in. Then we went to a local appliance store, Pell's.

They had the same vacuum, so I thought. The owners son actually had product knowledge. Other than looks there were not alike at all. The Hoover at Pell's had a 30 percent longer cord, nearly twice the motor size, a light, a cushioned handle, all the attachments and an extra package of bags and who knows how many other internal differences. Yes, it was a little more money. In addition to the accessory differences, my bet is it will last many years longer.

My dad has always had the following saying on his office wall: "There has never been anything made that someone cannot make a little poorer and sell a little cheaper. The sweetness of low price never equals the bitterness of low quality."

Please help stop Wal-Mart in Charlevoix and prevent the devastating change in the prettiest little town in Northern Michigan.

Charlie Winn
Charlevoix

Injustice in Norwood

Editor:

What's ahead for Norwood Township?

There has been an injustice and insult made against the citizens of Norwood Township by statements made by the supervisor, Wayne Boss.

At the January township board, while justifying his decision for nominating his relatives for positions on the planning commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, he stated, "...the individuals who came out, came out because someone requested that they come out. Now, does that constitute all of a sudden a real concern for what is going on in the township?" Perhaps Mr. Boss doesn't give credit to the township residents that perhaps because of the clandestine actions or not announcing the intention not to reappoint current participants and to nominating his own choices that they, the residents, have a valid interest in the future of the township.

By virtue of statements like this, he also discourages others who may have been considering to volunteer to participate in local government, not only in Norwood Township, but other townships were residents need to be involved in their own local communities. Since I was one of the applicants who submitted my resumes to be considered for either of the openings that suddenly became apparent by the announcements just a couple of days before the board meeting wherein the nominations were to be proposed, I resent being labeled, "Does that constitute all of a sudden a real concern for what is going on in the township?" Records will show that my regular attendance to the township meetings over the past two years does not show "a sudden real concern" but an honest interest in the integral issues being formulated. These same records do not show township meeting attendance of any frequency by the proposed nominations.

Are the future ordinances and zoning of Norwood Township being shaped in the best interest of it's citizens and their heirs? Or perhaps the future of the township is destined to be subjected to the turmoil currently occurring in Marion Township where Mr. Boss and his relatives who constitute the Legacy Development Group, LLC are being closely scrutinized. Wonder if Mr. Boss's recommendation for township positions are also involved in or benefactors of the Legacy Development Group, LLC.

Sadie Bartosik
Charlevoix

Supervisor comments not helpful

Editor:

As a resident of Norwood Township and an active participant in township affairs, I have been concerned about the recent public dispute in our township. At the Jan. 19 board meeting, I publicly suggested that all participants be civil, respect each others opinions and perhaps, learn how disputes can be amicably resolved. I had specifically suggested that the parties consider using the effective mediation services of Northern Michigan Community Mediation. My suggestions were directed at the township officials, as well as the parties having the dispute.

Thus, I was very disappointed to read in the Jan. 28 issue of the *Charlevoix Courier* that the township supervisor chose, in my opinion, to aggravate the situation by publicly detailing his opinion regarding the dispute and related issues. In my opinion, those types of comments will only serve to stiffen the resolve by all parties and divide our township.

Friends and neighbors, there are many critical social and economic problems in our world, let's appreciate all advantages we enjoy living here, and, in regards to the recent public disputes, request the Norwood Township and city of Charlevoix officials to demonstrate the leadership you were elected to fulfill.

Bill Lovett
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

What an amazing man, he takes time to see what others don't, is so aware of people and their problems, recognizes the need and gives from his spirit. (It does help to have a bunch of cash.)

His latest "Christmas Story," donation of a pink granite monuments for some 75 infants and children buried at Greenwood Cemetery, so they would be recognized — all their names and dates on the stone.

The city, township, schools, service clubs, societies and people from all walks of life have been the recipient of his kindness and generosity.

Bill and Ellen Schuiling, you both are truly in our hearts and minds for the generous sharing of yourselves. Thank you.

Jim and Christel Gibbons
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The Board will receive any questions from the public concerning the Assessment Roll on Monday, March 8, 2004, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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Elizabeth A. Gooch, City Clerk

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Resident finds weight loss success with surgery

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Courtesy photo

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Charlevoix resident Marell Staffel underwent gastric bypass surgery almost a year ago. This photo was taken by her doctor before the surgery. (Right) Marell Staffel is now 80 pounds lighter after undergoing gastric bypass surgery in March of 2003.

Almost a year ago, Marell Staffel, a well-known Charlevoix woman and owner of Charlevoix Camera, went into surgery knowing when she woke up her life would never be the same.

In March of 2002 Staffel was pre-diabetic and suffering from high blood pressure. These life threatening realities made her stop and take a closer look at her lifestyle.

At that time, Staffel, who is now 57, had spent years battling her weight — trying "a zillion" different diets, losing 40 to 50 pounds only to gain it, plus extra pounds, back.

"I was afraid to go on diets. I didn't want to lose some weight and gain even more back," she said.

Her reflection in a mirror or window made her shudder and even though she owns and operates a camera shop, she has few pictures of herself because of her low self image.

After talking with a friend who had seen success with gastric bypass surgery she saw a light at the end of the dark tunnel of diets.

"You see it on the news all the time. Overweight is becoming a huge problem in this country. Obviously diets aren't working for a lot of people. This (gastric bypass surgery) is an option," Staffel said. "Why go through life overwhelmed with health problems if there is a way out?"

She took a year to research the surgery, attending support group meetings and reading everything she could get her hands on.

The surgery reduces the amount of food the stomach will hold and the digestive tract will absorb. A common approach is for a doctor to cut the small intestine and attach it to a tinier stomach they create. This bypasses about 30 percent of the intestines and reduces the amount of calories digested.

About 29 percent of patients who undergo the surgery have complications like pneumonia and wound infections with 2 to 5 percent having serious complications like blood clots or stomach bleeding.

Staffel weighed her options and decided to move forward with the surgery. The next step was to find a physician with a high success rate and low incidence of side effects. She settled on a doctor operating out of Spectrum Health Center in Grand Rapids.

While she knew she would have to leave her close friends, chocolate and ice cream, behind, she didn't know she would have to say goodbye to her companion of over 30 years — cigarettes.

Staffel had smoked two packs a day for 34 years. But her doctor said it was the smokes or the surgery. Staffel picked surgery.

On Feb. 8, 2003 she smoked her last cigarette followed by a ceremony when she disposed of a lighter and one remaining cigarette.

During that first week battling the strong hold of nicotine, a nicotine patch helped curb cravings but didn't loosen the tight grip the addiction had on her. Calls she received from friends and strangers encouraging her to stick with it got her through, as did her thirst for better physical health.

With one bad habit behind her she was ready to kick another — food. On March 11, 2003 a nervous Staffel checked into Spectrum.

"The last thing I thought before they knocked me out was nothing would ever be the same," she said.

After three days in the hospital, she was released and came back to Charlevoix. She spent two weeks on a high protein liquid diet, gradually introducing new foods.

She has not had any negative side effects.

Now, one year and 80 pounds later Staffel is still going strong. Her goal is to lose another 25 pounds. But she said the surgery itself isn't going to just melt the pounds away.

Staffel said the surgery is a tool to achieve long-term weight goals and diet and exercise are what get you there. She said she eats a lot less now and has joined a gym.

Because the surgery prevents the body from absorbing certain nutrients Staffel takes a multi-vitamin, calcium and iron supplements every day.

Aside from the changes in her appearance that have her smiling, Staffel has also lowered her risk of diabetes and her blood pressure. The overall change has been one for the better.

"When you are heavy everything is hard to do. Now, I feel really good," she said. "I can buy clothes at normal stores and that feels great."

She said she would encourage others who are experiencing health complications from being overweight to look into the surgery.

"I don't think anyone should jump into it," she said.

Staffel suggests that those interested in gastric bypass research doctors and look for good after-care programs and thorough prescreening.

For more information about gastric bypass surgery visit www.obesityhelp.com.

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Lasater announces run for eighth term

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater has announced he is running for his eighth term in office this year.

George T. Lasater

Lasater, 66, has been the Charlevoix County Sheriff since he was 38 years old. He said he decided to run again because he still enjoys what he is doing. A term is for four years.

"Hopefully, I am doing a good job for the citizens of Charlevoix. It is still exciting to go to work in the morning," he said. "I feel strongly about the office of sheriff and want to do some positive things for the community."

In a release announcing his candidacy, he says, "It is my feeling, a sheriff must respond to the needs of the citizens he or she serves and be proactive rather than reactive. A sheriff must be approachable, and I have made every effort in the last 27 years to be approachable both on duty and off."

Lasater said he loves the challenge of his job.

"You don't know what is facing you each day," he said.

He added he enjoys interacting with people and trying to make a positive difference in someone's life, "even if it is a tragedy."

In the release announcing his candidacy, Lasater outlined his goals if he is elected for this eighth term.

- Continue efforts to provide the citizens of Charlevoix county with professional and responsive law enforcement services the sheriff's office currently provides. Due to the financial problems faced by the state, Lasater said he will use tax money wisely.
- Promote continued rehabilitation efforts for inmates sentenced to the Charlevoix County Jail.
- Education for senior citizens about scams that target them.
- The creation of local citizen support groups for families involved in a crisis/tragic situation, where a family member or friend has been the victim of a tragedy.
- Create a "silent observer" program with the cooperation of chiefs of police throughout the county, the Michigan State Police and the prosecutor's office.
- Create a web site for the sheriff's office that will include wanted criminals in the area, crime prevention tips, guidance for seniors with crime related concerns and a list of programs at the sheriff's office.
- Get another tracking dog for the K-9 program to replace one that recently died.
- Continue to support sub-stations on Beaver Island and in Boyne Falls. Plus, Lasater wants to establish a permanent sub-station in the East Jordan area.

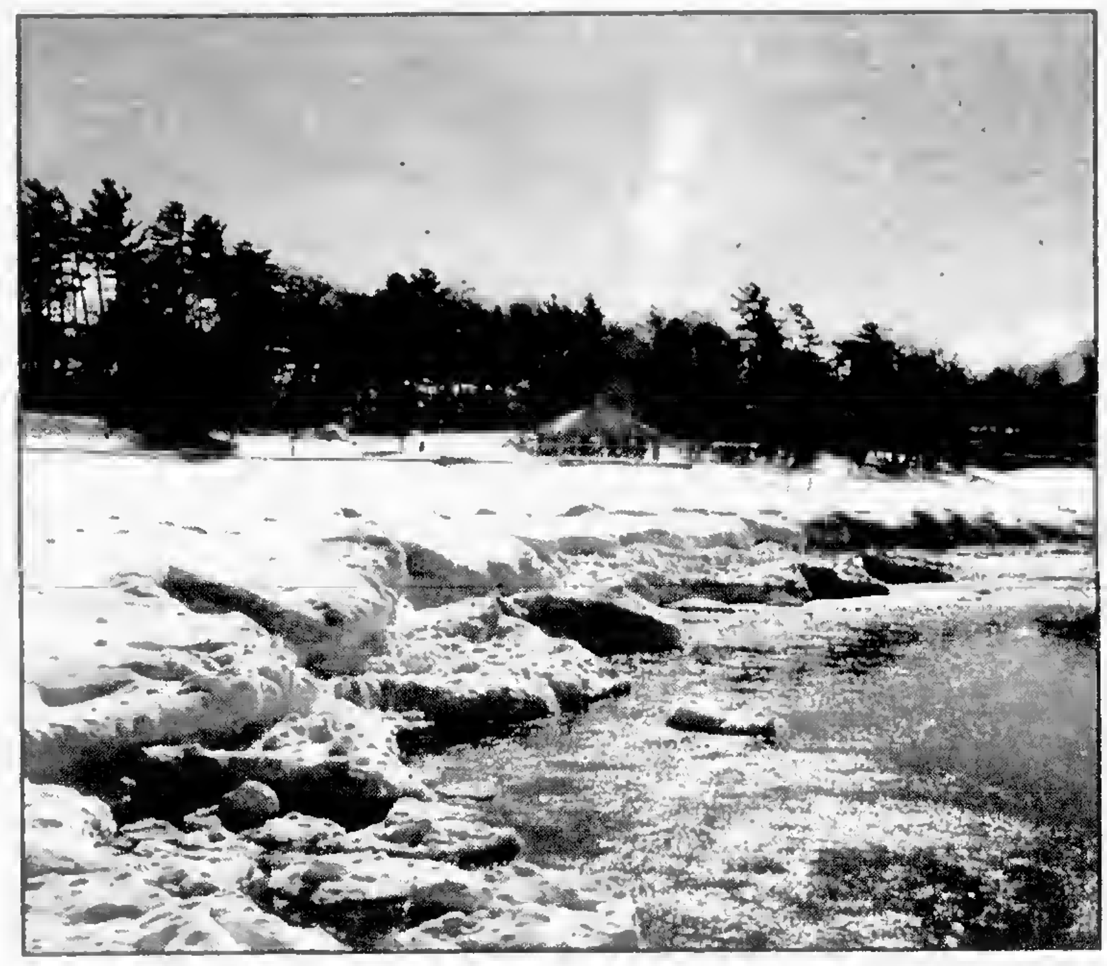
While he has established plenty of goals for another term in office, Lasater has had many years to compile a list of achievements that he is proud of.

The first of those is the ability to select a "great group of people to service the citizens of Charlevoix County." He said he is very proud of the men and women who work at the sheriff's office.

Lasater is also proud that he helped establish a K-9 unit in Charlevoix, school liaison officers in the county and sub-stations in Boyne Falls and on Beaver Island. He added he is also happy that he has the ability to have two detectives at the sheriff's office that are able to concentrate on major cases in the county.

According to the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office, no one has turned in any petitions for the sheriff's position. Petitions are not due until May.

The sheriff's position will be elected in November



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A beach of ice

The sand at Michigan Beach has been covered with snow and ice this winter, making a small cliff where the water meets land. After several weeks of cold temperatures, warmer temperatures are expected this week.

Engagement

Hoadley — Watson

Lisa Hoadley and Michael Watson, both of Denver, Colo., are engaged to be married.

Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoadley of Charlevoix. Michael is the son of Theresa Jackson, of Ypsilanti, and Richard Watson, of South Lyon.

A wedding is being planned for July 11, 2004 aboard an Alaskan cruise.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 Charlevoix High School graduate and a 2000 graduate of Western Michgian University. She is a registered nurse at the Children's Hospital in Denver, Colo. The groom-to-be is a 1996 graduate of South Lyon High School and a 2001 graduate of Northwood University. He is an accountant at Olson, Reyes and Sauerwein, P.C. in Denver, Colo.

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Obituaries

Alice E. Tunison: April 28, 1909 - Feb. 7, 2004

Alice E. Tunison, 94, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She was born April 28, 1909, in Albion, the daughter of Arthur and Lizzie (Daly) Baker. She graduated from Fordson High School in Dearborn in 1926. As a young girl, Alice ran errands for her father — a Detroit businessman — who encouraged her to register to vote as soon as she was old enough, and as a result, has remained active as an elections worker during her life.

Alice married Kenneth Tunison in 1932, and together they raised four children: Roberta, Richard, Jane and Mel.

After retiring Alice and Kenneth moved to their summer home in Ironton. Alice went to work at age 50, sharing her time as secretary to General Ely, (the Charlevoix County Civil Defense Director) and as secretary to Harvey Varnum, Prosecuting Attorney. She became acting Civil Defense Director upon the death of General Ely, retiring at age 72.

Alice was an avid weaver and a member of the Weaver's Guild. She was among the founders of The Brown Bag Craft Shop on Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

Alice is survived by her children, Roberta (Charles) Hosper, Richard (Carol) Tunison and Jane Lawson all of Charlevoix; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth and son Melville.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, at Greensky Hill United Methodist Church. The Rev. Geri Litchfield will officiate and interment will take place this spring at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to Greensky Hill United Methodist Church. The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The family wishes to thank Dr. Gels, his staff, and those at Charlevoix Area Hospital who were so helpful during these last few days.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

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Fun for the firefighters

Over 150 people attended the fifth annual Fireman's' Ball at the Charlevoix Country Club Feb. 14. About $4,000 was raised for the city fire department, emergency medical service and dive team. (Above) Charlevoix residents Nancy Carano and Scott and Luann Keinath mingle at the fifth annual Fireman's Ball. (Right) These people look over silent auction items that were donated to help raise money.

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Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church S47-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05B55 M-66

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 State Street

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President Michael Robbins S88-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore S47-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Pastor: Mike Mitchell 237-0B00

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

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Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael C. Smith S47-3000
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse S99-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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1404 Howard Street

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Chamber brings second request for old post office

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Charlevoix's City Council and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will meet to discuss how the city should address contribution requests from both the Charlevoix Public Library and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

These topics will be tackled at a joint DDA and council meeting scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 23 in the Coast Guard training room located at 109 Bridge Park Drive in Charlevoix.

At the meeting, chamber representatives will make their second pitch to try and secure the city-owned former post office off Mason Street as their new headquarters.

The post office currently houses city staff while renovations are being done next-door at city hall. According to city treasurer Rick Brandi, an insurance appraisal done in 1998 found the building's value to be $208, 927. This figure does not include the $40,000 in renovations the city did to the building in 2003 to prep it for city staff.

In mid-January, chamber president Jacqueline Merta appealed to both council and the DDA to have ownership of the post office transferred to the chamber for $1 with a "reverter" clause that if the building is not being used for chamber functions, ownership would go back to the city.

She told the two bodies that in the not-so-distant future, the chamber will be homeless. During the East Park and marina renovation planning process community members made it clear that there was no place in the park for buildings like the chamber office, not directly related to supporting the park and marina.

And with those renovations likely starting in the fall of 2005 the chamber's time to plan for relocation is now.

After further discussion, it was found to be less viable for the chamber to buy the building because it is subject to property taxation and would also have to insure it.

According to Merta, money is tight and the chamber may not even be able to pay to maintain it and cover utilities.

Under the current arrangement the chamber pays the city $100 a month to rent the Bridge Street location and the city covers utilities and maintenance costs. Wiesner said this isn't even enough to maintain the building.

At that January meeting, a possible lease arrangement with the chamber handling maintenance and utility costs was supported by the majority of the DDA and council members who said they think the city maintaining ownership is important.

Chamber representatives have spent the last month working through kinks in the plan and will present their latest approach at the Feb. 23 special meeting.

After the special meeting is over, the DDA will meet to discuss the possibility of opening its pocket book to the library.

The library is currently raising money for its $7.3 million renovation and expansion of the old middle school, off Grant Street where it plans to relocate.

Sandi Frost-Parrish, a consultant with Monaghan Associates of Grand Rapids, was in charge of a feasibility study that looked at whether the money to fund the project was available in Charlevoix.

She suggested library volunteers shoot for around $1 million in donations. With that number set, they are now working to make up the remaining $6 million with a millage, the sale of the current Clinton Street building and possible participation by governmental entities.

In the study, Frost-Parrish said she sensed nervousness from some people interviewed about passing a millage on June 14 without support for the project from a government entity. She said the DDA came up frequently as a possible source of funding.

DDA member Jeff Porter said he is ready to look at whether the group plans to step up to the plate.

"I want to see what the DDA's role in it (the library project) is and look at possibly funding part of it. There are a lot of people on the DDA that are interested in the library who want to see that building (the old middle school) preserved," he said.

Library director Valerie Meyerson said she has not pinpointed a dollar amount she is hoping to get from the DDA.

"I'm hoping they can come up with a good figure," she said.

Meyerson said she will need a definite answer on what the DDA is willing to contribute by March when ballot language is due for the millage request.

The new library proposal looks to renovate and add on to the existing school. The proposed brick facility is about 24,000 square feet, with all its main functions on the first floor.

This primary floor will include small additions, totaling just under 4,000 square feet of space — one will house the program room and the other, a children's activity room. The facility will offer adult, children's and teen collections as well as a popular reading room, plenty of quiet reading areas, a self check out, a staffed circulation desk and outdoor landscaped plazas.

Planning commission has concerns on marina plan

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission is sending a letter listing three concerns about the Charlevoix Marina project to the United States Army Core of Engineers.

The core of engineers requested comment from the commission based on an application it received for the project. But, commissioners expressed concerns about the design saying it did not have enough shoppers docks and the shoppers docks were too small, the boat docks looked further out into the lake than was previously thought and the size and impact of the project is great.

Commissioners were upset because there was only one small area for a shoppers dock on the northern part of the plan. Piers in the plan would extend 240 feet into the lake.

Nancy Ferguson, commission member, said the plan did not look like the same one that was agreed upon by the citizens after several public forums on the subject. In addition to the concerns, Ferguson said she would like the core of engineers to host a public hearing in the marina plan — that idea was ultimately voted down by the commission.

"I just don't think this is the consensus that people have reached," she said. "There needs to be a public hearing to make sure we are going the right way."

Ferguson said she believes there has never been a public hearing on the marina plan.

In response to having a public hearing, Charlevoix City Manager Michael Wiesner said the city has already had nine public meetings, which were all advertised in local news media. As of Tuesday, he was still researching differences between the plan in the core application and the public consensus plan.

As for the shopper's docks, Weisner said any dock could become a shoppers dock if needed.

The commission had to submitt a response to the core by Feb. 19.

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Safety a concern if you are getting inked

By B. JON GOHS
Special to the Courier

The health issues surrounding tattooing don't seem to be enough of a concern for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency (NMCHA) to act.

From food temperatures and storage protocol to the sanitation of flatware and hand washing procedures, the NMCHA regulates restaurants to safeguard the public. But, there are no safety regulations in the many tattoo shops in the area.

Anyone within NMCHA's jurisdiction can operate a tattoo shop without so much as a sanitation class or health inspection. While other occupations, some with much lower risks of blood borne illness, are prime targets for such regulation.

According to Registered Sanitarian Larry Levengood of NMCHA, "There doesn't seem to be a need for any regulation. If we had 20 reports of hepatitis or some other bloodborne illness from tattooing the health department might decide to adopt some regulations."

He said, "Until it was brought to our attention we weren't aware their were so many tattoo shops operating in the area."

Levengood added, until there is enough of a proven health issue there probably won't be any regulation.

Tattooed Charlevoix residents Joel and Jessica Clark are concerned with the lack of safety regulations in tattoo shops in the area.

"If doctors dispose of dirty needles properly then so should tattoo shops," Joel said. "And what happens to the people who pick up the trash? What happens if they get stuck with an infected needle?"

Jessica echoes her husbands sentiments, "That's nice of them to wait until an outbreak of some deadly disease before they do anything about it. I don't understand why there aren't any safety regulations in tattoo shops around here; there are downstate."

Dean Mikulski, director of environmental health services at NMCHA said, "Most of the regulations we enforce are patterned after state law. Since there is no state law governing safety standards of the tattoo industry we don't feel there is a need for regulation."

Cynthia Lawrence, owner of Outcast Tattoo in Mancelona, has had her fair share of health concerns. From losing several inches of bone on her leg due to staphylococcus infection, to her brother's battle with hepatitis C, a bloodborne illness, is a worrisome prospect.

As a result Lawrence spares no expense to keep her shop clean, despite the lack of regulations.

According to Lawrence, "Just because your tattoo artist pulls the needle out of a new package doesn't mean it's clean. Anyone can stick a dirty needle into a plastic bag and tell you it's safe. How would you know the difference?"

She said, "We sample our sterilization equipment once a month for pathogens and send the specimen to North Bay Bioscience lab. We're the only shop in the area which does so."

Lawrence's artist seems to share her concern for the safety of the customer.

According to Jason Doan, sole artist of Outcast Tattoo, "I've been tattooing for nine years. Tattooing give me tranquility."

But Jason's tranquility was broken when he learned there are no safety regulations for local tattoo shops.

Doan added he spoke with Mikulski about possibly implementing safety regulations.

"He seemed interested. He told me he would get back to me, but I waited three months for a phone call or letter and he never responded," Doan said.

Doan added, "I called him and tried to restart the fire. He saw Outcast was the only tattoo shop listed and told me he didn't need to adapt any regulations at that time. His response was scary and shocking."

There are many tattoo artists in the area and they do a lot of business, but few shops are as clean as Outcast.

According to Doan, "Most people walk into the shop and say, 'Wow, this looks like a dentist office.'"

But there are many shops in this area without even minimal safety standards.

He added, "At least 20 shops operate in the area covered by the Charlevoix Health Department. I hear a new name every week of someone who does tattoos."

The risk of bloodborne illness for sanitation workers may be as great as the tattoo artists and customers.

Tom Horton, government affairs manager for Waste Management of Michigan said, "The disposal of potentially hazardous waste is a concern for us. Until there is some type of uniform regulation for the disposal of biohazardous material people will have to find a way to dispose of it on their own."

According to Horton, "People who don't have a local disposal option can put used needles into some type of unbreakable container such as a milk jug."

Horton added, while not the optimal means of disposal, a milk jug will afford more safety to those working in sanitation.

The Sharps Compliant company offers disposal service of used needles. They can be reached at 1(877)927-8363.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Charlevoix residents who decide to get a tattoo, should choose safe and clean environments to get their art inked on at.

Charlevoix county jail brings in $235,505

According to Sheriff George T. Lasater, the Charlevoix County Jail has received $235,505 this year from surrounding counties for housing their prisoners.

Lasater said Grand Traverse County spent $181,695 and Emmet County spent $51,810.

Because of this, Lasater added the sheriff's office was able to place $200,505 back into the Charlevoix County General Fund. This takes into account about 10 percent, or $23,000, for food.

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Synopsis - February 11, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:20 p.m. on February 11, 2004 in Charlevoix. Commissioners Frykberg and Jason were absent.

Minutes of the January 28, 2004 meeting stood approved as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #04-005, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #04-006, Non-Skilled Nursing Care and authorized the Chairman to sign said agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #04-007, Senior Companion Program and authorized the Chairman to sign said Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion approved Resolution #04-008, 2003 Annual Investment Report.

Motion approved Resolution #04-009, Building Inspection Scanning System purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #04-010, Computer Security as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee.

Motion approved Resolution #04-011, Household Hazardous Waste Contract and authorized the Chairman to sign said contract.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Construction starts on new US-31 hotel

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

A new hotel is under construction in Hayes Township on Charlevoix's north side.

Dorian Lange, an Eaton Rapids developer, broke ground on AmericInn Motel and Suites in early January at a site located northeast of Bethany Lutheran Church, fronting on US-31.

Hayes Township Clerk Ethel Knepp said construction started just in the nick of time, as permits the township had approved were about to expire for a second time.

The first steps in the development process took place in March of 2002 when the Hayes Township Planning Commission rezoned the hotel property from A-1, agricultural to C-1 commercial. At that time the plan was to break ground on the hotel project during the summer of 2002.

Lange said that construction was delayed while he and his development team waited for Charlevoix Township to undertake the Pine Point sewer extension which will run down Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

Charlevoix Township supervisor Dale Glass said the township is hoping to start construction of the sewer extension this spring.

If the new sewer line is not ready when the hotel needs to hook up, Lange plans to tie into the force main at the Charlevoix Country Club and hook into the Pine Point system at a later date.

He is hoping to have the hotel open for business in July.

So far, the land has been cleared for the hotel and the footings have been poured. Lange said the next step will be to put the walls up.

When construction is complete, the hotel will be a two-story, 54 unit structure with an indoor swimming pool and on-site parking, spanning almost 4 acres. The entrance and exit to the hotel will be located across from the Charlevoix Country Club entrance.

The hotel is part of a larger proposed development which may extend into both Hayes and Charlevoix townships. The whole plan includes AmericInn, office space, assisted living, a restaurant, retail space, apartments and self-storage buildings.

The proposed development will cover 73 acres total, with 44 acres in Hayes Township and 29 acres in Charlevoix Township. The Charlevoix Township portion of the project will be used for retail stores, affordable apartments and condominiums.

Each proposed site has to be approved by the township it's planned for and the Hayes Township hotel is currently the only approved site.

Lange's next move is to request site plan approval for the senior housing and assisted living complex. This development is planned for property behind the church in Hayes Township. His latest master plan concept shows this assisted living area as having about 40 units.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Work has been progressing on a new hotel set to open in July. AmericInn and Suites is the first big project in a major development planned for this property along US-31 and Boyne City-Charlevoix Road in Charlevoix and Hayes townships.

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Den 2: Members of Den 2 with Harlem Globe Trotter Michael St. Julian during their appearance in Gaylord, January 29, 2004.

Pine Wood Derby *Pine Cup Winners:* 4th Place: Tiger Cub, 3rd Place:; 2nd Place, 5th grade Webelos, Paul Stolt; 1st Place, Bear Cub Scout, Tyler Engstrom.

4th and 5th Grade Webelos *Members include, 4th grade:* Matthew Brown, Michael Knapp, Christian McFalls, Curtis Russell, Dyllan Skop, Tyler Whitley. *Leaders:* Dave Phillips, Stephanie. *5th grade:* Logan Amstutz, Trevor Currier, Christian Morrison, Casey Riley, Brian Shubler, Paul Stolt, Eugene Waffle II. *Leaders:* Kelly Shutler, Lynda Stolt, Melanie Morrison.

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- A 30-year-old Charlevoix woman was arrested for drunk driving and driving while her license was suspended around 6:30 p.m., Feb. 15 near the intersection of Carpenter and Bridge streets.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 6:30 p.m., Feb. 14 near the intersection of M-66 and Bridge Street. No injuries were reported.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 8 a.m., Feb. 13 near the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Burns Street. No injuries were reported.
- A vehicle pulling into a parking space, slid on the ice and struck a parked vehicle around 1 p.m., Feb. 12 at Flap Jack Restaurant on Bridge Street.
- A 35-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested around 2 a.m., Feb. 10 at the 7-Eleven on Belvedere Avenue after he ate some food there and left without paying.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 4 p.m., Feb. 9 near the intersection of Garfield Avenue and State Street. One minor injury was reported.
- An 18-year-old Warren man was arrested for driving while his license was suspended around 6:30 p.m., Feb. 6 near the intersection of Bridge Street and M-66.
- A 29-year-old East Jordan man was arrested around 12 p.m., Feb. 6 at Glen's Market for stealing some DVD's and deodorant.
- A 37-year-old Charlevoix man was cited and released around 11:30 a.m., Feb. 2 on West Upright Street.

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In STAR, two drugs, tamoxifen and raloxifene, will be compared for their effectiveness in reducing the occurrence of breast cancer in postmenopausal women age 35 or older who are at increased risk for the disease. The Prostate Cancer Prevention Trial is called "SELECT," Selenium and Vitamin E Cancer Prevention Trial. SELECT is trying to find out if taking selenium and/or vitamin E supplements can prevent prostate cancer.

"The trials will close at the end of this year," said Betsy Johnson, RN, CRA, of NMH Cancer Research and Registration. "This is an opportunity to be a part of medical history through our affiliation with Grand Rapids Clinical Oncology Program."

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SPORTS

High school ski team has success at meets

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Three Charlevoix/ East Jordan High School skiers are going to the state finals.

York Smith, Taylor Fisher and Margaux Rowley qualified for the state finals at the regional tournament Feb. 12. Smith will be competing in the slalom and giant slalom. Fisher will be competing in the slalom and Rowley will be competiting in the slalom and giant slalom.

As a team, the boys' finished fourth in the regional. Harhor Springs was first.

Also in the regional, the girls' team finished fifth. Habor Springs took first again.

The state finals will be Feb. 23 at Boyne Mountain.

In other meets, the Rayders have been busy on the slopes recently.

On Feb. 9, the boys' and girls' teams had a make-up race at Nub's Nob. Both the boys' and girls' teams placed fourth. Harhor Springs took first for the boys' and Traverse City St. Francis took first for the girls'.

Coach Sue Miller said the boys had a tough time at this meet, with two crashes that hurt them in the end. As for the girls, she said they were consistent and making ground.

On Feb. 7, the team took part in the Manistee meet. The boys' team took second and the girls' team took third.

On Feb. 5, the teams took part in a Lake Michigan Conference meet. The boys' team took third place, while the girls took fourth.

Harbor Springs took first for the boys' and girls' teams.

Individual results for the boys' team in the Feb. 9 meet for slalom were: Fisher in fourth, with a total time of 50.74 seconds; Andrew Mallory in sixteenth, with a total time of 56.21 seconds; Cameron Attee in nineteenth, with a total time of 56.70 seconds; Geoff Baier in twenty-seventh, with a total time of 1 minute, 7.47 seconds; Patrick Teske in thirty-first, with a total time of 1 minute, 23.93 seconds and Smith in thirty-seventh with a did not finish.

Individual results for the boys' team in the Feb. 9 meet for the giant slalom were: Smith in second, with a total time of 50.33 seconds; Fisher in eleventh, with a total time of 52.30 seconds; Teske in thirteenth, with a total time of 52.71 seconds; Attee in sixteenth, with a total time of 53.55 seconds; Mallory in twentieth, with a total time of 54.09 seconds; and Devin Kurzhals in twenty-ninth, with a total time of 57.29 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' team in the Feb. 9 meet for slalom were: Rowley in fourth, with a time of 52.32 seconds; Michelle Fritsch in fourteenth, with a total time of 57.61 seconds; Kelsey Poineau in eighteenth, with a total time of 59.30 seconds; Katie Diller in twenty-first, with a total time of 1 minute; Kristin Dupuis in twenty-eighth, with a total time of 1 minute, 8.53 seconds; and Sarah Lorne in thirty-first, with a total time of 1 minute, 14.28 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' team in the Feb. 9 meet for giant slalom were: Rowley in fifth, with a total time of 52.40 seconds; Fritsch in tenth, with a total time of 54.65 seconds; Diller in twenty-second with a total time of 57.73 seconds; Poineau in twenty-third, with a total time of 58.23 seconds; Dupuis in twenty-sixth, with a total time of 1 minute, 1.11 seconds; and Brenna Bergmann in twenty-ninth, with a total time of 1 minute, 2.43 seconds.

Individual results for the boys' team in Feb. 5 meet for slalom are: Smith in fourth, with a total time of 59.78 seconds; Fisher in eighth, with a total time of 1 minute, 2.20 seconds; Teske in ninth, with a total time of 1 minute, 2.36 seconds; Attee in twenty-fourth, with a total time of 1 minute, 12.23 seconds; Mallory in twenty-fifth, with a total time of 1 minute, 13.01 seconds; and Geoff Baier in thirty-first, with a total time of 1 minute, 24.25 seconds.

Individual results for the boys' team in the Feb. 5 meet for giant slalom were: Smith in first, with a total time of 42.70 seconds; Teske in eleventh, with a total time of 44.54 seconds; Fisher in twelfth, with a total time of 44.57 seconds; Mallory in sixteenth, with a total time of 45.77 seconds; Attee in seventeenth, with a total time of 46.56 seconds; and Kurzhals in twenty-sixth, with a total time of 48.09 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' team in the Feb. 5 meet for the slalom were: Rowley in third, with a total time of 1 minute, 1.95 seconds; Poineau in eighteenth, with a total time of 1 minute, 11.49 seconds; Fritsch in nineteenth, with a total time of 1 minute, 12.03 seconds; Diller in twenty-fourth with a total time of 1 minute, 18.88 seconds; Sarah Lorne in twenty-eight, with a total time of 1 minute, 31.64 seconds; and Dupuis in thirty-third.

Individual results for the girls' team in the Feb. 5 meet for the giant slalom were: Rowley in sixth, with a total time of 45.61 seconds; Fritsch in ninth, with a total time of 46.84 seconds; Diller in twentieth, with a total time of 49.65 seconds; Bergmann in twenty-sixth, with a total time of 56.12 seconds; Lorne in twenty-seventh, with a total time

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12-0

The Charlevoix eighth grade boys basketball team had an undefeated season this year at 12-0. They are (front, from left) Justin Klooster, Cliff Jones, Nate Lablance, Kyle Jones, Sam Balasz, Jake Hunt, (back) Dustin Dibble, Trevor Cole, Ethan Towsley, Corey Gotshall, Austin Wilhelm and coach Don Jess.

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SPORTS

Volleyball team tied for first in conference

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders continued their successful volleyball campaign with an impressive third place finish in the 16-team Suttons Bay Invitational last weekend.

The Rayders are now 23-9-12 overall and 7-0 and tied for first place in the Lake Michigan Conference.

"We're gearing up for our run for a conference championship and the districts," coach Elizabeth Grunch said. "This week was a good evaluation on where we are and in what areas we need to improve."

In pool play Charlevoix defeated BR Crossroads 15-11, 15-6; split with Buckley, 11-15, 15-13; and split with Frankfort, 4-15, 16-14.

After finishing second in pool play, the Rayders won their power pool with victories over Traverse City Christian, 15-10, 15-12; Mason County Eastern, 15-12, 15-11; and Mesick, 15-11, 15-6.

In single elimination play, Charlevoix bested Buckley, 22-20, 21-15, but fell to Pellston in the tournament semifinals, 8-21, 19-21.

"Shayna Drost did a tremendous job for us in the tournament," Grunch commented. "She led the defense, reading the opponents hits well and showed great hustle."

Andrea Ruhlmann made the all-tournament team and Drost was named powerpool team most valuable player.

Statistically, Ruhlmann led the Rayders with 34 kills, 15 blocks and 10 aces. Kari Way had 25 kills.

Betsy Dennis had 22 kills and 20 digs. Drost added 14 digs.

Becca Kanine was 38 for 40 serving, with four aces and had 68 assists.

"Andrea Ruhlmann was really a force for us on the attack and has done real well both passing and attacking," Grunch said. Kari Way has also really stepped up on her power and on her attacks.

The Rayders face a pivotal week in the league playing conference co-leader Harhor Springs on Wednesday, Feb. 18 away before returning next week on Monday, Feb. 23 to host Harbor and Grayling in a tri-match.

Basketball team chalks up two more victories

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

It was two more easy conference wins last week for the Charlevoix Rayders as they rolled over Elk Rapids, 75-52 and East Jordan, 86-50 in Lake Michigan Conference action..

The Rayders are still undefeated on the hardwood in 15 contests and moved up to no. 3 in Class C according to the Associated Press.

Before the home game against East Jordan, senior forward Scott Friske was honored for scoring his one-thousandth point as a Rayder. Friske, who played varsity basketball as an eighth grader at Harhor Light before coming to Charlevoix, has scored over 1500 points overall and is closing in on 1000 rebounds with 927 for his varsity career.

The Red Devils led 2-0 and 4-2 before the Rayders took the game over. Charlevoix led by as many as ten in the first quarter at 16-6 and 20-10. The Rayders led 22-15 at the end of the first period.

In the second quarter, East Jordan cut the lead to five briefly at 24-19 but a 16-0 Charlevoix torrent put the game out of reach. The Rayders took a 51-27 lead into the locker room at the half.

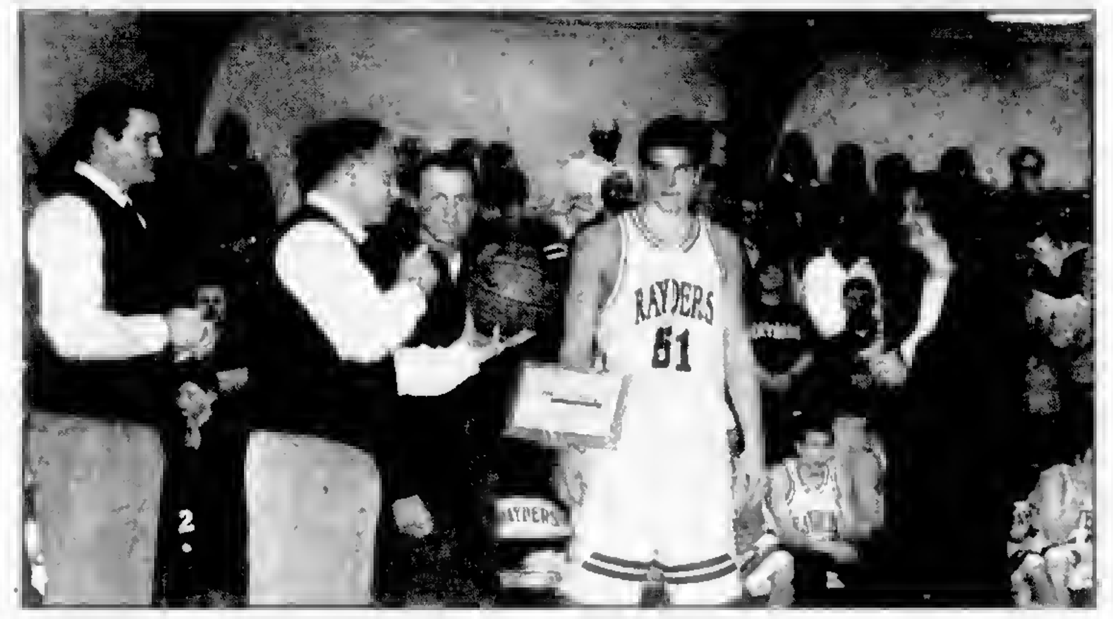
Charlevoix outscored the Red Devils, 28-8 in the third quarter to push the lead to 79-35. The forty-point advantage made for a brisk fourth quarter as the Michigan High School Athletic Association mercy rule went into effect mandating a running clock for the remainder of the contest.

Friske, a 6-6 all-stater, led the Rayders with 27 points and 10 rebounds.

Jared Hunt and Kyle Kramer each had 13 points. Bryce Daly added 12 points, five assists and five steals. Hunt also had five assists.

Friske also led Charlevoix against Elk Rapids with 26 points and 13 rebounds. Hunt scored 15 and John DiMartino added 10. Daly dished out eight assists, swiped five steals and grabbed five rebounds.

The Rayders (13-2 overall, 9-1 conference) travel to Harhor Springs on Friday, Feb. 20.



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Charlevoix High School basketball player Scott Friske (51) is honored for his one thousandth point before the game Friday.

Midget hockey team does well in tournament

The District 7 Midget BB tournament was on Feb. 13, 14 and 15 at the Polar Bear Ice Arena and was hosted by Boyne Area Hockey.

Nine area teams vied for a berth in the state playoffs.

Boyne opened the tournament with their draw with Mackinaw City. The first period went scoreless as the teams felt each other out.

At 8:45 in the second, Troy Scarbrough fed an across the net pass to Cody Webster to open the scoring, and it was all Boyne after that. Ryan Fields hit from the top of the circle with an assist from Stephen Cahoon. Justin Conklin snaked one in from a Fields' feed; Fields hit the net again with a pass from Josh Aown, and Eli Barsy capped off the 5-0 win with assists from Conklin and Will Brown. Bobby Courtright made 19 saves in goal to earn the shutout.

On Saturday the team took on St. Ignace. With Courtright between the pipes behind them, Conklin opened the scoring just into the second period with a pass from Russell Williams. Williams hit the net five minutes later with assists from Aown and Conklin.

St Ignace scored in the third, but Scarhrough put one under the goalie with an across the net feed from Evan Keller, and Boyne took the game 3-1, winning their division and advancing to the semi final round.

On Sunday morning the team played the "blue" division winner Alpena. A goal from Williams, assisted by Conklin and Fields, was Boyne's only tally in their hard fought 1-5 loss.

Courtright was in net.

St. Ignace was the winner of the tournament after earning a semi final wildcard berth and beat Gaylord to go the final round, where they beat Alpena 6-4.

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Men's Senior League • Feb. 9, 2004

	W	L
Top Rank Disposal	19	9
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Bayshore Steel	16	12
Mark White Paint & Stain	16	12
Cemex Cement	12	16
Kerr's Racing	11	17
Central Drug Store	11	17
B Vanloo & Sons	10	18

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Bud Lee		234
Jeff Smith	585	
Mo Dixon		229
Jeff Campbell	583	
Wayne Fries		224
Thomas Kerr	577	

Young at Hearts League
Feb. 12, 2004

	W	L
Twilighters	14	6
Has Beens	14	6
Half & Half	12	8
Misfits	12	8
Irish Rollers	11	9
Sparetime	10	10
Alley Cats	5	15
Past Timers	2	18

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenheit	578	203
Maury Dixon	545	196
Ralph Kitson		182
Eldon Potter	486	
Maxine Ruis	413	149
Mary Lakies		149
Nancy Zimmerman	402	
Theola Elzinga		147
Anah Potter	400	

Church League • Feb. 11, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	200	100
Ferguson & Chamberlain	172	128
Townhouse Bar	160	140
Martincheks	147	153
R & C Roofing	136	164
State Farm Insurance	135	165
St. Mary's	129	171
Lutherans	121	179

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Randy DeYoung	658	245
John Fiedorek		223
Ken Schoenhiet	611	231
Scott Mackinder	609	223
Larry Potter		223
Bill McKay		223

Monday Madness • Feb. 9, 2004

	W	L
Villager Pub	203	97
Strike Seekers	187	113
Laural & Co. Hair Design	171	129
Buzy Bees	168	132
Flight Deck Top Guns	164	136
Friske Farm Market	158	142
Paul Bunyan Lanes	109	191
Team One	0	120

HIGH INOIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Krista Fowler	688	222
Debi Grass	662	192
Jeanne Rankl		192
Gerri Zaremski	662	

Tuesday Night Ladies • Feb. 10, 2004

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	20	8
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	14.5	13.5
Hayes Legal Crew	13.5	14.5
Grey Gables Inn	13	15
Top Rank Disposal	13	15
Don's IGA	10.5	17.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	7	21
Central Drug Store	4.5	23.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Carol Kerr		213
Leanna Mosoryak	567	199
Doreen Burns	516	
Cathy Sullivan		195
Diana Speigl	508	

Double Deckers Mixed League
Feb. 1, 2004

	W	L
Blanchard/Crain	31	9
Webb	26.5	13.5
Russell Amy/Jerry	25	15
Bradley	23.5	16.5
Spencer	23	17
Blanchard	21	19
Dixon/Kehrer	21	19
Sladek Laural/Joe	19	21
Russell C & R	19	21
McDonnell/Sporer	19	21
Stein	16.5	23.5
Novotny S & J	16.5	23.5
Nordman	14	26
Ferguson	13	27

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	584	238
Michael Webb	594	233
Gary Spencer		219
Kelly Bradley	556	
Lynette Webb	563	201
Carrie Blanchard	512	198
Kris Dixon	506	195

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The Second Annual Young Writers Juried Exposition will take place during the Crooked Tree Arts Center's Youth Art Show scheduled to begin on March 7 and run through April 2.

Young writers works of both poetry and prose will be judged in three divisions: elementary school, middle school and high school. The winning pieces within each division in both poetry and prose will be published in the *Petoskey News-Review* on Friday, March 26.

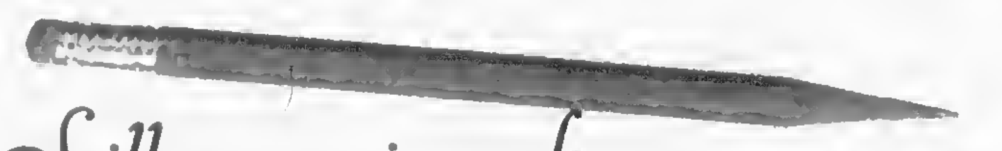
Entries by young writers in Emmet and Charlevoix counties will be accepted so long as they meet the exposition requirements, which can be found on the arts center's web site, www.crookedtree.org or by calling the arts center at 347-4337. All work must be received by Crooked Tree Arts Center no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, March 8.

For questions regarding the Young Writers Exposition please contact Dale Hull, Executive Director, Crooked Tree Arts Center. The arts center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Health lesson

As part of the health unit the pre-kindergarten students at St. Mary are studying, 10 students toured Charlevoix Area Hospital Feb. 16. Here they learn about the cardiac rehabilitation center from Monica Spiegl.



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Gooch to be paid for all hours over 20

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Charlevoix's City Council finally took steps to sweep up a messy debate.

The issue of how current clerk Liz Gooch should be compensated has been a controversial topic since early January. Some have argued the position doesn't merit full-time status and others have said they want the clerk, an elected official, at city hall full-time.

Council ultimately did not opt to make the position full-time, which is what third ward council member Shirley Gibson had pushed for. But Gooch will be paid for the time she is working beyond 20 hours.

Gibson made the motion at the Feb. 16 council meeting to recommend that Gooch be compensated $15 an hour for any time she works beyond her salaried 20 hours a week, retroactive to Feb. 2.

The other three council members present, third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain, second ward council member Karen Campbell and first ward councilman Bob Timms, all supported this recommendation.

Gooch, who was reelected in November of 2003, is currently compensated $16,416 a year for 20 hours a week of work. But she has said she can't fulfill all the duties of the clerk in that time. And any time she works over 20 hours is not paid for. She said she frequently puts in 40 hours and has never asked for anything in return.

Gooch said most of her current responsibilities include keeping records like city council minutes, compiling voter registration information, running elections, coordinating Freedom of Information Act requests and acting as clerk for both council and the Board of Review.

She said she is happy with council's recommendation.

Now, the city compensation commission will revisit this issue and make its recommendation at a future meeting that has not been scheduled.

In late January, the compensation commission recommended that if council makes the clerk's position full-time, the full-time deputy clerk's position should be eliminated and the clerk's salary set at $34,000.

At that time they said if council decides to keep the position at its current part-time status, the job should continue at the present salary.

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Double vision

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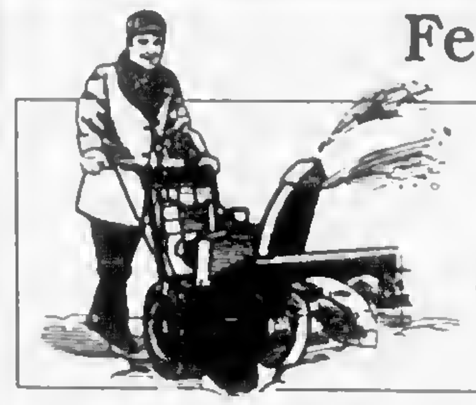

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Area events

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A Hall of Fame for All-state athletes is being constructed along the North/South hallway, opposite the gymnasium. All athletes, who achieved all-state status in their sports at Charlevoix High School, are asked to send a 2-inch-by-3-inch senior picture along with the year(s) All-state status was accomplished, the sport(s) and a correct spelling of their name. Additionally, if an athlete was a state champion, please send a 5-inch-by-7-inch picture. Only one picture is needed even if All-state status was achieved in more than one sport. Please include a contact person and phone number if there is a question about the information sent.

Please send the photo and information to the following address: Attn: Ken Plude, Project Coordinator, Hall of Fame, Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Library events

The Charlevoix Public Library story hour is 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., Thursdays and 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. on Saturdays. Children from the ages of 2 to 7 are invited.

The theme schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 26 and 28 — Oops! It was an accident! Come laugh and enjoy stories about mistakes that have been made!
- March 4 and 6 — Happy one-hundredth birthday Dr. Seuss!

Lapsit, for children ages 0-3 takes place on Thursday from 10:05 to 10:20 a.m. Lapsit is full of songs, stories and finger plays.

Story hour and Lapsit will coincide with the school schedule. If school is canceled due to weather, story hours will also be canceled.

The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton Street. Their hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday. Contact the library at 547-2651 or online at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Lenten study

"The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren will be a Lenten study beginning at 6 p.m., Feb. 18, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix. Soup and bread will be available at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to begin this 40 day journey.

Florida reunion

The sixth Florida reunion for all those from the Charlevoix area will be on Feb. 19, at the Old Port Cove Club, in North Palm Beach, Fla. Call Joyce Duke for more information at (561) 622-0596.

Spaghetti dinner

The Charlevoix Band Boosters fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner is from 5 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Charlevoix High School during the basketball game against Grayling. The cost is $5 for students, $7.50 for adults, and family rate is $22. Raffle tickets are available for $2 each for drawings on cash and prizes. The entertainment is provided by the Charlevoix High School Jazz Band.

Scholarship

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The recipients will be selected by the MARSP Scholarship Committee by May 1. This Committee includes a representative from each of the four Charlevoix County High Schools. Students will be informed by May 15.

The Early Family Memorial Scholarship will contribute additional funds.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Flap Jack Resturant.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-1388.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

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'Sound of Music' sends students to state finals

PERFORMING

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Sherman, along with Ford who took on the assistant's position, and a group of volunteers, including Steve Kantola and Don Niedert, took the kids all the way.

But Sherman stressed it wasn't the directing that bolstered the students to the next level, it was their dedication.

Over the past two months the students have used every snow day and day off as their opportunity to practice. Sherman is awe struck by the young team's drive to succeed.

With district and regional wins under their belt Sherman is looking to the state finals where she is expecting great things from the group.

"They've become a team. They've become a unit," she said.

They will compete against 13 other schools at the state competition this Friday and Saturday in Auburn Hills.

Those who can't make it to Auburn Hills but are interested in seeing the award winning performance of "The Sound of Music" can attend the group's winter show scheduled to take place at 7 p.m., Feb. 28 and 2:30 p.m., Feb. 29 at Charlevoix High School.

Courtesy photo

Above and below, Charlevoix High School students perform "The Sound of Music" which has sent them to the state finals in performing arts.

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School celebrates Winterfest

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(Left) Charlevoix High School seniors Tim Cross and Brittni Simonti were named Winterfest king and queen at half-time of the Rayder's versus Red Devils game Feb. 13. (Above) The freshman class crafted this cart "Winter Fresh" for the shopping cart parade during Winterfest festivities at Charlevoix High School last week. The cart was shown at the pep rally and game Feb. 13.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

(Above) These Charlevoix High School seniors wait for the announcement of who will be named Winterfest king and queen for 2004. They are (from left) Libby Campbell, Tim Cross, Brooke Blanchard, Mike Dupuis, Jessica Pettis, Josh Fassett, AnnaKate Trubilowicz, Scott Friske, Brittni Simonti and Bryce Daly. (Right) The senior class put on a comical six minute show during the afternoon pep rally Feb. 13 at Charlevoix High School. These boys dance to Right Said Fred's "I'm Too Sexy."

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Mayor does not reappoint commissioners

MAYOR

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cility is not an allowable use in the R-2 district and Mayor Campbell said the whole dismissal mess will disappear if the commission rescinds its motion to set that public hearing. And even though John Campbell is no longer a commissioner he plans to continue to fight the dismissal charges.

"It's still not taken care of," he said.

While this dismissal issue is pending, Mayor Campbell said the city has planning to do and there are qualified people who want to serve.

In appointing third ward council member Shirley Gibson to the commission, the mayor said he is following state law which requires a member of the legislative body to serve on the planning commission. Gibson served on the commission for five years in the 1990s.

The mayor made the council seat on the commission an annual appointment.

Then he picked former Charlevoix County Planner John Hess to fill the other commission seat. Hess has extensive experience with municipal planning serving as the local county planner, the assistant county planner for Marquette County and as a consultant for townships.

Hess also has had a hand in writing zoning ordinances which the mayor said will be useful as the city sets out to revise its master plan and zoning ordinance.

Three of the four council members present supported the Mayor Campbell's decision to appoint Hess, with third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain voting against it.

Chamberlain said he felt this decision should be made with all council members present. Second ward councilman Bill Bellows and first ward councilman Bill Haggard were absent.

> *"That's politics. He gets to do what he would like to do."*
>
> **John Campbell**,
> Former planning commissioner on the mayor's decision

While Mayor Campbell's new commissioners won't take their new positions until April 1, when Bennett and Campbell's terms expire, he wanted to make his appointments now so the new commission members can take part in a March training session for the ZBA, council and the planning commission.

At Monday's meeting the mayor also reappointed Gina Whitney to the planning commission and Fred DiMartino and Jeannine Wallace to the Downtown Development Authority. Howard Horton was appointed to replace A.J. Witthoeft on the ZBA, following Witthoeft's resignation, and Mary Everly will replace Horton as an alternate on the ZBA.

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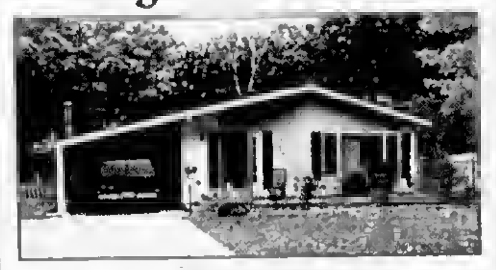
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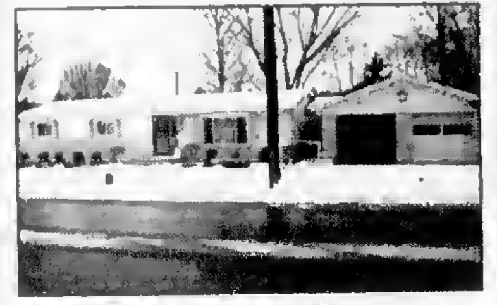
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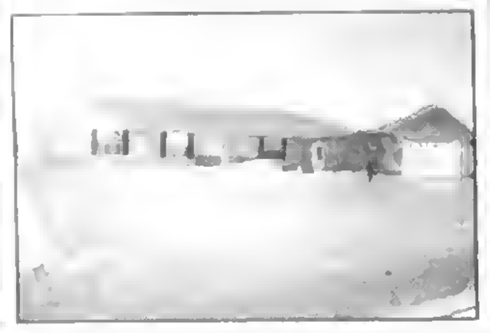
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Students planning skate park

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix area students of all ages met at Charlevoix Middle School last week to brainstorm ideas for a skate park in town using model quarter pipes, stairs and ramps.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

A 13-year-old boy's thirst for the rush of a quarter pipe beneath his skateboard has transformed into a group drive to build a skate park in Charlevoix.

Hayes Township resident Zeke Daman wrote a letter to *Charlevoix Courier* editor Jeremy McBain in the fall of 2003 upset that there is no place in town for him to ride his skateboard.

"Skateboarding is the fastest growing sport in the country," he said. "There is nowhere to skateboard in Charlevoix. You get your board taken away or yelled at."

Zeke and others often travel all around to enjoy the sport, frequently ending up at Traverse City's seasonal, outdoor park.

Vinnie Klooster, mother of a Charlevoix skater, said, "I make so many trips back and forth to Traverse City in the summer. I would love to see something in our community."

Zeke's letter sparked interest from Klooster and others which prompted the start of a planning effort to bring the Charlevoix Community Skate Park to town.

Last week, a group of about 20 interested Charlevoix students from 13 to 18 met at Charlevoix Middle School to hash out how to make their skating dreams a reality.

They maneuvered a model, furnished by Charlevoix resident and Skatewave representative Dave Bean, equipped with mini quarter pipes, stairs and ramps.

While they crafted their ideal indoor park, they brainstormed possible locations for it including Shanahan Field, the lot next to the Sleep Inn and the former Charlevoix Middle School.

After about 45 minutes of

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What impact will big-box retailer have on crime?

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer
And by JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Local law enforcement agencies are being asked what impact a proposed Wal-Mart supercenter will have on their operations.

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission will meet April 21 to review a site plan presented by Wal-Mart representatives. They are looking to locate a 157,000 square foot store on Charlevoix Township's south side off US-31, near the city limits.

The location prompted third ward council member Shirley Gibson to question how the store will impact city services and infrastructure.

"This is going to be right on the city, township line and I don't think the city should be paying for services," she said.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Open wide

In recognition of February being National Children's Dental Health Month area dentists were at Charlevoix Elementary School doing complimentary screenings of students. (Above) James Belcher a Kindergartner in Jessica Martin's class, opens wide for Dr. Harry Suckert.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Mac Robert Smith, 45, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. Eighteen months probation; vehicle immobilized 180 days; attend substance abuse counseling; 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 21 days, 30 days on electronic monitor, 60 days held in abeyance; $1,460 in fines and costs.

Martin Thomas Braman II, 49, East Jordan. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Adrian Anthony Tristan, 31, East Jordan. Driving while under the influence of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Joshua James Karam, 18, Warren. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Shannon Shane Horn, 31, Boyne City. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Gail Lee McClintock, 26, Onaway. Trespassing. Fines and costs totaling $100.

David Paul Pike, 49, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve seven days, eight days of community service work in lieu of eight days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 79 days held in abeyance; $905 in fines and costs.

Richard August Wing IV, 26, Boyne Falls. Controlled substance — possession of marijuana; and driving while impaired. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 337 days held in abeyance; $1,610 in fines and costs.

Thomas Karl Bauman, 45, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; attend alcohol counseling; vehicle immobilized 180 days; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor; 70 days held in abeyance; $1,460 in fines and costs.

Karen Anne Robert, 35, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; attend substance abuse counseling; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 62 days held in abeyance; $1,100 in fines and costs.

Richard Gerald Spears, 20, East Jordan. No operator's license on person; and minor in possession of alcohol — third offense or subsequent. Serve 30 days in jail; $450 in fines and costs.

Kristin Ryan Snively, 22, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $780 in fines and costs.

Brenton Allen Rake, 21, East Jordan. Failure to stop and identify a serious personal injury accident; violation of a restricted license; and motor vehicle driver transporting an open intoxicant. Bound over to circuit court,

Scott Christian Brevik, 26, Redford. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $960 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Lynn Oliver, 25, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Rodney Allen Nederhood, 32, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Six months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 19 days, 71 days held in abeyance; $6,850 in fines and costs.

Brian Keith Guzniczak, 22, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Brandon Daniel-John Wolgamott, 23, Ellsworth. Driving while intoxicated. Jail for 93 days with credit for 17 days, serve 46 days, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,230 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Jo Jones, 29, Boyne City. Prohibited use of chemical agents. Four months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $455 in fines and costs.

Edward George Brannon, 40, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Eighteen months probation; attend substance abuse counseling; 93 days in jail with credit for three days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 80 days held in abeyance; $600 in fines and costs.

John Michael Yuschik, 47, Charlevoix. Marine safety — driving while intoxicated. Jail for 93 days with credit for one day, serve 92 days; $850 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Jessie James Wisdom, 21, Boyne City. Attempted sex offender failed to register. Jail for 60 days with credit for 45 days, serve 60 days.

Lenora Anna Gordon, 42, Charlevoix. Larceny by conversion, $1,000 or more, under $20,000. Three years probation; 12 months in jail with

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Corrections

Howard Horton's replacement as an alternate on the city of Charlevoix's Zoning Board of Appeals was misidentified on page 24 of the Feb. 18 edition of the *Charlevoix Courier*. Mary Eveleigh is the new alternate.

In a story that appeared on page three of the Feb. 18 edition of the *Charlevoix Courier* the varsity cheerleading coach was misidentified. She is Erin Nickel.

In a story that appeared on page six of the of the Feb. 18 edition of the *Charlevoix Courier* Marell Staffel's age was incorrectly listed. She is 51.

Lastly, on page one of last week's edition, it should have said Brittni Simonti is the 2004 Winterfest queen.

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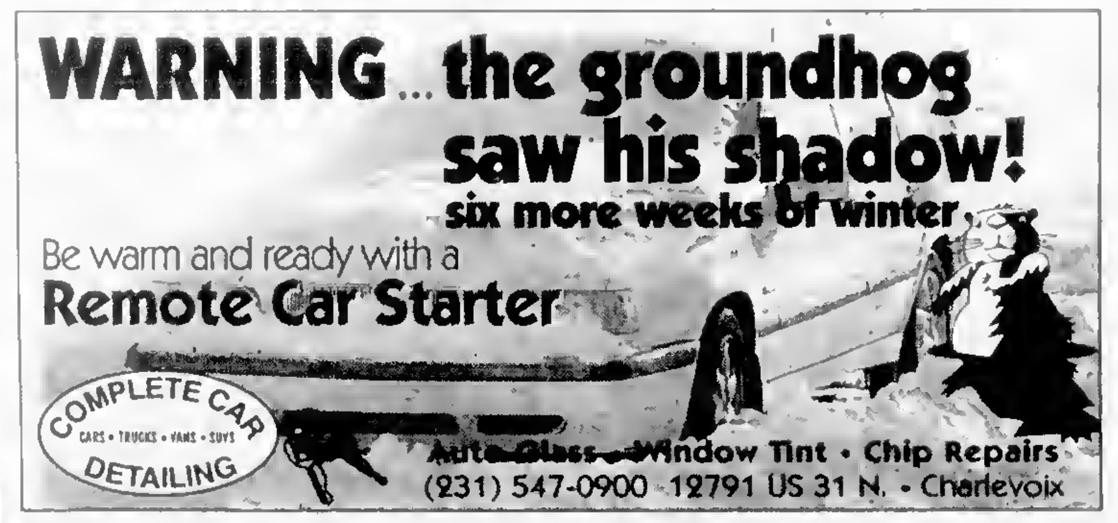
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Council member wants to redo city manager's contract

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

> *"I don't think that was reasonable and I think it was done by people who have a conflict of interest."*
>
> **Bob Timms,**
> Charlevoix City Council Member

Charlevoix city manager Mike Wiesner's contract came under fire recently.

At the Feb. 16 city council meeting, first ward councilman Bob Timms inquired about revoking Wiesner's "golden parachute."

The parachute he explained is the revised contract that council adopted last January which increased Wiesner's salary 9 percent and approved a 12 month severance pay package.

"I don't think that was reasonable and I think it was done by people who have a conflict of interest," Timms said at the council meeting.

Timms believes that the support for the change from first ward councilman Bill Haggard, former first ward councilman Norm Carlson and third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain was inappropriate given some work they do for the city.

All three voted in favor of the change.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson who also voted in favor of the change said she wishes she hadn't.

"I've taken a lot of heat for the way I voted on that. In hindsight I wish I had voted no," she said.

Before the motion to increase Wiesner's pay and put in place the severance package passed, Gibson motioned to table the issue for two weeks while she compared the proposed contract against those of other communities.

This motion wasn't supported by the majority of council.

Timms was at that meeting last January and wasn't happy with the way things went down.

So now that he is a councilman he said he wants to make it right by taking away the severance package.

At the Feb. 16 meeting, he asked city attorney Jim Young what it would take to rescind that contract.

Young said to amend any contract both sides have to agree.

Wiesner said he is satisfied with his contract the way it is.

Timms said he expected this response and won't push the issue any further unless he has more support from other council members.

Gibson said she wants to revisit the contract and is willing to compromise leaving the 9 percent raise in place and revoking the year severance package with full benefits and full salary.

"I don't think that's legitimate," she said. "Let's look at other communities and do it right."

But Timms' effort to change the contract won't be supported by Chamberlain who said, "We've already discussed that. It was a unanimous vote, 6 to nothing to approve the contract. I see no reason to reopen it."

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Accident

Slippery roads were partly the cause of this crash around 1 p.m., Feb. 20 near the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Prospect Street. Shirley Knop, 53, of Charlevoix, was traveling west on Petoskey Avenue when she lost control of her vehicle and struck a tree. Knop received minor injuries from the accident.

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Feb. 18	28	15	tr
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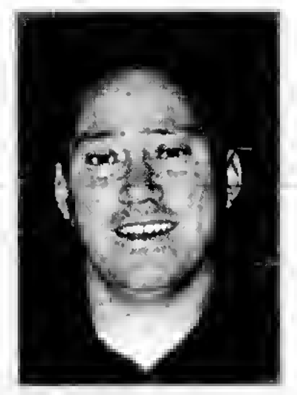
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Performing arts makes us proud

EDITORIAL

Charlevoix High School is known for its successes on the sports fields.

The Rayders are feared throughout northern Michigan, and even the state, when it comes to track, basketball and many other competitive sports. Charlevoix is the team to beat to be the champion.

But, there is more to the competitive spirit at the high school than just sports events. Charlevoix High School students are also putting the Rayders on the map using their abilities to think, create and perform.

Take for example the recent second place state finish by Charlevoix High School Performing Arts students. Many people would not realize that these students are competing against other schools just like the volleyball team. Many people would not realize these students are making a fantastic name for the school just like the basketball team.

These students do not get to hear the cheering of the fans, have pep rallies in their honor or get much recognition in the media. These students do it for the love of performing and competition.

The Charlevoix High School performing arts students should be proud of their success this year in competition. You have made the students, staff and faculty of your school, as well as the citizens of Charlevoix, proud with your abilities on the stage.

We encourage residents to see these students in action during their annual winter show, "The Sound of Music." This was the very performance that sent these students to the state finals.

Tickets are $6.50 for adults and $4 for students and seniors. They are available at the high school office from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., now through Friday or at the door the day of the show.

Shows will take place at 7 p.m., Feb. 28 and 2:30 p.m., Feb. 29 at Charlevoix High School located off Marion Center Road.

Writer taking some time off to create a new edition

Edith Gilbert

'Behind the news'

As always, there is good news and had news.

The good news is that the fourth edition of my book, "The Complete Wedding Planner" will be out in spring. I am thrilled that it has been reviewed by *Publisher's Weekly* and that I have already been invited to do several book signings and radio interviews. (Please check my new Web site www.edithgilbert.com)

In addition my publisher wants me to write a companion book on entertaining for weddings, rehearsal dinners, showers, teas and brunches! This will take time!

Which leads us into the bad news. I have asked Jeremy for time off from writing this column for the Courier for a while — something really I love to do.

For example, I will miss the e-mails from readers like Homer Jones, whose reminiscences go hack further than mine. He recalls that Walter Hagen loved the Belvedere Golf Course, "best east of Pebble Beach," and when the Maitre d' at the fomer Belvedere Hotel would not allow a guest in for lunch because he was wearing knickers!

He continues, "Glad I saw Helen Wills play tennis on the Inn Courts," and climbing the tower of branches on top of Mt. McSauha. He remembers the news item in the *Chicago Tribune* in the early 1920s, when beloved Dr. Armstrong made a daring emergency flight to Beaver Island. He recalls arriving in Charlevoix on the Manitou and seeing the 16 cylinder chauffeur-driven Cadillacs on Bridge Street. He remembers ordering those delicious, thick, malted milk shakes called Jeffs, that were made at Fessenden's Drug Store, where they also sold the new tennis rackets.

"The wonderful Charlevoix Hospital removed my tonsils, which made it possible for me to get into the Navy. As a Lieutenant, I was censoring mail in the wardroom when Air Officer Commander Shanahan threw some envelopes for me to initial and I saw the postmark "Charlevoix! We became friends and he said, 'I used to deliver groceries to your back door!' The next day he had me launch the planes over the loud speaker, 'Start your engines!' From then on my two years on the WASP were a delight. Mentally and spiritually we're in Charlevoix year-round. Charlevoix is Camelot!"

I'm flattered by his conclusion. "We reach for the Courier before Time and Newsweek! There's no way to thank you except keep loving you more and more."

In turn, I thank my faithful readers for your kind messages and support. Arrivederci!

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Letters to the editor

Wal-Mart could be good

Editor:

Please do not list Peggy and/or me as in opposition to a Wal-Mart Store in Charlevoix; we are not!

Change is eternal!

There are those who wish to keep Charlevoix "Just as it is." But I ask just as it is, when? I remember with nostalgia, Fessenden's Drug Store and "Jeffs," Boothe Fishery, Brown's Garage, South Point without a cement plant and Hooker's Stables with a daily string of riders two by two, heading north on Bridge Street. I miss the ice man with his pair of bay horses that brought us ice, cut from the lake and stored in saw dust in the ruins of the old Sugar Beet factory. But time goes on!

I am on record in favor of the free market system and I think Wal-Mart will be good for the full-time residents of Charlevoix County. As a matter of fact, it will bring shoppers into Charlevoix who would otherwise drive to Traverse City, and while buying staples at Wal-Mart, they may take the opportunity to visit some of the high quality shops whose owners have had the wisdom to hire and train knowledgeable employees who can be of service to customers rather than turning valuable businesses over to teenagers who could not care less about the future of merchandising in Charlevoix. I could go on about marketing and niche marketing, but I'll stop here.

Ralph and Peggy Ware

Charlevoix and San Antonio, Texas

No Wal-Mart

Editor:

Please, please, please do not allow Wal-Mart to locate in Charlevoix. Jim Berlage said it "all" in his recent letter to the editor Feb. 11. He is absolutely correct.

Charlevoix is a unique town with its many stores, two beautiful supermarkets and other business serving Charlevoix well. Kmart is there so why in the world do you need a Wal-Mart?

As Berlage stated the future of Charlevoix is in the hands of five planning commissioners. Those very people have enjoyed "Charlevoix the Beautiful" for many, many years. Why would they even consider bringing in the likes of Wal-Mart? It certainly isn't needed and the small town atmosphere will be gone. Eventually it will be a ghost town like a lot of other small towns.

Please reconsider.

Jeanne Gainer

Two Harbors, Minn.

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Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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Help stop Wal-Mart

Editor:

There seems to be conflicting thinking about the ultimate outcome of the addition of a Wal-Mart store in Charlevoix. Developers I know say that there really is no way to stop the Wal-Mart people from ultimately building in Charlevoix. But over and over again letters to the editor refer to the author Al Norman and factual information of his to the effect that a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix is avoidable.

Is this then assured favorable outcome not enough to put the wheels in motion to do whatever it takes to bring an end to this issue? It appears that the choice of the people of Charlevoix is one of unanimous opposition. It seems, though, like the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission's hands are tied.

Therefore, I would hope that the group involved in the effort to reject Wal-Mart, This Is Our Town, Inc., would enlist the assistance of Mr. Norman and help the planning commission do whatever it takes to bring this matter to a close. And, when available, I would ask the publisher of this wonderful newspaper to put in print just what it is that needs to be done in order to stop the Wal-Mart intrusion.

Paulette Hodney

Charlevoix

Wal-Mart will hurt

Editor:

For the past four years, I have been involved in efforts to stop a number of poorly thought out development plans for Otsego County. These included a nearly 900,000 square foot shopping mall, an illegal township downtown development authority, a sewage treatment plant to service a new commercial district, a casino and attempts to gut the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance. A critical ingredient of this overall pattern of development has been the wooing of big box developers such as Wal-Mart.

Charlevoix, Petoskey, Gaylord and Traverse City are tourist destinations precisely because they have interesting local businesses, open, natural areas and beautiful lakes. Big box and chain stores such as Wal-Mart represent the homogenization of the entire United States, so that when one stands on Main Street in any given town, it is impossible to tell whether you are in Charlevoix, Oakland County, or Little Rock, Arkansas. The proliferation of these stores causes, and is designed to cause, the destruction of local businesses by underpricing them, due to their competitive advantage resulting from uniformity and volume. Vast areas of open land are destroyed to huild one story warehouse type stores with gargantuan parking lots that are abandoned after 10 or 15 years for better locations.

There is a price to pay for such rigid uniformity and somewhat cheaper prices. They include: (1) urban sprawl and the associated destruction of open space; (2) removal of millions of dollars from the local economy; (3) the rapid deterioration of downtown areas, even in small towns; (4) pressure on housing as individuals move into the area to work at the low paying jobs created by the big box stores; (5) increased local taxes resulting from the need for additional infrastructure such as sewage treatment plants, roads, jails and schools; and (6) the end of the very rationale that caused you to move to Charlevoix, since it will end up looking exactly like the place you left.

To take the position that I have described is not to be against progress — it only stands against stupid, wasteful sprawl which has already destroyed the very essence of hundreds of communities across this country. Local businesses, providing good jobs, should always be encouraged so long as the character and environment of the community is preserved.

James F. Pagles

Gaylord

Wal-Mart impacts many local businesses

Editor:

I have heard people say that Wal-Mart will hurt the downtown businesses, but in reality, Wal-Mart will hurt ALL of the local businesses.

Please don't think Wal-Mart will only affect our three blocks of downtown merchants.

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If Wal-Mart comes to Charlevoix, our local businesses won't be here much longer anyway!

Patty Sitzema

Charlevoix

This is Our Town

Editor:

To Charlevoix businesses and service organizations:

Ronald Reagan in 1964, nominating Barry Goldwater in a speech entitled, "A Time For Choosing," said these words: "If some among you fear taking a stand because you are afraid of reprisals from your customers, clients or even the government, recognize that you are just feeding the crocodile hoping he will eat you last." "This Is Our Town".... not Wal-Mart's.

Don and Marcia Trimper

Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

We wish to thank the Charlevoix area emergency staff, leaders and volunteers for their help during our home emergency.

Their teamwork, professionalism, state-of-the-art knowledge and empathy resulted in a positive outcome for a situation, which could have been disastrous.

As a community, we can be proud of the services provided by the city, township and county, knowing that they take pride in the job they do.

John and Mary Lee Campbell

Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

We would like to offer a public thanks to our very own Mt. McSauba, for letting us celebrate after MEAP testing. We would greatly appreciate it if you would publish this in your newspaper.

On behalf of the students at Charlevoix Middle School, we would like to graciously thank the staff at Mt. McSauba for letting us use their facilities.

It was nice to have something to look forward to after a long week of MEAP testing.

While some students enjoyed outdoor activities, others stayed inside and played games.

Many students had never skied or gone snowboarding before and it was a great experience for all who tried. Once again we thank you for letting us use the hill and we hope that this opportunity will be available for others in the future.

Charlevoix Middle School Eighth Grade Journalism Class

Traffic fix

Editor:

I want to belatedly thank all the city and state officials that agreed to improve the traffic and safety problems adjacent to the Olesons Shopping Center. Specifically they eliminated the south pedestrian crosswalk of the Bridge Street/Antrim Street intersection.

This change improved the traffic flow for the Antrim Street vehicles turning south onto Bridge Street as well as the northbound Bridge Street vehicles turning onto Antrim Street. Safety was improved because it eliminated the interference between pedestrians and vehicles.

This has been a win, win, and win situation in that the pedestrians are not complaining, the motorists like it and all the husiness owners in the Olesons Shopping Complex have not reported any loss of customers.

P.S. — To improve the public safety and increase traffic flow, I recommend that the city council vote to eliminate the north crosswalk of the Bridge/Clinton streets intersection for a one-year trial period. Having some pedestrians/shoppers walk an additional 80 feet is minor compared to the hundreds of shoppers that are now avoiding Charlevoix in the summer.

George K. Schultz

Charlevoix

Courtesy photo

Work to Witness

The Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene Youth International (NYI) are going on a Work and Witness trip to the Bahamas July 17-27. They will join other Nazarene Youth International groups from northern Michigan. The Charlevoix group consist of: (front) Dianna Shull, Samantha Shull, Rachel Gilmore, Veronica Shull, Nathanael Gilmore, (back) Isaac Gilmore, Ashley DeVries, Danae Drebenstedt, Regan Drebenstedt and Jim Shull. The Charlevoix group is seeking both prayer and financial support.

Linda Yaroch named new deputy health officer for area

Linda Yaroch has been appointed deputy health officer for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the local health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. According to Gerry Chase, Health Officer, this title more accurately reflects Yaroch's day-to-day responsibilities.

"Linda's been actively involved in developing regional programs to increase access to health care, particularly dental health care," he said.

"Now that Dental Clinics North are fully operational across a 21-county region of northern Michigan, she can focus on developing other regional partnerships to meet communities' health care needs."

Yaroch, a public health nurse, has worked for the agency for over 27 years in a variety of roles. Most recently she served as Director of Planning and Regional Health, a position which will not be replaced by the health department. Prior to that, from 1996 to 1998, she served as health officer on a contractual basis for the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department. She earned a Master of Public Health degree in public health policy and administration from the University of Michigan in 1992.

Yaroch has received many awards and honors across the state, including Public Advocacy Award from the Michigan Department of Community Health, Outstanding Alumni Award from the MSU School of Nursing, and Outstanding Achievement Award from the Michigan Council for Maternal & Child Health.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

For more information about the health department, call toll-free (800) 432-4121.

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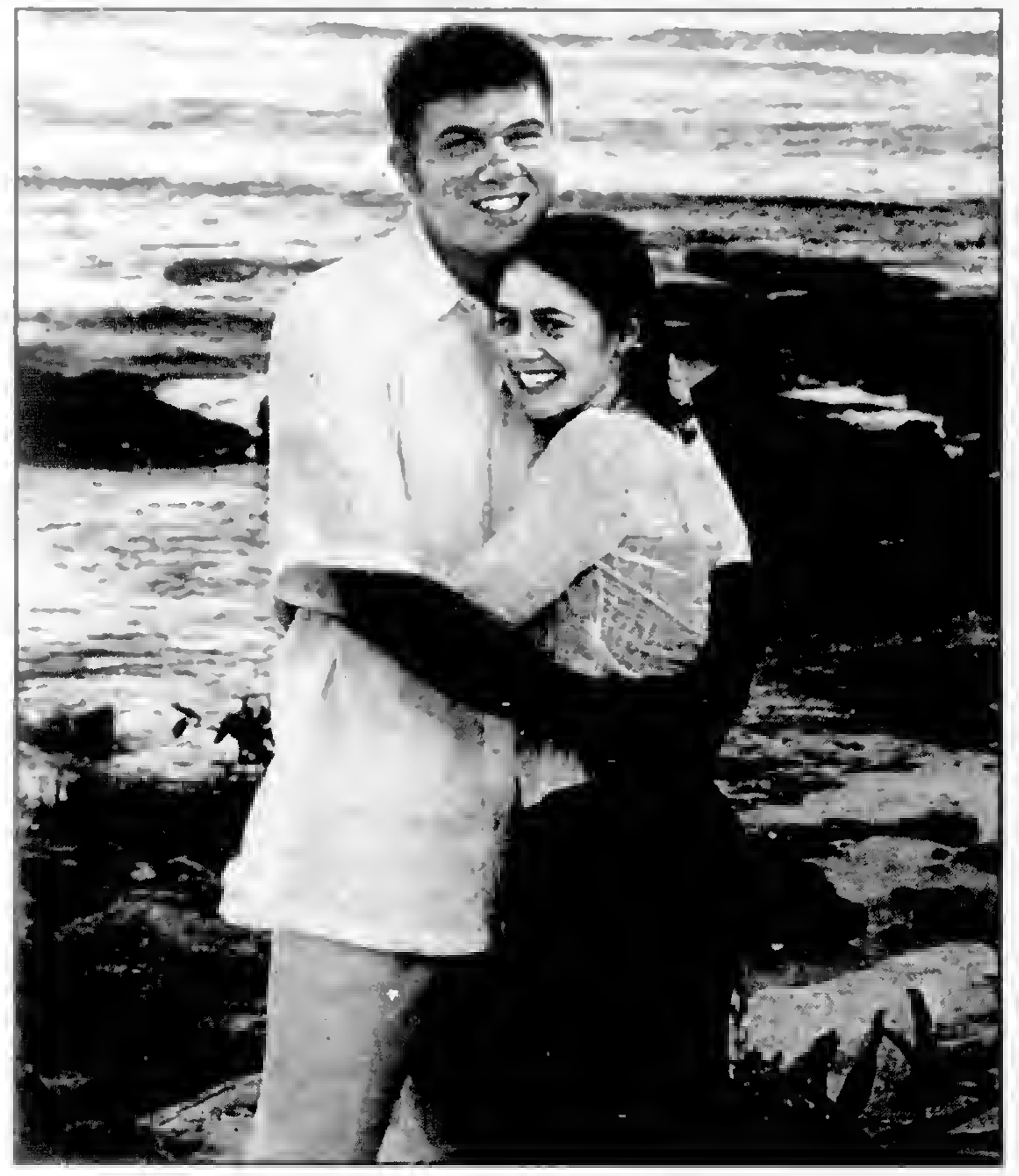

Vandergriff — Wiers

Candice Marie Vandergriff, of Charlevoix, and Aaron William Wiers, of Chicago, Ill., are engaged to be married.

Candice is the daughter of Kraag and Cyndie Lieberman. Aaron is the son of Roger and Sheryl Wiers of Chicago, Ill.

A wedding is being planned for Saturday, May 29, 2004 at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor of arts from Calvin College in Grand Rapids in Exercise Science. She will begin the physical therapy program at the University of Illinois in Chicago, Ill. this fall.

The groom-to-be has a bachelor of science from Calvin College in accounting. He is employed as a loan analyst at LaSalle Bank in Chicago, Ill.

Non-profits invited to apply for grants through foundation

Once again, its time to put local charitable dollars to work to enhance the community.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation invites local nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities who are in need of funding to submit grant requests to support their projects.

During the next few months, the community foundation and the Youth Advisory Committees will review grant proposals to help fund health initiatives, community development projects, education, the arts and cultural events, environmental efforts, and human service programs. The Youth Advisory Committee is made up of teen representatives throughout Charlevoix County. They will recommend awards to programs that address children and teen issues.

Programs chosen for funding must serve residents of Charlevoix County and have a nonprofit tax status. The proposals must meet a community need, or provide life enrichment programs, projects, or services for area residents. Grants are not normally given for general operations. The deadline for grant requests is April 1, 2004.

Grant dollars become available for distribution June 1, 2004.

Applications are available by calling the community foundation office. All applicants must call and discuss their proposals in advance. Foundation staffs are available to offer advice and assistance to organizations interested in applying for funds.

The community foundation is a grassroots charitable organization made up of various funds — all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs.

The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come. The community foundation grantmaking total amounts to nearly $4.5 million dollars.

For more information about the local community foundation grantmaking process, establishing a fund or making a gift, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI, 49727, or by phone at (231) 536-2440.

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Dawson dives into stunts on game show

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Nicole Dawson has faced her fears and in front of a national television audience.

Dawson, 22, was seen dangling from a helicopter, jumping across a ravine and munching on cow's intestines on Feb. 17 with four other contestants as part of the reality television game show, Fear Factor. Dawson is a summer resident of Charlevoix, known as the captain of Sunshine Charters, docked at the Charlevoix Municipal Marina.

"The experience was great. I thought it was something I really wanted to do...to try the stunts. But television is not my thing," Dawson said.

Fear Factor is seen on NBC each week. In it, contestants must perform all sorts of grueling or disgusting stunts, such as being covered with spiders or eating horrid-looking foods. Contestants are eliminated based on their ability to do these stunts.

Dawson's appearance on the show started when she noticed an open audition for it while attending school at the University of Michigan.

During the audition, groups of possible contestants where brought in 10 at a time and to give their names. Oh her way out, Dawson was taken aside and asked to make a video tape for the producers.

After making a video of herself "skating around in a bikini," and several interviews later, Dawson was informed she was accepted to be a contestant on the show. She said the producers were very interested in the fact that she was a ship captain and sailed in the Caribbean.

Filming was in November in and around Los Angeles, Calif. The television show flew her out there and put her up in a hotel for a week.

She said she got along well with the other contestants and the show's host, Joe Rogan. Other contestants were: Luis Ordonez (the winner), April Davis, Melissa Mower, Garret Anderson and Michael Klein. She still talks to one of the contestants, Mower, on the telephone.

Dawson started off the hour-and-a-half show by dangling outside of a helicopter as it hovered above the ocean. While there, she had to climb through a cargo net and remove various flags from it. After this, she had to slide down a rope toward the water and also remove flags.

Dawson cruised through most of the stunt, but ended up sliding too far on the rope and dropping into the water without getting the last flag.

"It was kind of freaky," Dawson said about the stunt. She was the first of the four contestants to take part in this test.

In the next stunt, Dawson and her four contestants had to jump from a platform over a ravine to another platform a few feet across from it. While doing this, they had to remove flags from one side and put them on the other. Plus, contestants had 45 seconds to do this stunt, before the floors of the platform dropped out from under them — the contestants were secured to a safety line.

"That sucked," Dawson said. "It just wasn't fun."

She said it was really cold outside that day and the platform was soaked with rain, making it slippery. Dawson added it hurt when you landed after jumping from one platform to the other.

In the final stunt, before Dawson was eliminated, she had to sit in a glass case as she was covered in raw cow intestines. After being covered in the foul mess, she had to bite into the intestines, suck out the juices inside, spit it into a cup to a certain level and then drink the chunky liquid.

The person that did this in the fastest time won.

Dawson said she really didn't mind eating the intestines and even professed her excitement for this stunt. However, she did say it was disgusting to be covered with the innards because they were warm and "waxy."

She added it smelled like a cross between kitty litter and cooking meat.

Despite her enthusiasm for this event, she was eliminated because she was just a bit slower than the others. Dawson said she knows Mower was very shaken up by the event beforehand, and believes that she just wanted it over so bad that she completed it very fast.

While she had a good time doing the stunts, Dawson said she was left with reminders of it. She has a scar on the back of her leg from the helicopter stunt and had many other bruises and scrapes.

Because the filming was in November and the actual show was not until February, Dawson said she was under contract to keep quiet about the whole ordeal.

"My parents knew nothing. No one knew anything," she said. "It is just more fun to have everybody not know."

But, Dawson said this will be a one time event for her.

"I would not do it again. Everyday you are nervous so much; you don't know if you should eat lunch because you don't know if they will make you eat something," she said. "It was great to do once."

Dawson has since graduated from the University of Michigan and is living in Los Angeles, Calif. where she is looking for a job. She is planning on returning to Charlevoix in June to continue sailing for Sunshine Charters.

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Nicole Dawson (second from right) poses with some of her fellow contestants on Fear Factor. They are: (from left) Luis Ordonez, Michael Klein, Dawson and Melissa Mower.

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Please check your local newspaper the week prior to the meeting for any changes.

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Lent has ancient roots for Christians

By Father Tom Neis
of St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix

Beacons of Blessing

With the promulgation of the Edict of Constantine in the year 313 AD, the Romans granted freedom of religion to all its people. The persecution of Christians ended. People were now free to seek entry into the church without fear of being martyred.

But this presented a new challenge to the church: How could it best offer spiritual formation to so great a number of prospective converts to Christianity? Its response was to develop a whole series of ascetical disciplines (such as, "Take up your cross daily and follow me...") as well as ritual and catechetical education (such as, "Take and eat, this is my body") for full initiation and committed membership.

The Sunday assembly expanded to weekdays to help form the faith of those to be baptized. The entire local assembly gathered to help in the formation of the prospective converts; to renew their own faith; and to seek reconciliation for not living the Christian life as well as they could have for their personal sin against God or neighbor.

Public and/or private penances of wearing sackcloth and ashes became a common occurrence during the 40 days prior to the Easter baptisms.

From the very beginning then, Baptism has been at the heart of the Lenten lectionary of Scripture readings; for instruction in the Christian way of life for converts, and for a renewal of the long ago baptism commitment of veteran Christians. All of us who claim to be Christian need to spend this Lenten season in reflecting on our own Baptism: What can I do to make it more effective in our relationship with our God, our neighbors and our community?

Jesus Christ tells us of the need for prayer, fasting and almsgiving for those would be his disciples. Why not "kick it up another notch" as Emeril says? It can lead one to gentleness of heart, poverty of spirit and simplicity of life.

Obituaries

Betty Jane McCoy McKeown: June 6, 1918 - Feb. 10, 2004

Betty Jane McCoy McKeown, 85, of Zanesville, Ohio, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004, at Genesis Extended Care Rehab Center, after a lengthy illness.

She was born Thursday, June 6, 1918, in Zanesville, Ohio, the daughter of the late Daisy Debolt Howard McCoy and James Gradan McCoy. She was married to Donald Glenn McKeown, who died on Oct. 3, 1999.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, a graduate of Lash High School and the Good Samaritan School of Nursing, class of 1939. She retired from Good Samaritan Hospital in 1980, after 41 years of service as night superintendent and nurse in charge of surgery.

She was a member of the Good Samaritan Nurses Alumni Association.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick J. Sr. and Barbara Jane McKeown of Charlevoix; a granddaughter, Kerry Bridgett (Peter) Zahner of Charlevoix; two grandsons, Patrick John McKeown Jr. of Charlevoix and Donald Roarke McKeown of St. Clair Shores; and four great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Sean McKeown; and a sister, Margaret Schneider.

Services were on Feb. 13, 2004, at Grace United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jim Sands officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by the Hillis & Hardwick Funeral Home. Send a personal condolence note or sign the on line register book at www.hillishardwickfh.com.

Richard C. "Big" Bergmann: Aug. 19, 1918 - Feb. 22, 2004

Richard C. "Big" Bergmann, 85, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He was born August 9, 1918, in Charlevoix, the son of Fred and Sybel (Cook) Bergmann. He was a 1938 graduate of Charlevoix High School where he was all-state in track and held the school's high jump record for over 30 years and was a starting guard for the 1938 Charlevoix state runner-up basketball team. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, with the photography corps in India.

After the war he spent some time in Florida, captaining a luxury fishing boat. He attended Detroit Barber College and then returned home where he was a barber for over 50 years.

Big was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed golfing, bowling and was an avid Rayder basketball and football fan.

He married Mary Lucina Richardson Dec. 31, 1940, in Charlevoix and she preceded him in death on August 17, 2000.

Big was a loving father and grandfather and is survived by his son Bob of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Andrea and Ryan of Charlevoix, and Aimée of Boyne City; great-grandson, Jayden; brothers, Wilhelm, Alfred, and Charles all of Charlevoix; sisters-in-law, Rose and Maxine of Charlevoix; and several nieces and nephews. Big was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Katherine, and his brothers, George, Frederick "Ted," Robert "Bud," and Eugene.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Friends may meet the family at the Winchester Funeral Home from 7 until 9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26.

How to get your event news into the Courier

If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail charlevoixcourier@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island. Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

Each story and picture is dealt with on its individual merits. Any policies outlined above may be suspended by the editor or general manager of the Charlevoix Courier if necessary.

Make Time to Worship

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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church 547-6430

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Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

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11906 US-31 North
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
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05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 State Street
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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6429 N. M-66
Sunday Sacraments 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:25 a.m.
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President Michael Robbins........588-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
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Performing arts take second

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Charlevoix High School performing arts students took second place at the state finals competition and are now gearing up to perform this weekend.

"They are disappointed they didn't get first, but being second place in the state (for Class C and D schools) is great," director Beth Sherman, said.

The 35 students, including actors and technicians, competed against 13 other schools Feb. 20 and 21 in Auburn Hills after almost a decade long dry spell without an appearance at that competition.

"This was the best performance the kids have done with this show to date. There were no glitches whatsoever," Sherman said. "I couldn't have been more proud."

The show they did at the competition was a 45 minute excerpt from their winter musical, "The Sound of Music."

In making their decision, the judges looked at costuming, sets, acting, music, the flow of the show and the performers' ability to capture the audience.

Aside from the second place seal of approval from the judges, individual awards were also given. These went to Adam Wager, Amanda Locke and Cody Bradley for excellence in acting and to Adam Richards and Locke for excellence in program.

Sherman said she was proud to see the students overcome the challenge of learning from a new director. She is the daughter of Connie Ford, who is the director of the program at the high school. Ford stepped down to an assistant role in order to address an illness in the family.

Leadership for the group also came from volunteers, including Steve Kantola and Don Niedert.

With the state competition behind them, Sherman said the students, who have been practicing nonstop for two months, are taking a short breather before they head back into the auditorium to practice for this weekend's community shows.

The performance is a two hour musical centered around the Von Trapp family which includes six children and their father, a captain in the Navy. A caretaker, Maria Rainer joins the family of seven and brings music, life and love back into the home.

The students will tell the story with about 15 songs intermixed with dialog.

Sherman said the audience is in for a treat.

"I think they'll like how they feel when they leave the auditorium. I think they'll be amazed at the kids," Sherman said.

Tickets are $6.50 for adults and $4 for students and seniors. They are available at the high school office from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., now through Friday or at the door the day of the show.

Shows will take place at 7 p.m., Feb. 28 and 2:30 p.m., Feb. 29 at Charlevoix High School located off Marion Center Road.

The trip to Auburn Hills and costume and set expenses for this show pushed the program over budget.

On March 8 the students plan to serve pizzas at Mancino's in Petoskey to help make up the shortfall. Donations to the program are also being requested.

To donate call the school at 547-3222.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Frau Schmidt played by Suzanne Curtis in a scene in the Charlevoix High School performing arts program's winter show, "The Sound of Music."

Cast of Charlevoix High School's 'Sound of Music"

Director — Beth Sherman
Assistant Directors — Connie Ford and Steve Kantola
Musical Director — Don Neidert
Cast
Captain von Trapp — Adam Richards
Maria Rainer — Amanda Boss
Liesl — Cortney English
Friedrich — Cody Bradley
Louisa — Allison Holmes
Kurt — Sam Kantola
Marta — Sam Kupka
Gretl — Anna Taylor
Frau Schmidt — Suzanne Curtis
Franz — Brian Christiansen
Elsa Schraeder — Amanda Locke
Max Detweiler — Adam Wager
Rolf — Alex Heffling
Herr Zeller — Alex Urban
Admiral VonSchreiber — Josh Stevenson
Mother Abbess — Jessica Dominic
Sister Margaretta — Christina Bourassa
Sister Sophia — Megan Sell
Sister Agatha — Juli Neidert
Sister Berthe — Jen Plackey
Crew
Stage Managers — Cody Morrison, Brittany Hernden
Stage Crew — Cody Morrison, Brittany Hernden, Kali Delamater, Nicole Mackowiak, Michelle Lemond, Mike Lemond, Juli Neidert, Andrew Leusink, Jacob Kirby, Jarod Kirby, Megan Sell, Christina Bourassa, Mike Flowers
Set Construction — Brian Christiansen, Travis Tache, Allison Holmes, Jen Plackey, Nicole Mackowiak
Prop Crew — Suzanne Curtis
Set Design — Brian Christiansen
Lighting Design — Travis Tache
Lighting Execution — Travis Tache, Ashley Grosberg, Nate Herrera
Costume Design — Amanda Locke, Cody Morrison, Jen Plackey, Sam Kantola
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Charlevoix will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2003-2004 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bridge Park Building, 109 Bridge Park Drive, Charlevoix Michigan. The following Budget Amendment #1 is proposed for the fiscal year April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004:

			Original Budget	Amended Budget	Net Change
General Fund Revenues	Taxes	Rv	$1,566,100	$1,586,646	$20,546
	Licenses & Permits	Rv	9,000	9,000	0
	State Grants	Rv	291,600	335,415	43,815
	Charges for Services	Rv	564,200	568,201	4,001
	Fines & Forfeits	Rv	27,300	27,825	525
	Interest & Rents	Rv	112,100	108,761	-3,339
	Other	Rv	5,300	11,737	6,437
	Fund Transfers	Rv	207,000	85,956	-121,044
	RV Total		$2,782,600	$2,733,541	($49,059)
General Fund Expense	Legislative	Ex	$38,600	$44,293	5,693
	General Govt	Ex	374,700	379,420	4,720
	Public Safety/Health	Ex	1,058,400	1,063,466	5,066
	Public Works	Ex	167,600	190,054	22,454
	Recreation & Culture	Ex	964,000	887,067	-76,933
	Other	Ex	115,200	50,538	-64,662
	Fund Transfers	Ex	102,000	106,561	4,561
General Fund	EX Total		$2,820,500	$2,721,399	($99,101)
Local Street	RV Total		189,500	166,500	-23,000
Local Street	EX Total		195,700	160,932	-34,768
Downtown Development Authority	RV Total		772,600	807,775	35,175
Downtown Development Authority	EX Total		536,800	615,710	78,910
PI#2 Sewer Tap Ins Reserve	RV Total		$31,400	$102,432	71,032
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PI#6 Infrastructure Improv	RV Total		564,800	554,649	-10,151
PI#6 Infrastructure Improv	EX Total		569,000	585,046	16,046
PI#9 Industrial Park Improv	RV Total		4,100	3,600	-500
PI#10 City Hall Improv	RV Total		$1,600,200	$1,699,200	99,000
PI#10 City Hall Improv	EX Total		2,158,600	2,249,173	90,573
PI#12 Mt. McSauba Improv	RV Total		13,200	25,361	12,161
PI#12 Mt. McSauba Improv	EX Total		27,000	19,600	-7,400
PI#16 Downtown Parking Improv	RV Total		$1,500	$1,520	$20
Electric Fund	RV Total		$5,497,129	$5,230,493	($266,636)
Electric Fund	EX Total		$7,200,935	$6,678,952	($521,984)
Water Fund	RV Total		$730,800	716,478	($14,322)
Marine Fund	RV Total		$216,100	$201,799	($14,301)
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	RV Total		$1,219,100	$1,207,631	($11,469)
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	EX Total		1,206,400	1,207,631	1,231
Motor Pool Fund	EX Total		557,800	579,645	21,845
DPW Site Fund	RV Total		148,700	144,300	-4,400
DPW Site Fund	EX Total		1,120,000	1,111,340	-8,660
Perpetual Care Fund	RV Total		$11,800	$9,948	($1,852)

Copies of the detailed budget amendment are available at City Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All interested citizens have the opportunity to give written or oral comments and are welcomed.

Richard Brandi
City Treasurer

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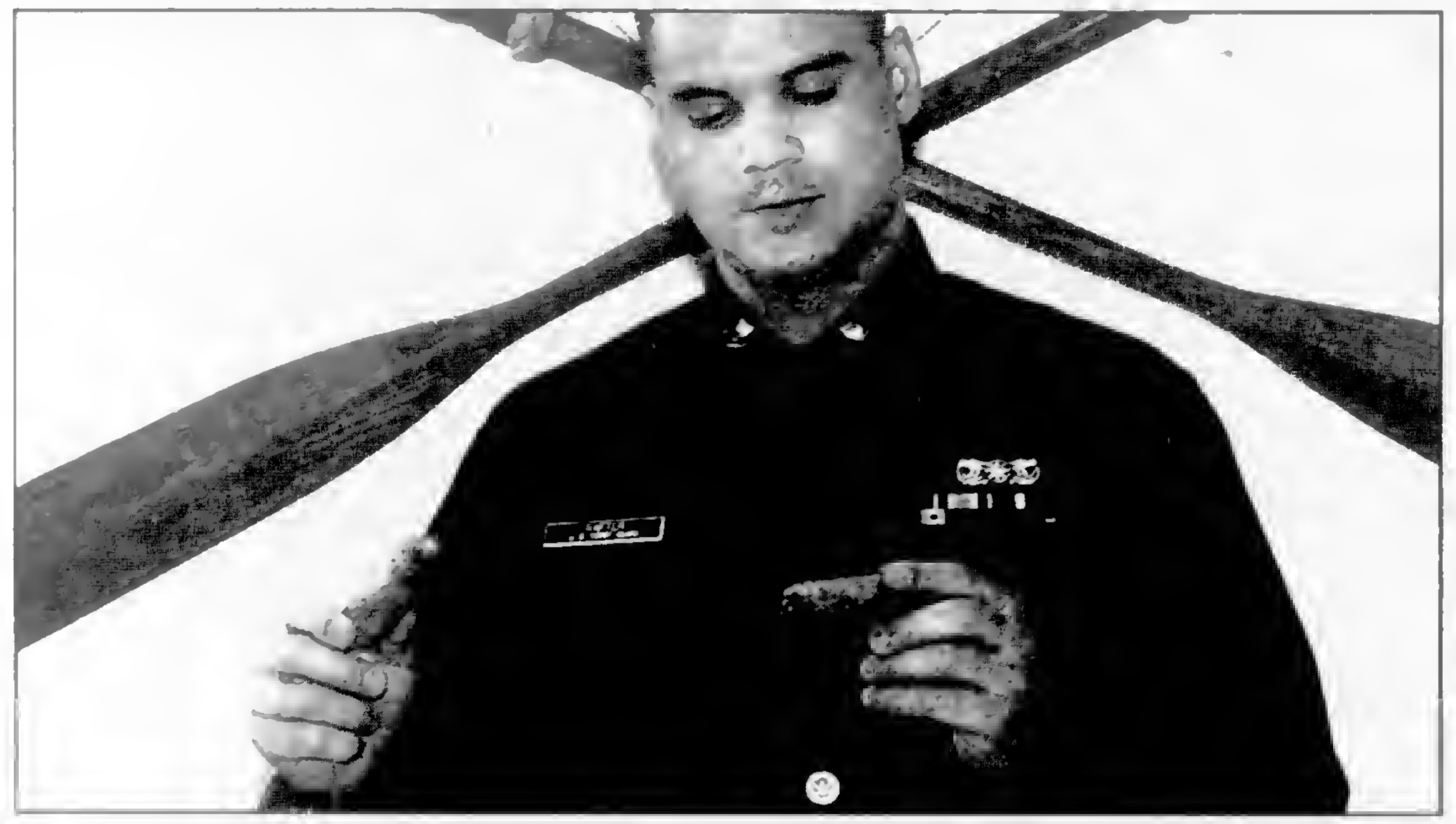
Coast Guard gives ice rescue and safety tips



Photos by Jeremy McBain

Crew members at the Charlevoix Coast Guard Station gave an ice rescue demonstration Thursday on Lake Charlevoix. While they advise people should just stay off of the ice, they gave tips on what to do if you go through the ice. (Above) A coastguardman shows a homemade ice pick that can be used to pull yourself out if you fall through. (Right) People on the ice should also bring along a pole to test ice stregth and to use as a support if they are in the water. (Below right) Coastguardsman Joe Knox falls through the ice in a simulation.

Photos by Jeremy McBain

(Above) A Coast Guard crew rushed to Knox's aid in Lake Charlevoix during the simulation. (One of the crew members crawled to Knox over the thin ice to spread his weight out evenly. (Below) Knox and one of his rescuers are pulled from the water.

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Richard David Covey, Jr., 19, Charlevoix. Attempted accessory after the fact to a felony. Jail for 150 days with credit for 104 days, serve 150 days; $120 in fines and costs.

David Allen Kitson, 25, East Jordan. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing of marijuana; and controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing of cocaine, less than 50 grams. Two years probation; conviction reportable to the Secretary of State; license suspended — sanction reportable to the state police; complete outpatient rehabilitative treatment as recommended by the probation department; 12 months in jail with credit for one day, serve 180 days; $865 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Red e Graphics, 916 Pleasant Avenue, Boyne City, by John R. Barneveld

Mountainside Estates, 03515 Cherry Hill Road, Boyne Falls, by Gregory Paul French

Digital Dynomite Satellite, 523 South East Street, Boyne City, by Robin Bashaw and Chris Dohm

Northern Lakes and Woods, 5215 Ridge Road, East Jordan, by Claudia I. Laursen

Wrench — Inc., 15337 Paddock Road, Charlevoix, by David Owsley

Lifestyles Hair, Nails & Tanning Salon, 507 West Water Street, East Jordan, by Barbara A. Brooks

K and M Frame to Finish, 7245-92 Upper Kelsey Drive, Charlevoix, by Douglas S. Kauthen and Christopher Mason

T.N.T. Tree Service, P.O. Box 4, Beaver Island, by Todd Bilyeu

Beamersearch, 800 Front Street #103, Boyne City, by Thomas G. Beamer and Kathleen S. Beamer

White Pine Carpet Cleaning, 08594 Upper Bay Shore, Charlevoix, by H & S Enterprises, Ltd.

Noirot Enterprises, 00305 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, by Bryan Noirot and Alva Noirot

Charlevoix County Construction, 05951 M-66 North, Charlevoix, by Alva Noirot

Marriage

The following people were granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Ricardi Francis Andino, 39, Walloon Lake and Heather Marise McCuen, 25, Walloon Lake

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Sarah Jane Everette vs. Jeffery Lynn Everette

Jessica Lockman vs. Kyle Lockman

Angela J. Cyr Nevi vs. Steven Nevi

Births

Gabriella Mckenzie, weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Ryan and Tiffany Chalfant of Boyne City on Feb. 16, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has one brother Joseph Bronson. Grandparents are Jeff and Sandy Himebauch.

Ethan Clifford, weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Ryan Antaya and Bridgett Larsen of East Jordan on Feb. 16, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has one sibling, Celeste Louise, 3. Grandparents are Lori and Dan Antaya of East Jordan, Sherry and Rocky Clark of East Jordan and William Puroll of Marshall.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, February 16, 2004 • 7:00 p.m.

109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present except Councilman Bellows and Councilman Haggard.

The following proceedings took place:

- Mayor Campbell reappointed Fred DiMartino and Jeannine Wallace to the Downtown Development Authority (term beginning April 1, 2004).
- Council accepted A.J. Witthoeft's resignation from the ZBA and appointed Howard Horton to replace Mr. Witthoeft and appointed Mary Eveleigh as alternate.
- Council appointed Councilwoman Shirley Gibson to the Planning Commission for a one year term (beginning April 1, 2004).
- Council accepted Mayor Campbell's reappointment of Gina Whitney and the appoint of John Hess to the Planning Commission (terms beginning April 1, 2004).
- After a public hearing, Council approved by resolution and request by Robert Wine to vacate the westerly portion of the east-west alley between Nettleton and Burns Streets.
- After a public hearing, Council approved by resolution the abandonment of the north-south alley between Nettleton and Burns Streets.
- Council approved a request to remove the restrictive covenant at 1007 May Street.
- Council made a recommendation to the Compensation Commission that the Clerk be paid, in addition to her current salary, an hourly wage of $15.00 per hour for any time worked over 20 hours, retroactive to February 2, 2004.

Council adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

Elizabeth A. Gooch, City Clerk
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Developer has dealt with Wal-Mart before

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Dorian Lange knows first-hand what discount retailers like Wal-Mart can do to a community.

Dorian Lange

Lange, a Charlevoix developer currently working on a major combined use project near the Charlevoix Country Club, said he used to own a chain of 21 pharmacies around the midwest. But, they couldn't survive the onslaught of Wal-Mart.

"When they came to town, business dropped 50 percent in 30 days. Eventually we went out of business," he said. "Wal-Mart is not a good friend of small business."

Lange said he was forced to close some of them and sell the others to larger chain pharmacies that could take on Wal-Mart. He said it took about two years for all of his pharmacies to close.

"They (Wal-Mart) even tried to buy my store; to shut the competition down," he said. "I would describe them at best as a predator."

Because of this, Lange said he is fearful for Charlevoix's future.

"You look at the type of small business Charlevoix has. I think it is immensely problematic for those types of business," he said. "I think it will impact the small grocery stores. I don't think they will be able to compete and they will probably shut down."

Lange added there will also be more empty store fronts in downtown Charlevoix as a result.

As for his own development project, Lange said he is unsure what Wal-Mart's plans will do to it.

While he said it will probably have some impact on his future business, plus businesses that are planning locating in the development have expressed their concerns to him, Lange said he does not plan on making any changes to it.

Lange's development is over 7 acres in Charlevoix and Hayes townships and will have a hotel, assisted living, retail space and condominiums. Work has already started on the hotel.

He added he is also confused as to why Wal-Mart would even be interested in Charlevoix.

"I don't understand the logic. If people in Charlevoix want to go to Wal-Mart, it is a half-hour drive. It seems like Wal-Mart will be pirating from themselves," he said.

As for that Petoskey store, Roy Pulaski, owner/pharmacist at The Chemist Shop in Petoskey — a business that has been in town since 1968 — said the Wal-Mart supercenter has eroded the front-end of his business, but not the pharmacy itself.

He said he still has customers coming in. Pulaski added it may be the service he gives them that may make the difference.

In Charlevoix, John Ochs, owner/pharmacist at Central Drugs — a business that has been in Charlevoix since 1897, said he believes Wal-Mart will have a major impact on his business, as well as the rest of Charlevoix.

"I would rather not see it. I don't think it's going to be good for Charlevoix," he said.

Ochs said according to information he has read in trade journals, Wal-Mart sometimes sells drugs for less than cost to get some of the business away from other pharmacies.

Ochs said his price is already pretty competitive and he offers customers personal service.

As for the future, Ochs said, "I am hoping pretty much we will maintain our customer base. I haven't heard much about Wal-Mart from customers, but what I have heard is they don't think it's good."

Wal-Mart is proposing to build a 157,400 square foot supercenter on US-31, near Marion Center and Stover roads.

In contrast, the Charlevoix High School on Marion Center Road is about 132,000 square feet.

In previous interviews, Wal-Mart officials said they would like to have the store open in 2005.

A formal site plan review for the Wal-Mart supercenter is being scheduled for April 21 before the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission.

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DDA discusses giving public library money

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff Writer

Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has said it will fund part of the new Charlevoix Public Library project, but didn't pin down a dollar amount to pledge.

Library director Valerie Meyerson presented the library's plan and made a request for funding to the DDA Feb. 23.

The new library proposal looks to renovate and add on to the former Charlevoix Middle School off Grant Street. The proposed brick facility is about 24,000 square feet, with all its main functions on the first floor.

This primary floor will include small additions, totaling just under 4,000 square feet of space — one will house the program room and the other, a children's activity room.

The facility will offer adult, children's and teen collections as well as a popular reading room, quiet reading areas, a self check out, a staffed circulation desk and outdoor landscaped plazas.

Meyerson told the DDA that the library is currently in the fundraising stage of this $7.3 million renovation and expansion project. She said their aim is to establish a broad base of funding including grants, donations, a millage and ideally a DDA pledge.

In a funding feasibility study the library did in conjunction with consultants from Monaghan Associates of Grand Rapids, it was established that the library group should shoot for around $1 million in donations.

This leaves a little over $6 million to be made up from the other three potential funding sources.

Monaghan representatives reported nervousness from some of the 43 people interviewed for the study about passing a millage without support for the project from a government entity. In those discussions, the DDA came up frequently as a possible source of funding.

At Monday night's meeting, everyone on the DDA supported helping the library out, but how much and when were major questions that weren't answered.

Mayor Gabe Campbell, who is also a member of the DDA, said the authority's support of the project is a natural fit.

In 2002 the DDA expanded its boundaries to include the old middle school property. It did this in order to buy the property and save it from sale to developers. The purchase of the property bought the library some time and secured three of the 13 lots for possible use by the city for marina parking.

The plan is for the library to buy 10 of those lots from the city for $488,460 if voters pass a bond issue on June 14. If that bond doesn't pass, the DDA has discussed having to sell the property which would likely end up in the hands of a private developer.

Meyerson recognized their efforts so far.

"We would certainly not be where we are today if not for you," she said.

Meyerson said the DDA's continued support is crucial in solidifying the public's trust in this project and getting that bond passed this spring.

DDA member Jeff Porter agreed and said that a contribution in the neighborhood of $500,000 coupled with grants and a successful $1 million fundraising effort could reduce the bond request by about 35 percent.

"We are interested in saving this building and having the library downtown. It's to our benefit to help the library," he said

There was support from members of the DDA to give the library somewhere in the neighborhood of $500,000 for the project. But major questions like when and how that money could be given loom.

City manger Mike Wiesner prepared information with two hypothetical situations. In option one, the DDA sells the library the building and doesn't help out. This left the DDA with about $600,000 in 2008-2009 doing no other projects except the marina and East Park renovation.

The Michigan Waterways Commission has committed to fund 75 percent, or $6.8 million, of the city of Charlevoix's marina renovation project. This leaves 25 percent, or $3.8 million, for the community to come up with.

Wiesner has said the DDA could, in conjunction with proceeds from the marina, fund the project. He anticipates the marina bringing in about $100,000 a year and the debt will cost between $242,000 and $310,000 a year for 15 to 20 years.

But if the DDA were to hand the school over to the library it would have about $6,000 in its account in 2008-2009 and doing no other projects beyond the marina and park.

The numbers didn't derail Porter who said now is the time to support the library.

"Those are important (East Park and marina projects) but I don't see them being funded by the state of Michigan this year or next year. This project is at our doorstep right now," he said.

But DDA chairman Hugh Mason had a more conservative outlook.

"We would like to help them, it's just a question of how," he said.

Ideas that were batted around included supporting the library with about $500,000 given over time.

Meyerson plans to get with the library's financial consultant to see what extended help from the DDA would do to the bond request. The highest bond request voters may have to decide would be for .75 mills for 20 years for construction of the facility and .65 mills to cover operational expenses for that same period.

> *"We are interested in saving this building and having the library downtown. It's to our benefit to help the library."*
>
> **Jeff Porter**,
> Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority member

The DDA plans to review its options and meet again to decide its direction.

Meyerson said she hopes that meeting is some time soon. Grants the library is applying for are being held up pending that decision and ballot language is due in March for the millage request.

"I'm hoping they'll come up with a big chunk now and do something long term," she said.

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City of Charlevoix, Michigan 2004-2005 Proposed Budget Revenue and Expense Summary - All Funds - February 20, 2004

Revenues	General Fund	Major Street	Local Street	Airport	Electric	Sewer	Water	Marina	DDA	Cemetery Trust	Total	2003-04
Taxes	$1,682,500								731,100		$2,413,600	2,263,200
Licenses & Permits	9,200										9,200	9,000
State & Federal Grants	327,700	226,100	65,600	2,900,700							3,520,100	1,634,800
Charges for Services	601,700			239,400	5,086,138	861,600	672,200			5,600	7,466,638	7,906,316
Fines & Forfeits	27,800				32,200	5,100	4,900				69,000	67,700
Interest & Rents	111,400	200	400	39,400	37,500	13,900	14,000	216,100	25,700	6,200	464,800	494,600
Other	5,800			500	5,200	8,600	6,000				26,100	17,600
Loan Proceeds	0			100,000							100,000	0
Fund Transfers	241,800	365,000	75,000		210,000	0	171,000				1,062,800	746,000
Appropriation-Surplus	121,500	5,600	10,100		1,781,393	330,700	170,700				2,419,993	2,067,127
Total Revenues	$3,129,400	$596,900	$151,100	$3,280,000	$7,151,431	$1,219,900	$1,038,800	$216,100	$756,800	$11,800	$17,552,231	$15,206,343
Expenditures												
Legislative	$43,900										$43,900	38,600
General Government	429,200										429,200	376,900
Public Safety	986,500										986,500	892,200
Public Works	188,600	231,900	151,100	114,400							686,000	672,100
Health & Welfare	193,300										193,300	166,200
Recreation & Culture	2,076,600							139,100			1,215,700	1,145,200
Capital Outlay		365,000		3,105,000	1,272,500	164,800	204,000		141,474		5,252,774	2,233,500
Debt Services				18,100	379,900				499,483		897,483	869,100
Electric					5,012,531						5,012,531	5,510,159
Sewer						968,100					968,100	946,284
Water							798,200				798,200	806,700
Fund Transfers	85,000			200	486,500	33,000	36,600				641,300	1,151,700
Other	126,300					54,000			49,000	0	229,300	115,200
Total Expenses	$3,129,400	$596,900	$151,100	$3,237,700	$7,151,431	$1,219,900	$1,038,800	$139,100	$689,957	$0	$17,354,288	$14,923,843
Expenses as % of Total - All Funds	18%	3%	1%	19%	41%	7%	6%	1%	4%	0%	100%	

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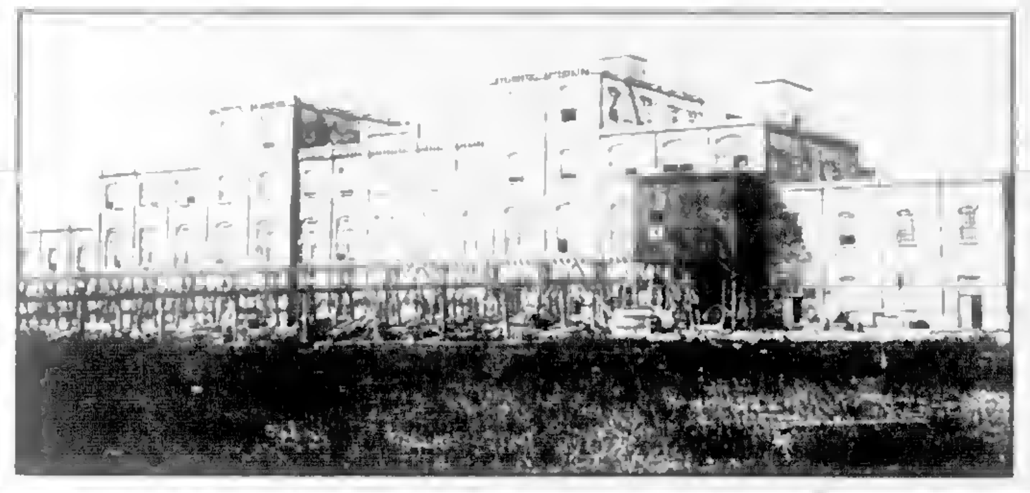

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Sugar Beet Factory, currently Irish Marina.

Historical industries

The Charlevoix Historical Society will present a program on Charlevoix's Historic Industries" with an emphasis on those that at one time made Charlevoix a major economic force in northern Michigan at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 2 at the Depot Museum located at Depot Beach at the end of Dixon Avenue. The speaker will be David L. Miles who will cover fishing, lumbering, ice cutting, the Sugar Beet factory, the Ferry Seed Company, Foster Boat Works, Charlevoix's first cement plant (not at South Point) and the construction of the Big Rock nuclear power plant. He will present photos of businesses that have never been shown before.

Charlevoix was perfectly situated for the exploitation of fishing, lumbering, ice cutting and Miles will show how the first depended upon the others to make Charlevoix, in the early Twentieth century, the largest fish exporter on the Great Lakes. This presentation is open to the puhlic, there is no admission charge and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 547-0373.

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French food

Members of Charlevoix High School's French III and IV classes were guests of Suzanne and Pram Acharya at L'Esperance in Charlevoix, where the students were treated to French cheeses and other delights. Recently, several Charelvoix High School French students were invited to taste and learn about a variety of foods made in France or in the style of the French at their market and café. The Acharyas offered their extensive knowledge of food in general and French foods in particular, while the students tried various cheeses, an example of regional sausage and other wonderful "amuse-bouches."

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Castle to host small venue musical acts

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff Writer

Concerts will make their comeback at Castle Farms this year, but acts like rocker Ozzy Osbourne — who shook the facility's stone walls in the 1980s — will have to look for another venue.

Inspectors with the Charlevoix County Building Department were at Castle Farms Feb. 12 meeting with renovation designers and builder Larry Shawn. They looked at fire separation and electrical issues associated with the $3 million renovation currently underway.

According to Nelson Fletcher, an inspector with building department, there was discussion of a temporary stage being accommodated with the project.

He said the electrical service at the site, located off M-66, is large enough to handle a performance.

Marion Township Zoning Administrator Bob Drebenstedt said the service is enough to power the whole Charlevoix County Building and he questions the caliber of concert they'll host with that kind of capability.

Drebenstedt lives close to the Castle and said he remembers a summer afternoon when former Castle owner Art Reibel was running the operation and rock legend Ted Nugent was playing. He said he was hlasted back inside his house and the windows shook.

"I don't want that again. I know the whole neighborhood would come unglued (if rock concerts came back)," he said. "I hope they (Castle owners Linda and Richard Mueller) keep thinking of the neighbors."

Drebenstedt discussed the revival of concerts at the Castle with the township board and neighbors. From the township's standpoint he found there was nothing that can be done if the crowd is kept under 2,000 people.

While Drebenstedt is getting his ducks in a row to fight the concert comehack, general manager of the Castle, Richard Mueller, said there isn't anything to worry about.

Mueller explained that the design being pursued in the latest renovation has pavilion wings that stretch out around the property's central courtyard area. He said these wings make it impossible to accommodate more than 1,500 people at any concert.

"That's why Art Reibel ripped down those wings," Mueller said.

He added that not only is there not enough room, hut he and his wife Linda plan to continue their neighborly approach by limiting musical events to early start times.

The acts they are planning on using the portahle stage for, include this summer's Symphony on the Green featuring the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. The symphony event will be July 9.

"They are talking ahout Ozzy Osbourne and we are talking about Jimmy Dorsey," Mueller said.

While Drebenstedt would prefer to not be blasted by screeching guitars he said he is also concerned with the volume of any performance.

Mueller said he doesn't expect people off the Castle grounds to hear the shows.

Drebenstedt said he'll believe it when he doesn't hear it.

The Muellers are currently planning shows in conjunction with the Venetian Festival and are considering hosting acts that include the Newsboys and the Young Americans.

The Castle has also booked 30 weddings for 2004 and numerous summer events including an antique show and craft fair.

They are planning an open house at the end of May to celebrate the improvements they have made over the past year.

The renovation will expand their event space to accommodate 900 people year-round in one covered area and will offer families a unique destination.

To do this they are adding 29,000 square feet of space by renovating the old cattle barn, the large building facing M-66 that used to have a concert stage attached to it. The full restoration of this "barn" will include heating and cooling, the addition of restrooms and two elevators.

The additional square footage also includes the wings Mueller described which are newly constructed pavilions. These wings, along with the courtyard area in between them, will be home to a family activities center.

The major expansion also includes the addition of three gazebo style chapels and a landscaping makeover.

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Work continues at Castle Farms on M-66 on some new additions.

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Students raising money for indoor skate park

SKATE

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shifting the model and discussing everything from a skate shop to a snack bar and pay phones they were satisfied.

Now, they have to find a way to fund the over $200,000 project.

Vickie Daman, Zeke's mom, who is the parent coordinator for the group, said each quarter pipe costs over $6,000 and stairs about $1,500. She estimated equipment for rentals at $58,000.

"I know this sounds like a lot of money, but we can do it," she said.

Vickie said they are looking to start construction of the facility this summer and are hoping someone will donate the building or property as a tax write off. She estimated the project requiring about an acre of land.

"There are a lot of empty buildings downtown. Wouldn't this be a wonderful donation to the children of Charlevoix," she said.

The group has applied for a $10,000 grant from the retail store American Eagle Outfitters and could possibly get another $1,400 for equipment. They will hear back in April.

Interested skaters aim to raise about $16,000 at an upcoming skate-a-thon where the kids will take pledges to skate. They are currently looking for a hig empty building with a concrete floor to host the event.

So far, the skate park effort has been supported by Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce president Jacqueline Merta and Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson.

Vickie said both Merta and Halverson feel the supervised facility would be safer and she agrees.

"I would rather have my son in a well-built facility than down by the docks or by the street," she said.

Charlevoix's pursuit of a safe, appropriate place for skateboarding is the same aim that four years ago prompted Traverse City to build a skate park at the Grand Traverse County Civic Center.

According to Tim Schreiner, director of the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Department, the project cost about $400,000.

The Traverse City park is outdoors and required about $150,000 in landscaping, benches and excavation. The remaining $250,000 was the cost of the concrete.

It includes 25,000 square feet of space with about 15,000 square feet of concrete skating area.

They did not charge for use in the first two years, but found problems with people hanging out and not skating. They changed their policy in 2002 charging for entry, requiring helmets and hiring a supervisor.

Plans for the Charlevoix park include an admission fee, a helmet requirement and staffing.

In Traverse City user fees bring in about $13,000 which goes back into the program.

Schreiner said the facility is well-used.

"This little gem cost a few dollars to build and it's held up well," he said.

For information on the Charlevoix group's drive to bring a skate park to town or to donate, visit www.planner.eskal8.org.

Volunteers are needed to continue the skate park effort. To sign up or to offer a space for the skate-a-thon call Vickie at 547-8063.

Photo by Julie Witthoelt

Zeke Daman, a 13-year-old Charlevoix boy who is spearheading an effort to locate a skate park in Charlevoix practices some moves at the group's first official meeting last week.

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A Tiger fan's fantasy

(Above, from left) Jack Barker, Jr., of Clarkston, and Allen Telgenhof, of Charlevoix, attended the Tiger's Fantasy Camp Feb. 1-8, in Lakeland, Fla. The participants were given home and away game uniforms with numbers of their choice. Some of the coaches were Mickey Lolich, Willie Horton, Jon Worden, Milt Wilcox, Johnny Grubb, Frank Tanana, Dave Rozema and Dan Petry.

Midget team faces Traverse, Mackinaw

Boyne Area Hockey's Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget team went 1-1-1 this past weekend.

On Feb. 20 they played in Traverse City and glided to a 5-0 win. Goalie Nick Ferree earned the shutout. Assists were credited to Eli Barsy, JP Fiedorek, Stephen Cahoon, Josh Aown, Bobby Courtright and Ryan Fields.

Goals were scored by Cody Webster, Fields, Fiedorek, Aown, and William Brown.

On Feb. 22 they hosted Mackinaw City. Boyne jumped to an early 2-0 lead in the first period, scored by Barsy, assisted by Britt King and Fields; and Justin Conklin from a pass from Russell Williams.

Mackinaw owned the scoring in the next two periods and took the game 2-6. Ferree was between the pipes.

In their second game, Boyne took the lead again. Barsy hit the net with assists from Conklin and King, and Conklin scored from Barsy's pass.

Mackinaw scored the lone goal in the second period, and with 50 seconds left, scored after pulling their goalie to give a 6-5 man advantage, to tie 2-2. Both teams put 22 shots on net. Ferree was in goal for Boyne.

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The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on March 2, 3 and 4, 2004, to review the Assessment Roll of the City of Charlevoix Fire Department Training Room, 210 State Street from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Board will receive any questions from the public concerning the Assessment Roll on Monday, March 8, 2004, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR MARCH 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH BY THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 547-3250. PER RESOLUTION #93-02-01, LOCAL RESIDENTS MAY PETITION THE BOARD OF REVIEW BY LETTER.

	ESTIMATED MULTIPLIERS	TENTATIVE RATIOS
COMMERCIAL	1.06633	46.89
INDUSTRIAL	1.06445	46.97
RESIDENTIAL	1.07527	46.50
PERSONAL PROPERTY	1.00000	50.00

Equalization Ratios, as shown, are the percentages of assessed valuations to true cash value as determined by a survey of individual assessments. The Multipliers are those necessary to bring the Ratios to the required 50% of estimated true cash value. The Multipliers, as shown, are tentative and subject to change as the result of possible adjustments by individual assessing officers. Assuming that no adjustments are made, the Multiplier may be applied to each individual valuation.

Note: These multipliers replace those of 2003 and are not an addition to or subtraction from them.

Elizabeth A. Gooch, City Clerk

SPORTS

Rayders take part in state ski finals at Boyne Monday

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Three Charlevoix High School students made some impressive runs at the state ski finals Monday on Boyne Mountain.

Margaux Rowley, Taylor Fisher and York Smith all went to the state finals as individual competitors for the school. Rowley and Smith ended the day with medals in both the giant slalom and the slalom.

"I was very pleased with the results out of all three kids," Coach Sue Miller said. "It was a good way for them to finish off their high school skiing career."

All three students are seniors this year.

Miller added the conditions on Monday were challenging due to a winter storm.

"At a state meet you want it to be fair and perfect for all the kids," she said.

However, Mother Nature had something else in mind as she dumped several inches of wet, heavy snow onto the course.

Rowley places fifth in the girls' slalom, with a time of 1 minute, 7.74 seconds. She also finished eight in the giant slalom with a time of 1 minute. 56 seconds.

Smith finished seventh in the boys' slalom with a time of 1 minute, 3.58 seconds. He also finished sixth in the giant slalom with a time of 1 minute.

Fisher finished thirteenth in the boys' slalom, with a time of 1 minute, 6.30 seconds.

Basketball team hangs on for win against tough Harbor Springs team

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports Writer

The Rayder nation survived another scare last Friday as Jared Hunts three-pointer with less than a minute to go in the game gave Charlevoix the lead for good in a 74-70 win at Harbor Springs.

"Jared really stepped up and hit a big shot for us," coach Keith Haske said. "For a while there we were tentative and it didn't look like anyone wanted to shoot it."

The Rayders, ranked third in the state in Class C by the Associated Press, upped their record to 14-2 overall and 10-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

"I told the team after the game that to be not at their best, on the road and still find a way to win was the mark of a good team," Haske said. "I felt real good about that."

Charlevoix led 24-19 after the first quarter and 43-32 at the half before Harbor Springs rallied.

"Harbor played real well in the second half," Haske added. "Their track record has been that anytime they hit a bunch of threes they'll be in any game. And they made quite a few against us."

The Rams cut the lead to 60-55 headed into the final stanza. They held a 70-69 advantage before Hunts clutch basket.

"We really struggled to put the ball in the hole there for about 5 minutes down the stretch and let them stay in it," Haske said.

Hunt led the Rayders with 22 points. Ryan DeYoung scored 18. Scott Friske had 15 points, 15 rebounds and four assists Kyle Kramer grabbed six rebounds.

Charlevoix faced a tough Grayling squad at home on Tuesday, Feb. 24 but results were unavailable at press time.

Wins by Charlevoix and Traverse City St. Francis on Feb. 24 would set up a showdown Friday night in Charlevoix as the Rayders and Gladiators meet in a game that will likely decide the conference title as both teams have lost only once in the conference.

Charlevoix's loss was by forfeit to Boyne City while St. Francis lost to Charlevoix in Traverse City in the teams other meeting this season.

Stingrays compete against Harbor Springs

On Saturday, February 7, 2004 the Charlevoix Stingrays Swim Team traveled to Harbor Springs to compete against the Harbor Springs Hammer Heads and the Kalkaska Cruisers.

Individual Results are as follows:

- 8 and Under — Kathryn Sanchez, 25 Free, second place; 50 Free, third place; 25 Back, first place.
- 9/10 — Alex Gooch, 100 IM, third; 50 Free, second; 50 Breast, first. Kristen Gooch, 200 Free, first; 50 Fly, third; 50 Back, third.
- 11/12 — Chrystal Schemanski, 200 Free, first; 100 Free, first. Betsy Sanchez, 50 Free, second; 100 Free, second; 50 Back, third. Jessica Holton, 50 Free, fourth; 50 Back, fourth; 50 Breast, fifth. Kaitlyn Boyko, 100 IM, first; 50 Free, fourth; 50 Back, first.
- 13/14 — Alicia Drost, 50 Free, fourth; 100 Backstroke, fourth; 100 Breast, second. Breanna Londgren, 50 Free, fifth; 100 Free, third. Jonathan Boyko, 50 Free, first; 100 Free, second; 100 Breast, first.

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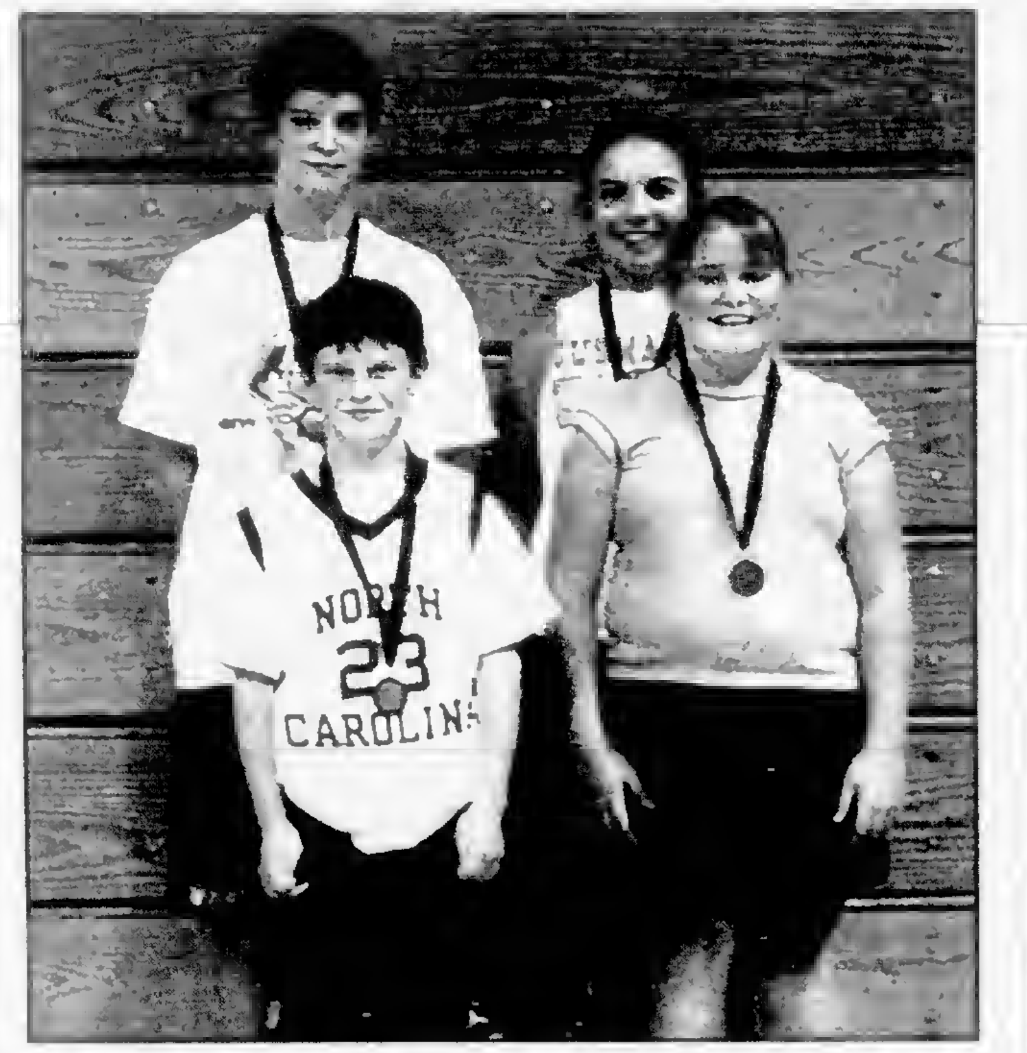

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District champs

Four Charlevoix students won the Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Competition and will advance to regional competition later this month. They are: (left back) Dustin Dibble, Desirea Faust, (front) Keegan La Blanc and Nichole Speigl.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League • Feb. 16, 2004

	W	L
Top Rank Disposal	23	9
Mark White Paint & Stain	19	13
Bayshore Steel	17	15
State Farm Insurance	17	15
B Vanloo & Sons	14	18
Kerr's Racing	14	18
Cemex Cement	13	19
Central Drug Store	11	21

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jon Kiernan	537	257
Jim Descamps	608	256
Brian Dixon	604	253

Young at Hearts League
Feb. 19, 2004

	W	L
Twilighters	17	7
Half & Half	15	9
Has Beens	15	9
Sparetime	13	11
Misfits	13	11
Alley Cats	12	12
Irish Rollers	6	18
Past Timers	5	19

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Maury Dixon	522 ·	195
Ken Schoenheit	518	192
Don Wells		173
Don Bambach	463	
Nancy Bambach	451	171
Dolly Coen	424	161
Mary Lakies		156
Theola Elzinga	416	

Church League • Feb. 18, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	244	106
Ferguson & Chamberlain	218	132
Townhouse Bar	196	154
Martincheks	163	187
St. Mary's	163	187
R & C Roofing	150	200
State Farm Insurance	139	211
Lutherans	127	223

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Randy DeYoung	697	288
Jack Caverly	585	224
Larry Potter		222
John Fiedorek	580	

Monday Madness • Feb. 16, 2004

	W	L
Villager Pub	247	103
Buzy Bees	208	142
Flight Deck Top Guns	202	148
Strike Seekers	193	157
Laural & Co. Hair Design	181	169
Friske Farm Market	170	180
Paul Bunyan Lanes	153	197
Team One	0	140

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Debi Grass	636	210
Teresa Moore	646	190
Karla Pease	637	
Carrie Blanchard		189

Tuesday Night Ladies • Feb. 17, 2004

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	20	12
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	18.5	13.5
Hayes Legal Crew	17.5	14.5
Grey Gables Inn	13	19
Top Rank Disposal	13	19
Paul Bunyan Lanes	11	21
Don's IGA	10.5	21.5
Central Drug Store	8.5	23.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Connie Wood	555	201
Trina Houghton	526	198
Marlene Evans		193
Leanna Mosoryak		193

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
Feb. 8, 2004

	W	L
Moore	33.5	14.5
Horon	33	15
Cunningham/Mikulski	32	16
Novotny	28	20
O'Leary	27.5	20.5
Golovich	24	24
Bradley	23	25
Stebe/Rodriguez	21.5	26.5
Hart	20	28
Stebe/Soulliere	20	28
Herboldsheimer	16.5	31.5
Mackinder	13	35

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Dave Herboldsheimer	519	218
Deve Golovich		190
Butch Hart	478	
Joe Horon	466	176
Debbie Horon	501	211
Jeannie Stebe	495	198
Linda Mackinder		194
Cindy Novotny	470	

Gutter Gals League • Feb. 19, 2004

	W	L
Express Yourself	69	51
Argonne Supper Club	62	58
Paul Bunyan Lanes	56	64
Burger King Charlevoix	53	67

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	529	201
Diana Spergl	450	167
Anette Hosler	452	159

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Brian Dixon of the Monday Men's Senior League had a series of 604 with a high game of 253. An honorable mention goes to Randy (hands on his throat) DeYoung with a 697 series and high game of 288. Congratulations!

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(8-19-tf-084)

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(2-18-3-085)

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(2-25-3-169)

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(2-25-1-169)

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(2-25-3-170)

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(2-25-tf-171)

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(9-11-tf-171)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

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(11-1-tf-171)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Robert R. Graves and Linda T. Graves, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 3, 2000, and was recorded on October 6, 2000, in Liber 398 on pages 393 through 399 of the Charlevoix County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $9,437.09, including interest at 9% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, March 26, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.

The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

Dated: February 17, 2004

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

L(2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 04-010643-NC

In the matter of Thereseann Marie Gallagher

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including those whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at 9:45 a.m. at Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The Petitions(s) to Change Name filed by Jane Kathleen Zimmerman requesting that the name of Thereseann Marie Gallagher be changed to Thereseann Marie Zimmerman.

Date: February 16, 2004

Jane Kathleen Zimmerman
02241 Healey Rd.
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231) 582-6194

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's estate

Estate of **PATRICIA A. ADAM**
Date of birth: **March 16, 1923**

TO ALL CREDITORS:*
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, **PATRICIA A. ADAM**, who lived at **1700 Northshore Dr., P.O. Box 176, Walloon Lake, Michigan 49796** died **January 13, 2004**.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Patricia A. Adam or the Patricia A. Adam Trust Agreement dated August 15, 1991, will be forever barred unless presented to Successor Trustee, Bank One Trust Company, NA, a Michigan banking corporation, attention Carol S. Elcoate, 320 Howard Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770, or the Successor Trustee's attorney, William W. Hofmann, Plunkett & Cooney, P.C., 303 Howard Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770, or both within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 24, 2004

William W. Hofmann P24073
303 Howard Street
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 348-6415

Bank One Trust Company, NA
320 Howard Street
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 348-6281

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
Board of Review 2004

The Charlevoix Township Board of Review will meet at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road, Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the 2004 assessment roll.

Residents may examine their property assessment at the Board of Review, Monday, March 8, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday March 9, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. til 9:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall.

Charlevoix Township Tentative ratios and Multipliers are subject to change by the Assessing Office, Board of Review, County Equalization and State Equalization.

Listed below are the Ratios and Multipliers

COM 201	Tentative Ratio 46.82	Factor 1.06792
IND 301	Tentative Ratio 49.95	Factor 1.00000
RES 401	Tentative Ratio 47.54	Factor 1.05175
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Area events

Travel soccer

There is a new 4-H Travel Soccer for grades 5-8 (U-11 to U14) boys and girls information meeting and sign-up at 7 p.m., Feb. 19 in the cafeteria at the Charlevoix Middle School. This meeting is for parents and players. The cost is $45. Please bring a copy of player's birth certificate. Commitment to traveling Saturday (girls) and Sundays (boys) is a must. Formation of a team is dependent on having enough players and a coach. For more information, please call Sherry at 881-2456 or Ron at 547-6592.

Bake sale

The Charlevoix Area Hospital employee staff will have a bake sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 26, in administration. Proceeds from this sale are to be donated to Carol Heeres, nurse assistant, who has recently been stricken with a serious illness.

Library meeting

The Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees scheduled a special meeting at 4 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 26, in the library basement at 109 Clinton Street. Discussion topic is the general financing of the new facility.

Allen to visit

Senator Jason Allen will be in Charlevoix from 3 to 4 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 27, at the City of Charlevoix temporary offices (the old post office building) at 109 Mason Street. This time is open to the public for residents to speak personally with Allen on issues they feel are important. For more information call Allen's office at (866) 525-5637.

Land use discussion

The Bay Township Planning Commission is in the process of rewriting and updating its Land Use Plan. As part of this process, Dr. Chris Grobbel, Land Program Director of Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council will be reviewing recent population trends for Bay Township at the March 2 meeting. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Bay Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend to learn with the Planning Commission information regarding trends based on the 2000 federal census on population changes, economic, employment, permanent and seasonal housing for Bay and surrounding townships. This presentation is part of a year long process and public input and understanding is important to the process.

Sensational Sessions

The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is presenting Sensational Sessions for 2004 with registration from 8 to 8:45 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at the First Congregation Church of Charlevoix located at 101 State Street. The workshops are from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Topics available touch on crafts, growth, health and relaxation. There is aromatherapy with kitchen witches, making your own earrings, glass painting, hand quilting, soap making, how to make greeting cards, pine cone wreaths, dying, trigger point massage, wire wrapping, yo yo's and more. Sign up early for $18 or the cost is $20 on the day of the workshops. For registration or additional information please call Helen at 547-2955 or Linda 547-4109.

Music grants

The Northern Michigan Chorale is announcing the availability of vocal music grants for summer music study. These grants are for anyone of high school age or older in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

Letters of application are due by Friday, April 2 and should include name, address and telephone number. Also, specify the planned use for the grant, such as vocal lessons or music camp assistance. High school applicants should provide a letter of recommendation from their music instructor.

Auditions will take place on Monday, April 26. Applicants will be notified of time and place. Successful applicants will be invited to perform in the Northern Michigan Chorale fall or spring concerts.

Send letter of application to the Northern Michigan Chorale, P.O. Box 51, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Scholarship

Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) is again offering two $500 scholarships to any accredited trade or vocation education school or program.

Students need to obtain information from their High School Counselor and apply by April 15.

The recipients will be selected by the MARSP Scholarship Committee by May 1. This Committee includes a representative from each of the four Charlevoix County High Schools. Students will be informed by May 15.

The Early Family Memorial Scholarship will contribute additional funds.

Trophy case

Charlevoix High School is in the process of finishing their new trophy display cases in the commons area outside the gymnasium. The trophy area is near completion, and now the school is asking for community assistance to complete the next phase.

A Hall of Fame for All-state athletes is being constructed along the North/South hallway, opposite the gymnasium. All athletes, who achieved all-state status in their sports at Charlevoix High School, are asked to send a 2-inch-by-3-inch senior picture along with the year(s) All-state status was accomplished, the sport(s) and a correct spelling of their name. Additionally, if an athlete was a state champion, please send a 5-inch-by-7-inch picture. Only one picture is needed even if All-state status was achieved in more than one sport. Please include a contact person and phone number if there is a question about the information sent.

Please send the photo and information to the following address: Attn: Ken Plude, Project Coordinator, Hall of Fame, Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Flap Jack Resturant.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-1388.

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'Hawk' Sustains Severe Damage

Clair Webster, Owner, and Son Escape Injury

The "Hawk", 40-foot boat, owned by Clair Webster, was severely damaged and Mr. Webster and son, Bud, narrowly escaped serious injury when the boat was caught in the ice in Lake Charlevoix, off the Belvedere club about noon Saturday, Mr. Webster was taking the boat from its winter mooring, in Old River, to the Foster Boat dock through a large opening in the ice when the wind came up suddenly out of the east, crowding the ice fields together and pinning the boat in the crevice about 500 feet off shore.

Mr. Webster and Bud left the boat after it had been pushed toward shore and crawled to safety over 300 feet of porous ice. The ice field sheared the pilot house off the boat and covered it completely. The Coast Guard crew, which had been called to the scene, circled the boat, breaking up the ice and allowing the boat, made buoyant by a 165-gallon gas tank, only partially filled with gas, to come to the surface. It was then towed to the Foster Boat company Marine dock. The hull of the boat, made of Orford cedar, suffered little damage.

Charlevoix Courier, March 27, 1946

Meeting on School plan

The Charlevoix Board of Education called a mass meeting last Friday evening and presented to those present the question of resubmitting the matter of constructing a new school building under the unit system, the construction to include a grade school and gymnasium. After the program was generally presented by H.A. Craig and other members of the School Board and Citizens' Committee, a general discussion was entered into by a great many of citizens present.

Mr. Holmes, of the Warren Holmes, Powers Company, of Lansing, was present at the meeting to inform the people of the methods used in school construction and school furnishings.

It was the desire of the School Board and the Citizens' Committee to lay before the people their proposition without reservations and the vote taken near the close of the meeting showed conclusively that the matter was at this time acceptable to the great majority of those present.

The proposition as presented was a bond issue of $125,000. To be paid serially over a period of fifteen years, and it appears quite probable that this issue can be carried out without a raise over the 1926 taxes.

That is, it is the opinion of the Board and Committee that the surplus at hand together with the said bond issue of $125,000 will construct and maintain the new unit as well as to meet the expense of ordinary cost of repairing the High School and Central building.

The gymnasium, which is included in this program, will be 60 x 122 feet over all, giving us a stage with a depth of twenty feet at the west end and ticket office and entrance lobby at the east end of 12 feet. The inside measurement of the gymnasium will be 60 x 90 feet which will seat approximately twelve hundred people for basketball play and eighteen hundred for conventions. The stage will be utilized for games by construction bleachers and a three row balcony will be included.

The program as outlined contemplates the use of the new grade unit as a consolidated school. We feel that this consolidation together with the saving of monies now being out for the present gym will aid us materially in the maintenance of the new unit.

Many residents of both the north and south sides have expressed themselves as being in favor of the consolidation because of the advantages the new grade unit will have over the ward schools, such as each teacher having a single grade to teach, modern equipment, heating and ventilation as well as improved sanitary conditions. Access to the new gym for gymnastics, dramatics and physical training will also be a feature.

The committee has received opinions and have heard discussion in favor of a larger gymnasium than has been recommended by the Board and Committee, but the matter will be submitted as presented by the Board and Committee at the meeting last Friday night, and as outlined in this article, believing that the program as recommended provides sufficient room for every school need as well as practically every civic need that may arise.

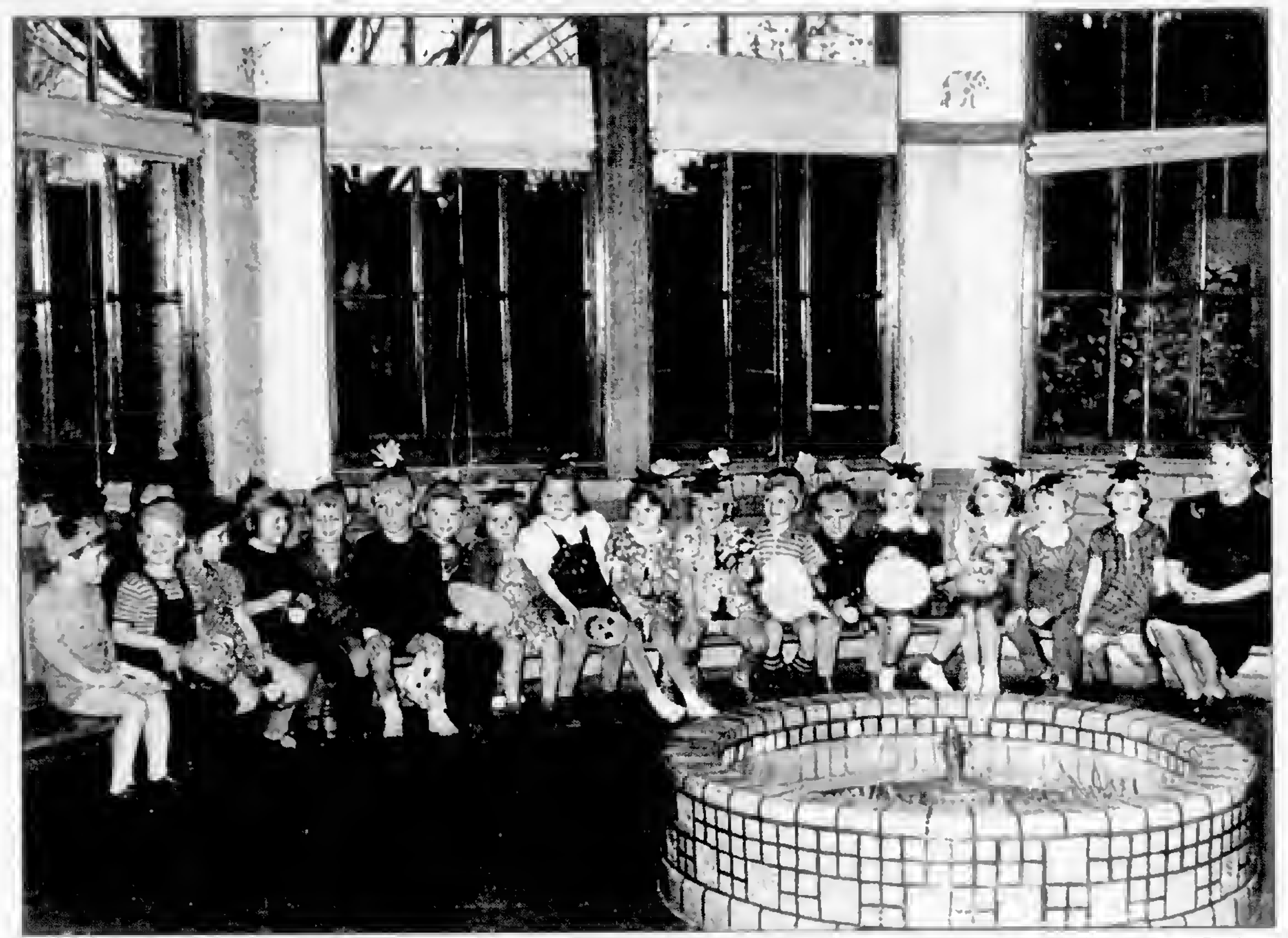

Photo courtesy of the Charlevoix Historical Society

Above, the 1939 Charlevoix Public School kindergarten class. If you can identify any of these children, please contact the Charlevoix Historical Society at 547-0373. Articles compiled by Cythnia Postmus on behalf of the Charlevoix Public Library.

The new grade unit will include 12 grade rooms and a kindergarten.

This unit will represent every modern idea of education used in primary schools such as proper lighting, heating and ventilation. The class rooms will be large and well equipped with modern school furniture such as display cabinets, well ventilated cloak rooms, bulletin boards, recessed book cases and supply cabinets.

The kindergarten room will be extra large and warm for floor games and will be so constructed as to represent a large home living room with fireplace, window seats and special play and study equipment. Separate toilets adjacent to this room will be provided for these little tots.

The School Board will present this problem to the taxpayers as soon as necessary legal steps can be taken; the date to be early in April.

The construction program has been discussed and thoroughly investigated by the School Board and Citizens' Committee and believe that it represents Charlevoix's need of a new fireproof school building - Member Citizens Committee

Charlevoix Courier, March 23, 1927

Golf Course Plan Divided Council Operation As 18-Hole Lay-Out To Be Continued

Mayor Robert Bridge Cast Deciding Vote on Proposal at Monday Night Council Session

The Charlevoix municipal golf course, the former Charlevoix Golf Club course deeded to the city by the Chicago Club of Charlevoix, will continue to be operated as an 18-hole lay-out during the coming summer as the result of action taken Monday night by the city council.

Due to an annual operating deficit resulting from lack of player support by both local and summer residents, a proposal to cut the course to 9 holes was under consideration.

Lacking a recommendation from the golf committee composed of Charles Hamlin, H.A. Craig and Oakley Hammond, the matter of operating policy came to a council vote Monday night after considerable discussion.

Council members split evenly on the motion to continue operating the entire 18 holes, Mayor Robert Bridge voting with Aldermen Harry Hooker, M.A. Levinson and Clarence Wood in the affirmative.

Opposing the proposal were Aldermen Charles Heise, Charles Bellinger and Charles Lamphear.

Action was taken to provide landscaping of the grounds surrounding the new city hall with authorization given the mayor and clerk to enter into a contract with the Charlevoix County Nursery to do the work.

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Charlevoix Courier, March 13, 1940

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Wal-Mart traffic impact study released

WAL-MART

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While the proposed store would be located in the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department's jurisdiction, Gibson is concerned that the city police department will often have a car in closer proximity and be called on to address Wal-Mart issues.

She said from keys locked in cars, to bad checks, to shop lifting she is anticipating a burden on the city police and on taxpayers who will pay for the service.

Last week, city manager Mike Wiesner sent a memo to city police chief Dennis Halverson asking him to investigate the issue.

In trying to predict the impact Wal-Mart could have on the city department, Halverson looked at the current situation at Kmart which is located off M-66 in Charlevoix Township, just on the outskirts of the city line.

Halverson said each year the city is called to Kmart about 25 times.

"Our role is more of a support role than a primary role," he said.

In most cases his officers are called there to respond to emergency situations like crimes in progress, occasional medical emergencies and occasional assistance to the sheriff's department with accidents.

He said the city is not involved in investigations like bad checks.

This current approach to Kmart is what Halverson anticipates his department having if Wal-Mart comes to town.

"I don't see it as an overwhelming issue for us," Halverson said. "It will increase in one area our likelihood of getting involved, but I don't think it will be dramatic. But to say the impact will be zero isn't true either."

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater isn't anticipating an overwhelming change in what is required of his department either. And he said the increased calls would not merit the addition of another officer.

Currently, at Kmart, his officers respond to parking lot accidents, a few shoplifting calls, keys locked in vehicles and false burglar alarms after hours.

After checking with Emmet County Sheriff Peter Wallin, Lasater found Petoskey is facing similar issues with its Wal-Mart as Charlevoix has seen with Kmart.

Wallin told Lasater on the plus side Wal-Mart is also supportive of the DARE program.

The only other problem Lasater is anticipating is traffic related. He thinks some changes need to be made to US-31 where Wal-Mart is proposing its main entrance.

When Kmart came to town he suggested to the Michigan Department of Transportation that passing lanes be built. His request was not granted and he said since then there have been traffic problems in that area.

The city is also concerned with traffic issues that may further impact the seasonal congestion problem.

They have hired traffic engineer Rick Lyles of Williamston to study the potential impact of Wal-Mart.

"We have a proposed development that will effect intersections at Marion Center Road and US-31. We are doing our best to make traffic flow the best," Wiesner said.

According to a traffic study conducted for the proposed Wal-Mart supercenter, the business will create 290 new trips during the peak morning hour and 498 total new trips during the peak evening hour.

The plan suggests enterances on Marion Center Road, Stover Road and two enterances on US-31. To alleviate traffic congestion, the plan states a traffic signal should be constructed at the US-31 and main Wal-Mart drive intersection and left and right turn lanes constructed on US-31 and Marion Center Road.

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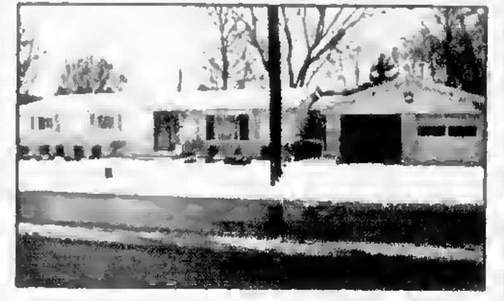

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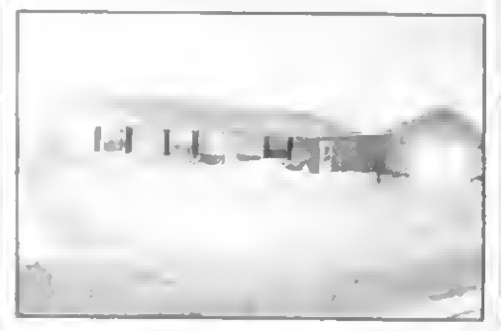

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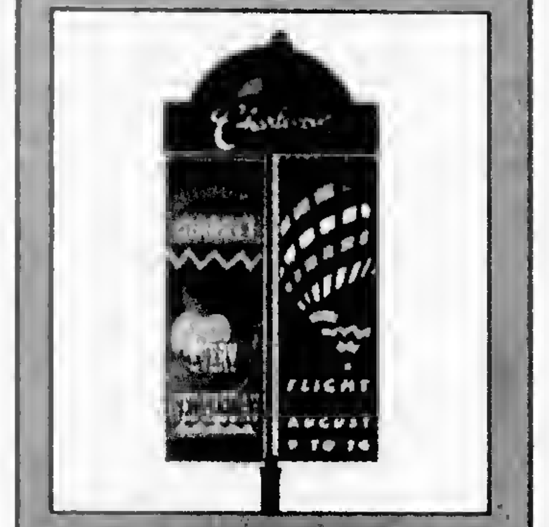

The city is considering new signs for area events, rather than placing banners at the entrances to downtown.

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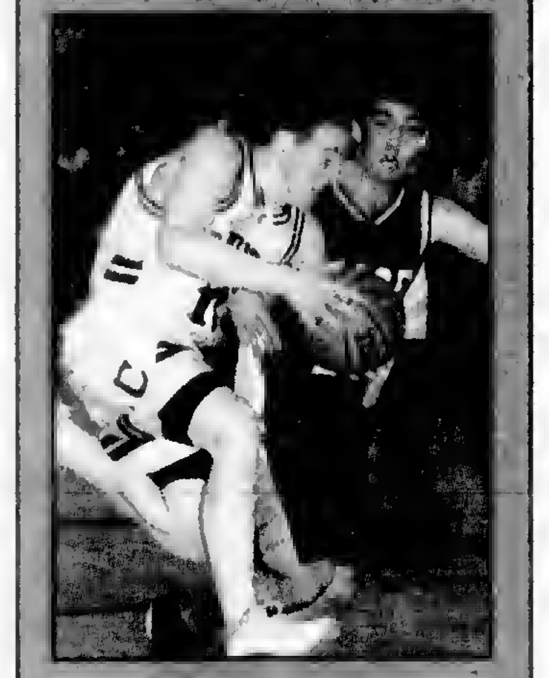

Traverse City St. Francis has ended Charlevoix's winning streak.

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Chamber against Wal-Mart

City may also join fight against Wal-Mart

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor
and by JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has come out in support of the anti-Wal-Mart group This Is Our Town, Inc. and its fight against the mega-retailer's Charlevoix plans.

On Monday, Charlevoix Chamber President Jacqueline Merta and the chamber board released a statement saying, "...the chamber supports the efforts of chamber members This Is Our Town, Inc. which, in its opposition to the opening of a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix because of the substantial negative impact its research has shown, is acting in what it believes to be the best interest of individual business owners, the community at large and the future of Charlevoix."

In the statement, the chamber explains that it is a non-profit organization formed to act as an "energizing and vitalizing force in the community" and to "service and protect the interests of its members." The statement further says the chamber supports not only the downtown businesses, but all of its members and the community as a whole.

This is part of the reason the chamber decided to take this stand, the statement says.

"It is the hope of the chamber that the chamber, its members and the community work together to keep Charlevoix a safe, viable and beautiful place in which to live, work and visit, knowing that change is inevitable. We also want to reiterate that the best way to assist our members and the community at large is to support them — shop in the stores, purchase locally — support your local businesses and keep the money in the community," the statement says.

Bob Hoffman, president of This Is Our Town, Inc. said he was very happy with the chamber's statement.

"We think that it's wonderful news. It is an appropriate move on their part," he said. "The chamber is responsible to its members and the community."

Hoffman said the group met with the chamber board about two weeks ago and asked them to take a position.

"I wish more organizations would take a stance," he said.

Merta added the chamber board

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Library's plan has setback

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

If the Charlevoix Public Library sticks to its plan and relocates to the former Charlevoix Middle School it will lose its current building.

The library has been planning to use money from the sale of its current Clinton Street building to help pay for the new $7.6 million library project.

They had the building appraised at $595,000. This sale along with a successful $1 million fund-raising campaign, a possible donation from Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and voters passing .75 mills for construction of the facility, would make the project a reality.

But recently the library learned if they leave their current site, ownership of the building reverts to Charlevoix Public Schools.

According to Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Dr. John Sturock, this issue dates back to 1995 when Proposal A was passed in Michigan. At that time libraries were under the control of school boards. But that proposal mandated that public libraries be their own entity with their own board.

Charlevoix followed suit, established a library board of trustees and began collecting .5 mill for

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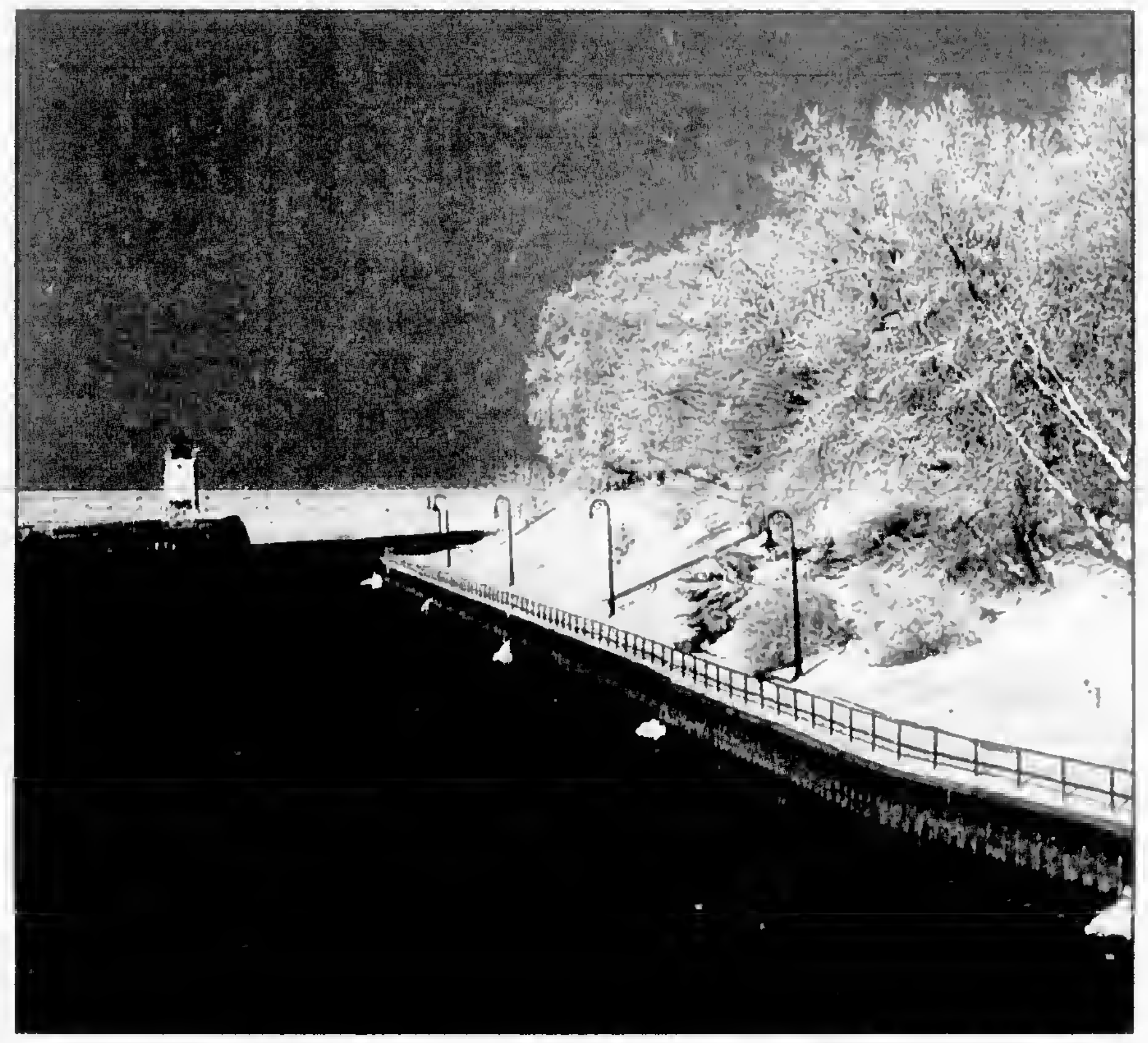

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Icy morn

The morning of Feb. 26 the sun sparkled off the ice and snow coated branches of trees lining the Pine River Channel making the morning commute a breathtaking experience. Temperatures that hit the mid-40s throughout the weekend melted most of the snow on trees and in town.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

George William Heller, 52, Oxford. Wildlife conservation — general violation. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Denise Marie Brown, 33, Flint. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Myron Randall McIntire, 18, Boyne City. Criminal sexual conduct third degree (13 to 15). Bound over to circuit court.

Jeffery Allen Hosmer, 40, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $870 in fines and costs.

Carolyn Marie Fuller, 37, Charlevoix. Attempted unlicensed contractor. Fines and costs totaling $1,850.

Teresa Marie Ponce, 40, Boyne Falls. Disorderly person. Six months probation; $600 in fines and costs.

Benjamin Robert Sandtveit, 25, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 46 days in jail with credit for one day, 5 days of community service work in lieu of 5 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $870 in fines and costs.

Richard David Beauch, 37, Saginaw. Controlled substance — use of marijuana. One year probation; substance abuse counseling; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 79 days held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Jay Michael Lemons, 29, Waterford. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 3 days of community service work in lieu of 3 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Johnathon Harold Snyder, 23, East Jordan. Controlled substance — possession of marijuana. Eighteen months probation; 365 days in jail with credit for 31 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 322 days held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Johnathon Harold Snyder, 23, East Jordan. Controlled substance — possession of marijuana; and use of morphine. Eighteen months probation; 365 days in jail with credit for 31 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 322 days held in abeyance; $1,850 in fines and costs.

Joseph Patrick Left, 44, Charlevoix. Reckless driving. One year probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days; $1,900 in fines and costs.

Joseph Patrick Left, 44, Charlevoix. Attempted assault/obstruction of a public officer. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 334 days held in abeyance; $900 in fines and costs.

Christopher Michael-Olyamy Troy, 20, Rochester Hills. Driving while license suspended. Jail for 12 days with credit for seven days, serve five days; $260 in fines and costs.

Marc Donald Moore, 29, Boyne City. Disorderly person. Six months probation; substance abuse counseling; 31 days in jail with credit for one day, serve six days, 24 days held in abeyance; $350 in fines and costs.

Suzanne Marie Dixon, 24, Charlevoix. Embezzlement agent/trust under $200. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 82 days held in abeyance; $540 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

John William Cruse, 48, Petoskey. Larceny by conversion, $1,000 or more, less than $20,000. Three years probation; mental health treatment as recommended by the probation department; jail for 11 months with credit for 52 days, serve six months; $6,595 in fines and costs.

Christopher Alfred Hayden, 20, East Jordan. Attempted larceny in a building. Two years probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 60 days; $1,125 in fines and costs.

Roger Jay Alward, 26, Charlevoix. Controlled substance — possession of marijuana, second or subsequent offense. Serve 180 days in jail. Open container of alcohol in the vehicle. Serve 90 days in jail. Convictions reportable to the Secretary of State; license suspended — sanction reportable to the state police; $200 in fines and costs.

Darin Louis Gasco, 27, Petoskey. Attempted weapons — firearms possession by a felon. Fines and costs totaling $625.

Chris Edward Larosa, 41, Charlevoix. Criminal sexual conduct — first degree (relationship). Prison for a minimum of 15 years and a maximum of 40 years with credit for one day; sex offender therapy; mental health and/or substance abuse counseling.

Assumed Names

The following businesses have filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Northern Sky Obedience Academy, 6462 Old US-31 South, Charlevoix, by Gaye A. Amick

DC Services, 05187 Bellaire Road, East Jordan, by David Crane

Charlevoix Women's Investment Club, 209 Elm Street, Charlevoix, by Laurie Lesser-Hodgson, Glenda C. Conlan and Alicia M. Mosher

Bait Master Hoods, 09515 Huffman Lake Road, Vanderbilt, by Michael D. Hood

Korthase Insurance and Financial Services, 1150 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City, by Michael R. Fish

MJS Enterprises, 02203 Old Horton Bay Road, Boyne City, by Michael J. Sullivan and Pamela L. Sullivan

Cycle Surgeon, 00305 North Addis Road, Boyne City, by James Lyle Harter

Spectrum, 926 Sunset Street, East Jordan, by Dale I. Higbee

Northern Michigan Disc Sports Organization, 806 Thompson, Boyne City, by David B. Fuller

Marriage

The following people were granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

David Maurice Owsley, 40, Charlevoix and Kimberly Kay Louise Everson, 28, Petoskey

Divorces

The following people were granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Emily Jo Lee vs. Shaun Brian Lee

Ryan Adam Chalfant vs. Tiffany Michelle Chalfant

Jennifer Lenora Rock vs. Marshall Scott Mount

Birth

Gavin Martin, weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce, was born to Aaron and Kristy Vorac of Wolverine on Feb. 23, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has one sister, Aleah Webster.

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City discussing new signs for events

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The search for everything from events to public bathrooms may soon be easier in Charlevoix.

At a joint downtown development authority (DDA) and city council meeting Feb. 23 the groups discussed signs announcing off-street businesses, government offices, historic sites and support facilities like restrooms. They also bounced ideas around about banners affixed to light poles to announce events.

Events in town are currently announced by staked banners at the municipal golf course near Mercer Boulevard on the north side of town and at the intersection of M-66 and US-31 on the south side.

City planner Gerry Harsch said changing the announcement method to a banner attached to a light pole with the capability of advertising multiple events would clean up the current situation.

DDA member Jeannine Wallace agreed something needs to be done.

"It's kind of a hodge-podge now, they droop and drape; there's just no rhyme or reason," she said.

The proposed hanners would be attached to a 22 foot light pole, like the green poles that currently exist downtown. They would be located at the golf course and intersection of the highways where the current banners are and on a third site, at Clinton and Bridge streets.

The size of the banner and its location on the pole will be decided after a few trial runs the city plans to do this spring.

The city will also look into the cost of the banners to see whether it would be prohibitive for event groups.

The event banners weren't met with resistance from council and the DDA but the issue of putting in signs to announce businesses off Bridge Street was met with mixed reviews.

City manager Mike Wiesner said that when the recent Belvedere Avenue reconstruction project was underway Cross Fisheries saw increased business because of the sign the city posted at the street's intersection with Bridge Street .

Cross Fisheries has since inquired about the possibility of locating a sign at that intersection. Representatives of the historical museum the Harsha House have also asked about a possible sign posting on Bridge Street to announce their State Street location.

After further investigation by city staff, is was found that installing street signs on Bridge Street was tricky. Bridge Street is a state highway controlled by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and under the department's current billboard regulations these business signs are illegal in cities.

Michigan Senator for the 37th District Jason Allen is currently working on legislation to legalize the signs in cities. But regardless of his efforts Charlevoix won't likely implement them here.

Most members of the DDA and council made it clear that they are not interested in advertising private businesses.

"I don't want to see us become a sign city," DDA member Jeff Porter, said. "If people want to be on Bridge Street, rent something on Bridge Street. I think having another 60 signs downtown would be ridiculous."

DDA member Fred DiMartino agreed.

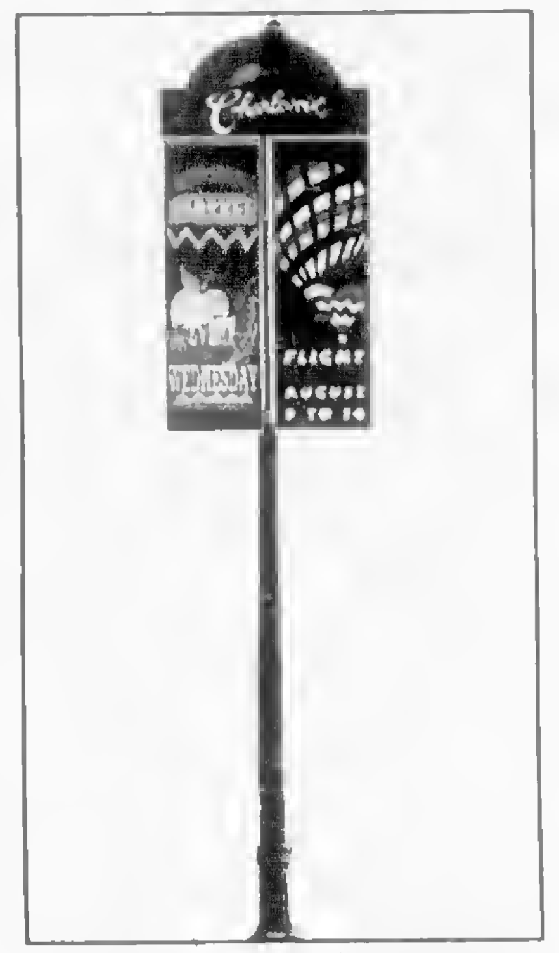
"I would hate to get too much 'signage' taking away from all this beauty," he said.

While DDA member John Taylor made an argument in favor of the signs, claiming they would help vitalize the downtown, the consensus was to stick with civic directional signs.

Signs that were supported by the group were those that direct people to places like city hall, parking lots, the Charlevoix County building, public restrooms, schools, The Harsha House and Charlevoix Public Library.

Bill Pierce a landscape architect based in Lansing designed a Charlevoix logo that could be used on these signs. Harsch said MDOT has signs that are traditionally used in this capacity and he will look into whether or not a custom made sign would fit the department's guidelines. How may signs could be included in the effort and where they will be located has not heen discussed.

To address the business issue off the main drag there was talk of the city and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce working together to create a business map highlighting locations around town and possibly installing a fixed business map similar to mall guides in Hoop Skirt and Van Pelt alleys.



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The city is considering these signs for events on area lightpoles.

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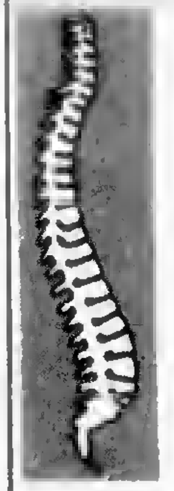

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Be a real fan for March Madness

EDITORIAL

The month of March is upon us.

With March comes the climax of cabin fever, the start of spring and weather that can go from warm to freezing in the snap of a finger. But, March is the month for sports fans, especially those in Charlevoix, as it is time for the annual basketball tournament which ends with the state finals.

It is this time of year when normally reserved Charlevoix residents are seen walking around with maroon and white all over their clothing, with large painted words on their car windows screaming, "Rayder pride," and sometimes with maroon face paint to top off the look. It is no wonder this time of year is called March Madness.

This year's basketball tournament has all the potential of being one of the best yet. The basketball team — just like every other sports team in Charlevoix — is very talented and could go a long way. With this added excitement during a time of year known for snowstorms, mud and thunderstorms, people can go a little over-board every so often.

Therefore, while we wish the Charlevoix Rayders varsity basketball team all the best in the tournaments this year, we want to take a moment to remind the fans to remain calm.

Please remember these words that are spoken at the start of each high school sporting event. "The athletes in the Lake Michigan Conference would like to show their support and commitment to sportsmanship. We understand this to include respect, responsibility and restraint...it is citizenship in action. We ask you as parents, fans and officials to join us in making this a positive experience for all involved."

To keep it positive, remember, just because it is tournament time does not mean you have license to act like a jerk as you cheer on your time. Remember to be humble, but proud. Cheer, but don't insult. And have fun, don't spoil it for others.

Most of all remember that win or loose, this is just a high school sports game, and these student athletes should be proud of their achievements no matter what.

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That wonderful liquid that surrounds us daily

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

When our home was rebuilt almost 10 years ago a brand-new water meter was installed. Its initial reading was zero and I have noted over the years how much water we use for our household and yard.

The meter is rapidly creeping up on a half million gallons, and will reach that figure before summer. It has been kind of like watching the odometer on an older automobile approach that place where all the numbers return to zero as the vehicle crosses 100,000 miles. The idea that we have used a half-million gallons of Charlevoix water is pretty startling to me and caused me to think about the place of water in our lives.

This is clearly the season for deep thoughts about water. Snow is not like summer rain that is with us for at most a few minutes before it disappears into the earth or down the storm sewer. In winter the water stays around to be admired. Snow is after all just water that has not yet run downhill.

All that hard-to-move snow will finally dribble into the ground and much will eventually find its way into our nearby lakes. We can all look forward to swimming and fishing in the snow that now crowds our drives and walks. The water molecules now trapped in lace-like crystals covering our yards will soon be free to fit themselves into us and all the animals and plants around us.

Water is coincident with life on earth and presumably elsewhere. Today there are two remarkable robotic machines wandering the surface of the planet Mars looking for direct evidence that water once flowed over that surface. If they find water or evidence of its presence there is good reason to suppose that some sort of life was there as well.

We are in a remarkable place to appreciate the significance of water and it persists because of the ready availability of water in all its summer and winter forms.

I wondered exactly how much water the half-million gallons we have used is. If as the saying goes, "A pint is a pound, the world around," then that half-million gallons is 4 million pounds of water.

By my calculations that amount of water would cover our house lot with 4.6 feet of water when evenly spread. It would make a pretty good pool for swimming laps. It is also a very small fraction of the water that has fallen as rain or snow on that lot in the years since our water meter was installed. As long as we are receiving as rain and snow, more water than we are using, we will continue to live in a place of beauty.

It is impossible to study the world of nature for long without developing some degree of reverence for life, and for the things around us that make life possible. Water is the preeminent condition for beginning and continuing life.

If we worship at the altar of life to some degree, then water is one of the sacraments. That does not mean we don't use it, drink it, water our lawns, or manufacture things with its use. But maybe we should approach any use with the sort of reverence we normally accord things sacred.

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Letters to the editor

What comes around...

Editor:

I have read with interest all the "Wal-Mart Wants My Job" ads in the *Charlevoix Courier* as well as in the *Petoskey News-Review*. This has opened old wounds.

Greed, outsiders and changing times have ruined the old Charlevoix. The attitude of keeping the money in town was customary in old Charlevoix especially if one came from a Charlevoix business family. Shop Charlevoix first. Shop Charlevoix second. Do without, if possible, to keep the money in the Charlevoix community.

In 2004, Wal-Mart is simply working to come to where their market has been coming from in Petoskey and that market includes Charlevoix business people and their employees shopping Wal-Mart. Never mind that gas is now $1.50 per gallon plus.

If my father, Gordon Neff were here today, he could have a photo in the newspaper that would say "Oleson's wanted Neff Brothers jobs." This is true of other hardworking Charlevoix business owners who also went to the wayside with broken dreams for various reasons before they could enjoy the fruits of their labors and reap the benefits of high dollars for their buildings such as the

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City of Charlevoix paid for the "Warfside" (Neff Brothers) building not too long ago. Neff Brothers was in business 25 years plus.

I stood downtown in front of what was Dahlquist Dime Store, now Clothing Company when the newer name Warfside Building was torn down for East Park. I saw the Neff Brothers advertisement on the park side of the building which had been covered up by the newer owners. It was a very sad day to see the building go. All I could think of was all the foot steps of all of us growing up learning, working years in our family's Spartan Store grocery business, all the fine customers — winter and summer. What wonderful first class training many of us in town had working there and endless memories of a wonderful time in our lives. All was very special. Youngsters who worked at Neff Brothers did well in life. Years later, Neff Brothers' trained worker writes for the Courier.

In the 1950s, the Neff Brothers gave two docks behind the store on Round Lake to the City of Charlevoix as a gift. Gordon Neff ingrained in me, "The city then charged Neff Brothers taxes on the two docks for 17 years." When the error was discovered, "The City of Charlevoix declined reimbursement to the Neff Brothers for the overpaid taxes on the docks." It seems, now that East Park is being completed, the City should furnish a bronze engraved plaque at the foot of Mason Street on the harbor in honor of the Neff Brothers. Bob Neff was also a Charlevoix City Councilman for many years. Neff Brothers contributed community/area wide including always free delivery for groceries.

The pain of Oleson's of Traverse City slipping into Charlevoix and all that happened never left my father, Gordon Neff who later became a well known wood carver of shore birds, collection on display at Charlevoix's Harsha House. In regards to groceries, Glen's arrived later to Charlevoix, Don's IGA.

From what I've observed in recent years, shopping loyalties are not ingrained. It remains to be seen how many of the newer local stores will be closing due to the fallout from Wal-Mart. What goes around, comes around.

The proposed building plans of Wal-Mart will have long lasting effects, Charlevoix. Maybe Wal-Mart can be convinced to build a smaller store to begin and then there will be room for everybody. Thanks.

C. Marilyn Neff Gibbons
Charlevoix

Drain Commissioner duties

Editor:

Elected county drain commissioners in Michigan have had written rules for drainage since the late 1960s. The Drain Code of 1956 did not require drain commissioners to write down their rules. The exodus from the cities to rural areas necessitated clearer guidelines for development.

The Land Division Act (Act 288 of 1967 as amended) provided for the establishment of written drainage rules by drain commissioners.

The act required that drainage rules be available in order to provide developers with clear guidelines and to ensure that requirements were the same for everyone. It is the drain commissioner's responsibility to update these rules as law and technologies change. The Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner's rules had not been updated since the 1970s. The Stormwater Runoff Control Design Guidelines of the Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner today reflect mainstream, best management practices that protect Charlevoix County's natural resources, the quality of life and the economy of Charlevoix County.

As the Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner, I have responsibility for two county drains, three historic county drains, 12 subdivision drains, lake levels, hundreds of plats and other duties. My greatest responsibility is to be informed on the best practices that will protect our water resources and to share that information with our citizens. The quality of our lives is dependent on clean beaches, clear lakes and healthy fisheries. The old ways of drainage, which ran the water from the land to the sea as quickly as possible, were expensive and are now beginning to fail. Beach closings, eroded stream banks, loss of fisheries, pollution of groundwater and failed infrastructure have pointed drain commissioners in new directions.

Ultimately, the protection of our resources is dependent on citizens being informed and involved in watershed stewardship.

Joanne Bier Beemon
Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner

Thank you

Editor:

Our four month old German Shepherd was hit in the evening of Thursday, Feb. 26 on a back-country road. Although we did not get a name, my husband and I would like to thank the person who hit him for stopping! There are so many horror stories of hit and runs! It was not this gentleman's fault, but he still stopped.

After a thorough look over at Jensen's Animal Hospital, he had a dislocated elbow which is now in place; he also had some minor cuts and abrasions. He was released Friday afternoon and is doing well.

A sincere Thank you!

Anora and Jon Purdy
Charlevoix

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Editor:

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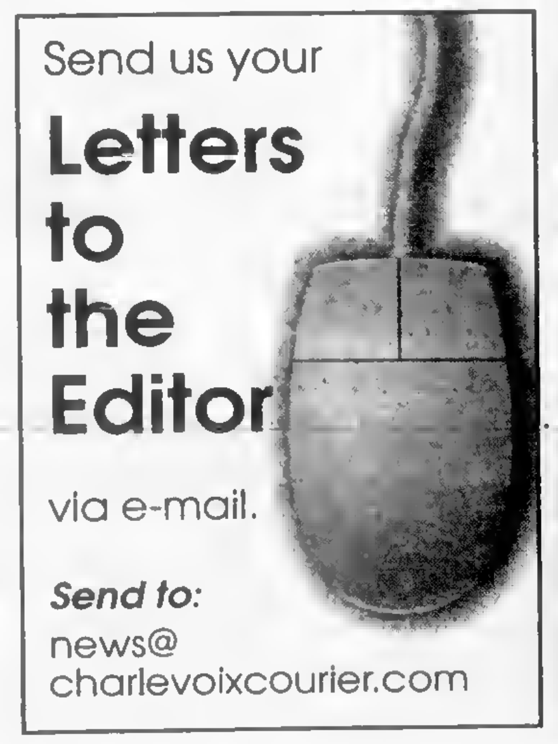
Virginia Rountree
Charlevoix



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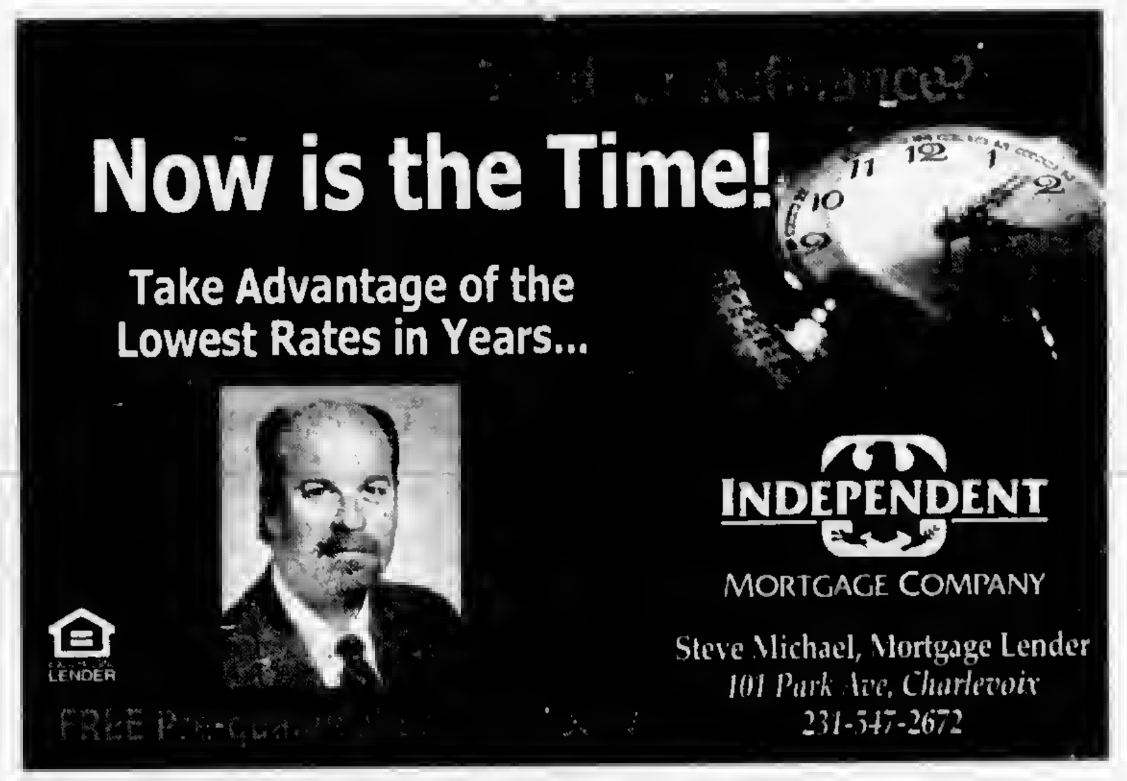

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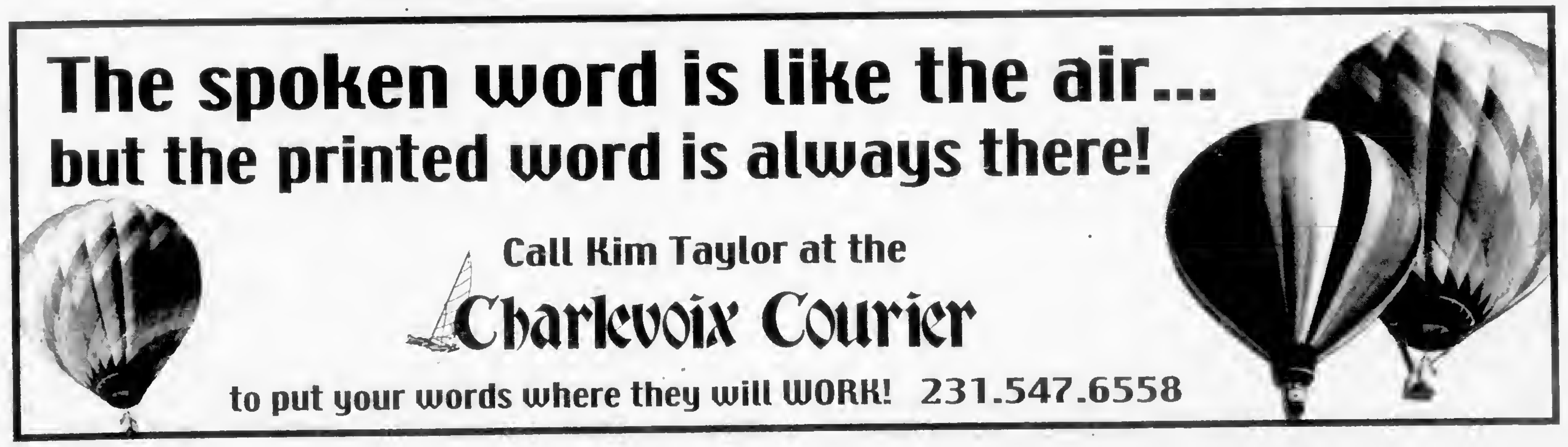

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Fletcher named to dean's list

James Fletcher, of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list at Tufts University for the fall 2003 semester. Tufts University is located in Massachusetts.

Hoffman, Paterka named to dean's list

Leslie Hoffman and Abigail Paterka, both of Charlevoix, were named to the dean's list at Aquinas College for the summer/fall semester of 2003. Aquinas College is located in Grand Rapids.

Gorkiewicz graduates

Liza Gorkiewicz, of Charlevoix, graduated from Northern Michigan University in December 2003 with a bachelor of science in biology education. Northern Michigan University is located in Marquette.

WMU dean's list

Several Charlevoix students were named to the dean's list at Western Michigan University for the fall semester of 2003. They are: Thomas R. Cunningham, Nathan J. Metiva, Courtney E. Pace, Sara B. Parrish, Jeremy E. Rafacz and Juli D. Swenor.

GVSU dean's list

Several Charlevoix students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2003 semester at Grand Valley State University. They are: Corey R. Bascom, Shawna M. Flowers, Regina M. Lacey and Carla M. Moore.

Nystrom named to dean's list

Shannon Nystrom, of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list at Alma College for the 2003 fall term. Nystrom is the daughter of Jim and Diane Nystrom of Charlevoix.

Wojan named to honors list

Jennifer D. Wojan, of Charlevoix, was named to the fall 2003 academic honors list at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. Wojan is the daughter of Dennis and Florence Wojan of Charlevoix.

NMU dean's list

Jacob H. Feindt, of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Northern Michigan University. Feindt earned a straight GPA of 4.0. Also on the dean's list for earning a GPA of 3.25 to 3.99 were Peter M. Gorkiewicz, Sarah E. Jones, Brian J. Thanasiu and Luke P. Whitley, all of Charlevoix.

Library seeking teens for new advisory group

The Charlevoix Public Library is looking for teens to share their ideas about library services.

The goal of the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is to include area teens in planning for the current and future library. The library staff wants to know how to make the current library friendlier for teens and help plan the services of the proposed new library.

The library is looking for ideas on books, music and technology.

Two advisory groups will be forming.

The first will involve students in grades 6-8. This group will meet regularly throughout the year. They will be asked to help plan activities like the summer reading program and give suggestions for materials in the collection. Each meeting will highlight a different library service. This group may also be involved in volunteer and social activities.

The second group will involve students in grades 9-12. This will be an electronic advisory group. In lieu of meetings, this group will be sent information on library issues and will be asked to respond via e-mail with their suggestions. Questions about the library collection, the teen space and technology will be asked.

Both groups are an opportunity for local teens to make their voices heard.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer and take an active part in the future of the public library," Valerie Meyerson, library director, said.

Interested teens should call Meyerson at the library at 547-2651 or Linda Adams at 348-5966 for more information.

Teens can also talk to Mrs. Henne at Charlevoix High School, Mrs. Klinger at Charlevoix Middle School or Mr. Cochran at Northwest Academy. All interested teens will be invited to an orientation meeting in mid-March.

The advisory groups will begin in April.

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If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail charlevoixcourier@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance. Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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Engagement

Moran — Hernden

Barbara Ann Moran and Steven Paul Hernden are engaged to be married on Saturday, June 26 in their garden in Charlevoix.

Barbara is the daughter of the late Frank and Martha Manley of Clyde, Ohio. She is a 1966 graduate of Clyde Senior High School, Clyde, Ohio and is employed at First Community Bank of Harbor Springs, Petoskey and Cheboygan.

She is formerly of Elkhart and was employed with Graphics Group, Inc. and Old Orchard Golf Course.

Steven is the son of the late Raymond and Bernadette Hernden of Bay City. He graduated from Bay City High School in 1968. He is the owner of Hernden Contracting and works for Creative Carpentry of Petoskey.

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Contribution

Dick and Mary Lou Hazelton, part-time Charlevoix residents, recently established a fund called Friends of Eagle Village Endowment in Hersey with a $75,000 contribution.

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Area health department passes accreditation criteria

Officials from the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency recently received an unannounced visit from the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP), which certifies home health and hospice agencies on a national basis that meet their rigorous quality standards.

"We're delighted with the results of our survey," said Nancy Bottomley, who directs home health and hospice services for the Agency. "Our home care and hospice teams work hard to provide the highest quality of care and it feels great for all of us to continue our CHAP accreditation; their survey is like a big test and we passed with flying colors."

CHAP has certified the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency's home health services since 1967. "Certification" means that the skilled home care services provided in conjunction with physician's orders will be paid by insurers such as Medicare, Medicaid and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, according to individual's policies.

Unlike other Medicare health care providers, surveys for certification of home care agencies are unannounced and usually take place every one to three years. The surveys are an intensive process involving review and scrutiny of all aspects of a home care agency, including organizational structure, management ability, policies and procedures, long-term viability, quality control measures and even joint home visits with agency staff.

According to Bottomley, accreditation and certification site visits are only one way of measuring the quality of the health department's home health and hospice programs. For example, surveys completed by clients and family members consistently indicate 95 percent are "very satisfied" or "satisfied."

Home health care brings quality health services to individuals in the privacy of their home and helps them to remain in familiar surroundings. Services including skilled nursing care, speech, physical or occupational therapy and personal care services can be provided to individuals of all ages. The professionals at home health agencies work with the client, his/her family, and the physician to improve health in the quickest and safest way.

A good home health agency will always provide: Evaluation of the patient's health needs by a registered nurse or therapist; development of a plan of care by the nurse or therapist; care provided by qualified health care personnel and assurance that care is treated confidentially.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. Its staff are dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

For additional information about home health and hospice services, contact your local health department office toll-free at (800) 551-4140 or (231) 547-6092.

Official Notice

**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/
DDA MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, February 23, 2004 – 5:30 p.m.**

The Charlevoix City Council and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers except Councilman Bellows were present. All DDA members except John Kurtz were present.

City Planner presented a program for off-highway directional signage and banners.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

Elizabeth A Gooch, City Clerk
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Obituaries

Gordon L. Isaac: Feb. 26, 1940 - Feb. 27, 2004

Gordon L. Isaac, 64, of East Jordan, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He was born February 26, 1940 in Flint, the son of Gordon B. and Angeline (Slama) Isaac.

On Sept. 29, 1962, he married Bonnie Johnson in Flint. They made their home in Millington. Mr. Isaac was employed for 30 years at GM Truck and Bus Flint Assembly and retired in 1995. He moved to East Jordan in 1998.

He was a member of UAW Local 598 in Flint. He enjoyed snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, riding his golf cart through the Jordan Valley and making people laugh.

Surviving are his wife of many years, Bonnie; children, Christine (Donald) Springsteen of Hale, Julie (Philip) Galloway of Mt. Morris, Gunner (Kimberly) Isaac of Charlevoix; six grandchildren, Aaron, Lauryn, Lindsay, Krista, Shelby and Hunter; sisters and brothers, Frances Winslow of Flint, Mary (Dutch) Konoski of Mt. Morris, Frank (Pauline) Isaac of Flushing; sister-in-law Bonnie Isaac of Durand, several nieces and nephews, and many friends, especially Don Peck and his faithful dog Mickey.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Lisa Isaac, his parents, his brother Thomas, and brothers-in-law Larry Winslow and David Johnson.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 4, at Millington Church of God with Pastor Mike Cotrell officiating, and at 11 a.m., Friday, March 5, at First Baptist Church of Charlevoix with Pastor Michael Dennis officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Charlevoix Area Hospital for the wonderful care they provided. Arrangements were made by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

Police log

The information contained in this report has been compiled from the Charlevoix Police Department's log book, which is open to public inspection under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Because some officers are still working on their reports, and they were not available before press time, not all of the reports from this period are listed. If you have any information on these reports, please contact the Charlevoix Police Department at 547-3258.

- Someone took $200 in cash from a register sometime around Feb. 26 at the Sunglass Shoppe on Bridge Street.
- There was a three vehicle accident around 3 p.m., Feb. 26 near the intersection of Bridge and Garfield streets. No injuries were reported.
- A vehicle struck a parked vehicle around 10 a.m., Feb. 26 in the parking lot of McDonald's Restaurant on Bridge Street.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 8 p.m., Feb. 25 near the intersection of Hamilton Place and Bridge Street. No injuries were reported.
- A parked vehicle was struck by an unknown vehicle around 7:30 a.m., Feb. 25 near the intersection of Bridge and Antrim streets.
- A vehicle backed into a parked vehicle around 3:30 p.m., Feb. 24 in the parking lot of Andy's Party Store on Garfield Avenue.
- Someone took prescription drugs from a home sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Feb. 24 on the 400 block of Sherman Street.
- A vehicle was struck by an unknown vehicle sometime on Feb. 24 while it was parked in the Glen's Market parking lot on M-66.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 9:30 a.m., Feb. 22 near the intersection of Bridge Street and Garfield Avenue. Two minor injuries were reported.
- A 40-year-old Mesick man was cited and released for driving while his license was suspended around 5 p.m., Feb. 20 near the intersection of State and Clinton streets.
- A 31-year-old East Jordan man was arrested around 7:30 p.m., Feb. 19 near the intersection of Garfield and State streets for driving while his license was suspended, second offense.
- A 20 year-old Rochester Hills man was arrested around 7 p.m., Feb. 18 near the intersection of Bridge and Clinton streets for driving while his license was suspended.
- A parked vehicle was struck by an unknown vehicle around 12 p.m., Feb. 17 near the intersection of Dixon and Michigan avenues.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Career day

A career day took place at Charlevoix High School Feb. 26. Students learned about possible directions for their lives after high school from 25 different presenters. Here Aaron May with the United States Navy talks about career and college opportunities with the Navy.

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CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins	
Church	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Pioneer Clubs	6:45 p.m.
Pastor:	
Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

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State Street at Clinton

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Holy Communion	Wednesday 12:15 p.m.
Father Jim Gunn	**547-6322**

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	**547-2875**

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Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Philip Starks	**547-4221**
Parsonage	**547-3852**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Worship & Children's Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Children's Worship & Adult Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis	**547-4121**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship	9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner & Program	6:00 p.m.
Reverend Mary Willis	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Mike Mitchell	**237-0800**

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Geri Litchfield	**582-9262**

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor George Dronen	**231-238-4294**

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carrol (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:30 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
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Students to present bill ideas to lawmakers

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Students from Charlevoix Public Schools are learning that even though they are young they can make a difference in the state of Michigan.

Students in Annmarie Conway's global studies class at the high school, will join students from John Haan's fourth grade class at the elementary school and Doug Drenth's eighth grade social studies class at the middle school for a Michigan Youth Caucus hearing March 5.

Over the past four months the scholars have chosen topics, done research, anticipated questions and built logical arguments to present to state legislators, including 73rd District Representative Doug Hart of Rockford.

"I think it's a great opportunity for the kids to get feedback from legislators who are elected officials. If their ideas take off they could be passed by the House and Senate," Conway said.

Legislators are currently considering a proposal from a Traverse City student to make Yooper an official language and a proposal from elementary students in this area to designate a backpack awareness month.

"A lot of great ideas are coming out of this. They are engaging kids in government and politics and it's a neat thing," Conway said.

Hart is co-chair of the House Civics Commission, which is made up of 24 legislators who hold hearings across the state to better engage kids, to help them understand the legislature and to search out real bill ideas.

Last year, just high school students participated in the hearings, but Conway said this type of exercise is important for all students.

"You have to get anything that is real world like this in there (the curriculum)," she said.

The public is invited to attend the afternoon event which will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 5. A small reception will be hosted at 10:30 a.m. to meet the legislators.

For more information about the commission hearings visit, www.civicscommission.com.

Any questions or comments about the event can be directed to Conway at 547-3222, extension 2044.

> *"A lot of great ideas are coming out of this. They are engaging kids in government and it's a neat thing."*
>
> **Annmarie Conway,**
> Charlevoix High School teacher

Rehearsals underway for dinner theater

Rehearsals are well underway for beaver Island's first dinner theater event, "An Evening with Stephen Sondheim," which is scheduled for Saturday, May 8 at Holly Cross Hall on Beaver Island.

The audience will first be treated to a gourmet buffet prepared by island chef Deborah Harwood. The buffet menu will include: Two main courses, salads, potatoes and rice and seasonal vegetables. Beer and wine will be available for an additional cost.

The buffet will begin at 6:30 p.m., the production will start at 8 and at 9 p.m. all will enjoy making their selections at Harwood's special "Venetian Dessert Table."

Co-directors for "An Evening with Stephen Sondheim" are Brenda LeFevre and Elaine West.

The Beaver Island dinner theater production is being financed in part by the Beaver Island Music Fund.

Opera singer Martha Guth and Harwood established the fund last summer with proceeds from the "Summer Solstice Concert and High Tea" at Deerwood Lodge.

The Beaver Island Music Fund is designed to promote musical activities on Beaver Island and proceeds from the dinner theater event will be donated to the Music Fund.

The cast of "An Evening With Stephen Sondheim" includes Jayne Bailey, Melissa Bailey, Phil Becker, Bill Detwiler, Shirley Detwiler, Susie Fisher, Bob Hamel, Brenda LeFevre, Chris McMullen and Elaine West. Pinky Harmon will provide the narration.

Accompanists are Judi Meister and Mike Scripps. The production crew includes: Krys Lyle - artistic coordinator; Bob Hamel- lighting, sound and stage design; and Shirley Detwiler- stage manager.

Seating is limited and reservations a must. Tickets for the dinner theater are $30 per person.

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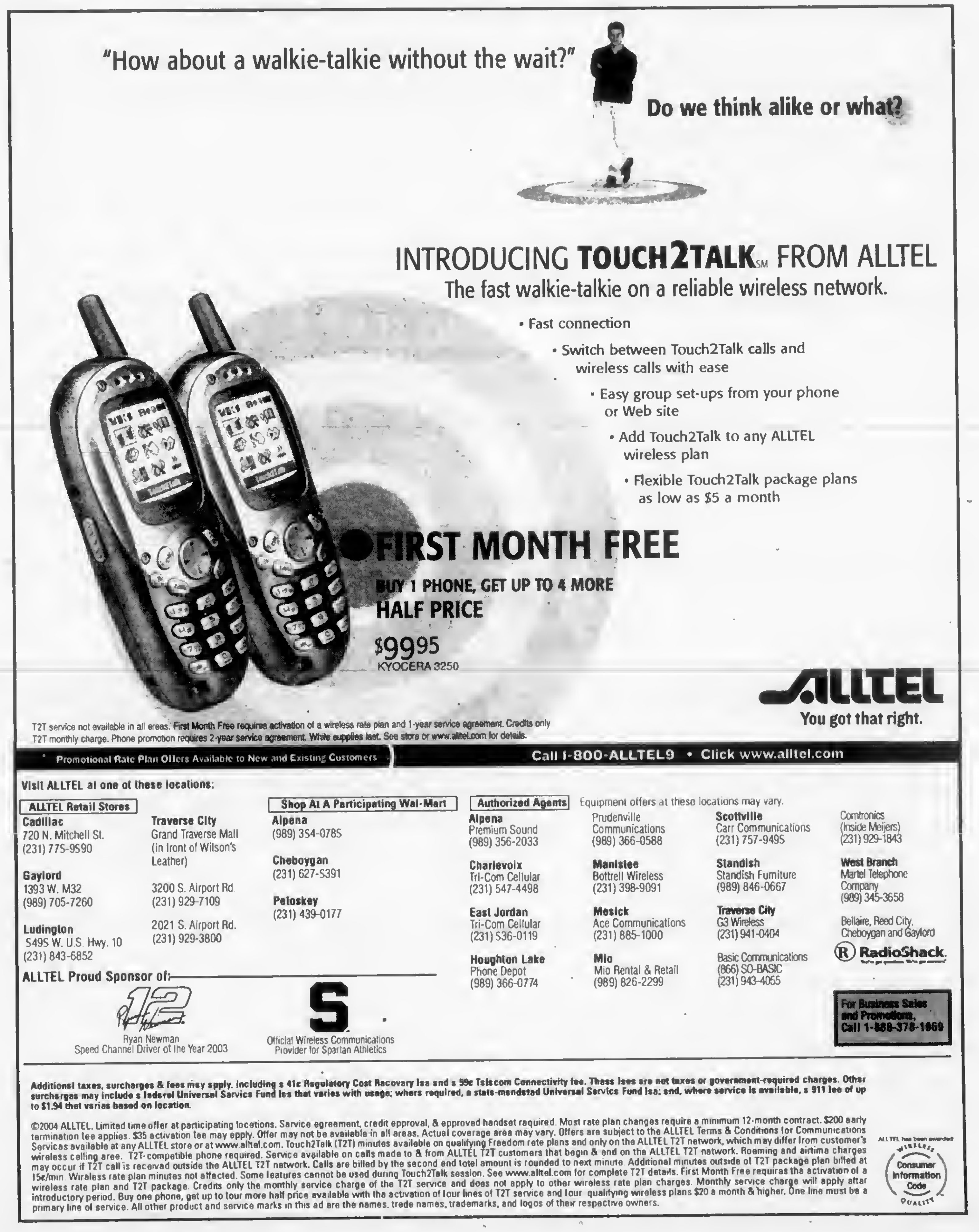

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The ensemble will sing "To Shorten Winter's Sadness" and of the plights of poor Phyllis and her [illegible]. The madrigalists will finish with Thomas Morley's famous "Sing We and Chant It."

Eleanor Hill, Greg Hill and Steve Spencer will sing varied selections ranging from Donizetti, Faure and Vaughan Williams, to Sondheim and Broadway favorites, including "Sweeney Todd," the "Beauty and the Beast," and "The Phantom of the Opera."

The concert is free and a reception will follow.

The concert concludes a busy day at the center with the Annual Youth Art Show opening which will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For further information contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337 or visit the Web site www.crookedtree.org. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at the corner of Mitchell Street and Division in Petoskey.

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Garden club officers

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club has installed its 2004 officers. They are (from left) Joan Nowak, president; Barb Claggett, second vice-president; Anne Marie Barnes, corresponding secretary; Margaret Heath, first vice-president; and Jan Hand, treasurer. Recording Secretary Mary Chavez was not available at the time of the photo. The club has many activities planned for this year including a plant sale on May 29, a garden walk and flower show on July 14, and a bulb sale during AppleFest in the fall. In addition to these special events, members plant and maintain 11 gardens in the area as well as work on many special community projects. Please visit the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Web site to learn more about the garden club. For more information call 547-1388.

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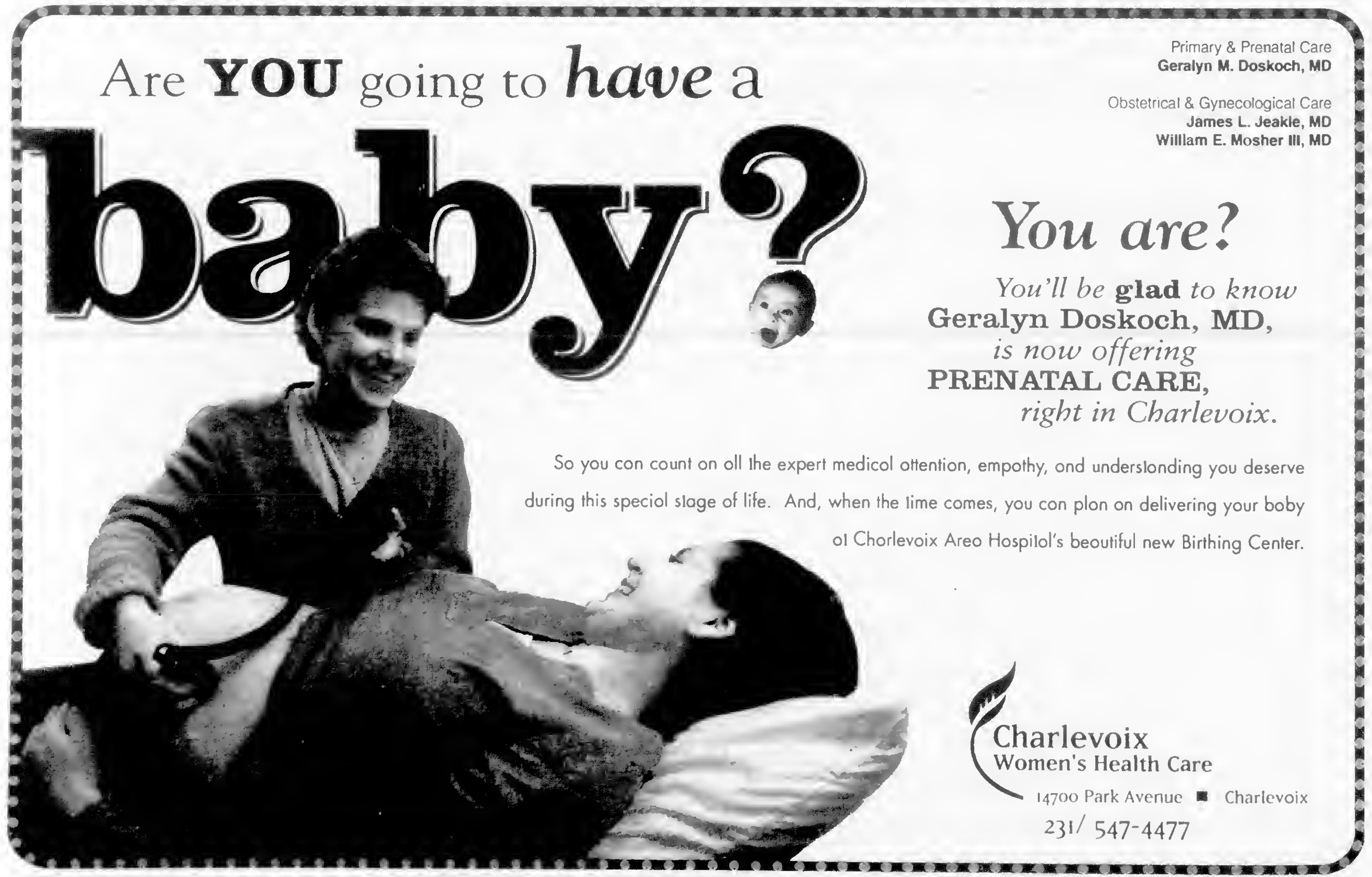

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City, groups looking at ways to help downtown

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A planning effort to boost Charlevoix's economic climate started last week.

On Feb. 23 representatives of the city of Charlevoix's staff, city council, downtown development authority, historical preservation group, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and local professionals met with two people from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce President Jacqueline Merta said the chamber's number one priority is revitalizing the downtown and this meeting was aimed at looking at what options are out there to meet that goal.

Laura Bower, a team specialist with the state development group representing this area, and Steven Willibee, a research analyst, came here from their headquarters in Lansing to talk about what programs they offer communities like Charlevoix.

Bower discussed five ways the corporation can help revitalize the downtown. Interest from those who attended focused on three programs — the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Main Street Program and the Blueprint Program.

Under the Community Development Block Grant Program the corporation gives a community up to $10,000 for each new full-time job that is created when a new business is being developed. This financial assistance is earmarked for infrastructure improvements, like parking lots, in and around the area where a new business is being built.

Through this block grant the corporation will also fund a downtown market study.

However, unlike the Main Street Program and the Blueprint Program, the block grant program doesn't include interaction with other state agencies the Michigan Historical Preservation Office and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

Currently Charlevoix is getting a first hand look at the Main Street Program which is underway in Boyne City. In 2003 the development group received 17 applications from communities across the state wanting to sign on for this program. They accepted four of those including Boyne City, Calumet, Portland and Marshall.

With Main Street, the development group pays for about $100,000 in technical assistance which among other things funds market studies and visits from a resource team, the state preservation office and the state housing authority. From this in-depth look at a community's inner workings the development group helps a community form four teams of volunteers to deal with economic restructuring, design, promotions and organization.

Bower said implementing the Main Street Program successfully requires a lot of community involvement.

Maura Snabes, chairman of the Charlevoix Chamber Board, said in discussions she has had with people working on Boyne City's Main Street project the program is a lot of work but the benefits are just around the corner.

"All of them have said it's going to be worth it. They can see the big picture," Snabes said.

The Blueprint Program, which also drew interest from Charlevoix representatives who attended the informational meeting last week, is less intensive than Main Street.

Under this program, a consultant does a week-long market study of the downtown, including visits from the state preservation group and the housing authority. From the results of the study, goals are established and an action plan is developed to meet those goals. About 11 of these programs are done throughout the year in Michigan.

Bower said funding for the Blueprint Program depends on the community's population but is generally a match with the development corporation footing the bill for half and the community paying the other half.

Merta said Cheboygan went the Blueprint route and has been very pleased with the results.

Bower said that in evaluating Blueprint applications the development group is looking for someone in the community who will implement the action plan.

"We won't fund just a study for it to sit on a shelf," she said.

Those who attended last week's meeting did not discuss a final direction to take. City manager Mike Wiesner said he plans to meet with Merta and city planner Gerry Harsch to see if any of the development corporation's programs are a good fit for Charlevoix.

Merta said the city and chamber have both pursued studies in the past two years. These have included one that looked at a conference center locating in town, another aimed at solving the seasonal traffic problem and a third to develop a strategic plan for the chamber.

With these studies under the town's belt Merta said she isn't sure another study is what we need and Charlevoix's best approach may be to incorporate elements of these programs into the business community's plan of attack to revitalize the downtown.

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Sensational Sessions to be this weekend

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The Fourth Annual Charlevoix Area Zonta Club Sensational Sessions program will take place this weekend in Charlevoix.

"We are trying to help women improve themselves in many areas — knowledge, self-esteem and well-being." Linda DeGrow, event chair, said.

The sessions will include 23 different interactive presentations including everything from making soaps at home to learning some easy, relaxing body moves with Ti Chi or Yoga.

DeGrow said 60 participants have pre-registered for the afternoon event and their goal is to have 150 participate.

Those who haven't pre-registered are asked to arrive during the registration time, 8 a.m. to 8:45 p.m., March 6 at the First Congregational Church, located at 101 State Street in Charlevoix.

The first session March 6 is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., the second from 10:10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m., the third from 11:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. and the fourth from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

During the one hour break between the third and fourth sessions lunch will be served. The meal will be provided by the Zontians through the $20 registration fee.

The afternoon will also include raffles with opportunities to win prizes.

Sensational Sessions is one of three fund-raisers the professional women's club has each year. It brought in just under $1,500 last year and the club is looking to exceed that number this year.

Proceeds from the sessions will benefit local women and women across the globe. One third of the club's annual proceeds go to international endeavors.

Some of the local projects the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is involved in include scholarship opportunities for women and sponsorship of the Women's Resource Center.

Zonta is a worldwide organization of professional and executive women that work to improve the status of women worldwide.

Zonta Clubs were started internationally in 1919 and the Charlevoix chapter was formed in 1989. The club currently has 30 members.

Club members meet from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at Grey Gables.

For more information about the sessions or the club contact DeGrow at 547-4109. An overview of the event, including descriptions of the sessions, is available at locations around Charlevoix. Call Helen Emmons at 547-2955 to register.

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City Clerk may get $34,000 a year salary

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Charlevoix's Compensation Commission set the city clerk's salary at $34,000 a year and now city council has until March 25 to decide whether this decision will be the final call on this issue.

Liz Gooch

The issue of how current clerk Liz Gooch should be compensated has been a controversial topic since early January. Some have argued the position doesn't merit full-time status and others have said they want the clerk, an elected official, at city hall full-time.

Gooch, who was reelected in November of 2003, is currently compensated $16,416 a year for 20 hours a week of work. But she has said she can't fulfill all the duties of the clerk in that time. And any time she works over 20 hours is not paid for. She said she frequently puts in 40 hours and has never asked for anything in return.

Gooch said most of her current responsibilities include keeping records like city council minutes, compiling voter registration information, running elections, coordinating Freedom of Information Act requests and acting as clerk for both council and the Board of Review.

At its Feb. 16 meeting council voted to recommend to the commission that Gooch be compensated $15 an hour for any time she works beyond her salaried 20 hours a week, retroactive to Feb. 2.

The recommendation went to the compensation commission for consideration at its Feb. 24 meeting. But commission members didn't follow council's motion and instead set the clerk's compensation at $34,000 a year.

In making the salary determination Compensation Commission Chairman Ed Johnson said the commission members compared the clerk, a department head according to the city charter, with salaries of other department heads including the city manager, the police and fire chiefs and the city attorney.

Compensation commission member Ken Staley told council, "There is a job to do that is variable and we want it done. What you are trying to do is micro-manage a position that is clearly described in the charter. The hourly thing is not there (in the charter), the job is there."

In late January, the compensation commission recommended that if council makes the clerk's position full-time, the full-time deputy clerk's position should be eliminated and the clerk's salary set at $34,000. But council couldn't agree on the job's status.

Compensation commission chairman Ed Johnson attended Monday night's meeting and stressed that the commission's decision to set Gooch's salary at $34,000 did not look at full or part-time work for the job.

"The work is not being completed. Now the burden falls on the clerk. If it takes 100 hours a week, that's what it takes," Johnson said.

Gooch said for $34,000 she will work at least 40 hours a week.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson said, "Their (the commission's) aim was to pay her according to the job description and the state statutes. If you don't want to call it full-time that's fine but Liz will be working full-time."

While the commission voted on this salary some members of council questioned it. Third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain reviewed the history of the position saying in 2000 the clerk was paid $8,000 a year and the pay is currently double that. He said now the recommendation is to double the current pay and since 2000 the job description hasn't change that much.

First ward councilman Bob Timms agreed that the proposed salary is too much for the current work load.

"This seems to be a little excessive in my book from what is being expected right now," he said.

Chamberlain and Timms both recommended that duties that were once assigned to the clerk that have been given to other employees be restored and that the full set of duties be clearly spelled out.

In a previous interview City Manager Mike Wiesner said duties assigned to the clerk in the city code that have been carried out by other city staff members include transferring deeds for Brookside Cemetery, signing checks and collection of civil infraction fines.

Wiesner maintained his stance against expanding the clerk's duties claiming there is no oversight for the position.

"It is my understanding you are going to have an elected official under management supervision. I don't know how I can manage an elected person," he said.

Council can reject the commission's decision. This rejection will take a vote of council and has to be done by March 25.

Chamberlain who had expressed concern with the commission's decision said council is now stuck between a rock and a hard place on this issue. If council rejects the $34,000 salary, Gooch's pay goes back to its current status of $16,416.

"Which I don't think is fair," he said.

Gibson is happy with the outcome and hopes council will accept the commission's decision.

"This is an elected official; in order to do her job she needs to be down there as long as it takes and she needs to be compensated for it. This has been going on way too long," she said.

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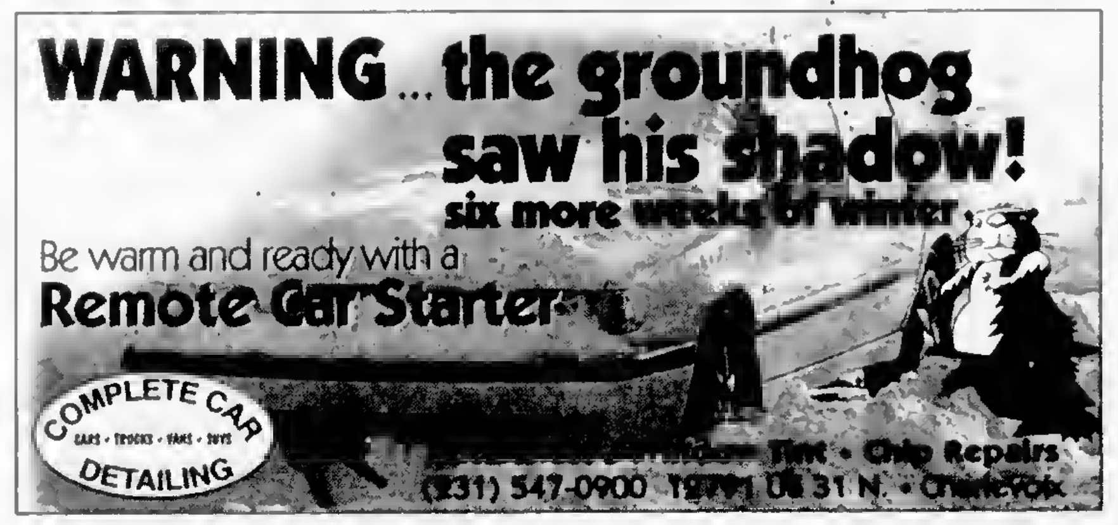

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Motion approved Resolution #04-013, Create New Fund for grants obtained through the GIS Department.

Larry Sullivan, Planning Director presented the 2004 Recreation Plan.

Motion approved Resolution #04-014, Revised 2004 Recreation Plan.

Larry Sullivan, Planning Director presented copies of the 2003 Annual Report of the Planning Commission and their 2004 Work Program.

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Help your spirit or learn a new talent

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Tonya Mann shows off some of her clients creations in her "Lasting Impressions workshop."

Art is a tool for Tonya Mann with her business Creative Explorations.

Mann, who has a degree in psychology and in art therapy, uses various forms of art in her classes to help people deal with issues in their lives. From a divorce to the death of a loved one, she uses the process of art to help her clients — both children and adults — heal.

"I just did a recent workshop where all of the women were going through divorces," she said.

However, Creative Explorations does not have to be for people dealing with issues in their lives.

"It can be fun too," she said. "It could be someone wanting to learn a new skill."

For example, Mann is currently offering a workshop where families can have their children's footprints or handprints cast in clay for a "Lasting Impression."

"As a parent, I realize that our children are growing up so fast, that it is hard to remember how small they really used to be. This is why it is important to capture memories of your child's hand and foot prints forever in a clay plaque," she said.

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"It is great or play groups, birthdays, baby showers, home parties and holiday gifts," she said.

Mann can give workshops in your home or business, as well as her studio. Her studio is located at 06090 Maple Grove Road in Charlevoix.

Creative Explorations opened for business in February 2004. Mann can be contacted by calling (213) 237-0360. Hours vary.

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Area midget hockey team impressive

Boyne Area Hockey hosted a five team round robin invitational at the Polar Bear Ice Arena.

Boyne's Paul Bunyan Lanes team played four games and were the only team to go undefeated.

Saturday, February 28, they played Royal Oak number one.

Russell Williams opened the scoring with passes from Justin Conklin and Ryan Fields just 1:13 in. Eli Barsy and Cody Wester scored next with assists from Will Brown, Webster and Josh Aown.

Royal Oak managed two past goalie Bobby Courtright, but Fields, Evan Keller, and Barsy all found the net for Boyne, with assists from Williams, Darren Looze, Webster and Barsy to win 6-2.

In their second game, with Midland number two, Boyne controlled the tempo and the game from start to finish, taking it 6-1. Gabe Korthase and Williams scored. Fields netted a hat trick with three goals. Assists were credited to playmaker Looze with three, Webster, Aown, Brown, Fields, Conklin and two from Barsy.

Nick Ferree was between the pipes.

On Sunday, Feb 29 the team took on Midland number four "Michigan Brand" team. Boyne put in eight straight goals in the 8-1 victory. Fields netted four goals, earning his second hat trick in two days. Looze scored two, Stephen Cahoon and Korthase one each.

Assists were led by playmaker Williams with four. Brown, Conklin and Webster gave two each, and JP Fiedorek, Looze and Aown each added one. Courtright and Ferree shared net minding duties.

On Sunday afternoon Boyne took Royal Oak's Firehouse team to school. Royal Oak took the first goal of the game, but it was all Boyne's never say die attitude after that.

Great team passing and individual effort pummeled the Royal Oak goalie with 36 shots.

Aown tied the game with assists from Korthase and Webster. JP Fiedorek put one past the goalie with a beautifully timed pass from Webster, Eli Barsy snuck one under the goalie with assists from Williams and Brown.

Fiedorek batted one in as he was falling with assists from Fields and Barsy. Williams hit from Fields and Dylan Clark, and Conklin capped the 6-1 win with a pass from Britt King.

Courtright was in goal.

Volleyball team clinches share of title

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders have clinched a share of the Lake Michigan Conference title in volleyball with their play in recent matches.

The Rayders defeated Grayling 16-14, 12-15, 15-10 and Harbor Springs 9-15, 15-7, 15-9 to pull into the lead all alone in the conference. Charlevoix lost to Traverse City St. Francis on Monday, March 1 but still remain in first place.

"It was a great all-around effort (against Grayling and Harbor)," coach Liz Grunch said. "We lost another starter to injury (Betsy Dennis) but the bench really stepped up and did their part to contribute to the victory."

Grunch added, "The girls didn't give up when they lost the first game to Harbor. They fought back and didn't even let them reach double digits in the last two games."

The Rams' only two conference losses were both to the Rayders.

The leading attacker for the Rayders in the tri-match was Kari Way with 39 kills. Andrea Ruhlmann had 27 kills, nine blocks and was 24 for 25 serving with three aces. Way also led Charlevoix with 13 digs.

"Kari Way had an outstanding night for us both passing and attacking," said Grunch.

Becca Kanine had 49 assists and "did a great job getting the ball to who she needed to" according to Grunch.

Sonia Plude was the Rayders' top server, going 24 for 25 with six aces.

The Rayders fell to Traverse City St. Francis, 15-11, 8-15, 9-15.

Kanine was 14 for 14 serving and had 25 assists. Ruhlmann had five blocks and 11 kills. Way added eight kills.

"It was disappointing," Grunch said. "But we still have a big match coming up with Kalkaska, if we win, we'll win the league outright, if we lose, we'll share first place with Harbor Springs."

Charlevoix (12-1 conference, 28-10-12 overall) closes out the regular season at home against Kalkaska on Thursday, March 4.

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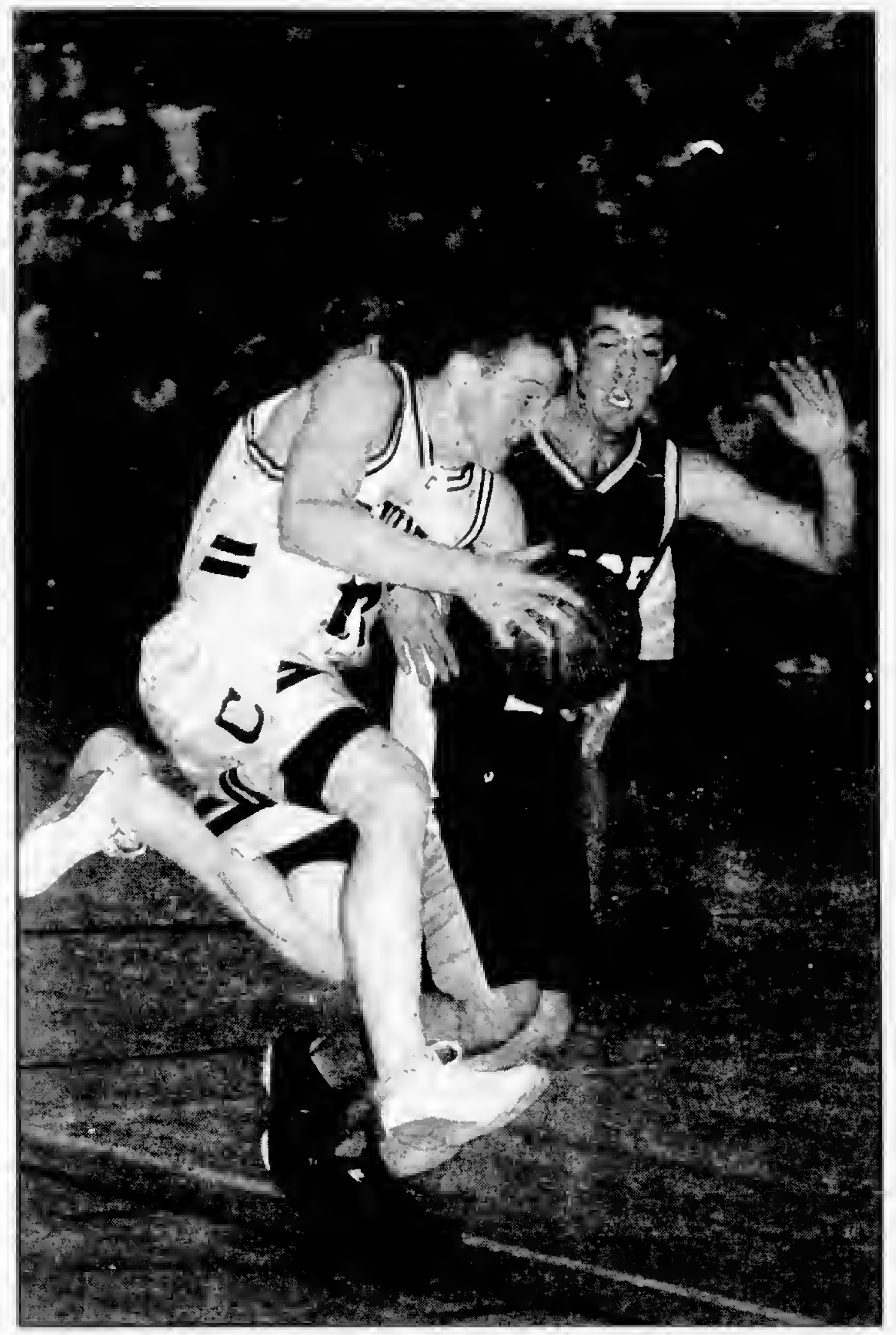
Rayders perfect season ended by Gladiators



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A Rayder drives past a defender in Friday's game against Traverse City St. Francis.

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders' perfect season on the basketball court this winter came to an end last Friday night as Traverse City St. Francis overcame a 12 point halftime deficit to beat the Rayders, 67-63.

Charlevoix played without Scott Friske, who missed the game with an ankle injury.

"They changed things up a bit defensively at the end, we tired a bit," said coach Keith Haske. "But they couldn't miss a shot in the fourth quarter. They were 12 for 14 shooting."

Earlier in the week, Charlevoix defeated a pesky Grayling squad, 80-64.

The Rayders trailed 10-8 after the first quarter against St. Francis but an 8-0 run to start the second quarter gave Charlevoix a lead they would hold until late in the fourth quarter.

Jared Hunt's putback at the buzzer put the Rayders up 30-18 at the half. The 12 point advantage was Charlevoix's largest in the half.

"I thought that the pace was right where we wanted it in the first half," Haske said. "They were taking quick shots. In the second half, though, they started to slow the game down and take their time offensively."

In the third quarter, the Gladiators scored eight straight points to cut Charlevoix's lead from 34-23 to 34-31 with 4:58 to play in the period. A steal and layup by John DiMartino finally ended the nearly three minute Rayder scoring drought.

Bryce Daly took over late in the quarter, driving past and shooting over Gladiator would-be defenders. Daly scored six points in just over a minute to put Charlevoix's lead back up to 45-34. He then scored the final five points of the period in the final minute and a half of the period to give the Rayders a 50-40 lead.

The Rayders extended the lead back to 12 at 52-40 on another Daly basket. The Gladiators chipped away, however, and cut the lead to five at 57-52 with 4:29 to go on a Josh Jorkasky jumper.

Charlevoix called timeout and Kyle Kramer scored the next basket to extend the lead back to seven with 4:10 remaining. The Gladiators then scored the next eight points, taking the lead, 60-59 on two free throws with 1:56 to go.

Ryan DeYoung answered with a Rayder putback but St. Francis nailed a three-pointer followed by a steal and layup to put the game away for all intents and purposes.

Daly led the Rayders with 21 points. Kramer scored 16 points and had eight rebounds starting in place of Charlevoix's injured all-stater Scott Friske. Hunt had 10 points and seven rebounds. DeYoung pulled down six boards.

"I thought Kramer played a heck of a game for us," Haske said. "And Bryce was unstoppable there for a while and we just rode him."

Earlier in the week, the Rayders rushed out to a 9-0 lead and led from start to finish against Grayling. The team featured five players scoring double figures for the first time this season.

Charlevoix led 23-13 after the first quarter, 41-28 at the half and 61-47 after three.

Cody Crain scored a career-high 19 points to lead Charlevoix. DeYoung had 14 points and six rebounds. Friske had 13 points, 10 rebounds and four assists.

Hunt added 12 points and pilfered six steals. Daly had 10 points, five rebounds and six assists.

The Rayders (15-3 overall, 11-2 conference) played at Kalkaska on Tues., March 2 but results were unavailable. They finish the regular season with a non-conference game Friday at Petoskey.

Charlevoix opens the state tournament at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at Harbor Springs High School against the Rams.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League • Feb. 23, 2004

	W	L
Top Rank Disposal	24	12
Mark White Paint & Stain	21	15
State Farm Insurance	20	16
Bayshore Steel	17	19
B Vanloo & Sons	16	20
Cemex Cement	16	20
Kerr's Racing	15	21
Central Drug Store	15	21

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Wayne Fries	644	287
Shawn Putman	643	237
Jeff Campbell		219
Ken Schoenheit	607	

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	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	21	15
Hayes Legal Crew	20.5	15.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	19.5	16.5
Grey Gables Inn	16	20
Paul Bunyan Lanes	14	22
Top Rank Disposal	14	22
Central Drug Store	11.5	24.5
Don's IGA	11.5	24.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	599	222
Diana Speigl		188
Mary O'Brien	490	186
Janice Thanasiu		186
Cindy Mansen		186
Marlene Evans	510	

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	W	L
Blanchard/Crain	35	9
Webb	28.5	16.5
Russell Amy/Jerry	28	16
Dixon/Kehrer	25	19
Spencer	24	20
Bradley	23.5	20.5
Russell C & R	23	21
Sladek Laural/Joe	22	22
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Stein	20.5	23.5
McDonnell/Sporer	19	25
Novotny S & J	18.5	25.5
Nordman	14	30
Ferguson	13	31

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	584	238
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Area farmers take part in legislative seminar

Hundreds of farmers-turned-lobbyists from across Michigan met with lawmakers this week by taking part in Michigan Farm Bureau's annual Lansing Legislative Seminar, Feb. 24.

The annual event provides an opportunity for one-on-one contact between legislators and working members of their districts' agricultural community.

Representing the Charlevoix County Farm Bureau this year were Timothy Matchett, Thomas Wieland, Ronald Reinhardt and Kim Korthase.

Alongside counterparts representing every facet of Michigan's diverse agricultural economy, these local farmers discussed current agriculture-related issues with their Lansing lawmakers. Particular emphasis this year was placed on water use issues and pending reforms to the state drain code, property taxes and the potential for continued state-level cuts to ag-related budgetary items.

During a brief luncheon program, MFB President Wayne H. Wood presented the organization's Silver Plow award to four Michigan lawmakers who over the past year have fought for the interests of the state's food and fiber producers. Silver Plows this year went to Rep. Larry Julian (R-Lennon), Rep. Dale Sheltrown, (D-West Branch), Rep. John Moolenaar (R-Midland), and Sen. Patricia Birkholz (R-Saugatuck).

The luncheon also featured the presentation of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Award. Larry Mallar, the group's general manager, presented the honor to MFB President Wood in recognition of the organization's work championing Agriculture Enhancement, a package of legislation aiming to bolster the state's horse-racing industry in the face of competition from casinos and to help support underfunded ag programs.

The luncheon's keynote speaker was Michigan Environmental Policy Advisor Dana Debel. Speaking on behalf of Governor Jennifer Granholm's office, Debel briefed Farm Bureau members on the status of the state budget as it pertains to agriculture.

Four afternoon sessions brought participating Farm Bureau members up to speed on ag-related legislative issues before they met with state senators and representatives during the late afternoon reception.

Michigan Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farming organization, representing more than 46,000 farm families statewide.

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The Charlevoix K-Kids, a division of Kiwanis had a Hop-a-Thon for Muscular Dystrophy Feb. 25 in the Charlevoix Elementary School gym. The 24 K-Kid participants raised at least $1,000 for the camps, equipment and research to find a cure for the disease.

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City council looking into impact of Wal-Mart

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was also asked to take a stand on the Wal-Mart issue by its retail committee in February.

And the Charlevoix's City Council may soon make the same stand.

Over 20 members of the "This Is Our Town" group attended the city council meeting March 1 to request council's support in their fight to stop the retailer.

Hoffman and Charlevoix resident John Winn presented arguments as to why the store, which will be outside of the city limits, will hurt the city.

They claim it will draw on the city's infrastructure and emergency services and will run downtown retailers out of town negatively, affecting the city's tax base.

Charlevoix Mayor Gabe Campbell said, "They (Winn and Hoffman) convinced me of what I already knew. When they (Wal-Mart) come in, bad things happen."

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson made the motion for city staff to study the economic impact of this project on the city.

"If Wal-Mart comes they will be the kiss of death for our community," she said.

The motion passed with support from second ward council member Karen Campbell and first ward councilman Bob Timms. First ward councilman Bill Haggard and third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest. Chamherlain has done survey work for the project and Haggard did work for various other Wal-Marts.

Second ward councilman Bill Bellows voted against the study.

Council members who agreed to the study and Mayor Campbell also said they would work with the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission to try and stop the project.

The mayor said council could also deny the anticipated request from Wal-Mart to close Stover Road from just behind the Flight Deck to Marion Center Road.

"That would drive them nuts," he said.

Mayor Campbell plans to contact senators and congressmen and ask for their help in stopping Wal-Mart from locating here. He said he perceives the store as a threat to Charlevoix.

"The first couple of years I don't think people will notice anything, but I think it is going to be bad news," he said.

Gibson said this study is her first step, the next thing she wants to see is the city taking a stand against the project.

"I want the city to take a stand; the chamber has taken a stand opposing Wal-Mart and now the city should. I will be making that motion," Gibson said.

Wal-Mart officials did not return repeated telephone calls seeking comment.

Wal-Mart is hoping to build a 157,400 square foot supercenter on US-31, near Marion Center Road and Stover Roads in Charlevoix Township. According to plans, there will be 40,000 square feet of grocery space and over 100,000 square feet of retail space.

In comparison, the Charlevoix High School on Marion Center Road is about 132,000 square feet.

According to a traffic study conducted for the proposed Wal-Mart supercenter, the business will create 290 new trips during the peak morning hour and 498 total new trips during the peak evening hour.

The plan suggests entrances on Marion Center Road, Stover Road and two entrances on US-31. To alleviate traffic congestion, the plan states a traffic signal should be constructed at the US-31 and main Wal-Mart drive intersection and left and right turn lanes constructed on US-31 and Marion Center Road.

Officials have said they want to open the store in 2005. A formal site plan meeting has been scheduled for April 21 before the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission.

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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010644-DE

Estate of David Alan Farnsworth, Deceased

Date of birth: 10-10-1950

To All Creditors:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, David Alan Farnsworth, who lived at 410 West Garfield, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died January 30, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Roberta M. Johns, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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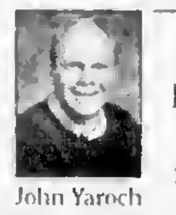

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Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Robert R. Graves and Linda T. Graves, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 3, 2000, and was recorded on October 6, 2000, in Liber 398 on pages 393 through 399 of the Charlevoix County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $9,437.09, including interest at 9% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, March 26, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.

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Dated: February 17, 2004

SMITH, MARTIN, POSERS 7 KNIER, P.C.
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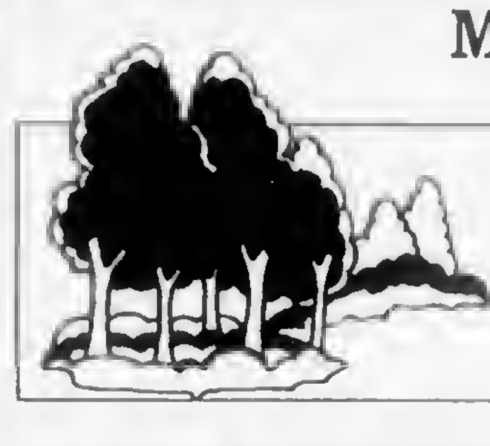

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Area events

Monthly meeting

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's monthly meeting is at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 4, at the clubhouse two miles north of the bridge on US-31, Charlevoix. This meeting is open to club members and guests.

An Alaskan Fish dinner is at 6 p.m. prior to the meeting with a donation of $6 per person.

City Band practice

City Band rehearsals will begin at 7 p.m., on March 10, in the Charlevoix Middle School band room. The next rehearsal will be at 7 p.m., March 23, at the same location and on Tuesdays thereafter. For further information please call Gail Baldridge at 547-5653 or Judy Willey at 237-9392.

Pancake breakfast

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club monthly pancake breakfast is from 8 to 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 13, at the Club House, two miles north of the bridge on US-31, Charlevoix. This all you can eat breakfast features pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, bacon, sausage gravy with home-made biscuits, coffee and juice for $5 per person.

Music grants

The Northern Michigan Chorale is announcing the availability of vocal music grants for summer music study. These grants are for anyone of high school age or older in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

Letters of application are due by Friday, April 2 and should include name, address and telephone number. Also, specify the planned use for the grant, such as vocal lessons or music camp assistance. High school applicants should provide a letter of recommendation from their music instructor.

Auditions will take place on Monday, April 26. Applicants will be notified of time and place. Successful applicants will be invited to perform in the Northern Michigan Chorale fall or spring concerts.

Send letter of application to the Northern Michigan Chorale, P.O. Box 51, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Scholarship

Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) is again offering two $500 scholarships to any accredited trade or vocation education school or program.

Students need to obtain information from their High School Counselor and apply by April 15.

The recipients will be selected by the MARSP Scholarship Committee by May 1. This Committee includes a representative from each of the four Charlevoix County High Schools. Students will be informed by May 15.

The Early Family Memorial Scholarship will contribute additional funds.

Little Leage

There will be a Little League registration from 6 to 8 p.m., March 10 and March 12 in the Charlevoix Elementary School lobby. Boys and girls, age 7 to 16 are eligible. The cost is $45 per player. For more information, please call 547-8990.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Flap Jack Resturant.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-1388.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department in the lower level training room of the jail.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support Group —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call (800) 337-3827 for more information.

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School district owns current library building

LIBRARY

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operating expenses.

At that time the Clinton Street building was owned by the school district. According to the state's school code, public school districts can not hand over property, it has to be sold for its appraised value.

So, in 1997 the school board decided to deed the property to the library for $1. It was written into the exchange that the building would be the property of the library unless it was no longer used as a library, in which case ownership would revert back to the district.

As the library's planning for its new project got underway, Charlevoix Public Library Director Valerie Meyerson did a title search of the current property and found the quitclaim deed was never filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk. This meant the library didn't have title to the building.

She contacted Sturock to clear up the problem by registering the quitclaim deed.

Sturock signed it and about two months ago found the "reverter" clause had inadvertently been left out of the new document. The library's attorney and the school district's attorney agreed this clause has to be added.

That means that if the library moves to the former middle school property off Grant Street as it plans to do, it will lose its rights to its current site.

Losing the site will bump the June 14 millage request up from .75 mill for 20 years to a maximum of .82 mill for 20 years to fund construction of the project.

The new library proposal looks to renovate and add on to the school that was built in the late 1920s. The proposed brick facility is about 24,000 square feet, with all its main functions on the first floor.

This primary floor will include small additions, totaling just under 4,000 square feet of space — one will house the program room and the other, a children's activity room.

The facility will offer adult, children's and teen collections as well as a popular reading room, quiet reading areas, a self check out, a staffed circulation desk and outdoor landscaped plazas.

The DDA, the city, the school board and many people in the community have supported this renovation plan which may now be in jeopardy. The city bought the property from the school district last winter in order to secure it for the library.

The plan is for the library to buy 10 of those 13 lots from the city for $488,460 if in the spring voters pass the bond issue, which will now likely be larger than initially anticipated. If that bond doesn't pass, the DDA has discussed having to sell the property which would likely end up in the hands of a private developer.

Sturock said the same quitclaim deed that was granted for the Clinton Street building was not offered for the old school because the board voted to sell it.

He added that the school board supports the library's initiative, but has to support the intentions of the board that made the reverter clause decision back in 1997.

The school board has not decided its final direction in this matter. Library representatives will discuss the issue at the board's next meeting scheduled to take place at 7 p.m., March 8 in the library at Charlevoix High School located off Marion Center Road.

Meyerson said the best case scenario outcome of that meeting is for the board to remove the reverter clause and for the library to negotiate sale of the building to them.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Ski tour benefits BASES

Over 130 women participated in the Charlevoix First Annual Women's Ski Tour event Feb. 29 at the Charlevoix Country Club. Temperatures were in the high 40s and the sun was shining. While skiing and snowshoeing over five miles of groomed trails the ladies stopped and rested at stations stocked with treats, coffee and water. Once they finished the course they went to Mahogany's at the club to munch on more goodies and talk. Proceeds from the event sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce went to BASES.

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Mardi Gras at the hospital

(Above) Charlevoix Area Hospital employees enjoyed a lighthearted Mardi Gras celebration in the hospital cafeteria during their lunch hour in recognition of Fat Tuesday Feb. 24. These revelers are (from left) Dawn Hale, Lisa McFarland, Deb Essenberg and Tracey Sherman. (Below) Michelle Potter who works at Charlevoix Area Hospital enjoyed a lighthearted Mardi Gras celebration in the hospital cafeteria during her lunch hour in recognition of Fat Tuesday Feb. 24. She made this mask for the event.

BOURBON STREET

Charlevoix High School band receives high rating

Charlevoix High School Fine Arts once again shines!

The Charlevoix High School Band scored an overall one rating at the annual MSBOA District II Senior High Band Festival on Saturday, Feb. 28. The Rayder band performed three concert pieces for judges, parents and guests at a crowded Petoskey Middle School auditorium.

At the conclusion of their final number, the band received a standing ovation from the audience, and an overall 1 rating from the judges. The band later scored a one rating at the sight reading portion of the competition. The band is now eligible to compete in the state festival on the last weekend in April.

"Our students work very hard and deserve our community's support and praise," said Jayne Bennett, director of bands at Charlevoix High School. "These kids are dedicated to our musical program, and strive for excellence. They spend many, many hours practicing, and put in more hours preparing for, traveling to and performing at a variety of musical events on behalf of the High School and the City of Charlevoix".

Being a Rayder Band member is a year long commitment, not just a seasonal activity. The Charlevoix High School Band is composed of students who practice daily as individuals and three times weekly as a group.

The concert band gives performances at school for the students and after school for the public. This past year the students performed at the Police Memorial Ceremony. Members of the band make up the Rayder Pep Band which provides entertainment at the home basketball games.

These students also participate in the Rayder Marching Band and entertain at half time during football season, attend marching band camp in the summer and march in the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Memorial Day and Homecoming parades.

About 27 students also make up the Rayder Jazz Band and practice daily before school starts at 7 a.m. The Jazz Band will be competing in the Jazz Band Festival later this month.

Individual band members have been honored this year as well. Flutist Michelle Fritsch and percussionist Geoff Baier both received first division ratings on their solos at the District Solo and Ensemble Festival Feb. 7, in Harbor Springs. Flutist Denise Barta performed in this year's High School Honors Band on Dec. 7, 2003.

The Charlevoix High School Band Boosters recently sponsored a successful fundraising spaghetti dinner. The boosters current goal is to raise funds to purchase new marching band uniforms. For information about the Rayder Band, its schedule of events and its fund-raising, please contact Jayne Bennett at the high school.

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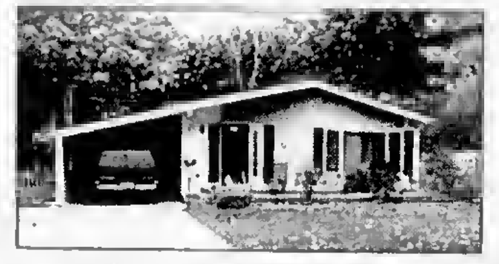

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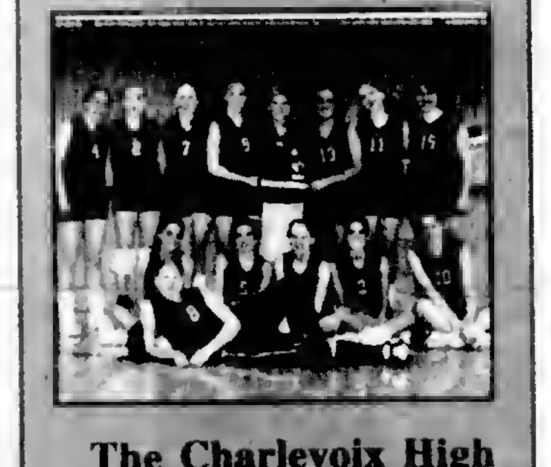

The Charlevoix High School varsity volleyball team has finished first in the district tournament.
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Photo by Jeremy McBain

Sheriff George T. Lasater shows the scam mail received in one year by a Charlevoix County resident.

Watch out for mail scams

Sheriff George T. Lasater announced the United States Postal Service released the following top five fraud scams:

1) Free prize schemes
2) Foreign lotteries
3) Pyramid schemes
4) Investment frauds
5) Work-at-home schemes

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office has received multiple complaints from citizens of Charlevoix County regarding all of the top five.

Lasater said one senior citizen has received over 450 articles of mail regarding free prize scams and has sent checks (a large amount of money for a senior citizen on a fixed income) to the free prize companies to release the prize he was to receive once the check was received by the company.

The original complaint came from an alert bank employee of Bay Winds Credit Union who suggested to their customer to contact law enforcement regarding this situation. Some of the checks are made out to fictitious organizations who would make the citizen feel like the money was being sent to a legitimate charity organization.

Lasater has referred these cases to the U.S. Postal Inspectors and encourages citizens of Charlevoix County not to be taken in by this type of scam.

Wal-Mart responds to critics of project

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Wal-Mart officials are upset at a recent decision by the area chamber to side with a local anti-Wal-Mart group and are saying there is a lot of misinformation going around.

John Bisio, regional manager of community affairs for Wal-Mart, said the chamber's decision was "disheartening."

"When you look at so many other communities around Michigan where we have a store, we are a good partner. I think you have a classic case of the fear of the unknown. It doesn't help that there are forces out there, special interest, who use disinformation," he said.

Last week the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce decided to support the local group, This Is Our Town. The group is made up of area residents and business owners who are opposed to Wal-Mart's plans to build a 157,000 square foot supercenter on US-31, near Marion Center and Stover roads.

The group says the plan will significantly hurt the community, economically, socially and environmentally.

"There has historically been a lot of misinformation about our stores. I

See WAL-MART, page 20

Chamber to host St. Patrick pub crawl

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix will be celebrating the Irish this St. Patrick's Day, March 17, with a downtown pub crawl.

The event, sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, will begin at 5 p.m., where a bagpipe band from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario will lead a procession of partiers at the Weathervane Restaurant. After about an hour, the procession will move to the Townhouse, then the Villager Pub and end at Grey Gables Inn.

While at each location, participants will get a different set of beads. The goal is to collect all of the beads. Each location will have its own specials to go along with the Irish holiday, such as green beer and Irish-themed food.

Linda Mason, chamber board member, said this is a new idea that is being created by the chamber to complement the annual St. Patrick's Festival on Beaver Island. This year, the St. Patrick's party on the island is March 20 outside and inside the Shamrock Bar.

"We don't want to discourage people from going to Beaver Island. We don't want to take away their thunder," she said. "Hopefully it will be great fun."

Mason added there are plans on making this new Charlevoix event bigger in the future.

"We are just sort of building on this at the moment," she said. "Hopefully in the future it can become another Apple Festival."

Future ideas include more history of St. Patrick, traditional Irish bands — bagpipe bands are actually a Scottish tradition — and a green-colored Pine River Channel.

Mason said they had toyed with the idea of dying the Pine River Channel green this year, like Chicago does to its river each year, but the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality nixed those plans. Therefore, she said the chamber may give out glasses with green-tinted lenses to create the effect of a green colored river.

Jacqueline Merta, chamber president, said she thinks the pub crawl is a great idea.

"It is an event that will become more fun over time," she said.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Cory Kent Stafford, 23, Boyne City. Drunk and disorderly person. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Wayne Royal Verellen, 38, East Jordan. Driving while intoxicated — third offense; and controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing of marijuana — second offense. Bound over to circuit court.

Rollie Clifford Royse, 19, East Jordan. Child sexually abusive activity. Bound over to circuit court.

Roger Jay Alward, 26, Charlevoix. Driving without a license/multiple licenses. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Ada Nichole Fralick, 23, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Clinton Sherman Tipton, 17, East Jordan. Retail fraud — third degree. Six months probation; two days of community service work in lieu of two days in jail, $350 in fines and costs.

Angela Marie Poteat, 27, Gaylord. Non-sufficient funds, under $100. Fines and costs totaling $318.

Butch Lawrence Greenacre, 26, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property, under $200. One year probation; substance abuse counseling; 93 days in jail with credit for eight days, serve 12 days, 73 days held in abeyance; $2,090 in fines and costs.

Aaron Adam Brown, 24, Gaylord. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Ryan Nelson Cole, 21, Ann Arbor. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Bob Leonard Heating, Cooling and Hydoronics, 00171 Clute Road, Boyne City, by Robert Leonard

Beaver Island Electric, 38905 Island Woods, Beaver Island, by Michael Deur

Births

Drew MacArthur Lowell, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces was born to Heidi and Arthur Lowell of Charlevoix on Feb. 16, 2004, at Northern Michigan Hospital. Siblings are Jonathan and Mikayla. Grandparents are John and Carole Bearss of Alexandria, Virginia, and Beaver Island; Bev Prescott of Harrison and Bud Lowell of Flint.

Grace Elizabeth, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce, was born to Scott and Sandra Beal of East Jordan on March 2, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Leon and Shirley Beal and Ralph and Geneva Towne.

Gavin James Flynn, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Mellissa Rice and James Flynn of Central Lake on Feb. 24, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Anna Katherine Smith, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, was born to Caroline and Roger Smith of Charlevoix on Feb. 25, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She has a brother, Eric August. Grandparents are Vane and Kate Smith of Charlevoix and Ken and Anne Buesching of Lake Zurich, Ill.

Logan William Fuller, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to William and Shannon Fuller of Boyne City on Feb. 26, 2004 at Charlevoix Are Hospital. He has a sister, Julianne. Grandparents are Dick and Star Raymond of East Jordan, Mary Fuller of Boyne Falls and Frank and Isabel Merritt of Florida.

Sarah Jane Johnson, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Johnny and Jody Johnson of Boyne City on Feb. 27, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She has a brother and sister, Alexander J. and Anna May. Grandparents are John and Linda Reilly of Gregory, Bud and Judy Shaw of Mason and Margaret Walling of Duluth, Minn.

Jacob Edward Legato, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, was born to Kari and Gary Legato of East Jordan on Feb. 29, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His siblings are Kaylee and Auguste. Grandparents are Kathy and Al Legato of East Jordan and Tina and Mason Clark of Central Lake.

Katherine Grace, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Ty and Maureen Wagner of Charlevoix on March 4, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Henery and Joan Wagner and Thomas and Evelyn Olesky, all of Charlevoix. She has one brother, Rilyn.

Melanie Jean, weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Todd and Kristina Loviska of East Jordan on March 4, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Officers receive community relations training

Members of the Charlevoix Police Department recently completed a newly developed training curriculum.

This included ways to improve their interpersonal relation's skills as a part of their duties as law enforcement officers, office staff and reserve officers.

Kathy Lame, a noted authority in community relations and conflict resolution, developed the new program, with collaboration from Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson.

"Police officers receive periodic training in firearms, precision driving and other types of required skills, but very little training or review of our people skills," according to Chief Halverson. "This training examines community perceptions of the police and how to improve them or how they can be negatively affected by our attitudes and behavior."

Lame said, "This training resulted in frank discussion by the officers of what impression they want to leave with their 'clients' and how they can get there. It was quite apparent during class that the police department employees have an interest in establishing and maintaining a professional reputation in the community."

This program built on that objective through the use of role playing, using scenarios such as traffic stops and complaint investigation responses. Feedback and suggestions were then offered that spoke to body language, communication skills and other methods of accomplishing police objectives, in a constructive manner.

Officers also reviewed cycles of anger and how to deal with it, not only in contacts they make in the community, but in themselves as well. According to Kathy Lame, "Anger needs to be recognized and defused as soon as possible, otherwise it can escalate into a situation which may cause physical harm to a citizen or an officer. Looking at ways to identify and defuse anger is a critical skill that officers must possess. An officer can impact a highly charged situation by what they say or even what they do not say."

Lame and Halverson both agreed that the six-hours of training was well received by the police department and should be a part of any police department's training efforts. Questions about the program can be directed to Chief Halverson at the Charlevoix City Police Department.

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New budget shows weak general fund

Editor's note: This is the first in a series on the city budget.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

As the city of Charlevoix dives into the 2004-2005 budget season, a weakening general fund shows the community will have to take a close look at services this year.

City council met at a budget work session March 2 to review this year's $17.5 million budget.

A top priority at that meeting was discussing the status of the general fund, the city's most important fund.

City treasurer Rick Brandi explained that the general fund budget is $3.1 million, about 18 percent of the total budget, which isn't a lot compared to the 41 percent that the electric fund makes up. But he said everything revolves around the general fund and it's the "go to" fund when there is a need.

City manager Mike Wiesner told council that this year and in the near future that "go to" fund doesn't have much space to meet needs.

"We used to have $200,000 plus a year (in the general fund) to do projects. All that discretionary money is gone. We have been using infrastructure money for projects typically funded by that discretionary money," he said.

The fund balance in the general fund projected for the end of this fiscal year is $338,297. This is 10.8 percent of the total general fund budget.

"That's the bottom," Brandi said. "This is as low as we can go for cash flow purposes."

Good accounting practices for a municipality like the city recommend between 10 and 20 percent fund balance for the general fund. To get to the just over 10 percent level Charlevoix had to transfer $117,300 from the infrastructure fund. This stabilizing effort is planned for next year too with a $61,300 transfer from the infrastructure fund.

"It's a bit of a risk. Hopefully, we won't run into any problems because we are at the low end of cash," Brandi said.

Brandi said the shifting of money from fund to fund as a crutch for the general fund isn't a long-term solution, but it buys the community time to find a solution.

"This isn't going to make it the way we've been doing it," he said.

The problem stems from revenue shortfalls related to reductions in state revenue sharing, a declining cut in proceeds from the fuel tax, limitations on home ownership taxes, a decrease in the allowable millage the city can levy, the creation of a marina fund and little new construction in the city where only about 20 acres of buildable land exists.

On the expense side of the issue the city is facing higher costs related to health care, retirement and mandated state and federal programs.

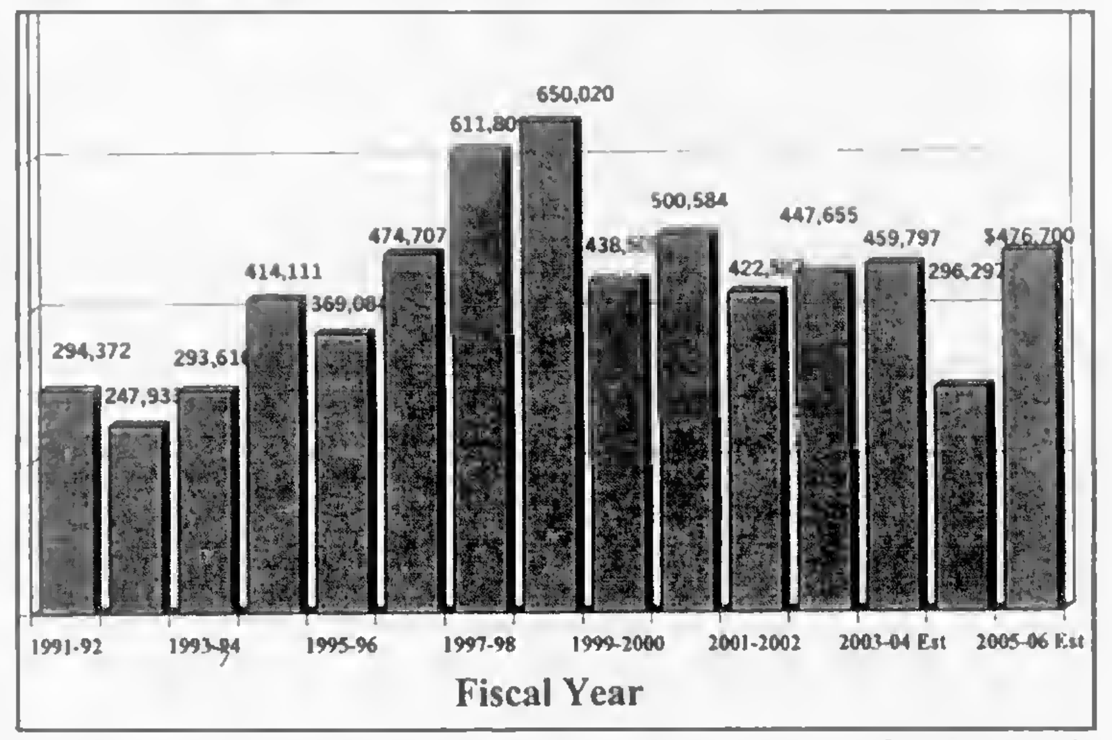
Brandi built $25,000 into the budget to allow council the possibility of hiring a consultant to work with a citizens committee to figure out how the city can make it. The group will look at the services the city provides and figure out if there are other revenue sources out there and if there are services that can be scaled back or cut and then make a recommendation to city council.

The patching approach the city is taking this year, transferring funds away from the infrastructure fund, means some projects will be delayed and the city has less money to work with.

However, the city isn't at a loss for projects this year. Over 50 percent of the budget is allocated to major capital improvements costing a total of $8.4 million.

The majority of that project budget goes to improvements at the airport costing around $3 million. Grants will cover 97 percent of the cost of the airport projects. Other improvements include the city hall renovation project, work at the golf course, electrical upgrades and Downtown Development Authority projects.

One project that has been planned for that city council will have to decide the fate of is completion of the water main loop along Chicago Avenue by the C & O Club. This project includes replacing the force main and lift station at Depot Beach and reconstructing the water and sewer system and street by Chicago Avenue and Mercer Boulevard.



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This graph shows the fund balance history of the general fund through the years.

If council puts this project off for two years the city won't have to borrow money from other funds to pay for it.

Brandi said this list of capital projects was scaled back and everything that was included in the final cut is necessary.

A public hearing to discuss the proposed budget is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m., March 15 in the Coast Guard Training Room located at 109 Bridge Park Drive in Charlevoix.

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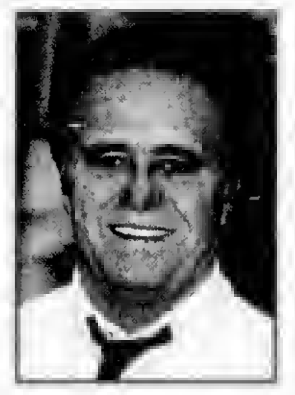
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Remember the reason for holiday as you celebrate

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

Don your green and get ready for some fun; Charlevoix is jumping into the St. Patrick's Day pot of gold.

That's right, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl on March 17, that will piggyback on the annual St. Patrick's Day Beaver Island Festival March 20. This event will consist of a bagpipe band leading a group of people from bar-to-bar, where they will enjoy themselves and collect Mardi Gras-type beads.

First of all, let me say that I am very excited for this event and am very happy that the chamber thought of having it. Lately the chamber has had some really good ideas, such as the Women's Ski Tour. Unlike previous pushes for convention centers and the like, these ideas utilize the businesses and environment that are already present in Charlevoix and make a fun atmosphere that can be built upon.

The chamber should be saluted for its efforts lately to increase business during the winter months in Charlevoix in creative and fun ways.

It is hoped that this new event, the St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl will grow like the Apple Festival did. I hope so too.

But, let's chat a little about St. Patrick's Day, which is March 17. It has always been a special day for me, as I am half Irish — mix that with my beloved Scottish heritage and Spanish blood and I believe you have the "perfect" human being! Along with learning about the pride that comes with being Scottish, my family also taught me the joys of being Irish.

Every St. Patrick's Day my Irish grandmother would wear her green clothing and pinch us mercilessly if we did not. She would also tell me when I was a child that St. Patrick's Day was a day when the leprechauns would come out, and if I caught one by the ankle it would have to tell me where its pot of gold was. I spent many hours searching the house for those little buggers.

As I got older, St. Patrick's Day became a "party" day for me. I would engage in all the usual sorts of debauchery that Americans enjoy doing on this holiday and would usually end up playing my bagpipes for some pub crawl or party.

In fact, for the past four years I have played my bagpipes on Beaver Island for its annual St. Patrick's Day festivities. It was on this island, though, that I learned St. Patrick's Day is not about ingesting large amounts of green beer.

St. Patrick was a religious man who came to Ireland from Scotland and brought Christianity to the pagan Celts of that land. Under his guidance, Ireland became a Christian country, which is why he is honored by the Irish to this day.

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is not a day to go out and party. It is a religious day and most everybody spends their time in church remembering their patron saint.

Why the green and the shamrock? Well, the green represents the Catholic faith. So, you wear green to show your ties to the Catholic faith of Ireland. Some people on St. Patrick's Day wear orange, which is the color of the Protestant faith.

The shamrock was used by St. Patrick to teach the holy trinity. He used the three leaves on this Irish plant to represent the father, son and holy ghost.

Let's address some other beliefs of St. Patrick's Day:

- This one makes me laugh every year. The bagpipes you hear commonly played in St. Patrick's Day parades, pub crawls — or by certain small-town newspaper editors — are NOT Irish. They are called the Great Highland Bagpipes or Warpipes and are from Scotland. Furthermore, most of the music played on the Great Highland Bagpipes is Scottish.
- The kilt and the tartan are also Scottish, not Irish. Irish families DO NOT have a tartan; that is a Scottish tradition that actually may have been started in the 1800s.
- There were no snakes in Ireland for St. Patrick to drive out. The tale is believed to mean he drove all the pagans out of Ireland.
- Green beer, green rivers, heavy drinking and beads are American traditions on St. Patrick's Day. The beads are really a new one that seem to confuse St. Patrick's Day with Mardi Gras.

Now I am not telling you these little tidbits to take the joy out of your fun this holiday. Heck, I will probably join in and will probably be playing my bagpipes somewhere.

I just hope that while you raise a glass in joy, remember the real meaning behind St. Patrick's Day. Perhaps even a little toast or prayer in honor of this Irish saint's work to bring Christianity to Ireland would be sufficient.

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Letters to the editor

We need Wal-Mart

Editor:

I must say, certain people in this town are truly being ignorant about the Wal-Mart issue. Frankly, I am tired of it. I just wish it would hurry and get here. To be honest, I do not have a problem giving my hard earned money elsewhere, especially if I can save money. Most people that drive to Petoskey just don't go to Wal-Mart, they do other shopping elsewhere also. So, I guess if the Wal-Mart was here, Charlevoix could also flourish in many ways, such as bringing more people from closer surrounding areas to shop here, and not just at Wal-Mart. But, then again I have heard comments such as, "It will bring 'trailer trash.'" This just proves to me how pathetic some of these people are here. Wal-Mart will force stores like Olesens and Glen's to lower their overly inflated prices. Another thing, why does the Glen's in Charlevoix cost more to shop at versus the one in East Jordan? How ridiculous is that? What are you people of "This Is Our Town" trying to prove? Are you really speaking for everyone living here? I think not. Where do some of these people here come up with ridiculous excuses such as, police will be too busy unlocking car doors and dealing with more bad checks being written and last but not least, traffic congestion.The traffic is already a huge problem here in the summer. How could it get any worse? Quit opening the bridge every half hour and having so many festivals. How about creating more parking? Wake up Charlevoix! This town is definitely not family oriented, so this is why I will be glad to give Petoskey my business.

Just because Wal-Mart doesn't benefit the select few, doesn't mean everyone else should have to pay for the stupidity of those people. If the closeminded select few don't want a Wal-Mart, how about putting a Goodwill store in which will accomodate all the poor people living here. How would you all feel about that?

Michelle Brock
Charlevoix

Yes to Wal-Mart

Editor,

Charlevoix has changed a lot over the years. It was a quiet little town. Not much traffic and an old bridge that use to swing around. Everything keeps changing. In summer this town's traffic is the pits. And with more boats it will be worse. Because the bridge opens so often boats go out to the end of the pier if Lake Michigan looks too rough. They turn around and come back in.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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LETTERS

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So why not a Wal-Mart on the south side of town? Then we won't have to wait a half hour to an hour to get through town and deal with people with road rage.

I personally don't shop downtown. Oh! Yes all these people that have their pictures in the papers saying Wal-Mart wants their jobs. What would Wal-Mart want their jobs for? They have work of their own. Ha! Ha! Just a stupid pun, like the rest of the stuff Our Town puts out.

I would like to know who the people are that own this town. I lived here most of my life and I don't think I own this town or any other town.

I commend our law enforcement, they do a good job.

Oh! Yes I've seen where that work is going on across from the Charlevoix Country Club on the north side; they sure had to truck in a lot of fill dirt. Did they do that to fill wet land? If so, I thought that was against the law. Maybe the law has changed from a few years ago.

Wow! Talk about urban sprawl. But I guess if it's on that side it's "A-OK." At least that's the way it always was.

S.J. Krchak
Charlevoix

Wal-Mart will help

Editor:

Regarding the Charlevoix Wal-Mart controversy, I am not gifted with prophetic visions such as the disasters forseeen and revealed to us by members of the organized opposition. I only know that people in thousands of communities throughout the country are overjoyed to have a Wal-Mart superstore.

This is especially true for young low income families on macaroni and cheese budgets and senior citizens on fixed incomes.

In a study done prior to approving a Wal-Mart store in California, the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp. learned that an average family saved $589 per year by purchasing their groceries at Wal-Mart. Factor in additional savings on clothing, household goods, personal care products and electronics and the total could pay for a couple of months rent, a pile of utility bills or a lot of expensive prescription medicines. In fact, it would be equivalent to receiving about a dollar per hour pay raise.

That is a godsend to families that barely survive until their next paycheck. To them, "The view of the bay is worth half your pay," saying is sick humor.

They are not likely to shed a tear because some fudgie is offended by the sight of a — gasp — Wal-Mart.

They also know, as the song goes, they only have "Friends In Low Places." The moneyed elites, local merchants and their friends are throwing up an environmental and aesthetic smokescreen in order to bar competition that would benefit a majority of our local residents who are of modest means. Stover Creek can and will be protected. And as for the fudgies headed up here, the majestic beauty of gravel piles, pits and quarries, marine dealerships, car lots, repair shops, storage barns and others in the US-31 commercial corridor should more than prepare them for the sight of another Wal-Mart store.

Our young people need entry level jobs and a low cost of living. Wal-Mart will help provide both. In addition, the company has a reputation for being quite generous in contributing to worthy causes in their communities and would also contribute significantly to the tax base in Charlevoix Township and county.

In any event, the Wal-Mart question will be decided by the township board. And as a township resident, I am confident that they will make the correct decision. City residents opposed to the plan should have as much influence in township affairs as I had when the city imposed higher utility costs and boat launch fees on township residents.

John R. Pidek Sr.
Charlevoix

No to Wal-Mart

Editor:

The value of any town is measured in the peoples' commitment to one another. Out of this commitment comes a sense of community based on mutual trust and respect. Mutual trust and respect act like a safety net in times of crisis. No one need panic because we know we have the support of our friends and neighbors.

We raise money together for charity. That is community. Santa Claus is not in some sterile big box parking lot. Santa Claus is in downtown Charlevoix in December. That is community. We plant 50,000 petunias together Memorial Day weekend. That is community. We give our money to merchants in Charlevoix and feel safe that money will resurface somewhere else for the good of our town. That is community. Store employees call their customers by their first name. That is community. We come together to tackle problems that affect the entire community. One of those problems is upon us.

People of Charlevoix, there is an 800 pound gorilla sitting on our collective living room couch kicking our dog around. Let us do something about it together. That is community. Get involved. Say no to Wal-Mart and yes to Charlevoix the Beautiful.

Steve Little
Charlevoix

We had a BLAST at the
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A special thanks to all of you who purchased tickets and silent auction items.

A great big thanks to DJ the DJ and Diana, Brian and the whole crew at the Charlevoix Country Club. See you next February 12, 2005

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Zonta names winner of annual women's award

Amber Heath, a senior at East Jordan High School, was named the winner of this year's Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award competition is designed to encourage women to pursue decision-making positions in their communities in order to impact the policies that affect the lives of women locally and throughout the world.

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs program looks to the young women of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Heath was chosen as the Charlevoix Area Zonta winner because of her involvement with her community, her focus on her career goals and her understanding of an involvement with global issues and cultures. Heath has a 4.0 grade point average and plans on attending college to pursue a degree in medicine.

Heath demonstrates her commitment to the community through her volunteer work with the Good Samaritan organization and Jordan River Clean-Up. She is also very involved in school activities, including National Honor Society, Debate, Quiz Bowl, SADD, Drama Club, Spanish Club, softball and has been a Rotary Exchange student, spending one year in Italy.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. The Charlevoix Area Zonta Women in Public Affairs Award is one of the many programs for young women sponsored by Charlevoix Area Zonta.

Applications for next year's award will be available from Charlevoix Are Zonta in late fall.

Courtesy photo

Above (from left) Joan Buday, Jean Heath, Amber Heath, Maura Snabes, Gena Cross and Marty Strawbridge.

Save Your Vision Week

Sunday, March 7 – Saturday, March 13, 2004

How often should you have your eyes examined? The American Optometric Association generally recommends that infants have their eyes screened for congenital eye disorders and disease at birth before leaving the hospital. Eye examinations for children are recommended at six months, three years, and before the child enters first grade. Most school-age children and teens should see their doctor of optometry every one or two years, and adults benefit from eye examinations every one to three years (as recommended by the optometrist). Annual eye examinations are always a good idea for those over age 60. If you or a loved one is overdue for an eye examination, why not schedule one soon by calling any one of the fine professionals in your area.
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Charlevoix couple start fund for Eagle Village

He serves on the Board of Directors and has witnessed firsthand how Eagle Village has turned the lives of troubled children and families around and given them hope.

She is the former chairman of the Midland Area Community Foundation and is confident of the experienced leadership and trusting of the way Foundation staff handle contributions.

So last year when Dick and Mary Lou Hazleton found themselves in a position to make a financial contribution, it made sense to combine the two organizations they felt were working to make a change for the better.

And with that theory in mind, the Friends of Eagle Village Endowment Fund was created in Dec. 2003, through the Midland Area Community Foundation. The Hazletons made the lead gift of $75,000 to establish the fund.

Earnings will be used to support the mission and general purposes of Eagle Village. Likewise, the Midland Area Community Foundation will act as manager of the fund, investing and reinvesting fund money according to its policy.

The Hazletons are residents of the Charlevoix area.

In its thirty-sixth year of serving children and families, Eagle Village is located among 683 acres of Michigan forest in Hersey. Eagle Village provides residential treatment, assessment services, foster care, adoption and post-adoption services, youth employment services, accredited, onsite schooling and adventure-based education programs.

"Nobody can solve all the world's problems, but I think people look for ways to help with things they know something about. I've been on the board and been to Eagle Village lots of times now. Mary Lou's been out to the village several times. Almost every time, I hear some story about some child or family that breaks my heart, but I also see how Eagle Village has helped them," Dick said.

Mary Lou joined the Midland Area Community Foundation Board eight years ago and assumed several leadership positions before becoming chairman. Through her experiences, she saw the results of what a successful foundation can do.

Also, Mary Lou said creating the endowment fund through the community foundation was an opportunity to broaden the donor base of Eagle Village.

Foundation President and CEO Denise K. Spencer said the generosity of the Hazletons has assisted many area groups.

Eagle Village President / CEO Gary Bennett commends the Hazletons for their commitment to abused and neglected kids.

"They have an absolute passion for helping underprivileged children. Their caring hearts led them to formalize a legacy of love at the Midland Area Community Foundation and for the community in which they have labored and lived in for so many years. I have been touched by the Hazletons' compassion to create and fund this endowment, their vision to open it so anyone can contribute to it and all for the sole purpose of benefiting thousands of children for generations to come," Bennett said.

To mail in donations, please request a form from Eagle Village by calling (231) 832-2234 or the Midland Area Community Foundation (MACF) at (989) 839-9661 or simply submit a check to MACF-Eagle Village, PO Box 289, Midland, MI 48640-0289.

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Dick and Mary Lou Hazelton, of Charlevoix, have started a new fund for Eagle Village with a $75,000 contribution.

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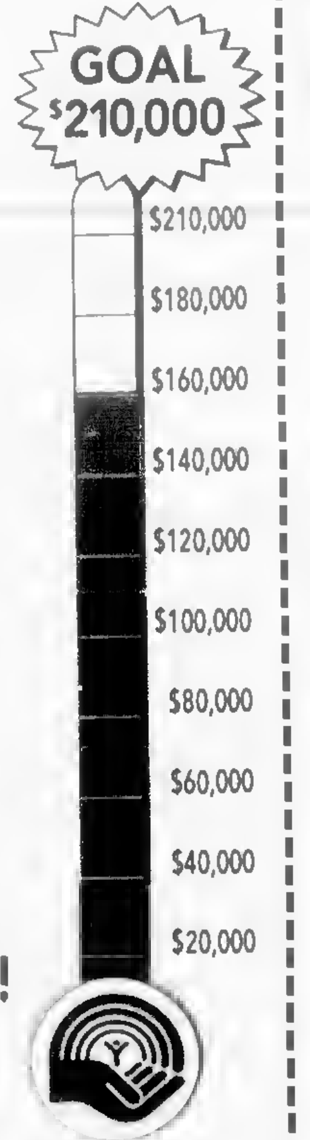

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Crooked tree to host culinary arts classes

Crooked Tree Arts Center will have a Culinary Arts Series with Chef Vincent De Paulis.

The first two classes are scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for Tuesday, March 23 and Thursday, March 25.

Students will explore cooking techniques, learn trade secrets, participate in hands-on learning and enjoy a five-course dinner.

"Each night will enrich your culinary arts skills," Chef De Paulis said. "We feature a different menu with a variety of seasonal ingredients."

The menu for Tuesday March 23 is Bruschetta, Minestrone Soup, Blueberry Pecan Salad with Blueberry Vinaigrette, Focchia Bread and Shrimp and Chicken Vincenzo.

The menu for Thursday, March 25 is Marinated Mussels, Sour Dough Garlic Bread, Cicci Soup, Apple Pine Nut Salad with Apple Cider Vinaigrette, Polo Panino and Vegetable du Jour.

Students are encouraged to bring a French knife, boning knife, paring knife, apron and two hand towels.

The fee for the class is $30 per student and includes dinner.

Class size is limited to 12 people. The class will meet in the Bob Forman Kitchen of the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

The arts center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey. For more information and to enroll, call the arts center at 347-4337.

Obituaries

Nelva A. Luedke: April 7, 1931 - March 6, 2004

Nelva A. Luedke, a long time resident of Charlevoix, sought her heavenly life Saturday, March 6, 2004, with her devoted husband of 54 years by her side.

Nelva was born April 7, 1931 to Jesse and Ebba Stallings, in New York, along with her older twin sister, Hazel Stallings Edwards.

Nell was an avid reader and good writer, sharing her creativity and good humor with those around her. She was a master level Scrabble player, and opened her home and her heart to all those she encountered in her many travels as a Coast Guard wife.

She was also known for her baking and cooking skills. Nell loved giraffes.

She is survived by her husband, Don "Lucky" Luedke, her daughters Dorinda (Kent) Miller of Virginia and Sue (Bill) Gengle of Charlevoix, Philip (Tammy) Luedke of Ohio, her grandchildren, Guy (Mei) Gengle of Grand Rapids, Julie (Mike) Dobulis of Charlevoix, Justin (Dana) Gengle of Ohio, Sage Luedke of Ohio.

In addition she is survived by great-grandchildren: Adorian Gengle, Benjamin Dobulis and twins Claire and Emily Dobulis. She is also survived by her twin sister, Hazel (Earl) Edwards, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Her parents and brother, Clifford, preceded her in death.

Nell will be missed dearly by her friends and loved ones.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be 11 a.m., today, Wednesday, March 10, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Thomas Neis will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 531 1/2 S. Union Street, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Evelyn L. Noirot: Died March 10, 2004

Evelyn L. Noirot, 62, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, March 10, at her home in Charlevoix.

A time of remembrance of Evelyn's life was on Sunday, March 7 at the Winchester Funeral Homein Charlevoix.

The Rev. Michael Dennis officiated and memorialization will take place in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix. Evelyn was horn June 10, 1941, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Albert L. "Buster" and Pauline (Zitka) Russell.

On Aug. 23, 1958, she married Alva "Sonny" Noirot in Charlevoix. Evelyn and Alva raised eight children. Her focus in life was her involvement with young people. She worked for 25 years as assistant high school librarian at Charlevoix.

She was a full-time mom to more than just her own children, attending and shuttling kids to sports practices and games, cheerleading, performing arts, and Odyssey of the Mind, just to name a few. Throughout her life she, in many ways, helped several kids get through their high school years.

Evelyn is survived by her husband, Alva "Sonny" Noirot of Charlevoix; sons, Alva L., Brian (Barb), of Charlevoix, Gilbert (Kathy) of Alpena and Tim (Melissa) of Tampa, Fla; daughters, Tami (Tom) Rost of Lenexa, Kan., Teresa (Scot) Hart of East Jordan, Bridget (Bill) Dohm, and Mindy (Joe) Poon of St. Louis, Mo.; 15 grandchildren; mother Pauline Russell of Charlevoix; sisters, Judy Russell of Charlevoix, and Sharon Russell of Houston, Tex.

Her father and a sister, Wanda Rann, preceded her in death.

Memorial contrihutions may he made to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation in Evelyn's name.

William H. Wells: Died March 2, 2004

William H. Wells, 83, of Canton died Tuesday, March 2 in Aultman Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in East Jordan, Mr. Wells was a graduate of Purdue University and retired from the Hoover Company in 1985 as vice president of manufacturing for Hoover World Wide.

He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Brookside Country Club and Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Survivors include his wife: Jane C. Wells of the residence, two daughters: Mrs. Richard (Kim) Nicely of North Canton, Mrs. Douglas (Pamela) Mills of Canton. Son, John W. (Shelley) Wells of Rye, N.Y. Six grandchildren: Geoffrey, Suzanne, Melissa, Megan, Ian and Lily. Step-mother, Mrs. A. E. Wells of East Jordan.

A memorial service was on Thursday, March 4 in Faith United Methodist Church of North Canton with Dr. Larry F. Morrison officiating. A private entombment will take place for the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Faith United Methodist Church, 300 Ninth St. N.W., North Canton, OH 44720 or to the American Cancer Society, 925 S. Main St., North Canton, OH 44720.

The Spiker-Foster-Shriver Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

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Balch retires as Charlevoix County treasurer

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Charlevoix native and county treasurer Joan Balch walked into the county building 36 years ago ready to tackle a new professional position, never dreaming it would be her life's work.

Balch, 56, who officially retired on Monday, March 1, signed on at the treasurer's office in May of 1968 as the deputy treasurer.

She was fresh out of Charlevoix High School having graduated in 1965. The bright eyed 20-year-old looked around her new office, checking out her 40 something coworkers who had been there for five to 10 years, and said, "No way will that be me."

Now, almost four decades and two promotions later, she is retiring as the department head.

She was appointed to the treasurers' seat on March 12, 1987 after her predecessor retired. Then, in November of 1988, she faced her first election.

She was opposed by former Charlevoix County Commissioner Oral Sutliff. Balch said she knew her competition was tough and hit the pavement campaigning door-to-door countywide and making appearances in every parade she could.

When the voters headed to the polls she found her hard work had paid off with a win. Balch took 68 percent of the vote.

"I took the whole west side of the county," she said.

After that first tough election it was smooth sailing for Balch who ran unopposed in 1992, 1996 and again in 2000.

During her time in office she implemented many changes to the department including computerizing county revenues with the general ledger accounting system and the delinquent tax system. She also helped create software to manage a county-wide dog licensing program.

Her accomplishments in the office were a balancing act as she raised two boys at home with her hushand Jerry and managed to serve on numerous county committees including the plat board, the election commission and the reapportionment committee.

Outside of these commitments to the county, Balch also served as membership chair and treasurer for the local Republican committee, as a five year member of the Michigan Association of County Treasurers and with the United County Officers Association.

With this laundry list of commitments behind her Balch plans to spend time with her, family and working in her two flower gardens this summer. Her accounting expertise will continue to be put to good use as treasurer for the Street Legends Classic Car Club. She is the car show chairperson for this year's event which will take place in August.

She also plans to remain active with the local chapter of the Zonta Club.

With plenty to do ahead of her, Balch said she will still miss the many years of work she is leaving behind.

"What I'll miss most is all the friendships with coworkers and constituents across the state. I've enjoyed the challenges of the office and helping the taxpayers of Charlevoix County," Balch said.

She said she has even enjoyed the challenges of learning new tax laws.

Balch's efforts with the county will also be missed. County clerk Jane Brannon said her office work's the closest with the treasurer's office and Balch was a hard worker.

"I wish her the best. I'm envious she gets to retire," Brannon said.

Her replacement will be named by the appointing committee made up of 7th Probate Judge Frederick Mulhauser, Brannon and prosecuting attorney Mary Beth Kur. They will interview three applicants on March 5 and may appoint someone to the position at that time.

Balch is backing her current deputy treasurer, Dolly Louiselle, for the position. Louiselle has worked in the office for over seven years and Balch said she has the advantage of having hands on experience in the office's operations and also is trained in governmental accounting.

Whoever gets the job isn't guaranteed the seat for long as they will have to file in May to run for the position in the August primary. Voters will decide who will fill the seat for a four-year term in November.

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Joan Balch has retired from her post as treasurer for Charlevoix County.

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Miss Michigan, Teen Michigan visit area

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Girls who have daydreamed of waving to adoring fans as they are handed red roses and crowned with a twinkling tiara may soon find themselves in that spotlight.

The Miss Northwest Michigan USA and Miss Northwest Michigan Teen USA event is coming to Charlevoix next month. This is an official preliminary event for the Miss Michigan USA and Miss Michigan Teen USA state competitions.

The event will take place April 16 and 17 in the Charlevoix High School Auditorium.

Judges will pick the winner based on three categories — a personal interview, a swimsuit competition and an evening wear competition. A performing talent is not required.

Delegates are currently being selected to participate. To sign on you have to be a single, United States citizen between the ages of 14 and 26 living in Michigan.

Forms to complete are available at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce located at 408 Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix. The completed form along with a photo has to be mailed to the Northwest Michigan Pageant by this Friday, March 12. Applicants that are selected will be notified by mail.

Current Miss Michigan USA, Stacey Lee and Miss Michigan Teen USA, Yelena Crawford, were in Charlevoix Feb. 29 at the Women's Ski Tour event at the Charlevoix Country Club promoting the upcoming event.

The two friends have had a whirlwind year touring the state doing motivational and public speaking events and discovering the many faces of Michigan.

Lee, 26, of Rochester Hills, is gearing up for the Miss USA pageant to be televised live on NBC April 12 from the Kodak Theater in Los Angeles, Calif. Crawford, 17, is prepping for the Miss Teen USA event to take place this summer.

While the girls have reached the top in the state they spent plenty of time in the shoes of girls registering for the Charlevoix event and offered a few tips about what it takes to win.

"It's all in your head. You have to have the confidence, drive and determination to want the title," Crawford said.

Lee said it takes mental, physical and spiritual preparation. Mentally she said she reminds herself that she is there competing for herself, not against other women.

"I want to be my personal best," she said.

One of the challenges Crawford said she faces in preparing herself mentally is staying away from the gossip other girls get into.

Lee agreed and said, "A quote I live by is 'Everybody is not your enemy and everybody is not your friend. But everyone you come in contact with is your teacher.' You learn from negative and positive experiences."

To prepare for the national competition this spring, Lee is getting in the best physical condition for her body structure by working out and eating a balanced diet.

Crawford said the physical part of competing is the most challenging for her because she loves to eat. She has found the right fit for her is a low carbohydrate, high protein diet.

While beauty is important, both girls said the physical side of the competition isn't what will win the crown. Lee and Crawford said judges are looking for a genuine, confident contestant.

"I truly feel it's what's inside and how you convey yourself. We've all met beautiful people that act ugly and it makes them ugly," Lee said.

They said for the Northwest competition, girls have to go into the pageant expecting to win, but said not to be disappointed if the finish goes to someone else. Both Lee and Crawford competed for three years before they won the Miss Michigan and Miss Michigan Teen titles.

It takes dedication, but they said the payoffs are worth it. Their current beauty queen status comes with rewards including scholarships, cash prizes, professional connections and travel opportunities.

"I've met people from all walks of life," Lee said.

While the life of a queen takes up a lot of their time the girls have aspirations beyond their reign. Crawford, who is a senior in high school this year in Brooklyn, will attend Ferris State University in the fall to major in forensic biology. Her goal is to be a forensic psychologist dealing with criminals.

Lee received degrees from Georgia Tech and Clark Atlanta University in math and industrial engineering. She is currently employed by General Motors as their corporate staff auditor in the Detroit area.

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(From left) Miss Michigan Teen USA Yelena Crawford and Miss Michigan USA Stacey Lee visited Charlevoix during the Women's Ski Tour.

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Due to technicality, mayor makes new appointment

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Appointments made by Charlevoix Mayor Gabe Campbell were challenged, resulting in a change in the membership of the city planning commission.

At the city council meeting, Feb. 16, the mayor opted to appoint two new planning commissioners to replace Steve Bennett and John Campbell.

In appointing third ward council member Shirley Gibson to the commission, the mayor said he was following state law which requires a member of the legislative body to serve on the planning commission. Gibson served on the commission for five years in the 1990s.

The mayor made the council seat on the commission an annual appointment.

This appointment was researched by third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain who said he wanted to make sure council follows the city code. Under the code there are four options for planning commission appointments.

City attorney Jim Young interpreted the code and found that the city has traditionally followed the option that appoints a member of the city's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to the commission.

At the March 1 meeting, council rescinded its motion to put Gibson on the commission and passed a new motion to appoint ZBA member June Cross.

Gibson said she wasn't disappointed to have lost the seat, but feels mayoral appointments like planning commission seats should be the mayor's decision.

"Our ordinance is very vague; my interpretation is it was meant to be vague so the mayor could choose which of the four options to use that the Michigan legislature has given us. I think this was a blatant example of a few people at city hall and on city council wanting their way," she said.

Mayor Campbell said he is comfortable with the change because Cross has over 20 years of experience.

The mayor's other planning commission appointments also were voted on again. The reappointment of Gina Whitney passed unanimously, but when it came to putting former Charlevoix County Planner John Hess in the other commission seat there was some objection.

Second ward councilman Bill Bellows and first ward councilman Bill Haggard voted against the appointment.

Mayor Campbell doesn't understand why they objected.

"(Hess) He's more qualified than anyone else in this town," he said.

Gibson also questions why Haggard and Bellows voted against Hess.

"Who are these council members voting against appointments of qualified people. What is the problem here and who is calling the shots," she said.

Hess has extensive experience with municipal planning serving as the local county planner, the assistant county planner for Marquette County and as a consultant for townships.

Hess also has had a hand in writing zoning ordinances which the mayor said will be useful as the city sets out to revise its master plan and zoning ordinance.

But Bellows said his vote had nothing to do with Hess it was related to Bennett and Campbell not being reappointed when he thought they should be.

Mayor Campbell said his decision to not reappoint them was because it is time for a change.

The new commissioners won't take their positions until April 1, when Bennett and commissioner Campbell's terms expire.

Garden Club awarded grant for historic gardens project

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club has been awarded a $2,500 grant from the Principal Financial Group Historic Gardens Project.

The funds will be used to continue the development of the Depot Heritage Garden at Charlevoix's historic railroad station. The National Garden Clubs, Inc. established the grant program under the sponsorship of the Principal Financial Group to enhance gardens at historic sites in communities across the nation.

"We are thrilled to receive this financial boost from the Principal and the National Garden Clubs. The dollars will make it possible for us to complete the work planned for the Depot Heritage Garden," said Joan Nowak, club president. "Beautiful gardens in Charlevoix bring pleasure to our residents and let visitors know that we are proud of our community and its heritage. Our gardeners grow more than flower, they help sow seeds for future enjoyment and community prosperity."

Members and volunteers from the Charlevoix Area Garden Club, the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club, the Charlevoix Historical Society and all others involved in the project are proud of the progress made in this garden.

Three garden rooms are complete and the fourth, and final, room is now being developed.

St. Marys to have annual St. Patrick dinner

St. Mary's Annual St. Patrick's Dinner is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 14, at the Family Center at St. Mary's Church, 1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix. Everyone is welcome.

The dinner consists of corned beef and cabbage, ham, red skinned potatoes, steamed vegetables, salad bar, breads and delicious pies. Irish music provided by Don Neidert.

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The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- The Planning Commission appointments made at the February 16th Council meeting were rescinded. Council approved Mayor Campbell's reappointment of Gina Whitney and the appointment of John Hess and June Cross to the Planning Commission [for three year terms beginning April 1, 2004].
- No action was taken on the Compensation Commission's determination of the Clerk's salary to be $34,000 with ICMA.
- Council approved a PAL grant for a Charlevoix area land usage initiative in the amount of $23,500.00.
- Council approved the mobile filing/mail sorting unit bid by The Casper Corporation and Harbor Industries' non-profit project for counters/displays.
- Council approved the proposed Agreement for Professional Engineering Service by Mead & Hunt Incorporated for the construction of the midfield hangar area (including two taxilanes and two hangar sites) at the airport.
- A Public Hearing was scheduled to consider the 2003-04 City Budget Amendment on March 15, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. and a Public Hearing was scheduled to consider the 2004-05 City Budget on March 15, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.
- Council approved a motion to direct the Planning Commission to consider the C-1 Commercial District zoning ordinance, and limit the size of commercial buildings in the C-1 district to a maximum of 50,000 square feet.
- Council approved a motion to urge community members to be informed of the Wal-Mart situation.
- Council approved a motion to direct Staff to gather information as to how Wal-Mart will impact the City and Township [of Charlevoix], and for Staff to attend the March 17th Township Planning Meeting.

Council adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

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(From left) Kelsea Stevens, Kylee Perry, Brittany Musser, Lexey Macks, Melina Brown, Karley Pearsall, Shelby Isaac, Megan Clees, Elizabeth Hodgson, Bailee Stevens, Carolena Elowskey, Carly Thompson, leader Stephanie Brown. Not shown: Abbie Romano.

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Back row (from left) Sydney Stevenson, Alena Purvis, Makenzi Kage, Paige Montgomery, Ashley Sliwinski. Middle row (left to right) leader Cindy Pallagi, Allyson Pallagi, assistant leader Donna Hodgkinson. Front center Amanda Hodgkinson. Missing Kali Delaney, Shanna Gunter.

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Council clarifies direction on Wal-Mart issue

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix City Council meet in a special meeting Monday night to clarify the direction they want city staff to take regarding a proposed Wal-Mart supercenter in Charlevoix Township.

According to city manager Mike Wiesner, he and city attorney Jim Young were confused as to the direction the council wanted them to go in regards to a motion made at a recent meeting to gather information on a Wal-Mart supercenter.

Wiesner said he questions whether city staff has the expertise needed to gather some of the information, such as a economic impact of the development. However, Young said he believed the council wanted him to find ways to help the township stop the development.

"What type of information does the council expect us to gather," Wiesner asked at the meeting.

He said the city is already working on gathering information on how the development will impact local police services and traffic flows.

Council members gave Wiesner a list of items they are questioning with this development. Including how water runoff will effect Stover Creek — according to the anti-Wal-Mart group This Is Our Town, 13 million gallons of water will run off of the site per year — what are sewer hookup issues, how much it will impact local businesses, how the lights of a 24-hour Wal-Mart will impact the adjacent airport and many others.

Wiesner said Wal-Mart has discussed a sewer hook-up in the future with Wal-Mart. He added those were only preliminary discussions.

After discussing the matter, some council members decided a motion to have city staff find this much information would be costly and may be just duplicating the information that is being researched by Charlevoix Township.

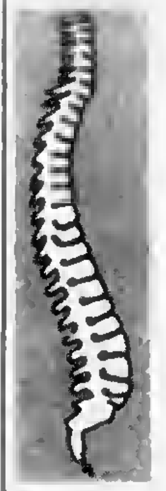
Therefore, Young suggested commissions make a motion specifically stating council would like city staff to gather information on police serves to the Wal-Mart development, traffic issues, lighting impact, connection to city sewer, zoning and planning issues and environmental issues and conduct research and attend the appropriate meetings.

He explained this would give city staff the opportunity to find ways to gather the information needed through discussions with the township without costing the city too much. He said this motion could even allow the city to research ways to make Wal-Mart pay for studyies that would answer some of these questions the city has.

Council voted unanimously to accept this motion.

Wal-Mart wants to build a 157,000 square foot supercenter on US-31, near Marion Center and Stover roads. In comparison, Charlevoix High School is about 132,000 square feet.

Company officials have said they hope to have the store open in 2005.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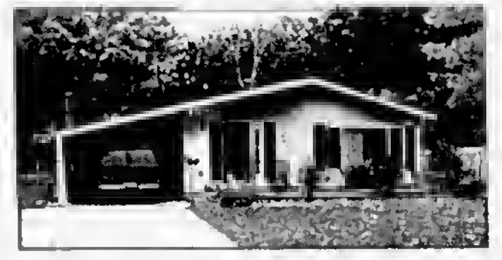
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Students compete to make the best pancake flipper

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix High School students work on their project for the Rube Goldberg competition. They created a device which would flip pancakes.

Juniors in the Robotics and Automation class at Charlevoix High School celebrated National Engineers Week by creating a complex device with the capability of flipping a pancake.

On Feb. 24 aspiring engineers from across the region gathered at the Rube Goldberg Device Competition at Lake Superior State University in Sault Saint Marie for a Flip Off.

The event recognized the famous engineer Rube Goldberg, who is known for complicating life's simplest tasks. Goldberg created a mechanism that used over 20 energy changes to squeeze toothpaste onto a toothbrush.

He would have been proud to see the Charlevoix group's pancake flipper that took months to brainstorm and craft using car parts and over 15 energy changes to turn the sweet breakfast treat over.

While Charlevoix's flipper looks just about as complicated as it gets, the competition was stiff. The Charlevoix team of about 10 students faced 22 teams from 13 schools.

At the event, the local group struggled to get the flipper to work, but after a handful of tries they successfully launched the cake. In the end their efforts were no match for the contraption a group of girls from Newberry built whose creativity and quality, durable construction won the acclaim of judges.

While Charlevoix didn't come away with the satisfaction of having won the event, the students said they learned teamwork, presentation skills and new approaches to abstract engineering.

Their teacher, Joe Woods, said the knowledge the students gained met his expectations for this quirky project.

In 2005 the competition will be national which means the next batch of Goldberg believers at the high school will vie for the title and may get a chance to move on to a regional competition in Milwaukee, Wis.

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Voice of the students

Charlevoix students got a chance to present topics of their concert to state represenatives Friday at Charlevoix High School. (Above) A group of middle school students present their argument why creationism should be taught in schools. (Below) Representatives Ken Bradstreet and Doug Hart listen.

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Wal-Mart official 'disheartened' by opposition

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don't think we were aggressive enough in countering some of the those," Bisio said. "It is interesting to see some of these people out there predicting doom and gloom are the same people who came along and didn't give a second thought to moving into a community and replacing the corner shop."

In response, Bob Hoffman, president of This Is Our Town, said, "I don't think it is fear of the unknown. It is a fear of the known or what Wal-Mart does. Our petitions have over 2,500 signatures, which shows a wide-based opposition to (Wal-Mart). If there is a special interest group, it is the community of Charlevoix."

But, Bisio claims a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix could be a benefit through paying taxes and providing jobs.

"A project like this will do much to ease the taxpayers, because you are capturing much of that business that leaves," he said.

Hoffman said according to figures researched by This Is Our Town, a Wal-Mart generally costs a community more in police protection and other services than what it pays in taxes.

Bisio said the Wal-Mart planned for Charlevoix will bring about 250-300 new jobs. He added the average numbers for Wal-Mart are that 75 percent of its jobs are full time.

"There are so many communities that do just fine with a Wal-Mart," he said. "It helps fill a need in merchandising and brings in money."

Bisio said Wal-Mart will not be a competitor for many of the businesses in downtown Charlevoix, because those businesses fill a niche.

"This is a brand of retail that is unlike what we provide. We would complement what they provide," he said.

As for Kmart, Bisio said people should not assume that Wal-Mart would drive it out of business in Charlevoix and make its shopping area on M-66 a group of empty buildings. He said Wal-Mart did not consider the Kmart location for its proposed supercenter.

"Kmarts have survived with a Wal-Mart in town. In a lot of cases people shop both stores," he said. "Kmart has proved they are competitive and can survive and thrive."

Hoffman responded claiming Wal-Mart's idea of full-time jobs are 28 hours a week, while the rest of the working world considers 40 hours a week full-time. He added many of the figures that This Is Our Town have compiled shows that while a Wal-Mart may not harm downtown businesses too much, it will significantly hurt all of the other retailers in Charlevoix.

"All retailers in Charlevoix will suffer. We are not talking about just downtown retailers," he said.

He said figures show for each Wal-Mart that opens, two grocery stores close and area retailers suffer.

According to Bisio, data from the Petoskey Wal-Mart supercenter was the reason the company decided to even start thinking of Charlevoix as a location. He said point of sale data showed many people from the Charlevoix area were shopping at the Petoskey location.

While putting a store in Charlevoix would hurt its Petoskey location, Bisio said, "Our desire is to better serve our customers."

By putting a store in Charlevoix, Wal-Mart would be closer to many of its customers that shop in Petoskey, especially senior citizens, and it would ease the burden on the Petoskey store as far as volume of sales and people.

"You can get into a situation where a store becomes overshopped," he said.

The reason the company picked a supercenter, which includes a grocery area, was based on those same customer numbers.

"It's hard to ignore the food and grocery component. It is popular with customers," he said. "Customers drive the content of our stores. This store would be the appropriate size to serve Charlevoix."

Bisio also addressed the concerns some people have about this Wal-Mart contributing to sprawl in the area. He said Wal-Mart does not control what stores decide to locate around it and understands that it does create retail hubs in some communities, but the local planning commissions can control this.

"That's where your planning commission and city council and board of trustees have the opportunity to shape further growth," he said.

Overall, Bisio said he understood the concerns of Charlevoix people.

"Charlevoix is a special place. A place people like to live and visit," he said. "I would say we cannot afford not to do the right thing."

In response, Hoffman said, "I agree that Charlevoix is a very special place. But, it is not right for the community of Charlevoix. It may be right for Wal-Mart's profits."

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SPORTS

Islanders second in district

By FRANK SOLLE
Special to the Courier

MACKINAW CITY — After dispatching the Alanson Vikings 15-0, 15-1, the Beaver Island Islander volleyball team found themselves against a Goliath-like Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian team in the District 123 championship match here last Saturday.

With a lineup featuring three 6-foot players, the Swordsmen proved to be too much for the Islanders as Harbor Light avenged last year's semifinal loss to the Islanders with a 15-7, 15-6 win to advance to regional play.

"We moved fairly well considering the speed of the ball," said Islander coach Connie Boyle. "We're just not used to that type of play. We don't have anyone we play all year that hits the ball at us like that."

Time and again Harbor Light's big players pounded the ball at the Islanders who scrambled to make the return. While the Islanders stayed close through the early part of each game, the power of the Swordsmen eventually wore them down.

"It's hard when the ball is slamming down at you," Boyle said, adding of the Swordsmen, "they have some pretty tall, hard-hitting girls."

The Islanders were the dominant team against the Vikings, outplaying Alanson in all aspects of the game.

Danielle Cary and Emma Adams were a force at the net, while Kerrie Gillespie and Rachel McDonough put in solid service games. Cary and Adams each had at least six strong kills in the match. Gillespie served up four straight aces in the first game, while McDonough keyed a 10-point run in the second game from the service line, including three aces.

The win over Alanson marks the second straight year the Islanders have won a semifinal match at the district tournament.

That was part of the team meeting its goals, according to Boyle. "Our first goal was to beat Alanson and we did. Our second goal was to play well and we played well."

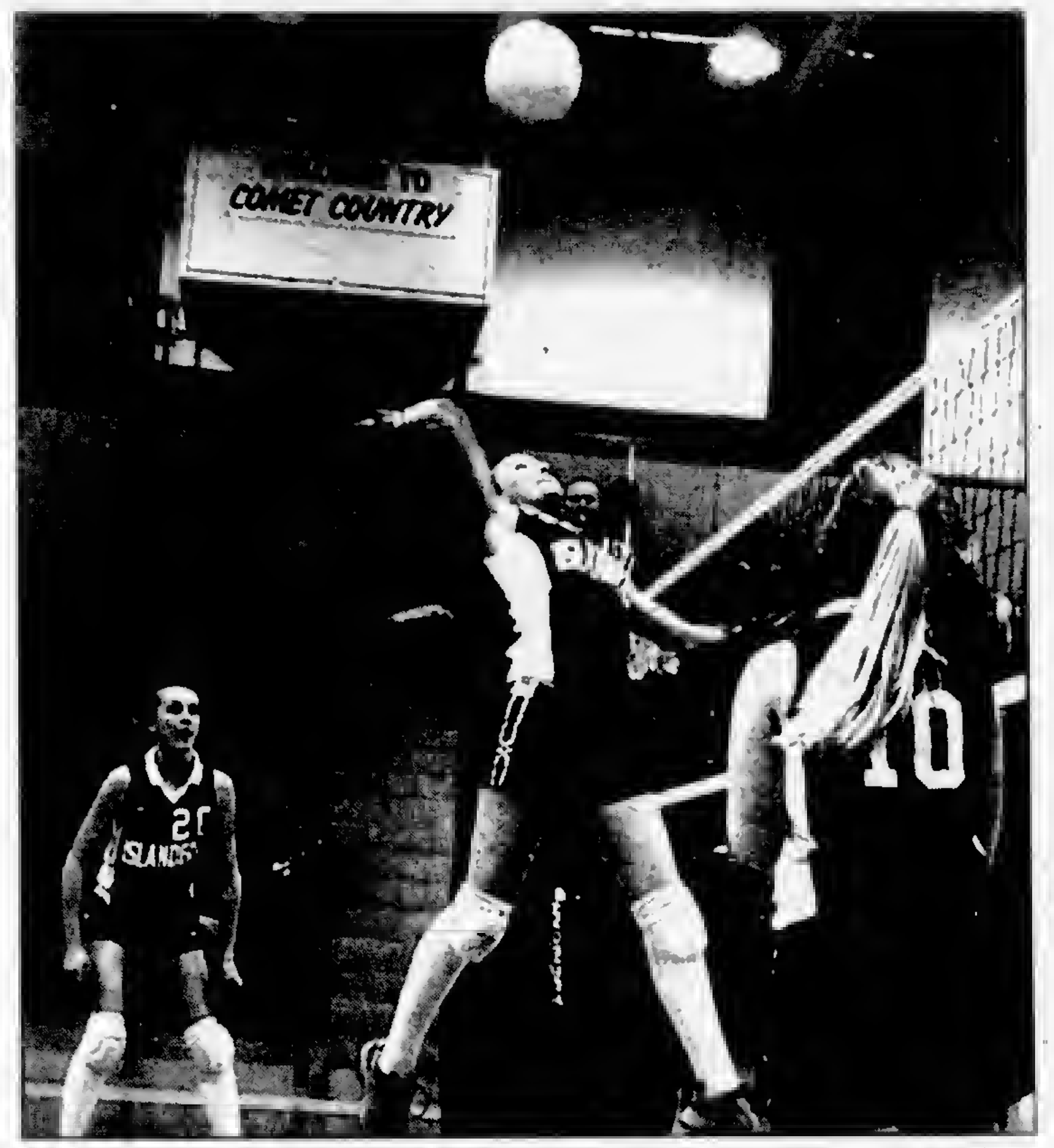

Photo by Frank Solle

An Islander goes for the ball in the recent district game.

Charlevoix Middle School wrestling starts

The Charlevoix Middle School and Elementary Wrestling program began its season at a tournament in Kalkaska on Saturday with 10 area schools competing.

First place medal winners were: Clinton Longley, Nathan Tripplehorn, Jake Novotny and Sammy Hovie.

Second place medals were awarded to: Nate Golovich, Travis Johnstone, Matt Golovich, Tony Filizetti, Thomas Rich, Jacob Roach, Austin Devries, Andrew Robarge, Sawyer Golovich and Eli Daman.

Medals for third place went to: R.J. Moore, Nick Mailloux, Brandon Darrah, Dylan Sladek and Avery Penfold.

Finishing fourth were: Max Braniecki, Zeke Daman, Chase Moore, Ryan Penfold, Steven Walden, Robbie Hovie, Casey Swadling, Eric Tripplehorn and Alex Waha.

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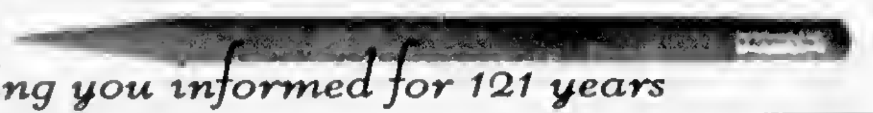

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The varsity volleyball team is: Becca Kanine, Kari Way, Sonya Plude, Shayna Drost, Jessica Pettis, Betsey Dennis, Sally Haselschwardt, Theresa Martin, Andrea Ruhlman, Denise Barta and Head Coach Liz Grunch.

Rayders' volleyball team wins district tournament

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders won their volleyball district for the second consecutive year, defeating Elk Rapids in the final, 15-4, 15-2.

"It was a great team effort," coach Liz Grunch said. "We played against some very good teams but the girls weren't intimidated."

Charlevoix (32-10-2) added the district title to the accolade of Lake Michigan Conference champion which they had earned previously.

The Rayders advanced to the finals by defeating Traverse City St. Francis, 15-9, 15-5 and Suttons Bay, 6-15, 15-10, 15-11.

"The girls came in real focused and ready to play," Grunch said. "We were behind in the first game 10-0 to Suttons Bay but we fought back in that game and came back strong to win the next two."

Kari Way led the way with 29 kills and 25 digs. Andrea Ruhlmann had 28 kills.

Becca Kanine had 48 assists and was 26 for 28 serving with two aces. Sonya Plude was 22 for 24 serving with four aces.

Charlevoix plays at the regional next Saturday at Suttons Bay.

Midget hockey team's win streak continues on the ice

Boyne Area Hockey's Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget team continued their success this weekend with aggressive play on both ends of the ice and unselfish passing, resulting in two more wins.

Alpena's Burger King team came to play at the Polar Bear Arena on March 7.

Boyne took the first game 8-4. With three boys out injured and new lines, Boyne proved their versatility. Ryan Fields and Russell Williams each scored two, Eli Barsy, Dylan Clark, Stephen Cahoon, and Justin Conklin each added one.

Playmakers were earned by Conklin with four assists and Williams with three. Fields, Cahoon, Barsy and Evan Keller all gave one.

Bobby Courtright was in goal.

In the rematch Boyne ran away 5-1 by the end of the first period and kept rolling, resulting in a 8-3 win. Williams scored a natural hat trick with three straight goals, then added one more. Fields netted two and Keller one.

Fields and Conklin both earned playmakers with 3 and 4 assists, Barsy gave two, JP Fiedorek, Cahoon, Clark, Britt King and Keller all chipped in one.

Nick Ferree was tenacious in goal.

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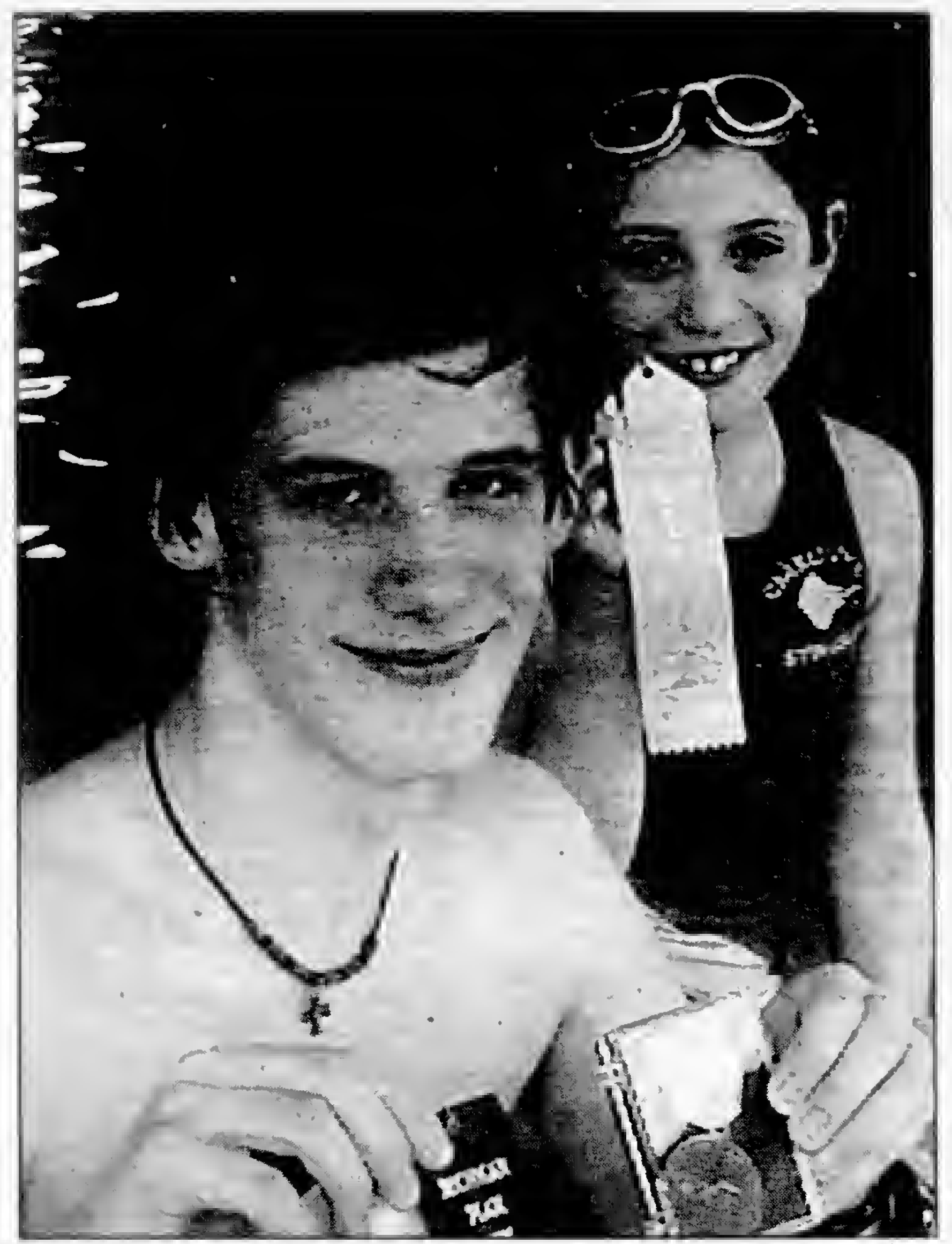

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State swimmers

Two members of the Charlevoix Pool swim team Stingrays, Jonathan Boyko and Kathryn Sanchez, competed in the recent state tournament. Sanchez finished eleventh in the 26 Backstroke for 8 and under and Boyko finished twelfth in the 50 Freestyle, ninth in the 100 Freestyle and fourth in the 100 Breaststroke.

Basketball team loses last two regular season games

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders limp into the state tournament, both figuratively and literally, having lost last week to Kalkaska, 90-86 and Petoskey, 58-41.

The Rayders (15-5) have lost three straight games and dropped out of the Associated Press Class C top 10 this week.

Perhaps, more importantly, Charlevoixs top two scorers, Scott Friske and Jared Hunt have been hampered by injuries. Hunt played sparingly against Kalkaska and did not play at Petoskey. Friske played, but was not at 100 percent.

"We don't use injuries as an excuse," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "Give them (Kalkaska and Petoskey) credit. They played very well against us. Kalkaska's coach said that was the best game they have played all season long without a doubt."

At Petoskey High School, a crowd estimated at over 2,500 watched the Northmen take an early 9-6 lead on an Anthony Wilhelm three-pointer that they would never relinquish.

The first half was tight with both teams turning the ball over more than usual in a defensive struggle. Petoskey led by as many as five, but the Rayders tied the game at 19-19 on a Cody Crain three-pointer and again at 21-21 on a Scott Friske jumper.

Petoskey scored the final three of the half for a 24-21 lead.

The third quarter was all Northmen as Wilhelm and Damon Huffman combined for 17 of Petoskey's 19 points in the period. Charlevoix only managed eight points as a team as they fell behind, 43-29.

The stunned Rayder nation watched in the fourth period as Petoskey extended the lead to as many as 19.

"They played very good defense against us," Haske said. "They switched defenses and didn't allow us to get into any kind of flow on offense."

John DiMartino led the Rayders with 11 points. Bryce Daly tallied 10.

The Charlevoix junior varsity won their season finale, defeating Petoskey, 69-61 to complete a 16-4 season. Kyle DeYoung scored 18; Matt Kautz had 17, Eddie Waldron 15, and Chad Ellis, 12.

Against Kalkaska, Friske scored 21 points and 11 rebounds in his return to action. Daly had 17 points, four assists and four steals. Ryan DeYoung scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Ben Bergmann also had 14 points.

"I've been impressed with how we've responded (to the losses)," Haske said. "We've had two very good practices and the team has a good attitude coming into the tournament."

Charlevoix opened district play at Harbor Springs against the Rams on Tuesday, March 9, but results were not available at press time. The winner of the Charlevoix-Harbor Springs contest will play Thursday, March 11 against the Mancelona-East Jordan victor.

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State Farm Insurance	21	19
B Vanloo & Sons	19	21
Kerr's Racing	18	22
Bayshore Steel	17	23
Cemex Cement	17	23
Central Drug Store	16	24

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jim Descamps	602	237
Mo Dixon	625	224
Jon Kieman	619	223

Tuesday Night Ladies • March 2, 2004

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	23	17
Hayes Legal Crew	22.5	17.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	19.5	20.5
Grey Gables Inn	18	22
Paul Bunyan Lanes	18	22
Top Rank Disposal	16	24
Don's IGA	14.5	25.5
Central Drug Store	12.5	27.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	636	231
Marlene Evans		220
Janice Thanasiu	550	
Cindy Brooks		193
Mary D'Brien	538	193

Double Deckers Mixed League
Feb. 29, 2004

	W	L
Blanchard/Crain	39	9
Webb	32.5	15.5
Russell Amy/Jerry	31	17
Bradley	26.5	21.5
Blanchard	26	22
Dixon/Kehrer	25	23
Stein	24.5	23.5
Spencer	24	24
Russell C & R	24	24
Sladek Laural/Joe	22	26
Novotny S & J	19.5	28.5
McDonnell/Sporer	19	29
Ferguson	17	31
Nordman	14	34

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	584	238
Michael Webb	594	233
Gary Spencer		219
John Ferguson	567	
Lynette Webb	563	217
Debbie Blanchard	560	204
Carne Blanchard	512	198

Young at Hearts League
March 4, 2004

	W	L
Hall & Hall	22	10
Twilighters	22	10
Misfits	19	13
Sparetime	18	14
Has Beens	17	15
Irish Rollers	13	19
Alley Cats	9	23
Past Timers	8	24

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Maury Oixon	564	233
Don Bambach	533	197
Don Wells		182
Art Ruis	450	
Zettie Kitson	431	163
Mary Lakies	454	156
Judy Potter	426	149

Church League • March 3, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	293	157
Ferguson & Chamberlain	269	181
Townhouse Bar	236	214
Martincheks	223	227
St. Mary's	212	238
State Farm Insurance	202	248
R & C Roofing	184	266
Lutherans	181	269

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	618	254
Tom Browe	635	246
Bill Gengle	604	253

Monday Madness • March 1, 2004

	W	L
Villager Pub	258	142
Buzy Bees	247	153
Strike Seekers	223	177
Flight Deck Top Guns	222	178
Fnske Farm Market	206	194
Laural & Co. Hair Design	195	205
Paul Bunyan Lanes	193	207
Team One	0	160

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Gem Zaremski		196
Debi Grass	693	190
Deb Blanchard	628	
Ema DeNise	606	189
Patty Sitzema	606	

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
Feb. 22, 2004

	W	L
Horon	37	15
Moore	36.5	15.5
Cunningham/Mikulski	35	17
Novotny	29	23
Golovich	28	24
O'Leary	27.5	24.5
Hart	24	28
Bradley	24	28
Stebe/Rodriguez	21.5	30.5
Stebe/Soulliere	21	31
Herboldsheimer	19.5	32.5
Mackinder	13	39

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Chris Mikulski		197
Joe Horon	520	
Dave Herboldsheimer	515	195
Butch Hart	500	
Debbie Horon	501	211
Jeannie Stebe	495	198
Linda Mackinder		194
Cindy Novotny	470	

Gutter Gals League • March 4, 2004

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	88	72
Express Yourself	85	75
Paul Bunyan Lanes	74	86
Burger King Charlevoix	73	87

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
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Mary O'Brien	497	190
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Robert R. Graves and Linda T. Graves, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 3, 2000, and was recorded on October 6, 2000, in Liber 398 on pages 393 through 399 of the Charlevoix County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $9,437.09, including interest at 9% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, March 26, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.

The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

Dated: February 17, 2004

SMITH, MARTIN, POSERS & KNIER, P.C.
Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

L(2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010647-DE

Estate of Cecil Junior Kerridge, Deceased
Date of birth: June 19, 1943

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Cecil Junior Kerridge, who lived at 00680 M-75 South, Boyne City, Michigan died October 11, 2000.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara Kerridge, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 17, 2004

Howard T. Linden P25438
3000 Town Center, Suite 2200
Southfield, MI 48075
(248)358-4545

Barbara Kerridge
00680 M-75 South
Boyne City, Michigan 49712
231-582-6385

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 04-010648-LG

In the matter of: **Paul Castor**

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at 2 p.m. at the Charlevoix Probate Court, County Building before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose(s):

To hear the Petition(s) filed by Michelle Daubenspeck requesting that William Brian Daubenspeck be appointed Limited Guardian for the above-captioned person.

Date: February 27, 2004

Michelle Daubenspeck
703 Prospect
East Jordan, Michigan 49727
231-536-0373

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc. is seeking proposals for the provision of substance abuse prevention services for fiscal year 2004/2005 in the primary service area of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Otsego, Roscommon and Wexford counties.
For Request for Proposal packets please contact: Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc., 1165 Elkview, Suite #1, P.O. Box 1278, Gaylord, MI 49734, (989) 732-1791, ext. 18. Requests may also be made by email to Heidi Serven at heidi@nmsas.net.
A pre-proposal conference will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at 10 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the coordinating agency, 1165 Elkview, Gaylord, Michigan. Proposals are due to NMSAS no later than Friday, April 30th at 4 p.m.
Federal and State funding has been provided to support in the project costs.

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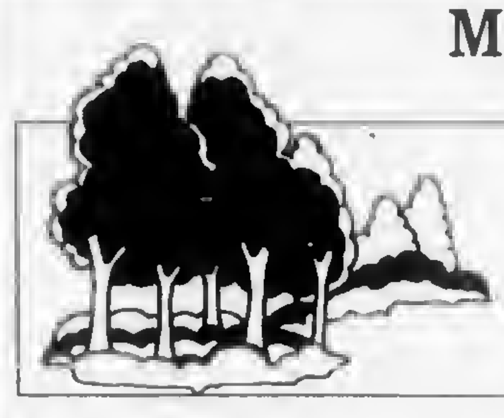

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Little League

There will be a Little League registration from 6 to 8 p.m., March 10 and March 12 in the Charlevoix Elementary School lobby. Boys and girls, age 7 to 16 are eligible. The cost is $45 per player. For more information please call 547-8990.

City Band practice

City Band rehearsals will begin at 7 p.m., on March 10, in the Charlevoix Middle School band room. The next rehearsal will be at 7 p.m., March 23, at the same location and on Tuesdays thereafter. For further information please call Gail Baldridge at 547-5653 or Judy Willey at 237-9392.

Spaghetti dinner

Charlevoix Area Hospital employee staff is giving a spaghetti dinner from 4 to 7 p.m., Saturday, March 13, at the Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth, to benefit fellow employee, Carol Heeres. For more information please call Diane at 547-8505.

Pancake breakfast

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club monthly pancake breakfast is from 8 to 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 13, at the Club House, two miles north of the bridge on US-31 in Charlevoix. This all you can eat breakfast features pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, bacon, sausage gravy with home-made biscuits, coffee and juice for $5 per person.

McSauba races

Mt. McSauba ski and snowboard races are Sunday, March 14. There will be age groups from 5 and under through adult. Registration will be from 12 to 1 p.m. the day of the race and races starting at 1 p.m. sharp. There will be a $2 entry fee. For any question call Mt. McSauba at 547-3267.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross blood drive is from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., Thursday, March 18, at the Charlevoix High School located at 5200 Marion Center Road in Charlevoix. This is sponsored by the Charlevoix High School Student Council. Call Gail Cherry at 547-3222, ext. 2032 for information or appointments or call (800) GIVE LIFE or go to www.redcross.org on the web. Please bring two forms of identification.

Skate-a-Thon

A Skate-a-Thon is scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 22, at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church on M-66. This event is the first fundraising effort by local students to obtain funds for the future Charlevoix Community Skatepark. Volunteers and donations needed. Please call Vicki Daman at 547-8063 for further information.

Library meeting

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are hosting two evening coffees for the purpose of informing citizens about the proposed new library plan. The public is invited to come to the library at 109 Clinton Street at 5:15 p.m., Monday, March 22, or at 7 p.m., on Monday, March 29.

Call 547-22651 for more information.

Music grants

The Northern Michigan Chorale is announcing the availability of vocal music grants for summer music study. These grants are for anyone of high school age or older in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

Letters of application are due by Friday, April 2 and should include name, address and telephone number. Also, specify the planned use for the grant, such as vocal lessons or music camp assistance. High school applicants should provide a letter of recommendation from their music instructor.

Auditions will take place on Monday, April 26. Applicants will be notified of time and place. Successful applicants will be invited to perform in the Northern Michigan Chorale fall or spring concerts.

Send letter of application to the Northern Michigan Chorale, P.O. Box 51, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Scholarships

Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) is again offering two $500 scholarships to any accredited trade or vocation education school or program.

Students need to obtain information from their High School Counselor and apply by April 15.

The recipients will be selected by the MARSP Scholarship Committee by May 1. This Committee includes a representative from each of the four Charlevoix County High Schools. Students will be informed by May 15.

The Early Family Memorial Scholarship will contribute additional funds.

Trophy display

Charlevoix High School is in the process of finishing their new trophy display cases in the commons area outside the gymnasium. The trophy area is near completion, and now the school is asking for community assistance to complete the next phase.

A Hall of Fame for All-state athletes is being constructed along the North/South hallway, opposite the gymnasium. All athletes, who achieved all-state status in their sports at Charlevoix High School, are asked to send a 2-inch-by-3-inch senior picture along with the year(s) All-state status was accomplished, the sport(s) and a correct spelling of their name. Additionally, if an athlete was a state champion, please send a 5-inch-by-7-inch picture. Only one picture is needed even if All-state status was achieved in more than one sport. Please include a contact person and phone number if there is a question about the information sent.

Please send the photo and information to the following address: Attn: Ken Plude, Project Coordinator, Hall of Fame, Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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'Days gone by'

The story of Claytons Brown's ordeal continues with how he survived the cold and his amazing struggle to traverse the ice and open water to reach shore after the savage snowstorm blew the ice flow he was on farther from shore.

He was a very determined man, and although his feet were frozen, he focused on the shore, and pulled himself across the rough ice.

The first person he saw was an old Indian woman. He later leaned that she was a member of the George Andrews family.

She was working at the woodpile in front of the nearest house. He called to her and asked if he could come in and get warm. She turned away without answering and started for the back door. Clayton didn't realize that she couldn't speak English and was going for someone who could.

He said that for the first time in those three terrible days, he cracked. He picked up a stick of stovewood and lumbered after her. He said "If you try to shut me out here in the cold, you'll stay with me."

He said he meant it, too. In that crazed instant he would have brained her without compunction. She didn't seem to hear him and she didn't look around. She opened the door and called, and her grandson a boy of about 16, came out. Clayton told him that his name was Brown and that he had been out on the ice. He didn't have to say anything more, for the family had heard the story on an old battery radio they owned.

Both of them had figured that all three of the men were dead. The boy and the woman stared at Clayton as if he had come out of the grave.

They then hurried him inside and the warmth of the fire felt wonderful to him. Clayton took his boots off and one look at his feet told him what he had feared. His feet were lifeless white lumps. Although he felt terrible about that, he actually felt fairly good and his feet didn't hurt him, nor did they later.

The Andrews family hurried to get food ready for him, consisting of meat and potatoes and raisin pudding. Of course; being so hungry, he wolfed it down, and it soon came up. The boy had left for Good Heart as soon as they got Clayton into the house, he hiked through the deep snow on a trail. A store-keep there phoned the Coast Guard at Charlevoix and told them that Clayton had walked in from the ice. They didn't believe it at first, but shortly after dark, a rescue party came. It consisted of county snow plows, a big crew of men with shovels, an ambulance and two doctors.

They gave Clayton a shot of brandy, put him on a stretcher and carried him up the bluff to the plowed highway where the ambulance was waiting. He was in the Charlevoix Hospital by midnight, under warm blankets. The next day, walking parties with sleds and an air search, combined to hunt for the bodies of Beardsley and Cunningham, the Coast Guardsman who lost his life. They couldn't, find them. The next day, the search succeeded and the bodies were brought ashore. It was just in time, for the day after finding them, the ice broke again and was blown out into the lake.

Clayton's frozen fingers healed, but he remained in the hospital for weeks while doctors tried to save his feet. It was a losing fight and gangrene developed. Both legs had to be amputated seven inches below his knees. He had several bad years before he adjusted to that loss and was fitted with artificial feet. By that time, he was ready to use them. He did learn to walk on his hands in the days before he got his artificial feet. He actually had to walk on the knuckles of this clenched fists in a sitting position with his arms down at his sides, and the stubs of his legs held out horizontally in front of him.

He said he was good at it and could swing himself across a room about as fast as a man on two feet. The doctors felt he could balance himself better if they made his prosthesis so he was four and a half inches shorter than before.

He went back to hunting and fishing. He walked many times for 15 miles in the woods on his wooden feet. He was even accepted as a heavy-equipment inspector, chiefly in refrigeration, by the Quartermaster's Corps, during World War II. He served three years in that capacity. One time, his wooden feet served him better than the real thing. He went hunting rattlesnakes in the Arizona desert. He wore leather chaps that hung below his knees, and didn't have to worry about being struck on the feet or ankles.

In the ensuing years of his life, Clayton lived in Harbor Springs with his wife, Imogene. Their three children married. He still did a lot of fishing for stream trout, bass, coho salmon, steelheads and anything that would take a lure. He broke a leg when he was 57 years old, but continued to enjoy duck and deer hunting as much as he ever did.

Clayton, in reminiscing about his adventure, said "If someone had told me how close I'd come to dying when I went out on the ice that winter morning, I would have laughed. Later, when I was lying in the skiff near two dead men, if there had been someone to predict that I'd live to get ashore, I wouldn't have believed that either. Adding up the score, I figure I don't have a thing in the world to complain about."

This had been a most intriguing story to write and I feel a much greater awe of the power and treachery of Lake Michigan. I remember fishermen telling how the big lakes could get as furious in a storm, or more so, than the oceans. Clayton Brown was a strong and determined man, and he was one who beat the odds of survival in the cold and ice.

Northwest band gets high rating

The Advanced Band students at Northwest Academy once again have received the highest rating possible at the District II Band & Orchestra Festival this past weekend in Petoskey.

Only three bands received all I ratings: Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Northwest Academy.

Gary Stutzman, director of bands, said, "These students have taken our program to a level that most bands can only dream about."

One adjudicator wrote, "This band plays with such clarity and emotion that the listener will be laughing one moment and in tears the next."

The Advanced Band represented Charlevoix and the Northern Michigan region well when they performed for the 59 annual MSBOA Music Teacher In-Service Conference in Ann Arbor on January 23. They braved one of our worst winter storms to get out of northern Michigan on the day before their performance.

At Hill Auditorium they performed music from this past weekend, brought back four graduates from 2003 and played music that was performed at the State Festival in the spring of 2003. Dr. Robert Stephenson, one of Stutzman's former instructors from Northern Michigan University, joined the band as guest conductor for one of the numbers. It is the dream of many bands to have the opportunity to perform in Hill Auditorium and Northwest Academy has been there, receiving high praise for a job very well done.

Stutzman feels that one of the reasons the Advanced Band plays so well is their dedication to, and involvement in, the District and State Solo and Ensemble Festivals each year.

After returning from Ann Arbor, the band began preparing for the District Solo and Ensemble Festival in Harbor Springs. The band has 228 members this year and they were entered in a total of 17 different events.

Several students played solos as well as ensembles. The musicians received first division ratings in fourteen of the seventeen events and have registered to perform at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival on March 27, at Manistee High School. The Solos and Ensembles going to State Festival are:

- Flute Quartet — Kristy Trudeau, Emily Hagen, Elizabeth Shepard and Kellie Young.
- Flute Duet — Trudeau and Hagen.
- Clarinet Choir — Celia McGee, Kelly Hand, Anna Kroon, Phoebe Allport, Amanda Seidel and James Slough.
- Sax Quartet — Joe Sievertson, Peter Londgren, Dan Sanchez and Liz Shepard.
- Sax Quartet — James Slough, Dan Sanchez, Alanna Leslie and Kellie Young.
- Sax Trio — Sievertson, Sanchez and Londgren.
- Brass Duet — Gina Attee and Devin Toton.
- Brass Sextet — Attee, Toton, Trisha Watkins, Trevor Londgren, Jennifer Fisher and Patrick Hand.
- Flute Solo — Hagen.
- Alto Sax Solo — Sievertson and Londgren.
- Baritone Sax Solo — Liz Shepard.
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The Advanced Band has now qualified for the State Band and Orchestra Festival later this spring.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PUB CRAWL & CELEBRATION IS MARCH 17TH

Charlevoix is celebrating St. Patrick's Day this year as a tribute to the culture, food, and music of the Irish and our Beaver Island neighbors. Collect strings of Irish beads as you follow the music of the Sault Ste. Marie Pipe Band throughout town **beginning at 5pm at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant; 6pm at the Town House Bar; 7pm at the Villager Pub and 8pm at Grey Gables.** Restaurants are featuring traditional Irish food and drink specials. Look for savings at merchants who are having "Saving of the Green" sales. Don't miss the dedication of the "1st Annual Pub Crawl" at 5pm at the Weathervane. Remember to wear your green!

EASTER EGG HUNT IS APRIL 10TH

The Easter Bunny is coming to Charlevoix! The 13th Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 10 at 2pm in East Park downtown. Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant is hosting an Easter Bunny Luncheon from 11:00 to 1:30pm. Children may have a "free" photo taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Charlevoix Camera. Following the luncheon, the Easter Bunny is in East Park for the Easter Egg Hunt, which begins promptly at 2:00pm. Children's age categories are: 3 years and under, 4 - 6 years, and 7-10 years. There will be 5,000 eggs with prizes inside. The Chamber's Retail Promotions Committee sponsors this event. For more information, call the chamber office, 547-2101.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHAMBER?

TWO TIPS FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS:

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Business Briefs

EDITH GILBERT'S COMPLETE WEDDING PLANNER RECEIVES A HIGH HONOR

The 4th edition of the Complete Wedding Planner, written by local author Edith Gilbert, received the honor of being reviewed in the February 2nd edition of *Publisher's Weekly*. The article, titled "Have Your Cake and Edith, Too," is full of praise for the hard work and insight that Edith puts into her books. Her new book will be out this spring. Congratulations Edith!

CHAMBER WELCOMES RED e GRAPHICS

Red e Graphics offers a wide range of professional imaging services from photo restoration to product and location photography. As the former Digital Imaging Project Manager for a leading arts and crafts e-commerce website, owner John Barneveld was responsible for shooting and preparing over 60,000 web-ready product images. John's experience with digital imaging and music production is a welcome addition to our area.

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Health Zone Chiropractic Center has moved and is now called Charlevoix Chiropractic Center. Previously located on the corner of Antrim and State Street, the office can now be found at 1101 Bridge Street. We wish you well at your new location!

JOIN FRISKE'S FOR CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAYS

In appreciation for your patronage, Friske's has set aside March 15-20 as Customer Appreciation Days to say "thank you" for your loyalty and support. Prizes, discounts, samples and fun await everyone who stops by. New this year is a Scavenger Hunt - a great activity for families. A special treat awaits everyone who successfully completes the hunt. Join them for a Bushel of Family Fun at Friske's - 10 miles south on US-31.

SUSAN LOUISELLE JOINS RE/MAX OF CHARLEVOIX

RE/MAX of Charlevoix welcomes associate broker Susan Louiselle to their roster of sales associates. A 1981 graduate of Charlevoix High School, she has been a real estate sales associate and broker for 7 years here in her home town of Charlevoix. She is happy to assist you with any of your real estate needs!

Business After Hours

Kudos to Jeff Spreeksell, manager of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant and Chef John Giles, Sous Chef Jeremy Kunz and Dave Baylo for a wonderful Business After Hours on February 19th. The food and atmosphere were great!

Business Breakfast

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is May 7, 2004 at 7:30 a.m. at Grey Gables.

Retail Meeting

The next Retail Meeting will be March 18 at 8:45am at The Acorn Cafe.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

March 10 - Raven Hill - MI Women's Foundation - Work SMART, 536-3369
March 13 - Raven Hill - 2nd Saturday: Science For Kids, Rocks & Minerals 536-3369
March 15-20 - Friske's Farm Market - Customer Appreciation Days 599-2604
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl & Celebration 547-2101
March 25-26 - Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild Spring Book Fair, 547-2273
March 27 - Raven Hill - Art for Adults - Copper Bowls, 536-3369
April 2 & 3 - Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Fund Drive
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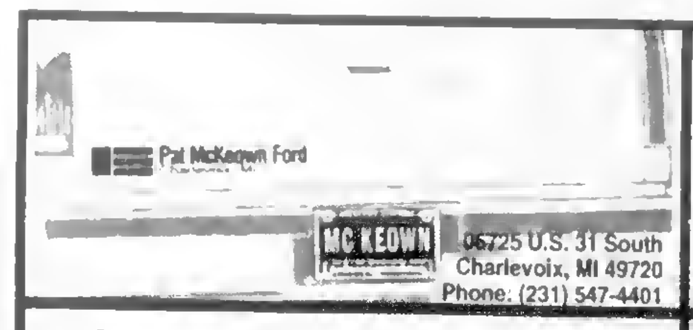

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Wal-Mart postpones again

Meeting with township changed to April 28

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Wal-Mart has postponed its meeting with Charlevoix Township by one week.

According to planning commission chair Nancy Rajewski, the formal site plan meeting with the township planning commission originally scheduled for April 21 is being rescheduled for April 28. The meeting will be at the Charlevoix High School on Marion Center Road.

Rajewski said reasons for this change revolved around some concerns the Michigan Department of Transportation had with the Wal-Mart supercenter's site plan regarding access to the roads and some concerns the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have over wetlands on the site.

Rajewski added the company has not submitted any official documents, such as an official site plan, and must have these required documents to the township by March 29, to meet the deadline for an April 28 meeting.

Bob Hoffman, president of the anti-Wal-Mart group This Is Our Town, said the organization does not object to the delay, but he does not think it is long enough.

He added, "At this point we are not sure whether those issues can be resolved with a one week rescheduling."

Hoffman said there are many issues with the wetlands on the site that need to be addressed and This Is Our Town would like to see a complete wetlands study of the site. This study would have to be conducted after the snow melts in the spring.

He added the group would also like to see an independent traffic study in the summer — Wal-Mart conducted its own traffic study. Hoffman said a summer study will give a more accurate depiction of what traffic will be like at the proposed site.

He added both the city of Charlevoix and the state department of transportation have expressed reservations about the traffic study conducted by Wal-Mart. The site would have entrances and exits on US-31, Marion Center Road and Stover

See WAL-MART, page 23

Running the mountain, with help

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The annual fun races at Mount McSauba took place March 14 at the hill. The rainy morning turned into a sunny afternoon for the 38 skiers and snowboarders who participated. The youngest racer at the event, Megan Scholten, 2, won first place for her division with a little help from her proud papa, Pete Scholten.

Ramsey may run for open rep. seat

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix resident John Ramsey may run for the 105th District of the Michigan House of Representatives.

John Ramsey

Ramsey, 60, who recently purchased a full-time home in Charlevoix after visiting the area since the mid-1980s, said he will be making the final decision on his run sometime in April. He has currently filed paperwork for a committee and an exploratory committee.

"The basic premise at this point in my life is, how can I best utilize the next few years

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Michael Christopher Dixon, 31, Charlevoix. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing of marijuana. Bound over to circuit court.

Daniel Benjamin Keehn, 26, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Sandra Fairhead Galbraith, 63, East Jordan. Driving while intoxicated. Six months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Sarah Jean Otis, 18, East Lansing. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend alcohol education classes; $180 in fines and costs.

Clarence William Clark, 27, Twining. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $500.

David George Cramer, 48, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $860 in fines and costs.

Todd Curtis Downing, 40, East Jordan. Retail fraud — third degree. Six months probation; attend substance abuse counseling; 93 days in jail, serve 12 days, 81 days held in abeyance; $350 in fines and costs.

Randall Lee Burrows, 49, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 62 days held in abeyance; $1,215 in fines and costs.

Robert Allen Bowden, 35, East Jordan. Breaking and entering — illegal entry without permission. Nine months probation; attend substance abuse counseling; 90 days in jail, serve 15 days, 75 days held in abeyance; $1,010.77 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Henry Sauro, 24, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $770 in fines and costs.

Kyle Duncan Hall, 20, Boyne City. Assault/resist/obstruct a police officer. Bound over to circuit court.

Kyle Duncan Hall, 20, Boyne City. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Bound over to circuit court.

Assumed Names

The following businesses have filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Destination Weddings & Events Northern Michigan Style, 518 Meadow Lane, Charlevoix, by Kris Rundblad

Pretty Papers, 518 Meadow Lane, Charlevoix, by Kris Rundblad

MerryMakers, 518 Meadow Lane, Charlevoix, by Kris Rundblad

Harbor Barber, 113 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, by Gerry Balch

Thomas M. Dressel Plumbing, 787 North Snyder Road, Boyne City, by Thomas M. Dressel and Laura A. Dressel

Barn Productions, 210 South Lake Street, East Jordan, by Bridgette M. Criner

Uniforms Unlimited, 161 M-66 North, Charlevoix, by Cynthia L. Cehulski

Hankins Auction Service, 1018 Lake 26 Road, Charlevoix, by Scott Hankins

North Bay Farm, 08550 Horton Bay Road, Petoskey, by Jerry Schmoldt and Cassie Schmoldt

Creative Talents, 3090 Maple Street, Boyne Falls, by Michael Breimer and Shelly Breimer

Lil Cabin Treasures, 06020 Patricia Drive, East Jordan, by Corinna I. Scott

Stenna's Cleaning Service, 12600 Lake Terrace Court #18, Charlevoix, by Stenna S. McManus

Angel's Watching Over U!, 04944 Pearsall Road, East Jordan, by Kim Hejka and Sue Stanbrough

Services by Ferguson, 01414 Boyne City-East Jordan Road, Boyne City, by Debbie Ferguson

Beaver Island Construction, 26900 Hemlock Point, Beaver Island, by Kevin Alan White

Marriages

The following people were granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Antonio Perez-Lopez, 32, Charlevoix and Jaime Ann Baker, 22, Charlevoix

Jeffery Lee Brodin, 44, East Jordan and Annette Louise Erickson, 32, East Jordan

Philip Gordon McPherson, 24, East Jordan and Tiffany Joy Resch, 22, East Jordan

Divorces

The following people were granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Bridget Brown Powers vs. Carl Powers

Frank Hodgkin vs. Mary Jane Hodgkin

Richard Lord vs. Katherine Lord

Deborah Grody vs. Roger Grody

Births

Scott Joshua, weighing 8 pounds and 3 ounces, was born to Scott and Nichole Haley of East Jordan on March 11, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Jeanne and Terry Moblo of East Jordan and Scott and Susan Haley of Ironton.

Ezekiel Dean, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce, was born to Joshua and Elsa Martin of Petoskey on March 5, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has one brother named Grady. Grandparents are Tom and Glenda Conlan and Don and Sherry Sproul.

Correction

In a story on page 27 of last week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier about the Northwest Academy band, it should have said the band has 28 members.

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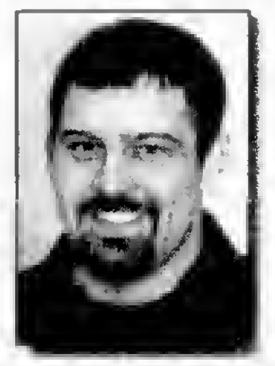

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Another lawsuit for Norwood Township

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A dispute in Norwood Township has sparked two lawsuits and another is just around the corner.

"The underlying problem is the township won't enforce the ordinance and they think they can get away with underhanded dealings with people," Norwood Township resident Mark Maynard, who has a stake in the lawsuits, said.

Frank and Barb Hamilton, owners of Auntie Barb's Country Kennel filed suit against the township in February to try and reverse a decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) that requires them to file for a new special use permit for their kennel operation.

The Hamiltons' attorney, Dan Barron said this is a "cut and dry" case which maintains that it is unfair for the township to require them to apply for a new special use permit after the kennel has operated for eight years under the old permit without being challenged.

"They are prevented from raising the issue of a proper permit because of the two year build out of the kennel facility and six years of operation," he said.

He said the only reason the issue came to light after years of the kennel operating with the township's knowledge was township politics.

At the root of the political upheaval are the Hamilton's neighbors, Mark and Marilyn Maynard, who have brought the permit violations to light. Mark Maynard is also a Norwood Township Board Trustee, a ZBA member and the former chairman of the township planning commission.

Marilyn said the whole thing started over screening that she and her husband say the Hamiltons are required by the zoning ordinance to have.

"All we wanted was some screening and some quiet. Now it's just so involved. It's turned out to be terrible, especially for the Hamiltons," Marilyn said.

The Hamilton property is located at 02161 US-31 in Charlevoix's Norwood Township. They were granted a special use permit to operate a kennel there on April 12, 1995 under the township's 1991 zoning ordinance. This 1991 ordinance was revised and the new ordinance went into effect on June 16, 1995.

The ZBA decided that the Hamiltons had not done work of "substantial character" to get the kennel operation up and running in the months between their permit being issued and the new ordinance going into effect. And because of that they ruled the Hamiltons do not have a vested right for use of their kennel facility.

The ZBA also ruled the scope of kennel operations has changed from what was approved in 1995.

This ruling means the Hamiltons need to get a new special use permit under the current ordinance, bringing the kennel and grounds up to today's ordinance standards.

The Hamiltons want Charlevoix County Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas to rule that the ZBA was wrong and they aren't required to get a new special use permit for their kennel operation.

Last week, the Maynards filed an intervention in this lawsuit claiming they have a stake in it too.

Mark Maynard said the township is going out of its way to defend the Hamiltons and he wants to make sure his rights are protected.

"The township intends to settle," he said.

Barron said the intervention isn't necessary because the interests of all township residents are well represented and protected by the township.

But Mark Maynard doesn't believe the township protects his interests. His skepticism of township operations is evidenced by the lawsuit he filed against township clerk Doris Pearl two weeks ago.

The suit claims that two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests he filed in February with Pearl, who is also the township's FOIA coordinator, were not responded to in totality.

He asked for information and documents related to the Hamiltons' kennel operation. He said the information he was looking for was relevant to a lawsuit he is building against the township. This suit has not yet been filed.

If the Maynards do follow through and sue the township, this will be the third lawsuit facing it.

Pearl denied incomplete response allegations.

"I've been responding quite regularly to those (FOIA requests). There are none that I'm aware of that I've ignored," she said.

The Maynards are hoping the circuit court judge will order Pearl to produce the alleged missing documents.

Norwood Township Supervisor Wayne Boss said the lawsuits facing the township are a financial burden and the confrontational approach to dealing with issues has been difficult.

"We don't have the money to be fighting in court and this has created conflict in the township," he said. "It's just unfortunate that when this kind of thing happens people take sides and false information is given — it makes things very, very difficult."

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> **Wayne Boss**,
> Norwood Township supervisor

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Move over, slow down

EDITORIAL

According to some local law enforcement officers, people just don't seem to understand the law.

In several incidents, local law enforcement officers have said drivers do not abide by state law that says they must leave one lane between a patrol car and their vehicle when passing an officer who has made a traffic stop.

In many cases, the drivers speed right by the officer, in the lane closest to the officer's patrol car, thus creating a very unsafe situation. More than one officer has said a passing vehicle has come very close to hitting him or his patrol vehicle.

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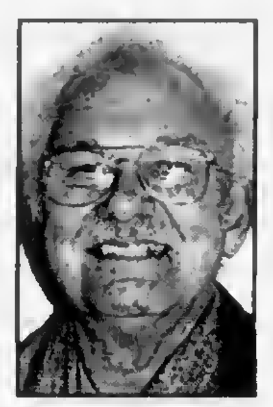
Local angler to represent state in Walleye tourneys



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

March is not usually a good month for the dedicated fisherman.

For at least some of the month, the ice on lakes is too soft to walk on safely and too hard to push a boat through. But for one outstanding local fisherman, this March is one of considerable satisfaction and high expectations.

Brian Warner has been invited to join the Professional Walleye Trail for three Midwest tournaments this spring and summer. The Professional Walleye Trail is a Pro-Am fishing tour now in its sixteenth season. It includes the finest and most successful walleye fishermen in the nation.

Brian has been fishing tournaments for about six years, starting with local outings and moving up to state tournaments. The state tournaments are team affairs, normally with two people in each boat. Brian entered them as a solo and finished five tournaments in the top 10 with more than 100 teams in each. That brought him enough national attention to lead to photos in the October-November 2003 In-Fisherman magazine and personal recommendations that won him a place on the Professional Walleye Trail.

Only five new people out of 350 applicants are asked to join the Eastern Division of the Walleye Trail and Brian is the only one from Michigan this year.

Brian got his start in angling on tiny Harwood Lake, just off Warner Road on the south border of Charlevoix County, about the time he learned to walk, and has never stopped fishing. He probably knows Lake Charlevoix as well as anyone could. He makes his own lures — casting jigging spoons out of a mystery metal that only he knows the composition of. He would only tell me it was an alloy.

His unusual lures and his use of them have won him the nickname of Mr. Spoon Daddy among those he competes with. He also makes and uses bucktail jigs and crawler harnesses and whatever else it takes to get those five and six pound walleyes that are the key to tournament wins.

Brian claims to have learned from old timers, but I suspect that some of the old timers could learn a lot from him. A lifetime of fishing (Brian is 45) on a wide variety of waters have honed his skills to the point where he can compete with the best of the nation. His goals for the summer are to win a tournament or two and to have fun doing it.

At one point Brian turned down a full-ride sponsorship because it might have interfered with the fun.

His first tournament is April 21-23 on lakes and flowages in the Oshkosh, Wis. area. Since the Walleye Tour tournaments are Pro-Am events he will be fishing with a different amateur chosen by lottery each day. What a learning experience for them!

Let's all keep an eye on Brian this summer as he represents Charlevoix and the state of Michigan in the tournaments at Oshkosh, Wis. and later in Lake Erie near Cleveland, Ohio and finally in our own Lake Michigan's Bay de Noc, where the tournament will be filmed for the Outdoor channel.

Brian would not tell me all the best walleye spots locally, but he likes Intermediate Lake and had some fresh walleye filets from that lake in his refrigerator. We wish him not only success in the tournaments, but a continuing supply of those delicious filets.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letters to the editor

Stop Wal-Mart

Editor:

I grew up in Charlevoix and still visit as often as I can. As I grow older the charm of my hometown draws me more and more.

Lately, however, there is a force at work which threatens the charm of our little town. I am of course referring to Wal-Mart. It is with tremendous interest I have been following the story and would like to weigh in with my thoughts on the topic.

First my conclusion: Wal-Mart is a terrible idea for Charlevoix. The town is just too small. That store will bleed Charlevoix dry, leaving downtown with some bars and little else.

Now for my argument: I have read the letters from those praising the low prices offered there and how low income families benefit. Wal-Mart does indeed sell for lower prices; I live near one myself and on occasion shop there.

But those low prices come at a very high cost indeed. That cost is in the form of lost jobs, jobs at the little shops downtown, replaced by low paying part-time

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no-benefit Wal-Mart jobs. Does anyone really think Wal-Mart will not market the same items sold in the quaint little Bridge Street shops, undercutting their prices and driving them out of business?

Every summer, money from all over the Midwest comes to Charlevoix and for the most part stays in Charlevoix as the shop owners spend the money they earn, further benefiting the local economy. With the summer visitors shopping at Wal-Mart, the money goes to Arkansas and Charlevoix is left with low-paying no-benefit part-time jobs.

After you read this letter, go take a look at Bridge Street; what will you see? It's March, so many of the seasonal stores are still closed. We all know these stores, their owners and employees depend on the three summer months to survive. Now imagine Bridge Street looking like it does today, but in July. That is where Charlevoix is headed if Wal-Mart opens there. Many of our treasured long-time businesses will be gone, and in turn no one will open new businesses for fear of competing with Wal-Mart — face it, to do so would be just plain stupid.

Downtown will be a ghost town. And with those little shops goes the small town charm which brings people here summer after summer — the summer visitors upon whose money Charlevoix relies will visit more pleasant surroundings for their vacations.

The other argument used in favor of Wal-Mart is the effect of less summer traffic downtown. That exact argument reinforces my point; the downtown businesses will be gone. People downtown spend money downtown and like it or not, Charlevoix needs those people and their money. A Wal-Mart south of town means less traffic downtown and that in turn means less money for Charlevoix and, in the end, more money for Arkansas. Is that really what you want?

Dave Bowman
East Moline, Ill.

Wal-Mart not the problem

Editor

The new money comes to Charlevoix enjoying the small town atmosphere and beautiful views, and who is the first to transgress those attributes?

The very same. Cases in point: Winn, Berlage, Heise. And now the city fathers are about to destroy the last vestiges of views of Round Lake by building boat slips into the lake. Wal-Mart ruining our small town? Give me a break! Towns and nations are destroyed from within not from without.

Mel Shafer
Charlevoix

Library questions

Editor:

The proposed ballot of initiative for financing the new library at the former Charlevoix Middle School seems to be unfair.

The taxpayers can only vote yes or no on one very large and expensive library plan.

I think a majority of the taxpayers are in favor of a new library as well as utilizing part of the structure of the old middle school.

Before the bond issue ballot is prepared the following questions should be answered for the benefit of the taxpayers:

1) A reasonable cost to construct a building would be $220 per square foot. Why is the proposed plan costing $290 per square foot when utilizing 20,000 square feet of existing structures?

2) With library use declining, primarily due to the Internet and its increased access and use in private homes, why does Charlevoix need a library three times the size of the present library of 6,700 square feet?

3) Given the fact that there are now both public and private meeting rooms of comparable sizes in the area, why do we need another meeting room?

4) Will the children's garden and activity area addition require full-time adult supervision?

5) Is it prudent to utilize the old gymnasium knowing the school system has announced that they need another gymnasium in the future?

6) What will be the heating, cooling, power and maintenance costs of this large building complex?

7) What would be the actual cost of the $6 million bond with the interest included?

A more reasonable option for this project may be to construct an aesthetically matching addition to the north of the old middle school and not use the gymnasium. Combining the first floor of the old middle school (9,000 square feet) and building a 5,000 square foot addition would make the library 14,000 square feet.

Located in the addition would be the covered drive-up entrance, bathrooms, librarian's station or office, air conditioning equipment and the Internet/computer area. This option, a total of 14,000 square feet, when applying the higher cost of $290 per square foot would total $4,060,000 minus $1,000,000 of donation for a bond request of $3,060,000.

I believe the taxpayers of Charlevoix should be given the choice on the ballot for the bond.

Do they want a library twice the size or three times the size of the existing library?

George K. Schultz
Charlevoix

Library answers

Editor:

This letter is written in response to Mr. George Schultz's letter, which was also pubished in another area newspaper.

Thank you for your concern about the Charlevoix Library Project.

I would like to invite you to attend a presentation that library volunteers offer at 10 a.m. every Wednesday in the library to help answer any further questions.

1) Our costs are approximately $216 per square foot, when looking at the overall construction project. By preserving the old middle school building we will create about 24,000 square feet of usable library space, which will extend the projected life of the library to well past 2050.

2) Library use is certainly NOT declining. Just in the past two years Charlevoix Public Library has seen a 12 percent increase in circulation. Computer usage has jumped 13 percent in just the last year. Technology has actually generated a larger need for our information and technology expertise to help guide patrons through the wealth of sites found on the Internet.

3) The library currently hosts a multitude of programs. Our Friends group sponsored at least six events during the year. Last summer the Jim Annis art show had over 500 attendees. The library's youth department provides weekly children's programs and the summer reading club attracts over 80 children. Our meeting room was used 90 times last year for different community organizations.

4) The children's garden will be accessible through the children's area of the library. The garden will not be supervised by library staff, but by parents. A children's librarian will staff the children's library.

5) The gym space will hold the adult collection. The school board decided to sell the facility, including the gym. It is my understanding that the school will take care of its own gym needs, not the library.

6) The library is currently undertaking a study on the most cost effective heating system for the facility so as to not hinder the operation of the library in the years to come.

7) The library's financial adviser is working on comparing overall costs of selling 20-year bonds versus 15-year bonds to fund the project. The library board is working toward an equitable and affordable way to finance the project.

The option of only using one half of the building for the library was investigated thoroughly at the public input sessions. There are many problems using that recommendation: 1) Who would own and maintain the other half of the building? No one ever came forward with dollars to take care of that problem. It is not the library's mission to maintain the expenses of a vacant room or a gym. 2) 14,000 square feet would not come close to accommodating our needs today, let alone in 20 or 50 years. Is it not wise to make plans for the future now when it would be less expensive to renovate the structure today?

In the years of planning and discussing this project, the library board sought to involve the public in every decision. The community has the opportunity to save a magnificent building, to expand library services, and keep the library downtown. If you have further questions, I urge you to contact your board representative or myself at 547-2651.

Valerie Meyerson
Library Director

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, March 8, 2004 • 5:30 p.m.
City of Charlevoix Fire Department Training Room, 210 State Street

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Concerning the proposed Wal-Mart, Council directed Staff to gather information on police services, traffic, lighting impact on the airport, connection to the City sewer, zoning, planning and environmental issues; and to conduct research and to attend such meetings as are necessary to gather and develop this information.

Council adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

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Books distributed

Members of boys and girls sports teams and the National Honor Society at Charlevoix High School recently visited Charlevoix Elementary School. They helped students in Kindergarten through second grades with a book distribution funded through the elementary school PTO.
High school students read books to the class and assisted children in choosing a book to keep. The high school students spent time reading to children in small groups and participating in classroom activities. Dominique Havens coordinated the event.

Timothy Bruce receives several industry awards

Timothy Bruce, president of Northern Michigan Benefits and Insurance Services, has qualified for several insurance industry awards.

Bruce qualified for the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table Award for the ninth consecutive year. This is one of the highest awards presented in the Life Insurance industry.

He also qualified for the Leading Producers Round Table for the tenth consecutive year. This is one of the highest industry awards for Health Insurance producers. Both awards are based on high volume of insurance sales and service and rarely do agents qualify for both awards.

Bruce has also recently been awarded his Chartered Life Underwriter designation for the American College. To obtain the CLU designation, candidates must complete a 10 course curriculum and meet high ethical and experience requirements. He will be presented his diploma in Tampa, Fla. in October.

Northern Michigan Benefits and Insurance Services are located in Charlevoix and can be reached by phone at 547-3423.

Red Cross blood drive to be at Charlevoix High School

The American Red Cross blood drive is from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., Thursday, March 18, at the Charlevoix High School located at 5200 Marion Center Road in Charlevoix.

This is sponsored by the Charlevoix High School Student Council. Call Gail Cherry at 547-3222, ext. 2032 for information or appointments or call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or go to www.redcross.org on the web. Please bring two forms of identification.

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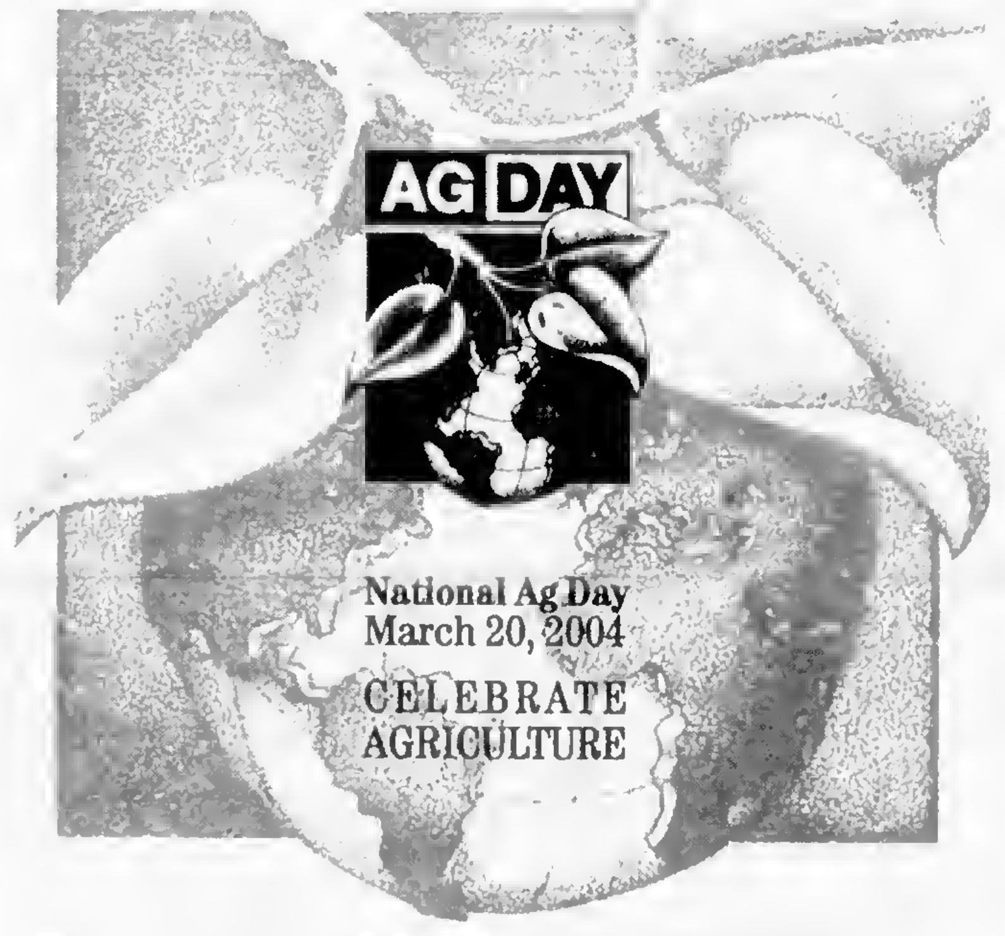

American farmers are the most productive in the world. While Americans spend 9 percent of our personal income for food, Japanese spend 17 percent, Italians spend 26 percent and Chinese citizens 53 percent. Imagine spending more than half of your income for food! In Charlevoix County, there are over 250 farmers producing a wide variety of products from milk, and honey to beef, pork and garden vegetables.

Farms may be as large as 200 acres. Many Charlevoix County farmers specialize in unique crops which only require a small amount of land. New agricultural venues for the 21st century include hydroponic and commercial fish farms, mushrooms, ginseng, ornamental trees and flowers.

For more information about agriculture in Charlevoix in the 21st century, call the county Farm Bureau offices at 547-2043.

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Engagement

Erdos — Wells

Janinna J. Erdos and Corey W. Wells both of Goodspring, Tenn. are engaged to be married.

Janinna is the daughter of Ernest and Jacqueline Erdos of Goodsprings, Tenn. Corey is the daughter of Michelle M. Johnson, Gladys A. Guerci and Donald and Patti Wells all of Charlevoix.

A wedding is being planned for Oct. 9, 2004 in Tennessee.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Giles County High School in 2003. She is employed with Columbia Care and Rehab Center in Columbia, Tenn.

The groom-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Charlevoix High School. He is employed with Tractor Suppy company in Pulaski, Tenn.

Community foundation makes grant to Friends of the Jordan

Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Project Manager, Maureen Radke, recently presented a grant award of $5,310 to the board of directors of Friends of the Jordan River Watershed.

These funds will assist the ongoing renovations at the historic Jordan River Watershed Center.

Slated to open to the public this summer, Friends of the Jordan are busy transforming East Jordan's oldest commercial building and grounds into an environmental education - interpretive complex.

Formerly known as the "Vance Building" or the "Trading Post," Friends of the Jordan relocated this building in 1999 to its present site overlooking the mouth of the Jordan River adjacent to Sportsman's Park in East Jordan.

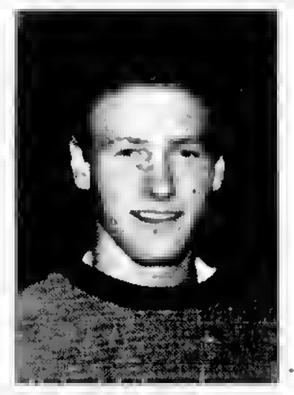
When complete, the Watershed Center will feature educational programs and environmental information about the Jordan River Watershed. In addition, ecological displays, demonstrations and workshops, theme gardens of native plants and trees, trails and wildlife viewing platforms are planned. Friends of the Jordan thanks the Community Foundation, its board and trustees for their strong continued support for this unique project. According to president John Richter, "We are truly blessed to have such a rich natural heritage. With the help of many individuals and organizations this community has rescued a relic from the past and transformed it to shepherd a new path for future environmental awareness."

Masonic lodge installs members

At a recent meeting at the Charlevoix Masonic Lodge the following members were installed for the ensuing year.

Worshipful master, William Block; Senior warden, Tony Lee; Junior warden, Les Brown; Secretary, Robert Kelley; Treasurer, John Taylor; Senior deacon, Irving Barrett; Junior deacon, Sam Wilcenski; Senior steward, John McDonald; Junior steward, Roy Whitley; Tyler, Frank Rathjens; Marshall, Donald Bowers and Chaplain, Thomas Carey.

The installing officers were Ed May III, Donald Bowers, Marshall and Chuck Davis. There were several family members and friends present for the occasion after which all present retired to the dining room for refreshments. This marks the one hundred and thirty-third consecutive year for this event.



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Charlevoix County Commissioners
Synopsis - March 10, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. on March 10, 2004 in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the February 25, 2004 meeting.

Clerk Jane Brannon introduced Marilyn Cousineau, the newly appointed County Treasurer and swore Ms. Cousineau in as a public official.

Motion approved Resolution #04-015, Amended Stormwater Ordinance.

Motion approved Resolution #04-016, Agreement for Professional Services from Owen Ayres & Associates, Inc. to prepare digital orthophotography and related products for Charlevoix County.

Motion approved Resolution #04-917, Create New Fund 264 Local Corrections Officer's Training Fund.

Motion approved Resolution #04-018, Soil Erosion Fees. Rates to be effective immediately.

Motion approved Resolution #04-019, Amend Sheriff's Budget.

Motion approved Resolution #04-020 2004 September Subsidiary Fund Budgets.

Motion approved Resolution #04-021 2004 Subsidiary Fund Budgets.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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Property taxes can be confusing for many

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Sometimes it seems that the state property tax code would make more sense written in a foreign language.

As with every year during March and April, Charlevoix residents — along with residents throughout the state of Michigan — are receiving their updated property tax assessments. To many, this paper filled with numbers is extremely confusing.

But Charlevoix County Equalization Director Tom Wolf hopes he can help you sort it out.

According to Wolf, residents throughout the county who own property will be receiving a property tax assessment form in the mail. While there are several numbers on the form, the numbers that matter are highlighted in pink. This shows the taxable value on your home.

Michigan state property taxes are based on Proposal A, which was voted in as a law about 10 years ago. Under this proposal, property taxes are capped, with the exception of rises for inflation, based on the selling price of the home at the time of proposal A. However, if you just bought a new home, your property tax amount was then changed to the amount you bought your home for.

What this means is if a person has owned a home in Charlevoix County that is taxed for about a value of $50,000 a year since the inception of proposal A, they would still be paying taxes based on that $50,000 number — with the exception of adjustments for inflation — even if their home is actually worth $200,000 now.

However, say a home next door sells for $200,000. Because ownership of that home changed hands, the new taxable value would be based on the $200,000 selling price. But, the taxable value will not change until it is sold again, with the exception of inflation.

For example, Wolf said the assessment on a home generally is 50 percent of the market value. In the case of this $200,000 home, that would mean the assessment would be $100,000. Because the property was a transfer of ownership, the new taxable value would be the same as the assessment or $100,000.

Now, all of this calls into question how a home is assessed, or priced. Each home in a township is given an assessment based on the value of the home given by the township assessor.

In Marion Township, the assessor is Wilson Boss, who is also the township supervisor.

Boss said he determines his assessments based on various features of the property, such as the square footage of the home, the location and the quality of construction.

"Floor joists, thickness of walls, ceramic tile, cathedral ceilings...it all has an effect," he said.

All of these variables are used to come up with a market price for the home if it were to sell. Usually, this process is done upon the sale of a home or upon its construction.

To become a home assessor, Boss said a person must take classes and then pass a test for a license. Plus, an assessor must have six hours of additional classes each year to have their license renewed.

While this seems like there is a lot of skill involved in the job, Boss admitted, "It is not an exact science."

Because of this home owners have the right to appeal an assessment at the Township Board of Review. And if they don't like the decision made by the Board of Review, they have the right to go to the Charlevoix County Tax Tribunal. Board of Review meetings are in early March.

You must have appealed to the board of review, either in person or in writing, before going to the tribunal. The tribunal usually meets in the summer. A specific date is not known at this time.

For more information on the state property tax code, see the Michigan Department of Treasury's Web site at www.michigan.gov.

Obituaries

Helen H. Phillips: April 17, 1916 - March 13, 2004

Helen H. Phillips, 87, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, March 13, 2004, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 17, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Thomas Neis will officiate and interment will take place in the summer at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Helen was born April 17, 1916, on Beaver Island, the daughter of Peter and Vivian (Roddy) Gallagher. She graduated from Charlevoix High School and then received an associate's degree from Catholic Junior College (now Aquinas College), in Grand Rapids.

On Sept. 28, 1940, she married Ivan Phillips in Charlevoix, where they made their home. Helen worked as a secretary her entire life, mostly for government agencies in the Charlevoix area. She retired from Charlevoix Area Hospital as assistant administrator.

Helen was a member of Saint Mary's Church, and was active in its choir and the Rosary Altar Society. She was also a member or the VFW Post 1153 Auxiliary in Charlevoix, and a life long Notre Dame fan. Helen will be remembered by her family as being a wonderful mother.

She is survived by her children, Peter A. of Charlevoix, Ann Hanson of Comstock Park, and Richard A. of Lathrup Village; grandchildren, Owen, Amber, and Ethan Phillips; Elizabeth (Joseph) Fulsher, Mark Hanson and Kevin (Robin) Hanson; great-grandchildren, Jacob and Brodin Fulsher; Kenneth and Nicholas Hanson; brother, Danford "Chic" (Edna) Gallagher of Charlevoix; sister-in-law, Barbara Gallagher of Charlevoix. Her husband Ivan preceded her in death on March 9, 1975.

She is also preceded in death by her bother James.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's Rosary Altar Society or to the Charlevoix Food Pantry.

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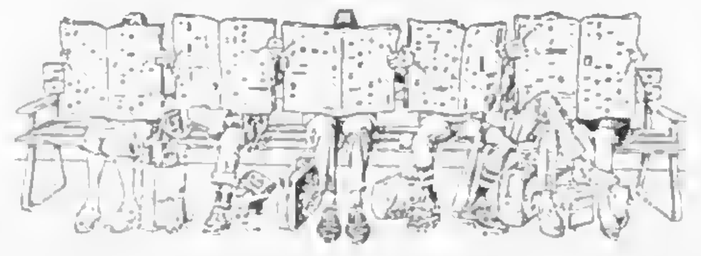

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Final spring musical coming up

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

What: Annual Spring Musical
When: 7 p.m., March 24
Where: Charlevoix Middle School gym

The end of an era has come — after over 30 years Marina LaBlance and her pint sized prodigies will perform the annual spring musical for the last time.

The Thirty-second Annual Spring Musical will take place at 7 p.m., March 24 in the Charlevoix Middle School gym located at 108 East Garfield Avenue in Charlevoix.

"It's been a 32 year tradition. It's been a community event. It brings all the children from first though fourth grades together with parents and friends," LaBlance, the founder of the school musical and the elementary school music teacher, said.

She explained that this will be the last hurrah for the event because the rolling bleachers in the event venue, the Charlevoix Middle School gym, are being removed to make way for more physical education space. And the change has made it impossible for the performance to continue at its current level.

"We've learned enough to know we would have to make big sacrifices to get it to work in the high school gym. So we are working really hard on making this a good, strong show," LaBlance said.

She is expecting the usual huge crowd, which tips the scales at over 1,000 people attending. Because it is her grand finale, the group of 343 students who have been practicing for months, are returning to the thematic roots of the first musical with this show called "Sing a Song."

The students will perform 10 upbeat, high energy songs and four dance routines during the 1.5 hour show. The song selections are a mix of everything from rock to country.

"There is something for everyone," LaBlance said.

The grand finale will be a farewell to what LaBlance said is a community tradition and to what many have come to know as a spring right of passage.

The show stopper will be a hard good-bye for LaBlance.

"I have a passion for what I do and I believe it is important. This night is for the children, every child is equal the night of the musical — they are all shining stars," she said.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

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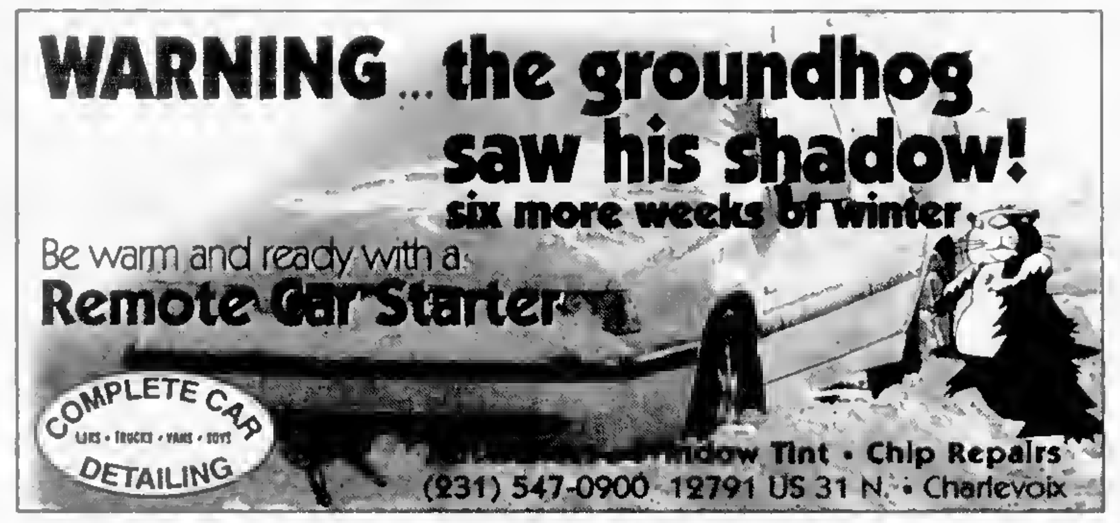
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Lake levels may be part of a 30 year cycle

By B. JON GOHS
Special to the Courier

Freighters resort to lighter loads, fish who spawn near shore lose habitat and possibly the worst side effect of Lake Michigan's low water levels is increased dredging.

"Low lake levels" have become buzzwords among many concerned with Lake Michigan's welfare. With so many wondering when Lake Michigan will return to its normal level some find themselves asking not when, but how?

Thomas O'Bryan, civil engineer with the Army corps of engineers in Grand Haven said, "It's extremely hard to forecast when Lake Michigan's levels will come back."

O'Bryan said, "Air temperature and precipitation may be the largest two factors controlling lake levels."

Some may be surprised to hear Lake Superior is a close third in controlling factors for Lake Michigan. Rivers and streams from Superior feed Lake Michigan much of its water. Thus a good year for Lake Superior is a good year for Lake Michigan.

Some may worry about Lake Michigan's continued well-being, but according to O'Bryan, "While Lake Michigan is about 4 feet below its all time recorded high, we are only about a foot below the long term average.

"This summer Lake Michigan should be up about 8/10 of a foot from last year if temperatures and precipitation remain normal. Snow accumulation, spring rain and tributaries entering the Great Lakes basin will work together to raise lake levels."

Optimistic projections of Lake Michigan's growth do little to ease the headaches which accompany low water levels.

According to Micheal Randall, senior deckhand at the Beaver Island Boat Company, Lake Michigan's current lowered level has caused a few issues for their ferry the Beaver Islander.

"We had to extend the ramp on the Beaver Islander side of the dock," Randall said. The ramp had to be lowered to match the lowered stance of the Beaver Islander.

Randall added, "The angle from the ramp to the boat is so steep now it makes loading and unloading cars and trailers difficult. When you have a 3,500 pound pack of shingles rolling down a steep grade on a fork truck, things can be tricky."

Another result of lower water levels presents itself during a swell, Randall said. "Swells usually happen in the spring. A swell is a separated long distance wave which collects in the bay and then rushes back out causing the already extremely low water levels to drop even farther."

Although Randall admits the swells haven't been too much of a problem as of late, they are always something for mariners to watch out for.

Commercial boaters aren't the only ones closely monitoring Lake Michigan's water levels.

Ben Keffer, of the Coast Guard cutter Acacia, said the Army Core of Engineers figures Lake Michigan to be down about 5 feet by averaging the depth from normal levels.

Keffer said, "The lower lake level has caused us to use more caution when transiting already shallow channels."

Narrow channels such as the Pine River can make for a nerve wrenching transition from lake to lake especially during low lake levels.

"We only have a couple feet of clearance between the bottom of the boat and the channel bed," Keffer said.

Another possible concern for the crew of the Coast Guard cutter Acacia is marking new shallow spots in the waters of Lake Michigan for boaters.

Keffer said, "The only other thing that we've noticed is some of our buoys had to be moved farther away from land due to the shoals, or shallow areas, mostly around the coast. The buoys we use mark shallow areas telling ships where to go and where not to go."

Keffer added, the water levels haven't been dropping so drastically as to create an immediate concern.

"Despite the lowered lake levels there haven't been any major constraints to Acacia's operational mobility," he said.

Bruce Smith, meteorologist with the local office of the national weather service said, "In the Charlevoix area, Lake Michigan has received 1.18 inches of precipitation for the month, 4.75 for the year of 2004.

According to Smith, "Lake Michigan's water levels continue to be below normal."

There are two main factors which control lake levels. One is annual precipitation and the other is air temperature.

Smith said, "Higher temperatures promote greater evaporation. Warmer winters leave decreased ice and when Lake Michigan isn't frozen it tends to lose water."

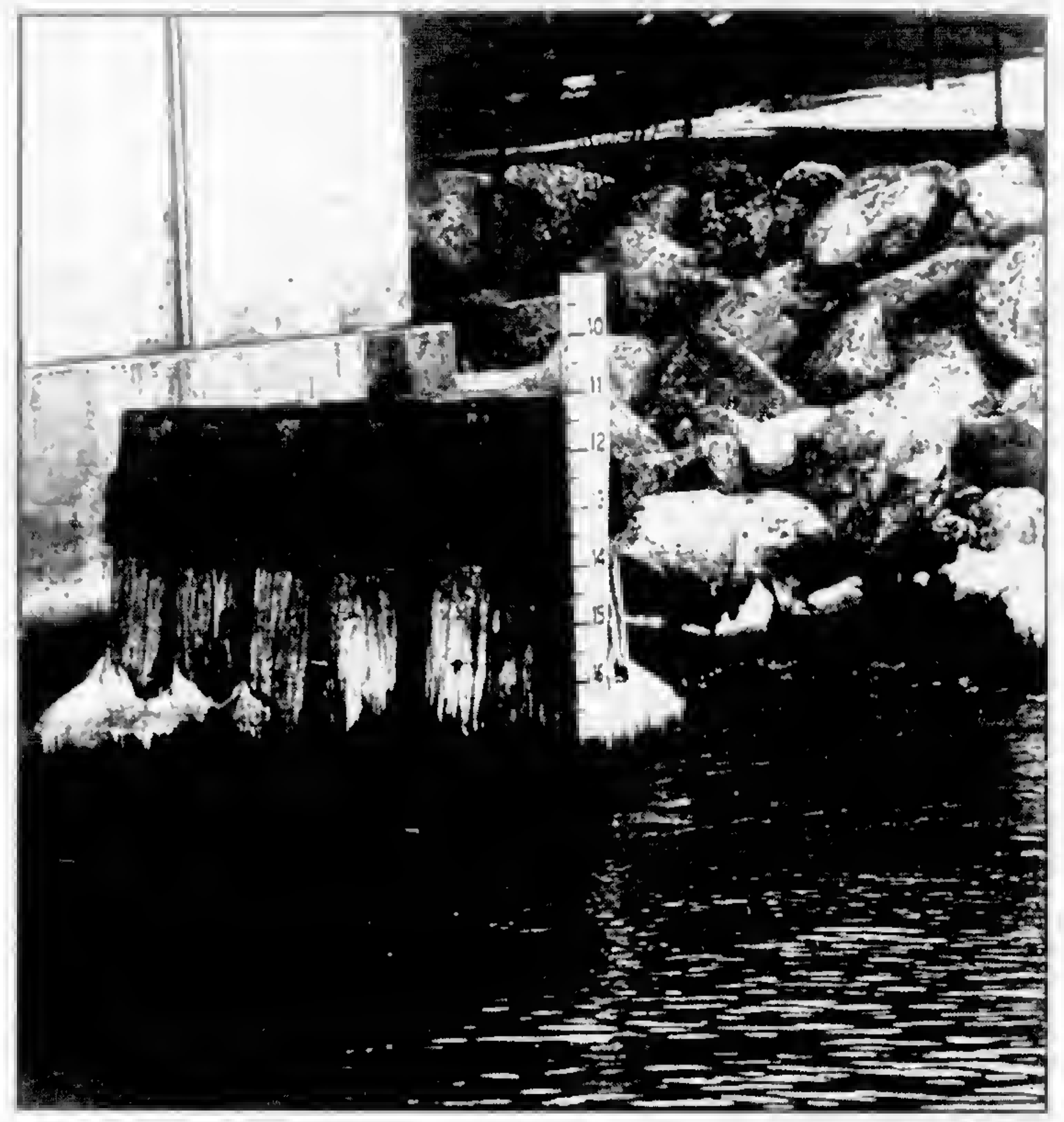
Low water levels are a concern for mariners of both large and small vessels.

Smith said, "The main problem in the navigation of commercial ships is in shallow channels. Property owners have trouble getting from the water to their docks."

Lake Michigan's levels may be low, but all hope is not lost. With the news surrounding Lake Michigan's decrease in size, some may be surprised to learn this is nothing new.

Smith said, "We have low lake levels comparable to the 1930s and the mid-1960s. There is some sort of approximate 30 year cycle to the fluctuation of lake levels. While we're not sure exactly what the correlation is, but there is definitely a pattern."

Lake Michigan's water level records date back showing 1964 to be the lowest year on record.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Water levels in the Great Lakes and lakes connected to them have been down over the last few years. Above is a water indicator next to the Charlevoix bridge.

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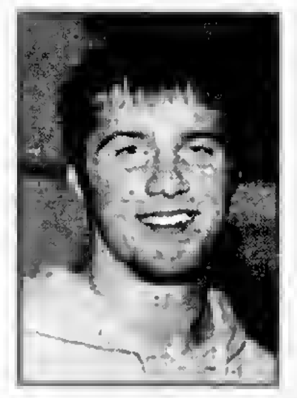

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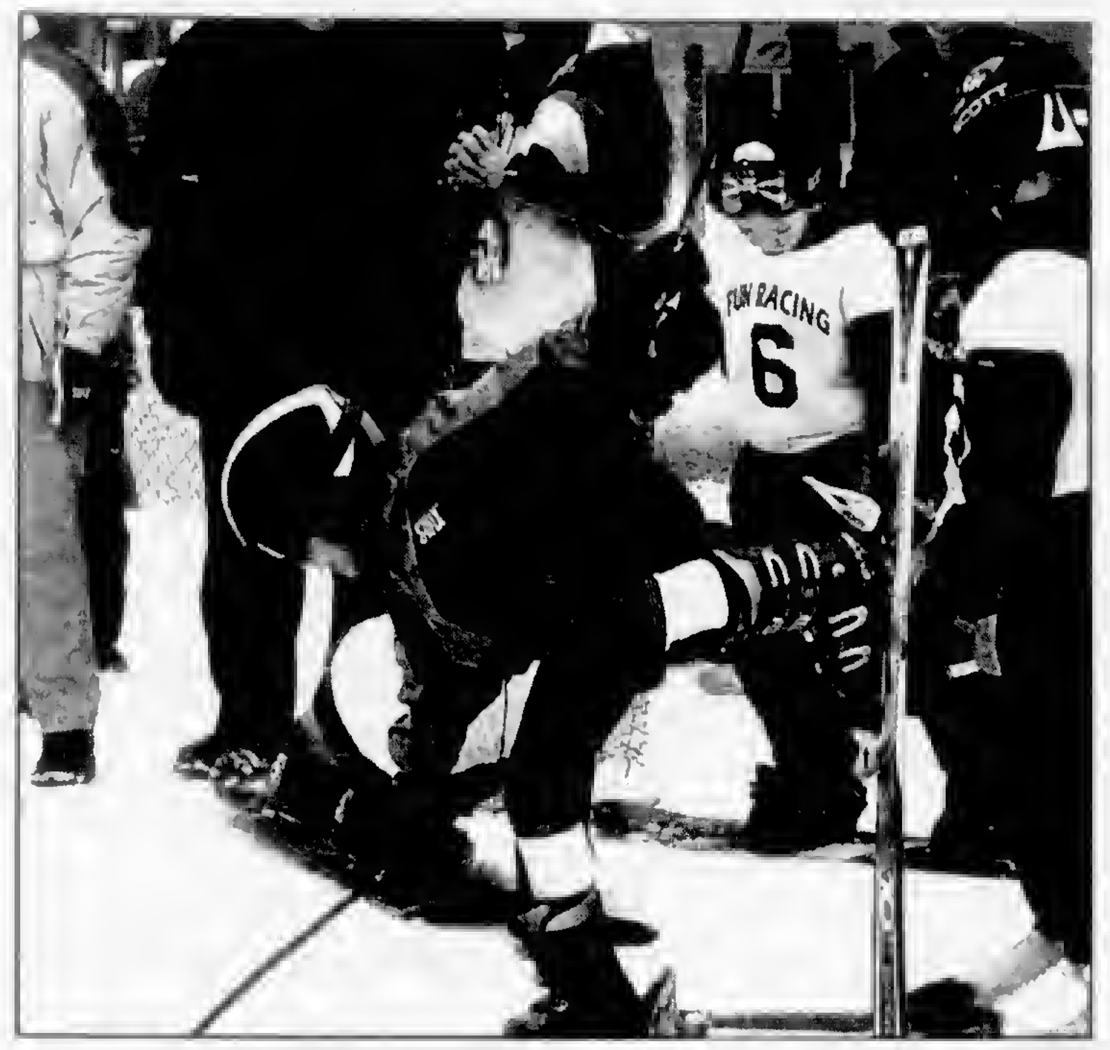
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Races at McSauba

(Above) The annual fun races at Mount McSauba took place March 14 at the hill. The rainy morning turned into a sunny afternoon for the 38 skiers and snowboarders that participated. This skier stretches his legs before taking two runs. (Below) Kendall Fritz of Charlevoix grins ear to ear as she crosses the finish line where a group of adoring fans cheered her on.

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Council votes to pay attorney bill for planning commission

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Settlement of a dispute between Mayor Gabe Campbell and five planning commissioners is in the works and city council has agreed to foot the bill for the commissioners' legal expenses in an effort to sweep up the mess.

At Monday night's city council meeting, council voted 4-2 in favor of paying a $5,450.31 bill to Warner, Norcross and Judd, the Grand Rapids law firm representing the commissioners. Council members Shirley Gibson and Karen Campbell voted against it.

Third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain, who voted in favor of paying the bill, said, "We needed to resolve it. If it went to court I could see more money being spent and I wasn't convinced the mayor was in the strongest position. I don't think the commissioners met the standards for removal."

The mayor announced his plan to remove commissioners John Campbell, Dennis Kusina, Francis "Brownie" Flanders, Steve Bennett and Richard Hodgson from their commission seats on Dec. 15. The decision stemmed from the commission's Dec. 8 meeting when those five members made the controversial decision to set a public hearing to listen to a request from Diane Gillette and Ruth Bellisimo, owners of Sunnybank Retirement Community, for a permit that if approved would open the door for their proposed assisted living facility.

The facility would be located on a two-acre parcel on Charlevoix's north side, off Petoskey Avenue, in the R-2 single family residential district.

This decision went against city council's Nov. 17 majority vote not to set a public hearing to discuss a zoning amendment to allow this type of facility as a special use in the R-1 and R-2 districts.

Chamberlain said it was that November decision not to set the hearing that sparked the whole problem and he blames the mayor who cast the tie breaking vote to deny the hearing.

"The mayor made a campaign promise to promote open government. And he violated that promise when he elected not to have a public hearing," Chamberlain said.

Mayor Campbell charged the commissioners with neglect of duty and inefficiency claiming they failed to adequately review and study the special use permit application filed by Gillette and Bellisimo before they set the hearing. He also claims that in scheduling the public hearing the commission didn't review pertinent legal issues and left the city vulnerable to a lawsuit.

The fees council agreed to pay were legal expenses the commissioners have incurred since early January in fighting these allegations.

Mayor Campbell didn't agree with council's decision.

"I would never agree to pay them. He (the attorney) came up with the same solution I gave them for nothing — rescind the motion and I'll drop the charges," he said.

The mayor has agreed to cancel dismissal hearings if the commission rescinds its motion to set that hearing.

According to commissioner Campbell the commissioners plan to rescind the motion. A planning commission meeting has not been set.

However, if the motion is not rescinded, Mayor Campbell said he plans to move forward with the dismissal.

Commissioner Campbell said they also plan to consider recommending the same zoning ordinance amendment to city council to have that public hearing set that they denied back in November.

Chamberlain said he would support setting that hearing.

"The process should have gone through. It wouldn't hurt to go back to square one on this," he said.

But he said it could be kind of a moot point now because Gillette and Bellisimo have filed a lawsuit against the city claiming the zoning ordinance excludes assisted living in the city.

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Cheering on the team

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Big Rock whistleblowers suit may go to trial

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

A former carpenter at Big Rock Point has filed a whisleblowers lawsuit against Consumer's Energy, which owns the plant currently being decommissioned.

Warren Hall, the carpenter from Gaylord, said he was fired from the job after bringing safety concerns to management at the restoration project. A recent attempt at coming to a settlement was rejected by Hall and Consumer's Energy, meaning the suit will probably go to trial.

In court documents, Hall claims he was one of the most qualified and experienced carpenters at the plant and has obtained various amounts of training and certification. With this experience he noticed countless safety issues and concerns at the plant, which he brought to the attention of management — both Consumer's Energy and the contractor overseeing him, PMC Constructors and Technical Services LLC.

But, these notices did not endear Hall to management and he was rarely put in charge of a job after filing these reports, the paperwork states. Hall adds management made derogatory comments about him.

He was laid off from his job on Nov. 14, 2002. He notes that carpenters with less experience than him were kept on the job.

One of the safety concerns Hall said he noticed was when some "contaminated" flooring from a radioactive spill at the plant was taken to the Water's Landfill without being checked out.

According to Jan Strasma, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the incident in question revolved around a situation that happened about 27 years ago when a test tube with powdered uranium was dropped and broke. He said the spill was immediately cleaned up by plant officials.

During the dismantling of the plant, the flooring where the spill took place was inadvertently shipped to the Water's Landfill and buried. However, investigations showed there were no higher radiation levels in the building where the spill took place or where the flooring was.

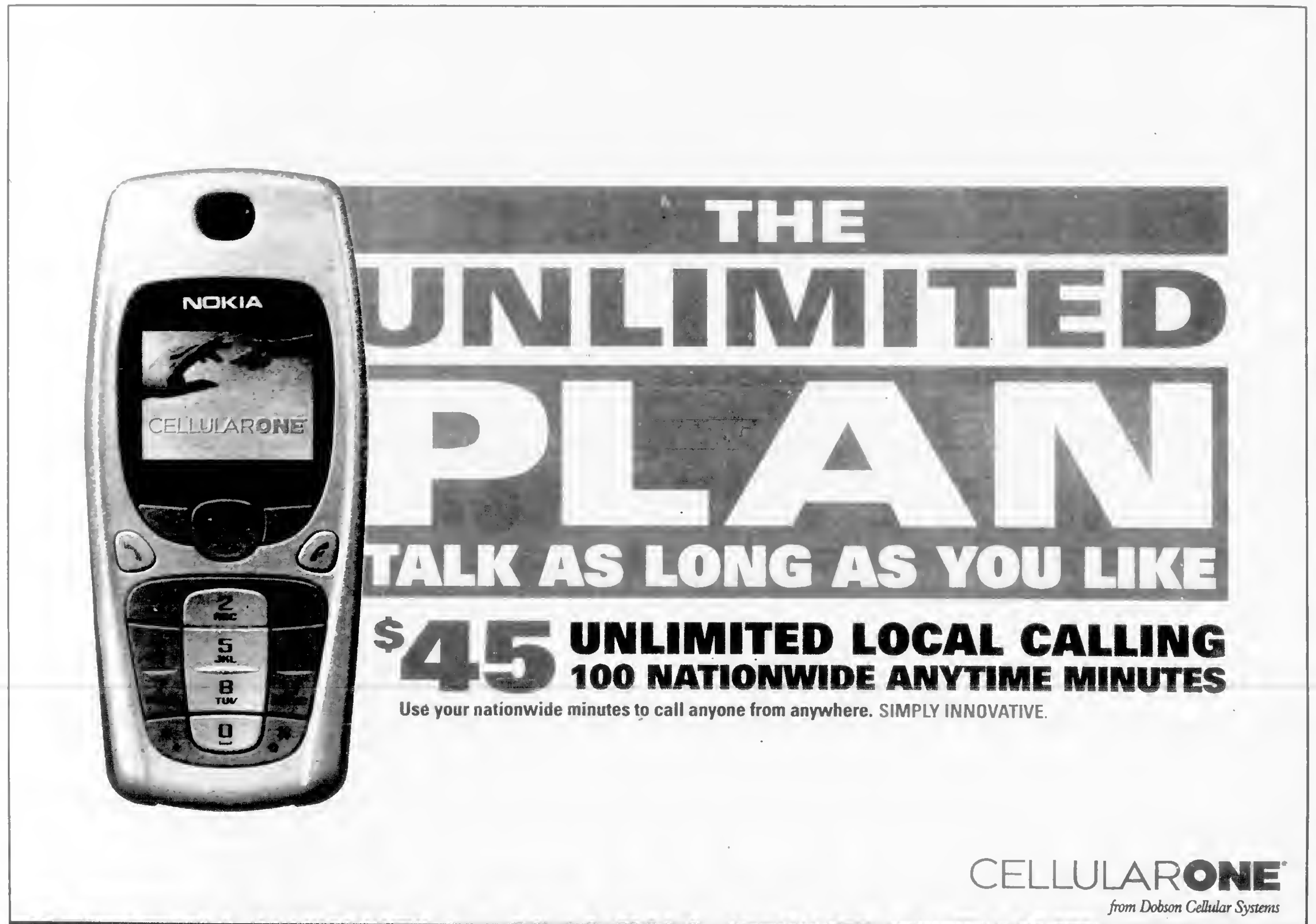
Another safety concern Hall claims happened when a crew was working in an enclosed room inside Big Rock and were exposed to asbestos particles. Hall states these particles looked like "snow" falling inside the room.

He added the workers did not have respirators or other protective clothing.

Hall is seeking over $25,000 in lost wages and damages.

Tim Petrosky, Big Rock spokesperson, said he could not comment on the lawsuit because of pending litigation.

"Consumer's Energy believes the case is without merit, and we look forward to vigorously defending ourselves if the case goes to trial," he said.



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Many islanders enjoy the winter life

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Beaver Island is no different from any other northern Michigan area in the winter, according to its year-round residents.

While the population of the island drops from thousands to about 400 individuals in the winter, many islanders still enjoy the same activities that mainlanders enjoy and some say they prefer the winter to the summer.

Bill Cashman, director of the Beaver Island Historical Society and owner of the island newspaper *Beaver Beacon*, said, "I personally love the winters. In the summer I lose track of my own projects because everybody on Beaver Island responds to the demands of the moment....all those things that I would like to do that I would regard as something that justifies my existence and gives me satisfaction are things that I have to put off until the winter."

Cashman has been a resident of Beaver Island for about 30 years.

He added with a laugh, "When that first snow comes I know that is going to keep people away that are going to bother me, so I really love the winter."

Cashman said he is not really an outdoor sportsman, so he spends his time working on projects like the Beacon and his internet editing service.

Robert Cole, co-director of the historical society, said while the winters are long on the island — as they are in northern Michigan — there are many activities to take part in.

He said there are bridge tournaments, many people like to snowmobile, ice fishing is popular and island winter school sports, such as volleyball or basketball, are becoming very popular. Plus, for those with a taste for the arts, he said groups have been using grants for the past two years to take "field trips" to the mainland to enjoy plays or art galleries.

Dave Parker, island resident, said when he is not working, he enjoys the social life on the island. Once the winter hits, islanders become a sort of large family, which is something he said he enjoys.

"People are more laid-back and open. Everybody knows everybody, we are all friends," he said. "Everybody is more than happy to help out when it is needed. Everybody is family, regardless of whether or not they are related or not."

Eric Hodgson, owner of the Shamrock Bar on the island, added, "I think the ones you are not getting along with are getting along this time of year. It is a lot of small town USA type of stuff.

Hodgson said when islanders are not working in the winter — he said there is a fair amount of construction taking place — they enjoy many different activities. Many people tend to come to the bar in the evening to socialize, play pool or darts and get something to eat.

"It is just a reason to get together," he said.

As for shopping, while it is a little more difficult for islanders to just hop in a car and head to the nearest mall, many have figured out how to make do.

Cashman said, "We too can hop in a car after we hop on an airplane. There are people that once a week or once every three weeks that have to go shopping or go to a Chinese restaurant. There are stores in Charlevoix that will take something down to the airplane; there are also businesses which will do shopping for islanders on the mainland."

Photo by Jeremy McBain

A lone snowmobiler rides down an empty street on Beaver Island recently. But, while the summer residents are gone, year-round islanders still find many ways to have fun.

Cole added there are two island grocery stores and a hardware store that has many items islanders may need and there is always the option of internet shopping, which has become very popular among many islanders.

In fact, it is the internet which some residents believe will lead to a bright future for the island. People like Cashman believe by having better internet connections on the island, it will attract more year-round people.

"Our internet capability is slowly but steadily increasing. Much of what would allow more people living on Beaver Island in the winter is connected to internet access. This would allow people who telecommute the opportunity to live on the island year-round," he said. "The picture that we have is people coming up here and working on their office away from their office."

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The appointment was made by a committee comprised of Charlevoix County Clerk Jane E. Brannon, Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur and Probate Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser.

Cousineau took the oath of office March 10, 2004. Her current term will expire on Dec. 31, 2004 and Cousineau said she intends to be a candidate for the position she now holds in the coming November 2004 election.

"Marilyn Cousineau comes to this position highly qualified because she has experience in both the banking and investment industry and has also served as an elected official for over twenty years. We all look forward to working with her," said Kur.

Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon added, "With her experience in budgeting, working with an elected Board and in dealing with the public, I believe Marilyn will be an asset to Charlevoix County."

Cousineau will soon leave her current employment at Edward Jones Investments where she works as a Branch Office Administrator. Cousineau has also served as the Boyne Falls Village Clerk for nearly 15 years.

She was first elected to that position in 1988. In addition to her experience as an elected official, Cousineau has also worked in the banking industry as a loan officer and as a branch manager for 22 years.

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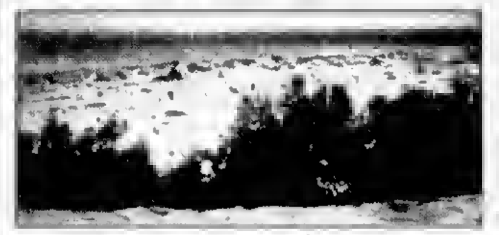

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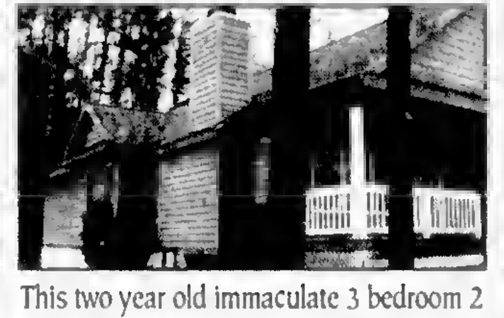

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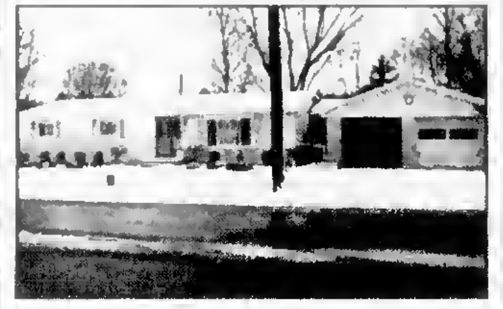

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Mikulski retires from area health department

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Charlevoix resident Dean Mikulski, 61, moved to town in May of 1966 to protect Charlevoix's natural resources and now, after almost 38 years of service, he has retired.

"I wanted to start at the top with something good to work with and protect it. Charlevoix was a dream come true — it still is," he said.

Mikulski was 24 years old when he accepted the assistant environmental health services job with the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. He transferred to Charlevoix from Oakland County where he said working to save the environment was like trying to crawl out of a hole.

In this area, the damage hadn't been done, development was sparse, there were no marinas on Lake Charlevoix, no condominium developments, subdivisions or fast food restaurants.

But growth was just around the corner and few rules were in place to give Mikulski the ammo he needed to fend off environmental assaults.

"There weren't requirements for much of anything," he said. "It was kind of a free for all."

He was named environmental health director in 1968. Right around that same time regulations went into effect including sanitary codes for well permits and septic systems. He has seen this bare bones system blossom and now communities have zoning regulations and measures to protect wetlands and dunes.

These regulations which are enforced in part by Mikulski's department came just in the nick of time as growth in the health agency's coverage area started to boom.

"This is one of the fastest growing communities in the state. As far as the local health department goes issuing permits for new construction, we are in the top six in the state, not far behind Oakland County," he said.

His department has issued about 10,000 permits in Charlevoix County for installation or replacement of septic systems since he started, 75 percent of which were for new construction.

Part of the huge responsibility Mikulski's 14 person staff currently has includes overseeing 600 licensed eating and drinking establishments, regulating water supplies, inspecting 140 public swimming pools and evaluating schools and daycare facilities for safety, cleanliness and air quality.

"We do a little bit of everything, it's a huge responsibility," Mikulski said.

Mikulski has watched as open land has been converted to housing developments and dairy farms, forests and open space have been replaced by golf courses and subdivisions.

While the quiet utopia he signed on to protect in the 1960s has grown exponentially with the residential population doubling, he said the environmental practices today are better.

Back then, industrial hubs located on the waterfront dumped whatever into it.

"People didn't know what they were doing," he said.

He said water quality is better now that old industrial discharge practices have stopped.

"Our water is very good even with all the development we've had," he said.

Looking back Mikulski said he has seen a lot of things improve.

"I never realized how many accomplishments we've had. Making the water safer to drink, addressing solid waste issues, repairing and replacing sewage systems, making schools safer, resolving indoor air problems," Mikulski said. "I think the people that work here have done a good job with all the pressure making it a great place to live and come to."

He added that the greatest environmental challenge facing Charlevoix County as he leaves is the same as when he arrived, protecting the resources that exist.

"The challenge we face is the continued eroding away of what people are coming here for — open space, the countryside and clean water. Wal-Mart, Kmart and strip malls are a symptom of what has been going on here for 38 years. They wouldn't be here if the people weren't here," he said.

With continued growth Mikulski stressed that communities need to start looking to shared water and septic systems.

But these communities will have to take this next step with another face at the helm. Mikulski's official retirement was March 1 and these challenges now face the next generation of environmental wizards bent on protecting the area's resources.

While interim director Scott Kendzierski takes over, Mikulski plans to use his down time to fish Lake Charlevoix's clean water.

"There's still plenty of room out there, even on the weekends," he said. "If I get tired of fishing, I'll see how things go."

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Council considering giving land to local skate park group

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A skateboard park is one step closer to locating in Charlevoix thanks to the political savvy of a group of teens and the support of city council.

Over 40 elementary through high school age students packed the city council meeting March 15. They set up a Power Point presentation and wore a picture of a skateboard pinned to their shirts.

They were there to make their case as to why a skate park would be a valuable asset in Charlevoix and to ask for the city's support.

The number one point that was made was a park's ability to provide a safe place for kids to pursue their passion. Because skateboarding is not allowed on city streets or sidewalks, the kids often search out unauthorized, unsafe places to ride.

The problem was brought to light in the fall of 2003 when Zeke Daman, 13, of Charlevoix, wrote letters to area newspapers upset that there is no place in town for him to ride his skateboard.

Zeke's letter sparked interest from a huge group of in-line skaters and skateboarders prompting the start of a planning effort to bring the Charlevoix Community Skate Park to town.

So far, the skate park effort has been supported by Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce president Jacqueline Merta, Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson, Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Dr. John Sturock, Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater and area business owners and churches.

The project will cost about $200,000 and they are hoping to start construction as early as this summer. The students and parent volunteers are willing to raise money to pay to build it but a major hold up is the location. Vickie Daman, a parent coordinator for the group, estimated the project requires about an acre of land.

Patsy Ramsey, also a parent coordinator for the group, told council, "What we are saying is take us to the dance and we'll pay our own way. We just need a date."

This is where the city has stepped in.

Council voted unanimously Monday night to include the skate park in the Mount McSauba feasibility study and to look at other locations in the city where this type of facility could fit.

"I think it would be a shame to turn them down. I would hate to see them lose grants and donations," Mayor Gabe Campbell said.

While council supports their efforts, it was clear that this facility will have to support itself; council stressed they are not willing to subsidize the effort.

Daman said the proposed facility will be supervised and admission will be charged to help pay the supervisor's wage and for insurance and maintenance costs.

City manager Mike Wiesner was skeptical that the facility would be able to operate without city funds and reminded council that the budget is tight and there isn't much property available in the city.

The outdoor Traverse City skate park located in the Grand Traverse County Civic Center sustains itself.

With council's support behind them the group is jumping head first into its capital campaign with hopes of raising about $200,000. To kick off the campaign, the students have organized a Sk8-a-thon to take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 22 at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church located off M-66.

Their goal is to bring in about $16,000.

Packets to participate are available at Charlevoix Middle School located at 108 East Garfield Avenue in Charlevoix.

The group is also one of eight being considered for a grant from American Eagle Outfitters which could bring in $22,000. They will hear the decision on that application in April.

For information on the Charlevoix group's drive to bring a skate park to town or to donate, visit www.planner.eskal8.org or call Vickie at 547-8063.

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Island snow

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Sensational lessons

The Charlevoix Zonta Club had its annual Sensational Sessions March 6. Women from around the area can learn a variety of new skills at the event. (Left) Marrell Staffel of Charlevoix Camera gives a lesson in photography. (Below) Participants learn to make wire jewelry.

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Ramsey considering run for Bradstreet's seat

RAMSEY

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of my life," he said as part of his reasoning for considering the run. "My philosophy is, 'Don't make a decision until you have to.'"

Ramsey said thoughts of running for the seat began to swirl in his mind when Charlevoix resident Susan Flanders decided against running about a month ago. He would be running as a Republican for a seat currently held by Representative Ken Bradstreet, who is term-limited from running again.

Ramsey said he is currently touring the area talking to people to learn what the issues are and what he can do for people.

"I am still investigating. I am in the data gathering phase," he said.

One of the issues Ramsey has learned about in his research is a docking situation in Boyne City.

"That is something I can get passionate about," he said.

Other issues deal with the recreational needs of the area. Ramsey said he enjoys every season that northern Michigan has to offer.

"We have this great asset and a whole recreation industry that is here and based on that asset...what can I contribute and make a difference on?" he said.

Ramsey added, "I have a pretty good track record of getting things done."

He said his investigation has been pretty encouraging. Most people think it would be great if he decided to run, Ramsey said.

Ramsey added he recognizes that sometimes the political system can be a "little vicious." But, he believes he has dealt with some vicious issues in the part and thinks he can handle anything that is thrown at him.

Ramsey is the father of the late JonBenet Ramsey. JonBenet's murdered body was found in the basement of their Colorado home on Dec. 26, 1996. No charges have been filed in that case. However, tabloid media made wild speculations that resulted with the Ramseys filing a few lawsuits against them for some of those claims.

Ramsey said this time in his life was the "worst of the worse."

He added, "Relative to the whole tragedy of the loss of our daughter, the legitimate media has figured out what is right and wrong. That shouldn't prevent me from doing something."

Ramsey said he does not believe the tabloid media will get involved in this possible campaign, but if they do, he said he will deal with it.

Local Charlevoix Republican Party Leader John Haggard said he was excited over Ramsey possibly running for the 105th District seat.

"If he decides to do it, I'll support him 100 percent. I think he is an excellent businessperson and a good person in the community," he said. "He would be a heck of an asset with his business background to represent this area in Lansing."

Ramsey has been a small businessman most of his life. Until 1998, he was involved in a computer company and is now consulting other businesses. His wife, Patsy, has also started a local company with two other women in web design and development.

Ramsey said he and his wife moved to Charlevoix full-time last summer after a lot of talk. He said he was concerned about moving his 17-year-old son, Burke, to a new school. But, he learned Burke wanted to go to Charlevoix High School.

Ramsey's first experience with Charlevoix came when he was 20 years old and was driving through Charlevoix. Originally from Lansing, Ramsey loved the area and kept it in his mind when his family sold their cottage in Mecosta in 1986.

He and Patsy started coming to Charlevoix around 1986.

Besides his late daughter JonBenet and son Burke, the Ramsey's have two other children, Melinda and John.

They also have another daughter, Beth, who was killed in an automobile accident in the early 1990s.

Be safe when walking roads

Sheriff George T. Lasater said several motorists in Charlevoix County have contacted the Sheriff's Office with concerns where they almost hit a pedestrian on the roadways who were jogging, walking or exercising their dogs.

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Wetlands, drive issues cause delay in Wal-Mart meeting

WAL-MART

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Road.

According to a letter from Charlevoix City Manager Mike Weisner to Wal-Mart project manager Allen Oertel, he said the city would not be in support of the supercenter's main entrance or exit on US-31 and putting a traffic signal in that area.

"The construction of your main entrance/exit in such a close proximity to the Marion Center intersection, as well as your mention of signaling this location, is in conflict with our long-term traffic plans for this area of the city," Weisner wrote.

Weisner also wrote that the city is against a connection to Stover Road from the supercenter, specifically due to its impact on vehicles turning into and out of the site from Marion Center Road.

"The curves adversely affect sight distance and the proximity to US-31 is close enough to result in northbound traffic on Marion Center Road staking past this intersection," he wrote.

Wal-Mart would like to build a 157,000 square foot supercenter on US-31 near Marion Center and Stover Roads. Officials have said they would like to have the business open in 2005.

Women's Resource Center to host parenting class on April 14

A parenting workshop, based on the best-selling book, How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk, is from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 14, at the Women's Resource Center in Petoskey.

Parents will learn proven skills, such as how to set limits while maintaining goodwill, cope with their child's negative feelings, express anger without hurting, engage their child's willing cooperation and help their child become caring and responsible. Parents will also learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and create a family atmosphere of love and respect.

The six-session workshop is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and will be led by Betsy White, MSW. The cost of the workshop is $80 per person or $85 per couple, materials are included. Funding sources are available for current customers of FIA programs.

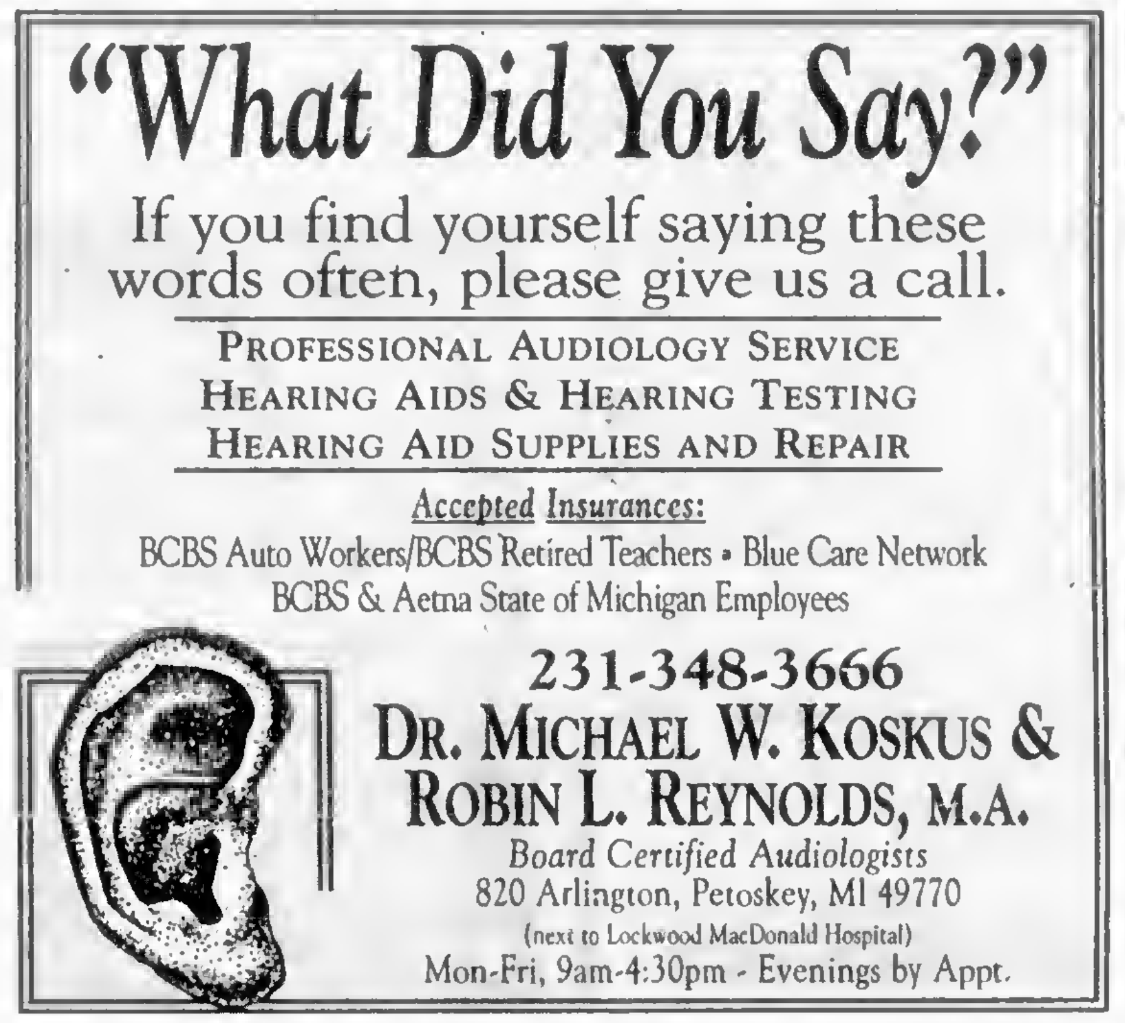
Please contact Charlevoix-Emmet Family Independence Agency or the Women's Resource Center for an application. The dates of the sessions are from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 12, 19. Certificates of Completion will be awarded at the conclusion of the program. Advance registration and payment is requested. Space is limited.

"Parents are on the firing line seven days a week. Yet few of them have had any training for this demanding job. No wonder even the most well-intentioned parents often find themselves feeling frustrated, bewildered, guilty or alone," said Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, award-winning authors of the book and program. "The How To Talk So Kids Will Listen workshop gives parents a chance to learn practical new skills and exchange ideas and experiences with each other."

Hundreds of thousands of parents and professionals have benefited from the How To Talk So Kids Will Listen workshop. In studies in Wisconsin, Colorado and North Dakota, researchers found that attending parents developed skills that significantly and lastingly improved the quality of their family life.

They also found these new-found skills worked equally well with children of all ages.

To register, please call the Women's Resource Center at (231) 347-0067.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SPORTS

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Charlevoix is the district champion for the sixth year in a row. They are: (front, from left) team managers River Gauthier and Riley Corcoran, (middle) Matt Kautz, Cody Crain, Bryce Daly, Michael Wojan, Kyle Kramer, (back) assistant coach Bret Erskine, Phil Steen, Jake Teuscher, Jared Hunt, Ben Bergman, John DiMartino, Chris Golski, Matt Nitchman, Ryan DeYoung, Scott Friske, Matt Burtt, head coach Keith Haske and assistant coach Bryan Hawkins

Rayders take district crown

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Rumors of the Charlevoix Rayder's demise were extremely exaggerated. The patient is alive and doing well, thank you.

After closing the regular season with three consecutive losses, Charlevoix got back into more familiar territory last week, winning their sixth consecutive district championship under coach Keith Haske, defeating Harbor Springs, 75-65, East Jordan, 91-53 and Elk Rapids, 71-53.

"I was real pleased to see us come out of that funk or whatever we were in," Haske said. "We really came out in the second half against Harbor."

The toughest test came first against the host Rams. After a back and forth first quarter, Harbor Springs led throughout the second. Charlevoix trailed by as many as 13 at 40-27 before the Rayder's Cody Crain hit a three-pointer just before the halftime buzzer.

In the second half, the Rayders, who had not used their trademark press through most of the first half, changed defenses and pres-

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Wrestlers in invitational

Charlevoix Middle School hosted the annual Charlevoix Invitational Saturday, March 13.

Fourteen schools attended with 273 wrestlers competing.

They had 33 wrestlers compete for Charlevoix with 15 taking medals.

First place winners were: R.J. Moore, Nate Golovich and Sammy Hovie.

Second place medals were awarded to: Nathan Tripplehorn, Brandon Darrah, Lynzie Gotshall,and Dylan Sladek.

Third place winners were: Corey Gotshall, Cliff Jones, Matt Golovich, Thomas Rich and Joe Left.

Fourth place medals went to: Chase Moore, Tony Filizetti and Eli Daman.

In other action on Tuesday, March 9, Charlevoix met with Petoskey.

Winners in that event were Matt Golovich, Clinton Longley, Gotshall, Tripplehorn, Gotshall, Brandon Darrah, Rich, Hovie and Jake Novotny.

On Tuesday, Charlevoix hosted a meet with Mancelona and Elk Rapids. They will travel to Rogers City on Saturday, March 20 for their next tournament.

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SPORTS

Volleyball team falls in regional tournament

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders closed out a great volleyball season with a tough loss in the regionals against Marion, falling 15-7, 15-11.

"It was disappointing to end the season that way," coach Liz Grunch said. "We've had a successful season but we had an off day in a big game. You can't make that many unforced errors at this level of play."

The Rayders led 9-0 in the second game before Marion scored 10 straight points to take the lead for good.

Becca Kanine led the team as she has all season with 16 assists and had two aces serving. Kari Way had seven kills. Theresa Martin had seven digs and four kills.

Andrea Ruhlmann contributed five kills and three blocks. Shayna Drost added seven digs.

Charlevoix finished the season 32-11-12 and champions of both its district and the Lake Michigan Conference.

Basketball team heads to regionals for sixth time

REGIONAL

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sured the Rams fullcourt. The change in defense seemed to increase the Charlevoix intensity and rattle their hosts.

After trading baskets to start the half, the Rayders reeled off 10 straight points in a three minute span, capped by five straight points by senior all-stater Scott Friske. The spurt tied the game at 42-42 with 4:07 left in the period.

Another Crain three-point shot a minute later gave Charlevoix the lead to stay at 45-44. Crain followed the long range jumper with a steal and drive for a hoop to give the Rayders some breathing room. Charlevoix scored the final six points of the quarter for a 53-46 advantage.

An 8-0 blitz in the fourth quarter included three straight steals and layups for the Rayders, two by senior Bryce Daly to blow the game wide open at 63-48. Harbor never seriously threatened again.

Our intensity rose in that second half, Haske commented. Friske and Daly played really well down the stretch and that's what you need your big players to do in the tournament.

Friske, looking recovered from his nagging ankle injury, led Charlevoix with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Crain finished with 16 points and six assists. Daly tallied 14 points and six steals.

Ben Bergmann and John DiMartino scored 10 and eight respectively. Junior starting guard Jared Hunt injured an ankle in the second quarter and did not return to action.

The Rayders next defeated East Jordan in a laugher, 91-53. Charlevoix outscored the Red Devils in every quarter, including a 31-16 fourth quarter bulge.

Friske led the team with 18 points, 12 rebounds, three assists and two blocks. DiMartino scored 17 points, a career-high.

"John DiMartino really stepped up for us all week long," Haske said. "It was really a key with Jared Hunt not playing as much."

Daly had an exceptional game with 16 points, nine steals and three assists. Bergmann scored 12 while Crain had eight and five assists.

In the anti-climactic final against Elk Rapids, Charlevoix took away any mystery by besting the Elks, 24-8 in the first quarter. They led 44-22 at the half and coasted to victory.

Friske scored 25 and grabbed 10 rebounds. Hunt, looking fit following his injury woes, scored 13. Daly added nine. Ryan DeYoung tallied seven.

Charlevoix (18-5) played against Mio Tuesday, March 16 at Petoskey High School. Results were unavailable at press time. The Rayders defeated Mio in the first round of the regionals last year.

Asked about the team's historic success in the tournament, Haske answered, "There's no magic or anything. First of all, we have great kids. They come in with the expectation that they're going to win. Our tradition is a big part of that.

"A lot of teams are winding down and ready for the season to end. Our guys like being together, they're having fun and they want to keep playing."

The winner of the Charlevoix-Mio contest will play the winner of McBain-Traverse City St. Francis at Petoskey on Friday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.

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Scott Friske attempts a slam dunk in a game against Harbor Springs.

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State Farm Insurance	22	22
Kerr's Racing	19	25
Central Drug Store	19	25
Cemex Cement	19	25
Bayshore Steel	18	26

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jim Descamps	665	246
Chris Putman	594	224
Don Firman		217
Wayne Fries		217
Carlo D'Angelo	578	

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	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	25	19
Hayes Legal Crew	24.5	19.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	23.5	20.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	20	24
Grey Gables Inn	18	26
Top Rank Disposal	17	27
Don's IGA	16.5	27.5
Central Drug Store	15.5	28.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	521	216
Linda Lake	517	198
Marlene Evans	519	
Cindy Pallagi		195

Young at Hearts League
March 11, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	24	12
Twilighters	23	13
Sparetime	22	14
Misfits	21	15
Has Beens	17	19
Alley Cats	13	23
Irish Rollers	13	23
Past Timers	11	25

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
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Lutherans	207	293

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ron Grulke	595	236
Chuck Pop		221
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	W	L
Villager Pub	280	170
Buzy Bees	273	177
Flight Deck Top Guns	248	202
Strike Seekers	247	203
Friske Farm Market	242	208
Laural & Co. Hair Design	223	227
Paul Bunyan Lanes	217	233
Team One	0	180

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
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(3-17-1-075)

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Gospel of John 16:13,
John 17: 17-19 - Call 547-6735

(3-17-3-075)

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(3-10-2-076)

THIS IS to inform Lori McSawby, last known address: P.O. Box 465, Charlevoix, MI 49720, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #115. A brief description would be - clothes, suitcase, fan, speakers and mirror. You have until April 10, 2004, to re-claim the goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, 06795 US 31 Highway S., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, 231-547-5838.

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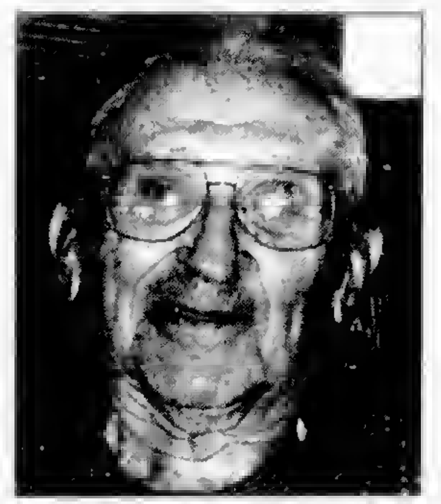

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(3-3-3-100)

March 18...
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From Grandpa & Grandma Monte
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MISC. FOR SALE 134

MULTI-VENDOR SALE: Discovery Toys, Arbonne International, Party Lite, Premier Designs Jewelry, The Pampered Chef, & Tastefully Simple. Sunday March 21, 12-4 p.m. Weathervane Restaurant Basement in Charlevoix. For more information call 237-0360.

(3-17-1-134)

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(9-10-tf-160)

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

BEST OFFICE location in Charlevoix. Unobstructed view, Round Lake Harbor and the boat channel. State of the art construction and decor. 7 separate office suites and a reception area. Call Aila at (231) 547-9905.

(3-17-3-168)

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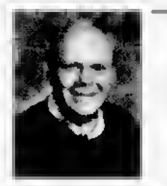

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT 169

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HOUSE FOR RENT 170

CHARLEVOIX EXCELLENT location. One block from downtown. Fully remodeled, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath. Laundry and central air, $1,000. 231-675-2809.

(3-3-4-170)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

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(9-11-tf-171)

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STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Robert R. Graves and Linda T. Graves, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 3, 2000, and was recorded on October 6, 2000, in Liber 398 on pages 393 through 399 of the Charlevoix County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $9,437.09, including interest at 9% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, March 26, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.

The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

Dated: February 17, 2004

SMITH, MARTIN, POSERS & KNIER, P.C.
Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc. is seeking proposals for the provision of substance abuse prevention services for fiscal year 2004/2005 in the primary service area of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Otsego, Roscommon and Wexford counties.

For Request for Proposal packets please contact: Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc., 1165 Elkview, Suite #1, P.O. Box 1278, Gaylord, MI 49734, (989) 732-1791, ext. 18. Requests may also be made by email to Heidi Serven at heidi@nmsas.net.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at 10 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the coordinating agency, 1165 Elkview, Gaylord, Michigan. Proposals are due to NMSAS no later than Friday, April 30th at 4 p.m.

Federal and State funding has been provided to support in the project costs.

L(3/10, 3/17)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010645-DE

Estate of Bernice Howard, Deceased
Date of birth: 12/18/1911

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Bernice Howard, who lived at 01169 Walton Road, Boyne Falls, Michigan died 04/23/2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dennis Howard, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 3/8/2004
Paul E. Nettleman P26331
2202 Mitchell Park Drive,
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF ANTRIM
File No. 04-8050-GC
Hon. Thomas J. Phillips

DONALD R. ALSPAUGH and
CAROL L. ALSPAUGH,
husband and wife,
Plaintiffs,

v

WILLIAM D. FITZPATRICK d/b/a
NORTHERN
TIMBER & LAND MANAGEMENT
Defendant.

YOUNG, GRAHAM & ELSENHEIMER, PC
By: Haider A. Kazim (66146)
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
PO Box 398, 104 E. Forest Home
Bellaire, MI 49615
(231) 533-8635

EX PARTE ORDER GRANTING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs are allowed to serve the Summons and Complaint for Breach of Contract, Fraud and Misrepresentation in the above captioned matter upon Defendant, William D. Fitzpatrick d/b/a Northern Timber & Land Management, pursuant to MCR 2.106(D).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant, William D. Fitzpatrick d/b/a Northern Timber & Land Management, must file an answer or take any action otherwise declared by law on or prior to the expiration of twenty-eight (28) days after the publication/posting of this order. Such answer should be filed with the 86th District Court in Antrim County, State of Michigan, with an additional copy served upon the Plaintiffs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant William D. Fitzpatrick d/b/a Northern Timber & Land Management, shall also be served by first class mail at the address listed as follows: P.O. Box 306, 202 East State Street, Mancelona, Michigan 49659.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that failure to answer this Complaint or take other action allowed by law may result in the entry of a default and default judgment granting Plaintiff the relief requested in the Complaint, which may include costs and attorney fees.

NOTICE: You are being sued for (1) Breach of Contract, and (2) Fraud and Misrepresentation, with regard to a contract between you and Plaintiffs, Donald R. Alspaugh and Carol L. Alspaugh, by the terms of which, you agreed to pay Plaintiffs fifty (50) percent of all amounts received by you for trees cut and logged off Plaintiffs' property. The above mentioned contract relates to Plaintiffs' property located at 9617 Cemetery Road, Alden, Michigan 49612 and was entered into on or about August 8, 2003.

Dated: March 9, 2004
Honorable Thomas J. Phillips
86th District Court Judge
Prepared and submitted by:
Haider A. Kazim (P66146)
YOUNG, GRAHAM & ELSENHEIMER, PC
Attorney for Plaintiff
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104 E. Forest Home Ave
Bellaire MI 49615
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND INTERESTED PERSONS
Decedent's Estate
State of Michigan
Probate Court
Charlevoix County
File No: 04-010650-DE

Estate of Edward McNamara

Date of Birth: February 5, 1924

TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

ON March 11, 2004 the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the above captioned estate and is serving without bond.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS: The decedent, Edward McNamara, who lived at 735 Petoskey Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, died January 13, 2004.

Creditors and Interested Persons of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, or interest in the matter, will be forever barred unless presented to Susan J. McNamara, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

The Hayes Law Firm, P.C.
Roy C. Hayes, III (P50042)
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Charlevoix, MI 49720
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Susan J. McNamara
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Spring concert

The Little Traverse Choral Society, under the direction of Brad Moffatt, will present its annual spring concert featuring the Gospel Mass by Robert Ray, at 8 p.m., on Saturday, March 20, at the St. Francis Catholic Shrine, Indian River, and at 4 p.m., on Sunday, March 21.

The Sunday concert at Indian River will be a special concert, co-featuring the Great Lake chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Robert Pattengale, as the Shrine celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of its outdoor crucifix.

Both concerts are free with donations requested at the door.

Skate-a-Thon

A Skate-a-Thon is scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 22, at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church on M-66. This event is the first fund-raising effort by local students to obtain funds for the future Charlevoix Community Skatepark. Volunteer and donations needed. Please call Vicki Daman at 547-8063 for further information.

Library information

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are hosting two evening coffees for the purpose of informing citizens about the proposed new library plan. The public is invited to come to the library at 109 Clinton Street at 5:15 p.m., Monday, March 22, or at 7 p.m., on Monday, March 29.

Call 547-22651 for more information.

Music grants

The Northern Michigan Chorale is announcing the availability of vocal music grants for summer music study. These grants are for anyone of high school age or older in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

Letters of application are due by Friday, April 2 and should include name, address and telephone number. Also, specify the planned use for the grant, such as vocal lessons or music camp assistance. High school applicants should provide a letter of recommendation from their music instructor.

Auditions will take place on Monday, April 26. Applicants will be notified of time and place. Successful applicants will be invited to perform in the Northern Michigan Chorale fall or spring concerts.

Send letter of application to the Northern Michigan Chorale, P.O. Box 51, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Scholarships

Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) is again offering two $500 scholarships to any accredited trade or vocation education school or program. Students need to obtain information from their High School Counselor and apply by April 15.

The recipients will be selected by the MARSP Scholarship Committee by May 1. This Committee includes a representative from each of the four Charlevoix County High Schools. Students will be informed by May 15.

The Early Family Memorial Scholarship will contribute additional funds.

Trophy case

Charlevoix High School is in the process of finishing their new trophy display cases in the commons area outside the gymnasium. The trophy area is near completion, and now the school is asking for community assistance to complete the next phase.

A Hall of Fame for all-state athletes is being constructed along the North/South hallway, opposite the gymnasium. All athletes, who achieved all-state status in their sports at Charlevoix High School, are asked to send a 2-inch-by-3-inch senior picture along with the year(s) all-state status was accomplished, the sport(s) and a correct spelling of their name. Additionally, if an athlete was a state champion, please send a 5-inch-by-7-inch picture. Only one picture is needed even if all-state status was achieved in more than one sport. Please include a contact person and phone number if there is a question about the information sent.

Please send the photo and information to the following address: Attn: Ken Plude, Project Coordinator, Hall of Fame, Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Reunion

Charlevoix High School's Class of 1964 will host its fortieth reunion at 7:30 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The cost is $20 per person. Reservations should be directed to Leslie (Lyons) Cunningham at 06530 Brown Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2089, by June 1.

Anyone able to provide contact information for class members can call or e-mail Ms. Cunningham at lcunning@freeway.net.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Flap Jack Resturant.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-1388.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

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City's busiest block is ruined by fire, water

The worst fire that has occurred in Charlevoix since the County Bank building burned on the 8th of February last year, called out the department at three-thirty o'clock last Sunday morning. The buildings involved were the Odd Fellow building and the See building, lying between the Charlevoix Hardware Co. and Park Avenue on Bridge Street. The second floors of both buildings were completely gutted and the walls of the lower floor damaged by water and heat.

The fire was first discovered by Mrs. Glen See, who, with her husband and brother-in-law, Chester See, occupied the front apartment next to the lodge hall on the second floor. She was alarmed by peculiar cracking noises and awoke her husband, who was inclined to believe that the noises she heard were caused by the contraction of the building in the low temperature. A moment later, they both distinctly heard a series of sharp explosions that shook the building, seeming to come from the direction of the basement, and the smell of smoke became distinct. Mr. See opened the door into the hall and found it filled with smoke. He immediately aroused the family of John H. Bugbee who had the front apartment on the corner and everybody turned to and carried out what furniture and clothing they could before the smoke and flames drove them out. The heaviest loss was suffered by Mrs. Pearl, who was not at home but at the hospital at the time the fire occurred, although much of her furniture was saved. The property loss for the three apartments will probably total about $500.00, although the Sees and Bugbee's managed to save the greater part of their belongings.

Downstairs, in the stores occupied by J. B. Redpath, H. B. Jacobs and F. J. Fessenden, the principal damage was done by water and smoke. The buildings are of brick veneer construction and the fire seemed to keep within the particans and walls, only breaking into flame when a hole was chopped though floor or roof to get at it with the fire hose to better advantage. The fire was very stubborn and the firemen's work was complicated by the cold air which caused the water from the nozzles to freeze on their clothes, incasing them in ice. Meanwhile, the work of salvaging the stocks of wearing apparel, groceries, drugs and stationery from the stores below was being pursued with feverish haste.

Mr. Fessenden, who was aroused by telephone shortly after the alarm was turned in, was soon on the job and managed to remove the more perishable portion of his stock to a place of safety in the L. P. Adams cigar store and pool room across the street. A good deal of water drained in through the ceiling above and what damage this has done to the fine polished veneer cases that line the walls and other fixtures remains to be seen. They do not appear to be badly injured, but the veneer may peal off as they dry out, as often happens in such cases. The fact that no windows were broken in the lower floor and that the ceiling was intact and that it was possible to keep steam on during the night greatly lessened the damage that might have otherwise resulted in all three of the stores. Mr. Fessenden estimates his loss at $15,000 which, as far as can be ascertained at this writing, is fully covered by insurance. His stock was moved on Monday to the store recently vacated by Wood Brothers in the Masonic building, which he has leased for a term of one year.

H.B. Jacobs has removed his stock of groceries temporarily to his former location at 114 Bridge Street - the Paddock building. His loss was around $5,000.00 partially covered by insurance. He had a considerable quantity of goods stored in the basement, which was filled to a depth of four or five inches with water during the fire. These are probably a total loss. Most of the stock on his shelves was saved.

J. B. Redpath saved his entire stock without damage, as far as can be estimated at this time. The loss in cases, fixtures, etc. fully covered by insurance, cannot as yet be determined. His business is temporarily located on the mezzanine floor of the Charlevoix Hardware building, next door to his former location. His plans for the future are not definitely formed as yet.

The Charlevoix Hardware building, which adjoins the Odd Fellow building on the south, suffered no damage whatever, although a little smoke drifted into the store and some water got into the basement, which however did not do any harm.

The various lodges who had their regalia and equipment stored in the lockers of the hall on the second floor managed to save quite a good portion of the stuff without damage. The Odd Fellows had about $5,000.00 of insurance on the building and Charles E. See and Lou S. See owners of the corner building, carried $5,000.00 on their property.

Where the fire started and what was the cause of it has been the subject of a good deal of speculation without any very definite conclusion being reached. It was first thought that the explosions heard by Mr. and Mrs. See came from the heating plant in the basement but an examination proved this theory to be erroneous. The fire chief is making a careful inspection of the building in an endeavor to learn the true cause of the fire.

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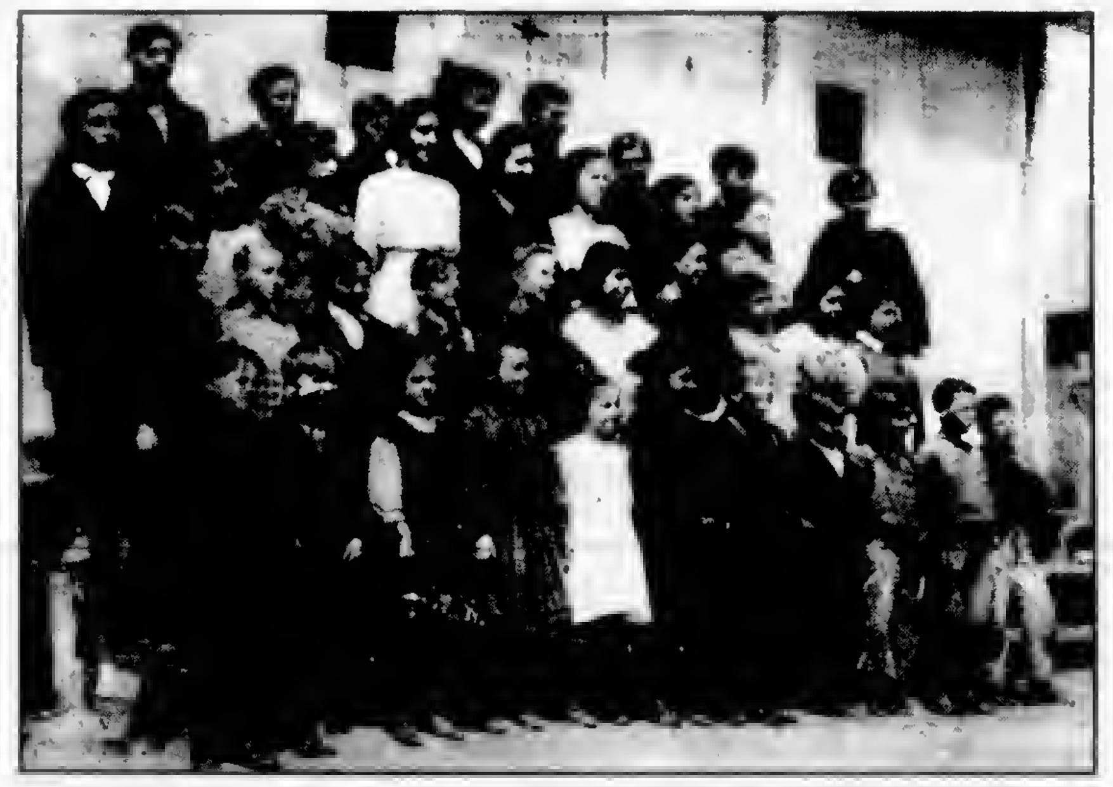

Courtesy of the Charlevoix Historical Society

The Murray School class. The Charlevoix Historical Society would like information on what year this picture was taken. Please contact the historical society at 547-0373. Stories compiled by Cynthia Postmus for the Charlevoix Area Library.

School Asks To Annex

The Charlevoix Board of Education Monday agreed to accept 24 elementary students from the Murray School in Hayes Township, if the annexation is approved by the State and Murray District voters.

The Murray Board of Education asked the Charlevoix board to accept the annexation. Murray board president is Andrew Anderson. Dorothy Zipp is secretary of the board.

The District has an equalized valuation of $223,500. It levies 13.375 mills in operating taxes and no debt retirement tax. Charlevoix levies 11.375 in operating taxes and 3.25 in debt retirement tax.

Before the annexation is authorized Murray voters must approve it and agree to accept their share of the Charlevoix district's bonded indebtedness. It must also be approved by the State Department of Public Instruction.

The Charlevoix Board of Education also decided to build a new public library with two-thirds Federal assistance. The board will determine what type of building is needed and get definite cost estimates before anything else is done.

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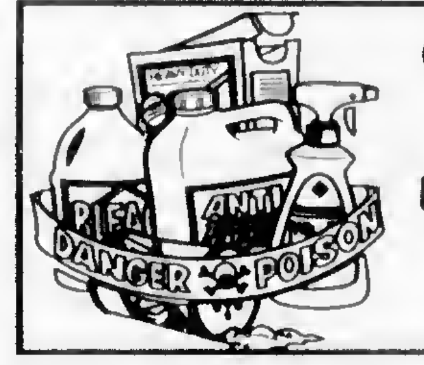

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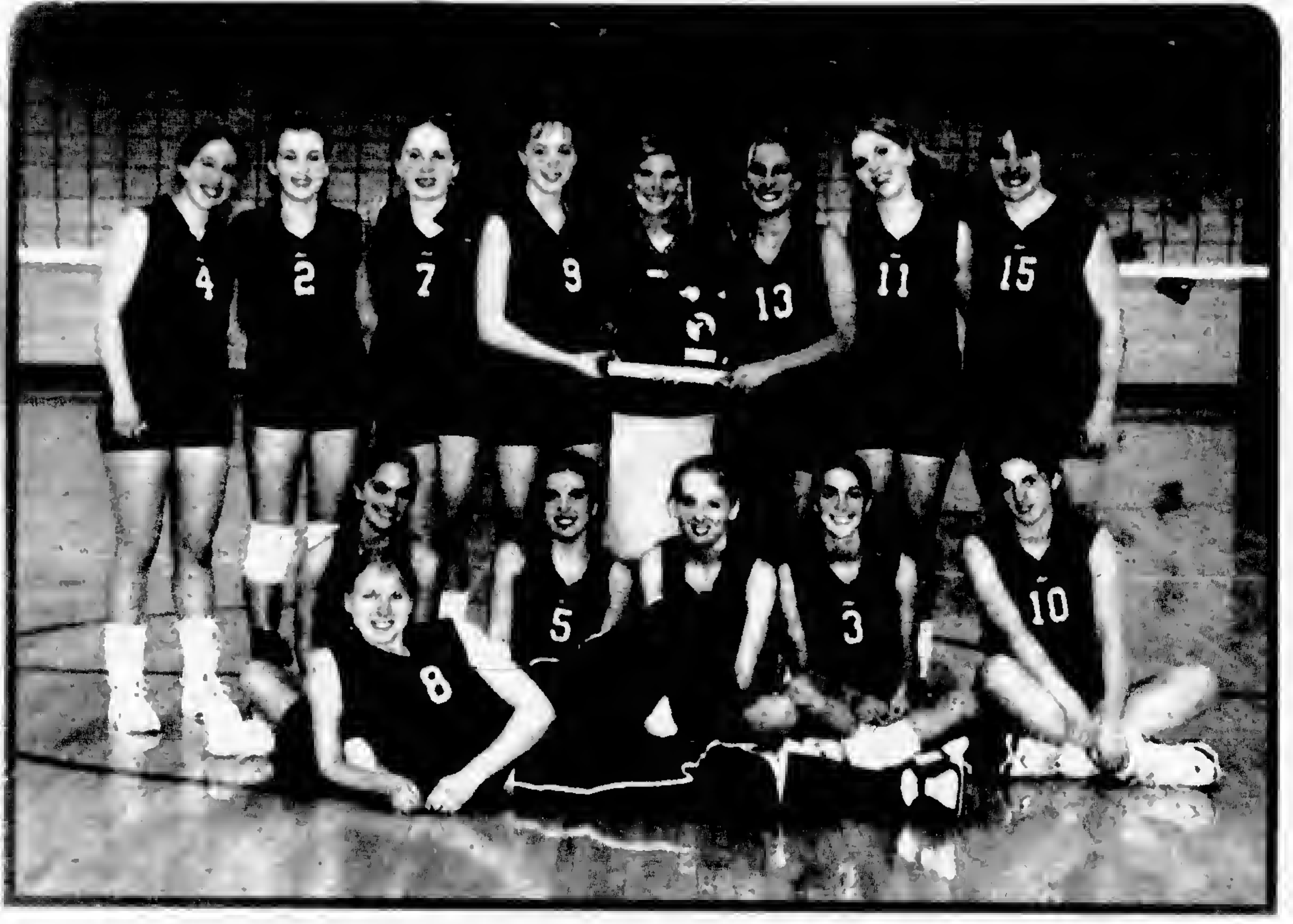

The Charlevoix varsity volleyball team took the district title. They are, back, from left: Sonya Plude, Betsey Dennis, Theresa Martin, Ashlie Bradley, Coach Liz Grunch, Kari Way, Denise Barta, Andrea Ruhlman. Second row from left: Zita Anderson, Becca Kanine, Jessica Pettis, Shayna Drost, Bethany Pearson and front: Sally Haselschwardt.

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Wal-Mart effect

What will Wal-Mart do to Charlevoix's economy if it is allowed to build a supercenter in the township?

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Cemex fine

The Charlevoix cement plant Cemex is facing some large fines over some malfunctioning equipment.

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Green fun

Beaver Island celebrated St. Patrick's Day March 20 with its annual day of fun and games.

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City under investigation

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Wastewater treatments going into Lake Michigan are the subject of a criminal and civil investigation.

Documents on treatment may have been falsified

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A criminal investigation currently underway by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is exploring alleged falsified reports given to them by staff at the city of Charlevoix's wastewater treatment plant.

"Essentially, the alleged falsification was for violations that may have occurred that they (staff at the wastewater treatment plant) did not report," Richard Shoemaker, the senior environmental quality analyst with the surface water quality division of the MDEQ said.

Since January, Vince Woods, a detective with the MDEQ's office of criminal investigation, has been looking into this issue and now the investigation, which focuses on activity by more than one employee at the plant, is almost complete.

A discharge permit the plant has with the state requires plant staff to test treated wastewater five times a week before it is discharged. In those tests they are required to record concentrations of phosphorous, solids, chlorine and other pollutants. Those reports are then passed along to the MDEQ every month.

Shoemaker said a violation oc-

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Bickering between officials resolved

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The fight between Mayor Gabe Campbell and five city planning commissioners is water under the bridge.

On March 17 the commissioners met in special session to rescind a controversial motion they made which sparked an attempt by the mayor to unseat them. The mayor is now looking into what it takes to erase his dismissal plans.

Francis "Brownie" Flanders, one of the commissioners targeted for dismissal, said he is glad this chapter is coming to a close and is looking forward to rolling up his sleeves and getting back to work.

"I'm going to try to put this behind me and be positive and look ahead. It was an unfortu-

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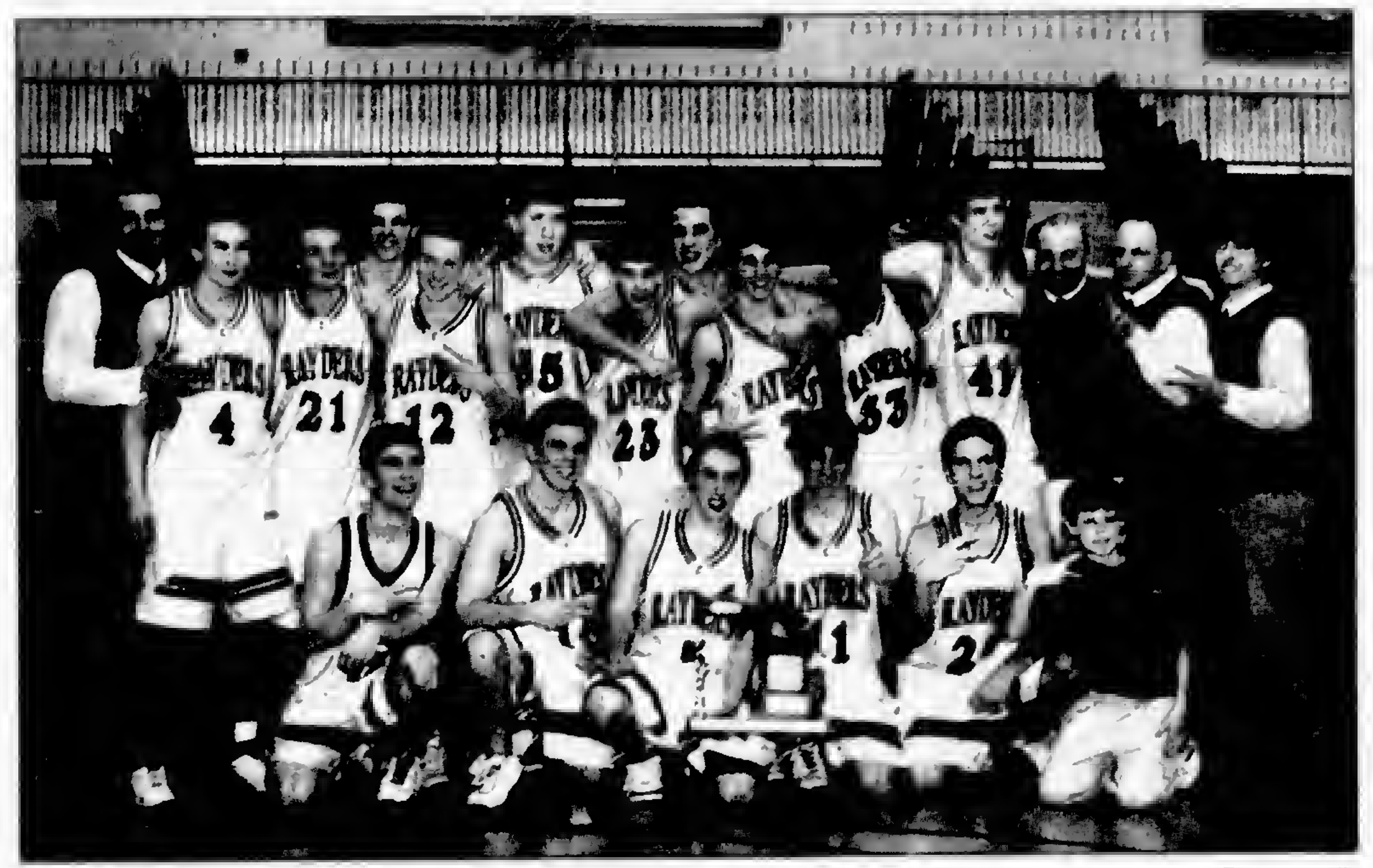
Rayders' regional success



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The Charlevoix High School basketball team won the regional title Friday against Traverse City St. Francis. They are: (front, from left) Matt Kautz, Michael Wojan, Cody Crain, Bryce Daly, Matt Burtt, manager Riley Corcoran, (back) assistant coach Bret Erskine, Ben Bergmann, Jake Teuscher, Scott Friske, Jared Hunt, Chris Golski, Matt Nitchman, Kyle Kramer, John DiMartino, Phil Steen, Ryan DeYoung, assistant coach Brian Hawkins, head coach Keith Haske and assistant coach Doug Reick.

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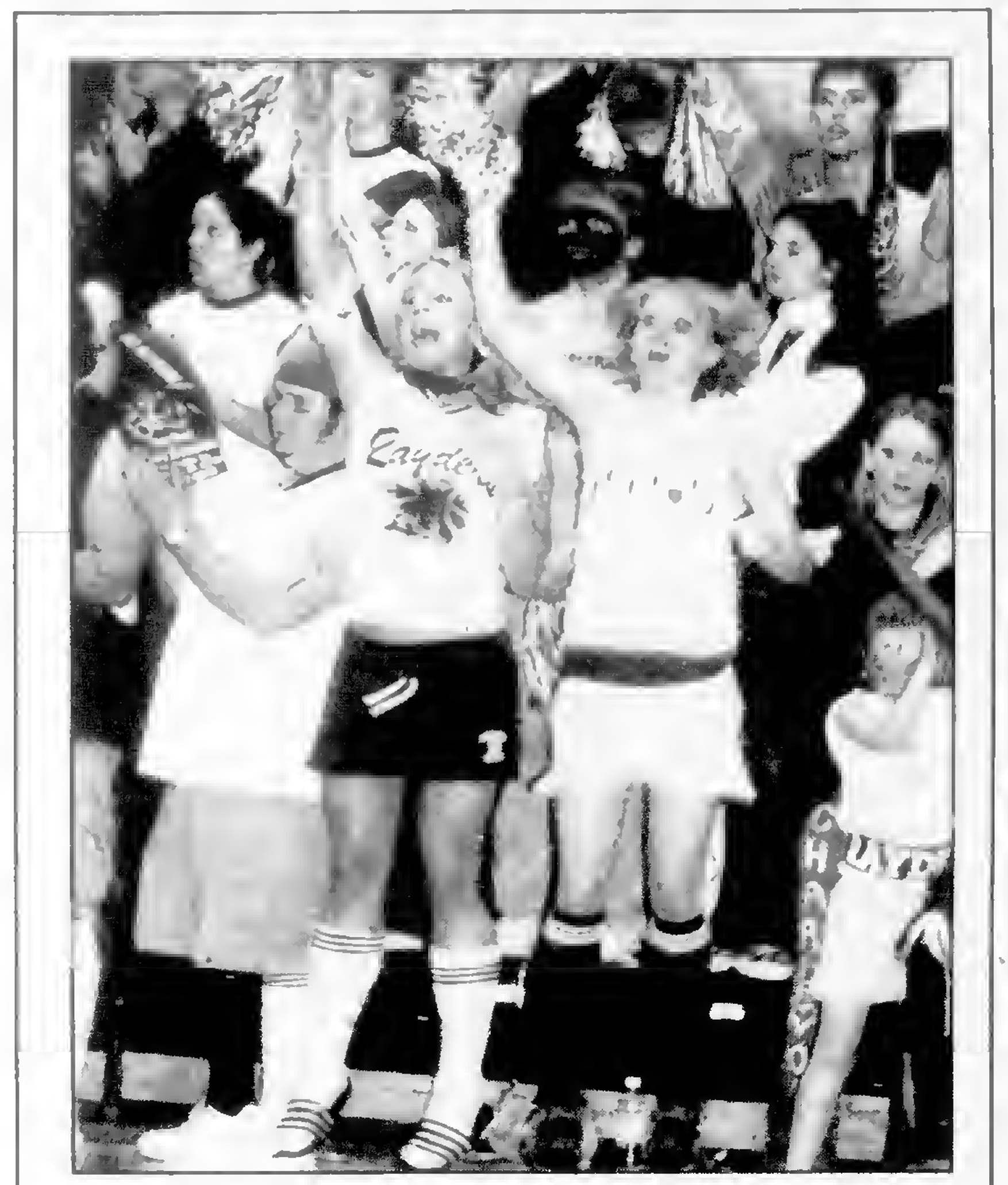

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Go Rayders

The crowd was excited during Friday's Charlevoix High School varsity basketball win over Traverse City St. Francis for the regional title. Here they react to a basket made by the Rayders.

On the record

Circuit Court

The following case was heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Rollie Clifford Royse, 19, East Jordan. Attempted child sexually abusive activity. Two years probation; nine months in jail with credit for 73 days, serve six months; $520 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Oyster Bay Farm, 11345 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix, by Henry K. Wagner II and Joan Wagner

Integra Spec North, 00300 High Country Drive, Boyne City, by Randy Peterman and Amy Jo Kamyszek

Computer Guys, 400 Silver Street, Boyne City, by Ronald Grunch

Roehrig Building & Remodeling, 04382 Behling Road, Boyne City, by Bret P. Roehrig

M.J.M. Services, 02136 Jaquay Road, Boyne City, by Michael J. McCarry

EZ4U, 310 West Lincoln, Charlevoix, by Samantha L. Harris

Sunburst Yacht Brokerage, 508 South Lake, Boyne City, by Dana Compton

Marriage

The following people were granted marriage licenses recently by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Chad Michael Hartley, 27, Boyne City and Leslie Marie Johnston, 20, Boyne Falls

Births

Catherine Ann, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Elizabeth Wakulat of Charlevoix on March 11, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Brynn Elise, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces, was born to William Niswander and Shelia Lyons of East Jordan on March 12, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She has one brother, Dominic. Grandparents are William and Cindy Mathers of Mt. Morris, William and Tami Niswander of Charlevoix, Dennis and Debbie Harold of Republic.

Brittnie Ann, weighing 8 pounds, was born to Jeffrey Ferguson and Laurie Maurer of Central Lake on March 12, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Alexandria Faye, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Jeremy Scott and Jennifer Bell of East Jordan on March 12, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Colton Wade, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Robert and Tamara McArthur of Eastport on March 12, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Emma Grace, weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Manuel and Annie Cordova of Charlevoix on March 13, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She has one sister, Marissa and one brother, Manuel. Grandparents are Roger and Fran Simons of East Jordan, Lloyd Cordova of East Jordan and the late Sharon Cordova.

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Correction

In a story on lake levels on page 10 of last week's *Charlevoix Courier* should have said seiches are responsible for temporary low water levels on one side of a lake and higher water levels on the other.

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Wal-Mart will have big impact on area business

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

While it is debatable whether Wal-Mart supercenter in Charlevoix Township will have a negative or positive impact on businesses, experts say it will definitely have an effect on the market.

"Whenever Wal-Mart enters a community or area, it will have a significant impact on everybody," said Jeanne Norcross, of the corporate communicant division at Glen's Markets. Glen's Markets has a store in Charlevoix on M-66.

"The question is whether it is short term or long term," she said. "After the initial trial of Wal-Mart, we believe our customers will continue to appreciate what we offer."

According to John Bisio, a Wal-Mart spokesperson, if a Wal-Mart supercenter is built in Charlevoix Township, the company expects it to make $35 to 40 million in retail sales each year.

However, according to a 1997 survey of retail dollars, about $202 million is spent in the entire county each year. This means the Wal-Mart supercenter expects to make about 19 percent of the retail dollars spent in Charlevoix, according to the 1997 numbers.

There are no current retail numbers for Charlevoix County.

But, the question is, how much of what Wal-Mart expects to sell in Charlevoix will come from exiting retail dollars that are spent and how much of it will be new retail dollars spent?

Al Norman, of the anti-big box store group Sprawlbusters who has fought Wal-Mart for years, said the mega-retailer will make a majority, maybe around 60 to 80 percent, of its retail dollars from the current retail money spent in the area. He said Wal-Mart does not really bring in new business and has a very negative impact on communities.

Brenda Sternquist, an economist with Michigan State University who has studied Wal-Mart's impact in 12 states disagreed. She said Wal-Mart will help bring back some of the retail dollars that are leaving the community through "leakage."

"People will drive to the community. It is good for the community to have a Wal-Mart," she said.

But Tom Mueller, also an economist who has testified before congress on the Wal-Mart issue, rebuts Sternquist's argument.

"There can't be any leakage if there are Wal-Marts all over," he said. "Leakage by one community is replaced by another community's leakage."

He added, "Her study seems to have a logical flaw. She is not taking into effect multiple Wal-Marts."

But, this back and forth still leads to the question of what kind of impact will Wal-Mart have on Charlevoix's overall economy? And this question is of much debate between economists.

Noted Wal-Mart researcher and former economics instructor at Iowa State University Ken Stone said Wal-Mart generally does cause a community who has the business located in it to see an increase in overall retail spending. But, many smaller businesses in that community are hurt and communities outside of the Wal-Mart community will see a significant loss in business.

This means, if Wal-Mart brings in shoppers from around the area, according to Stone, cities like East Jordan, Central Lake and Ellsworth will be impacted negatively. Furthermore, Stone said, any business in the city or area with the Wal-Mart that sells anything that Wal-Mart sells, will experience a big loss in business.

Two businesses that will be hurt are grocery stores and hardware stores.

"There is some anecdotal information that suggests some grocery stores will be down 25 percent from the first day Wal-Mart opens," he said. "The norm is to lose one grocery store (to Wal-Mart)."

Stone added, "They (Wal-Mart) are really after the grocery business."

To go after its competitors, Wal-Mart likes to do what is called a "saturation strategy," Stone said. This is where the company puts its stores so close together it puts the competition out of business, even though two or more Wal-Marts will compete with each other.

As for jobs and other benefits, Stone said Wal-Mart has a "zero sum gain." According to an article in the monthly journal of the Main Street National Trust, Stone explains this further as Wal-Mart will not cause a loss or gain on any jobs or tax base in the community.

On the bright side, Stone said any business that does not sell what Wal-Mart sells — such as gas stations or restaurants — will see an increase in business in the city where the Wal-Mart is located.

Stone's sentiments were also echoed in part by Sternquist, who was a little more positive about the effects of a Wal-mart on our local economy.

She said, "It helps retailers in a community to have a Wal-Mart as long as they are not selling what Wal-Mart sells."

Sternquist suggests stores that do sell similar items as Wal-Mart need to find ways to be different, such as selling more upscale items, such as expensive wine.

But Mueller disagrees again.

"Wal-Mart has gotten into higher priced items. As they broaden the goods they carry, it makes other businesses less competitive," he said. "To say people are going to spend more because Wal-Mart doesn't have something is wrong."

For example, he said video stores and photographic developers used to do very well if they were located next to a Wal-Mart in the past. However, when Wal-Mart branched out into selling videos and developing film, those stores were pretty much put out of business.

Wal-Mart wants to build a 157,000 square foot supercenter in Charlevoix Township on US-31, near Marion Center and Stover roads. The company will be before the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission on April 28 for a formal site plan hearing.

The meeting will be at the Charlevoix High School on Marion Center Road.

Company officials have said they want to have the store open in 2005.

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Goodbye to a beloved tradition

EDITORIAL

As it is with everything in life, all things must come to an end.

After over 30 years of entertaining the people of Charlevoix, the students of Charlevoix Elementary School and their beloved music teacher Marina LaBlanc will have their last spring musical at 7 p.m., March 24 in the Charlevoix Middle School gym.

The annual tradition of spring is coming to a close because the school will be removing the seats in the gym to make way for more athletic equipment that can benefit the middle school students. According to LaBlanc, this will make it impossible for the spring musical to continue after this year, due to the lack of seating.

While it has been suggested that LaBlanc can move the program over to the large Charlevoix High School gym, she has said this also will not suit her and the student's needs. LaBlanc said by having the program in the Charlevoix High School gym, she would have to make "big sacrifices to get it to work."

We wish LaBlanc would reconsider this decision to end this wonderful tradition. Please consider making the program fit in the Charlevoix High School.

But, this decision is up to LaBlanc. And if she says it ultimately will not work, then that is what the case is.

Therefore, we encourage the community to attend this final performance of the Charlevoix Elementary School Spring Musical.

This is a tradition that has been a part of Charlevoix for the past 30 years. One can honestly say students who are performing now are the children of students who have performed it in the past — which is a pure sign of its importance.

The 343 elementary school students will be performing 10 songs and four dance routines during the one-and-a-half hour show. The songs will be a mix of everything from rock to country.

In the grand finale, there will be a farewell to this community tradition. Let's all help make this a send off the spring musical deserves.

Annual spring vacation makes writer appreciate our tourists

Julie Witthoeft

Staff writer

Right now the main topic of conversation in town is when will the flakes stop falling and temperatures start to reflect the fact that spring did officially arrive March 20.

We are all craving summer. I can't wait for the hectic event schedule, beach bound weekends and long walks outside.

The warm beach bum weather and fun filled calendar of events doesn't just speak to the souls of locals, it also beckons new faces that flock to town to bask in Charlevoix's beauty for a weekend or for the season.

A recent vacation I took was an eye opener as to how important it is for a tourist town like ours to give these people a warm welcome.

While spending a week on a tiny northern Florida island this month I had a brief encounter with a woman running the checkout at a small, side street market.

My question was one she has responded to a zillion times, "Where is the nearest pharmacy?"

Her response wasn't quick, she knew I wouldn't like it. I was standing there in need of some infant Motrin for my teething tot. But instead of rolling her eyes exasperated by my fickle little female and blatant out-of-towner status she smiled, gave my babe a playful poke in the belly and in a thick southern accent directed me to the nearest town, 20 minutes away.

The resort island reminds me a lot of Charlevoix in the summer.

There, summer is the it time — the cool breezes offer southerners from surrounding waterless states a quick destination to beat the heat. And during the quieter winter, people from places like Michigan flock to soak in the sunshine, indulge in oysters that are fresh off the boat and get away from the hustle and bustle of their lives.

In the four years we have been going there I have watched as premier beach front property is snatched up by second home owners and investors looking to rent to vacationers. Property values have skyrocketed and the glue to the whole thing is big bucks tourism.

Instead of being resentful of tourists who have taken over what was once the locals' little piece of paradise they at least seem to embrace them.

As we left the store en route to the pharmacy my thoughts turned to Charlevoix.

The warm welcome I got at that market and at other island hot spots, like the smoothie hut and the video store reminded me that even when the tourist season starts to wear my patience thin and I want to deliver bunk directions to the post office, which moved from its former location across from our office eons ago, I need to smile.

A smile and friendly response will make a visitor's vacation memories that much better.

I'm sure when fall is just a couple of weeks away I'll have had it with the crowds of summer and be ready to have Charlevoix return to its quiet, small town status. But in the meantime, I plan to usher in our peak tourist season with a plan to help our visitors when I can — after all they are the reason many of our businesses are here and those businesses are the reason I have a job.

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Letters to the editor

Skate park advice

Editor:

I read with great excitement that Charlevoix residents are looking into building a skate park for the community. I am the recreation manager for Park City, Utah, and have witnessed the positive effect skate parks can have on a community.

Park City built a 20,000-square-foot concrete park that opened in July 2001. The park has been such a success that we are adding on an additional 10,000 square feet this summer.

For what it is worth here are some of my thoughts on skate parks:

- The city should take the lead on this project; a city sponsored free park is the best alternative. Charlevoix should look at the skate park in the same manner as a playground or ball field. It should be another recreational amenity for the community to enjoy. How about a skate park at the base of Mount McSauba?
- Childhood obesity is a national epidemic and communities need to be proactive in fighting this battle. Kids today don't get enough exercise due to many changes that have occurred in society over the last 20 years. Skateboarding is one of the few sports that can be done without a team and thus it is a great way for kids to get out and get exercise.
- One of the biggest surprises has been the positive economic impact the park has had for the community. Opening the park has allowed local sporting good stores to get into the skateboard business. We have had two additional skateboard/snowboard stores that opened because of the skate park. Local restaurants and shops have also benefited along with the lodging community. I have heard several visitors to Park City mention that they came to Park City because of the skate park. It is a great option for that teenage child.

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- If the park is outside put a fence around it. This gives the city control over the facility. When our park was first built we had a couple of minor instances of graffiti. We closed the park down for three days and removed the "tag" immediately. We have had no "tagging" for the past two years, as the skaters are great at policing the facility.
- Build a cement park and hire a qualified designer such as Site Design Group. We originally built a temporary park for $50,000 with ramps in a parking lot. This worked well for a season but the ramps quickly needed repair. A cement park is the preferred surface and has minimal maintenance. I have visited many skate parks around the country and have seen many poorly designed and constructed facilities that go unused. If you are going to build it, do it right.
- To generate revenue, Park City's Recreation Department teaches instructional clinics in the summer. Last summer we put over 250 kids through skateboard clinics while only 30 attended baseball camp. We also offer adult clinics because the parents see what fun the kids are having and want to enjoy the park!

The skate park has been a positive addition to our community and I believe Charlevoix would have the same experience. I hope the city leaders of Charlevoix have enough vision to support the effort to build a skate park for the residents of Charlevoix.

If I can help in anyway with the development of the Charlevoix Skate Park, I can be reached at ken@parkcity.org. I look forward to skating the park when it is finished.

Ken Fisher
Recreation Manager
Park City, Utah

Thank you

Editor:

On behalf of Charlevoix Public Schools, I wish to publicly thank the many merchants and individuals who have contributed to our schools in so very many vital ways.

This community and its small businesses have generously donated time, material, money, and talents to encourage, equip and support our students. Healthy partnerships between community and schools are thriving because store owners, local companies, and employees have offered goods, services, and knowledgeable expertise to classes, special events and advisory boards. Businesses have welcomed our students, from Kindergarten through seniors, into their stores on field trips, jobsite visits, job-shadowing and through employment.

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It would be wonderful to list everyone by name, but the database has 276 names on it – what an awesome reflection of small-town generosity!

We hope everyone joins us in appreciation and support for local small businesses. We look forward to Charlevoix students having the privilege of continuing to learn from this heritage of civic-minded community members.

Gail L. Cherry
Charlevoix Schools
Career Prep Coordinator

Thank you

Editor:

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Most of our local non-profit agencies who receive governmental grant money in addition to local United Way money are having their government grant money cut back. This means that private donations, like those allocated to them by United Way; are more important than ever.

Thank you again for all you have given. If you can find it in your heart to help just a little more, please do. Our address is P.O. Box 22, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Dianne Clifford
Executive Director
CharEm United Way

No Wal-Mart

Editor:

Charlevoix has been a part of my heart since I was a little girl.

My best stress reliever is to mentally sit on the bank of the channel. The idea of Wal-Mart in Charlevoix is abhorrent to me, but I also understand that residents may not want to "sacrifice" shopping year-round for the nostalgia of summer people.

However, the danger is in the unintended consequences to our private businesses and our infrastructure. In addition, perhaps readers will be interested in the figures from Georgia.

Wal-Mart employees are the single most users of the state run child health insurance program. Employees who make $7-$8 an hour can not generally afford insurance. Twenty-five percent of the Wal-Mart employees used PeachCare for Kids, compared with 5 percent of the next highest employer.

Basically, this wealthy employer is shifting the cost of employee health care to the taxpayers. Just say no Charlevoix.

Linda Campbell Foy
Ocala, Fla.

Yes to Wal-Mart

Editor:

I am a native of Charlevoix — now a senior citizen — and I am getting awfully tired of seeing headlines that read "Charlevoix against Wal-Mart." I have many friends, relatives and acquaintances that would love to see Wal-Mart come to Charlevoix. "This is Our Town" group sees only negatives, yet we see lots of positives.

Unfortunately, you have already made up your minds to speak for all of us and I resent that. As for the town council, unless you can take a vote from all your constituents, I don't think you should take sides on the issue. You were elected to represent all the people in your ward and not be pressured by others.

As for the 2,500 people who signed your petitions — Come on now. I looked over 3 or 4 pages and I would bet over half of the signatures were from all over the state and even some from out of state. You call that a fair petition? This is a Charlevoix issue, not the whole state or country.

How many full time jobs are there in the retail industry in Charlevoix? Almost all the stores hire a minimum for full time and the rest part time. The Kmart company is in so much trouble financially, with or without Wal-Mart, how long do you expect them to be here? What then? Also, there is nowhere in this town to buy sewing material, yarns, arts and craft supplies and numerous other small items too numerous to mention.

As a young local, I can remember swimming in Round Lake, shuffleboards in the park, the A&P store, Kroger store, small neighborhood grocery stores, a school with a skating rink in the winter and basketball courts in the summer and a sliding hill called Dodgers Hill that was manned by city workers for safety. All these lost with growth, yet did it make Charlevoix a bad place? I think not — just a community expanding with the times. So to those of you who would welcome Wal-Mart, let's hear from you. Your e-mails and letters to the paper are not overlooked.

Marilyn Pardee
Charlevoix

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Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Ferris academic honors

Thaddeus Bakker, Anna Branner, Nathanial Chamberlain, Eileen Gauthier, Karen Glass, Betty Jean Martin, Jennifer Scharenbroch, all of Charlevoix, received academic honors from Ferris State University for the fall semester. Ferris State University is located in Big Rapids.

Horon named to dean's list

Laura Horon, of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list at Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids.

Buckner named to dean's list

Erin R. Buckner, of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list at Michigan Technological University for the fall semester. Michigan Technological University is located in Houghton.

Ulrich named to dean's list

Elizabeth Anne Ulrich, of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list at DePauw University for the fall semester. DePauw University is located in Greencastle, Ind.

Londgren named to dean's list

Jerusha Londgren, of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Bethany Lutheran College. Bethany Lutheran College is located in Mankato, Minn.

LSSU dean's list

Charlevoix students named to the dean's list at Lake Superior State University for the fall semester are Joshua Lesse, Kyle Lesse, and Scott Parrish. Lake Superior State University is located in Sault Saint Marie.

Brooks finalist for Fulbright

Marilee Brooks of Charlevoix is one of six Alma College seniors that are finalists for the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship. Alma College is located in Alma.

CMU dean's list

Claudia R. Bost, Matthew D. Devitt and Ann M. Terryberry, all of Charlevoix, graduated from Central Michigan University in December. Central Michigan University is located in Mount Pleasant.

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Health agency helps fund anti-smoking ad

A secondhand smoke television advertising campaign is underway with grants to the Tobacco Reduction Coalition of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Otsego County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

"We're delighted with the support we've received from these three community foundations, helping us to publicize the dangers of secondhand smoke," said Molly Cotant, who coordinates the Tobacco Reduction Coalition for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. "Over the last two years, the foundations have donated over $50,000 for tobacco reduction efforts including television advertising campaigns, school-based education, student smoking cessation classes, and peer support programs."

The "Drive" ad was chosen by Petoskey and Charlevoix area youth among several with a secondhand smoke message from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention. Over 1,000 spots will appear during programming on ESPN, ESPN 2, MTV, Spike and during "Fear Factor" on NBC, through mid-May.

"The kids loved this spot," said Cotant. "It is a funny ad. It conveys the dangers of secondhand smoke without being preachy."

In the ad, a woman veers off the road as her passenger yells for her to watch out for a tree and screams, "What are you doing?" The driver responds, "You're endangering my life. Just returning the favor."

Secondhand smoke is a complex mixture of more than 4,000 chemical compounds, including 43 known cancer-causing agents. Secondhand smoke is dangerous to everyone. According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, secondhand smoke kills about 25 nonsmokers every year in the four-county district of the health department.

It is especially dangerous for children. Secondhand tobacco smoke contributes to 150,000 to 300,000 respiratory infections in babies every year. Children who breathe air polluted by tobacco smoke are more likely to develop childhood asthma, throat and ear infections and up to 80 percent more wheezing and coughing than normal.

Also, there is an increased risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in homes with smokers. To reduce risks of secondhand smoke, parents should protect their children from tobacco smoke at all times, including day care settings.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to improving health and safety in the communities it serves. For more information on secondhand smoke, call Cotant at (231) 547-7659 or the Michigan Department of Community Health Clearinghouse at (800) 537-5666.

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Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking program can give you the tools, techniques and motivation to quit for good.

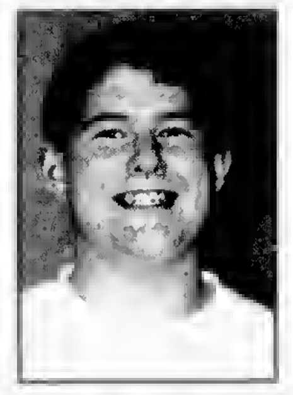
Offered in cooperation with the American Lung Association, Freedom from Smoking is a lively, interactive, step-by-step program with a proven track record. A new, eight-week series of classes will begin Thursday, April 15, 2004 at the hospital.

There's a $25 fee to cover course materials.

Each week participants will learn how to break the nicotine habit; get practical tips for handling stress, maintaining weight, and making changes in daily routines; and receive plenty of encouragement and support as they adjust to their post-smoking life.

Space in the classes is limited.

To register, please call Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking coordinator, Michelle Potter, at (231) 547-8672.



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Don't forget about God when you go on vacation

Beacons of Blessing

By FR. JIM GUNN
Christ Episcopal Church

The last week or so we have been more and more sun and less and less snow!

I am actually able to see some of the grass in my back yard. That is a sight that I have not had for more days than I care to remember. I am also coming to realize once again that the back of my house has a deck and not just a snow bank.

As this process of more light and less snow starts to happen, then I believe that people's thoughts start to turn toward summer. Some of you may think that I meant to write "spring" in that last sentence. However, it seems to me that when the year is constructed in Northern Michigan, somebody forgot to include spring as a season. Once in a while we get a day or two that bears a resemblance to spring just so we notice its absence. But, generally speaking we move pretty directly from winter to summer.

Seriously, I do believe that the arrival of more moderate weather does turn people's thoughts toward summer. That is the time of the most active life as far as our community is concerned. It is the time when the summer residents return for their stay among us — whether short or long. It is the time when visitors and tourists really turn their paths toward Charlevoix. With the arrival of more people comes the arrival of more activities — everything from family picnics to Venetian week. To be honest there are a number of businesses and services that would not be able to survive without that influx of people and activities.

Charlevoix depends on its appeal as a destination for warm weather living.

However, I really did not set out to remark on Charlevoix's reputation as a resort mecca. There is something that has bothered me about the coming of summer. It is not so much the increase or people and activities, but what it is that seems to be crowded out by the change in focus. To be very frank, I know there are people who come here to Charlevoix as summer residents or visitors who are active in their church at home. However, their vacation time seems to include taking time off from God. Many do not worship or take time for fellowship with other believers. Unfortunately, some of the same attitudes seem to afflict people who are year-round residents as well. Many do not turn from Sunday worship, but they leave little time for anything else having to do with their spiritual life.

The good news is that God does not take a vacation from us. His eye is on us, whether we are year-round residents, summer residents, family visitors or tourists. His eye is on us whether we attend church every Sunday, just on special occasions or even not at all. His eye is on us even when we turn our eyes from Him to other things. It is my prayer that this summer everyone's eyes and hearts would be open to see the hand of God in the beauty of our surroundings and in the lives of all the people around us.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Blood drive

Charlevoix High School hosted an American Red Cross blood drive March 18 in the band room. Over 60 students donated that day. Brian Christiansen, a senior, took the opportunity to donate for the first time. He said he thought it would be a good way to give back to society.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins	
Church	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Pioneer Clubs	6:45 p.m.
Pastor:	
Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	Wednesday 12:15 p.m.
Father Jim Gunn	**547-6322**

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
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President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School 10:10 a.m.
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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Phone	**588-7805**

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Philip Starks	**547-4221**
Parsonage	**547-3852**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Worship & Children's Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Children's Worship & Adult Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis	**547-4121**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship	9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner & Program	6:00 p.m.
Reverend Mary Willis	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

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Pastor: Mike Mitchell	**237-0800**

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

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Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Geri Litchfield	**582-9262**

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Ironton

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	**599-2321**

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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

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Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carrol (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

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Free Throw contest

Keegan LaBlance of Charlevoix received a second place victory in the Knights of Columbus free-throw contest, which took place in Mt. Pleasant over the weekend. Keegan was in the State finals along with six other 10-year-old boys, from different areas around the state. Each had to shoot 25 free throws from a 12 foot free-throw line, in which Keegan made 21 of 25. The winner had 23 of 25. He says he can't wait till next year, when he hopes to win it all.

State may levy hefty fine on Cemex cement plant

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A well system designed to clean up an oil spill at Cemex in Charlevoix failed and now the company faces big fines from the state.

According to Brian Monroe, chief of enforcement and cost recovery with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) Remediation and Redevelopment Division, there was a "significant" fuel oil release at Cemex, near the plant, that was discovered in June of 1991.

According to Cemex environmental manager Cortney Schmidt, a line leading from a large fuel tank ruptured leading to the spill.

Since then the Gaylord office of the MDEQ has been working closely with the local cement manufacturer to clean the site up.

In August of 2001 a fuel oil release work plan was established to lay the ground work for clean up. Then in August of 2002 that plan was incorporated into a consent decree entered into by Cemex and the state obligating the company to do the work.

The clean up effort includes operating a groundwater recovery system including wells that will capture and treat the contaminated water until it meets the state standard. The treated water is used in plant operations or is discharged to on-site detention ponds. This effort keeps the water from migrating off site.

In a June 2003 report Cemex filed with the MDEQ it was noted that two of the three purge wells included in that system had failed around January of 2003 which meant there was a period of about six months when the pumps didn't operate. The failure was due to a water discharge line that ran from the two wells which froze and separated.

Three of these wells are required to operate by the decree.

Janice Adams, a geologist with the MDEQ who works at the Cemex site, said Cemex knew about the problem right away but it took a long time to repair and the company didn't notify the MDEQ until six months after the fact.

New plant manager Bud McCormick said he was not on staff at that time to explain the late notification of the problem. But he said it was fixed in July.

McCormick contends that oth-

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDED APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR HARBOR INDUSTRIES, INC. is to be held before the Charlevoix City Council at 109 Bridge Park Drive, USCG Acacia Conference/Training Room, Charlevoix, Michigan, on April 5, 2004, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The hearing is on a request from Harbor Industries, Inc. to approve an application for amendment to Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2001-449 in accordance with P.A. 198 of 1974 [issued on December 28, 2001] for Phase 2 of its project in Charlevoix, for the construction of a building addition and purchase of new equipment, furniture and fixtures.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing before the City Council on April 5, 2004. All persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Elizabeth A. Gooch
City Clerk

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Malfunction may cost Cemex plant

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er wells were operated at that time and that they operate a larger area by the quarry system that keeps the water from migrating off site. He described the area where the water is located as a closed system and said when it's not being pumped and treated it just sits there.

Monroe said the MDEQ agrees this larger area does exist and contains "at least some of the water on site." And Adams said at the time of the failure other monitoring wells were taking samples and a mobile treatment unit was being used.

But Adams also said the water was not being cleaned during that period of time.

When asked whether the contaminated groundwater migrated off site as a result of the six month lapse in the clean up program, Monroe said he isn't prepared to answer.

Adams on the other hand said the department has no reason to believe the groundwater migrated into surface water. And if it did, she said the contaminated area is far away from surrounding residential areas and the groundwater flows out toward Lake Michigan.

"They are trying to keep the plume on their property and it appears to be working," she said.

Because the problem is a direct violation of the consent decree between the company and the state, high dollar monetary penalties have been assigned. For the first 15 days the cost is $1,000 per day. Then for days 16 through 30 Cemex is charged $1,500 a day. Beyond 30 days Cemex is charged $3,000 a day.

The company officially racked up a $864,000 fine. But the MDEQ agreed to resolve the issue with Cemex paying $300,000. Monroe said numerous factors were considered in reducing the penalty including the seriousness and duration of the violation and previous compliance. According to Adams this is the first violation of the decree.

Payment was due in this matter on March 1. Cemex has not yet paid the fine, instead they are fighting the assessment penalties. Cemex representatives will meet with the MDEQ soon to argue their case. Interest on the balance will accrue until it is paid.

"We want to negotiate with the state," Schmidt said.

If Cemex loses this fight they will owe the $300,000 plus interest equal to 12 percent a year.

The money collected in this matter will go into the department's environmental response fund which is used to clean up sites throughout the state.

In the fuel release work plan Cemex estimated the cleanup being complete by 2014.

Schmidt said Cemex contracts with an outside firm to monitor the fuel spill clean up effort and that this company is "diligently working on it."

"As far as I'm concerned the safety of the workers is the most important thing and right behind that is our commitment to the environment," McCormick said.

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Birdhouse winners

Students at Northwest Academy in Charlevoix took part in the Habitat for Humanity birdhouse contest. In it students, fifth through eighth grade, made birdhouses out of recycled materials. Northwest took first, second and third places. The students are: (front, from left) Dan Schwartzfisher, Sam Keehn, Kellie Brethauer, Dave Young Renae Miller, Evan Themm, Karissa Keehn, (middle) Melvin Keehn, Andy Keehn, Casey Riley, Sara Brethauer, Alex Hagan, Tim Riley, Nikki Kuhn, (back) Heather Ward, Alyssa Themm, Dan Riley, Randy Herriman and Jordan Hagen.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, March 15, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.
109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Held a Public Hearing to consider the 2003-04 City Budget Amendment;
- Held a Public Hearing to consider the 2004-05 City Budget;
- Council directed City Staff to look at options for providing property for the Charlevoix Community Skate Park Committee's Skatepark and to look at independent financing options for construction and operation of the park;
- Council approved renewal of the Beaver Island Boat Company Lease;
- Council approved the concept of security fencing along the dock area of the Beaver Island Boat Company and the US Coast Guard;
- Council gave conditional approval of the Development Plan for Corporate Title, 802 Bridge Street, per the Planning Commission's recommendations;
- Council denied the request by Corporate Title for a Street Right-of-Way License.
- Council approved the purchase of two trucks: one for the Water Department and one for the Street Department;
- Council approved a Professional Engineering Service Agreement for the Rehabilitation of the North East Taxiway and Hangar Area and to Expand the Apron at the Airport;
- Council approved a Design and Bidding Professional Engineering Service Agreement for the Snow Removal Equipment Building at the Airport;
- Council authorized payment of the Planning Commissioner's attorney fees, contingent on the Planning Commission rescinding the motion made at the December 8, 2003 Planning Commission meeting to set a public hearing on a special use application for an assisted living facility;
- Council, by Resolution, scheduled a Public Hearing for April 5, 2004 to consider an amended Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Harbor Industries.

Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

Elizabeth A. Gooch, City Clerk
Gabe Campbell, Mayor

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BUSINESS

Hankins starts new auction service in area

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Charlevoix Police Officer and resident Scott Hankins is working on a plan for his future.

Hankins, who is looking at retirement from the police force in 11 years, is using some fast talking skills and the auction world in his new business Hankins Auction Service.

"The auction company will allow me to work at something I enjoy doing (after retirement)," he said.

Plus, he said the business allows his whole family to take part. Currently, in addition to being a police officer, Hankins has a horse shoeing business on the side, but this is something his family really can't help with. But, with the auction service, Hankins' wife, Dawn, and kids, Allison and Zachary, take part and help him run it.

Hankins Auction Service is a full service auction company that started this month. Auctions include: real estate, autos, farm, liquidation's, antiques, livestock, charities and fund-raising.

Just this month, Hankins did his first professional auction for the American Cancer Society's Walk for Life fund-raising party.

"It was a lot of fun," he said.

Hankins recently graduated from the World Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa.

The program is taught by 22 professional instructors who show the in-and-outs of the various auctions and vocal training. Plus, by completing the course, Hankins is not only now a professional auctioneer, he is also given the title "Colonel Hankins," as is the custom in the auction world.

Hankins said he was turned on to the auction business after going to several horse auctions over the past 10 years.

"I enjoy the auction atmosphere," he said. "It is fast paced and it is entertaining. I enjoy listening to a good auctioneer."

If you would like more information about Hankins Auction Service, contact Scott Hankins at 547-0509 or e-mail shankins@freeway.net.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Charlevoix police officer Scott Hankins has started a new side business called Hankins Auction Service. It is a full service auction provider. Hankins recently graduated from the World Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa. There, he received training in auctions and how to call them. He also was given the title of "Colonel" as is the custom in the auction world.

Library adds graphic novels to its collection

The Charlevoix Public Library now has a special graphic novel collection.

A graphic novel is defined as a stand-alone story in comics form, published as a book. This is a great new service provided by the library.

"Kids like many different genres; graphic novels are a fun way for kids to read," said Library Director Val Meyerson.

The library has close to thirty new titles added to its collection, with hopes of adding more in the near future.

"We thought we purchased a good amount to start the collection, but they are very popular. Over half the collection is checked out," Meyerson said.

Some series included in the collection include: Bone, Batman, Star Wars, X-Men, Nausicaa and Ranma, as well as other single title stories. Many thanks go out to Linda Adams who worked on the selection of the novels for her Collection Development class.

For further information on the Library's Graphic Novel collection, contact Mrs. Meyerson at 547-2651.

CPR classes to be offered

There will be a free CPR class April 17, given by Charlevoix Area Hospital and the American Heart Association.

CPR for Family and Friends is a modular course that teaches lay rescuers skills in CPR and relief of foreign body airway obstruction (FBAO) in the responsive victim.

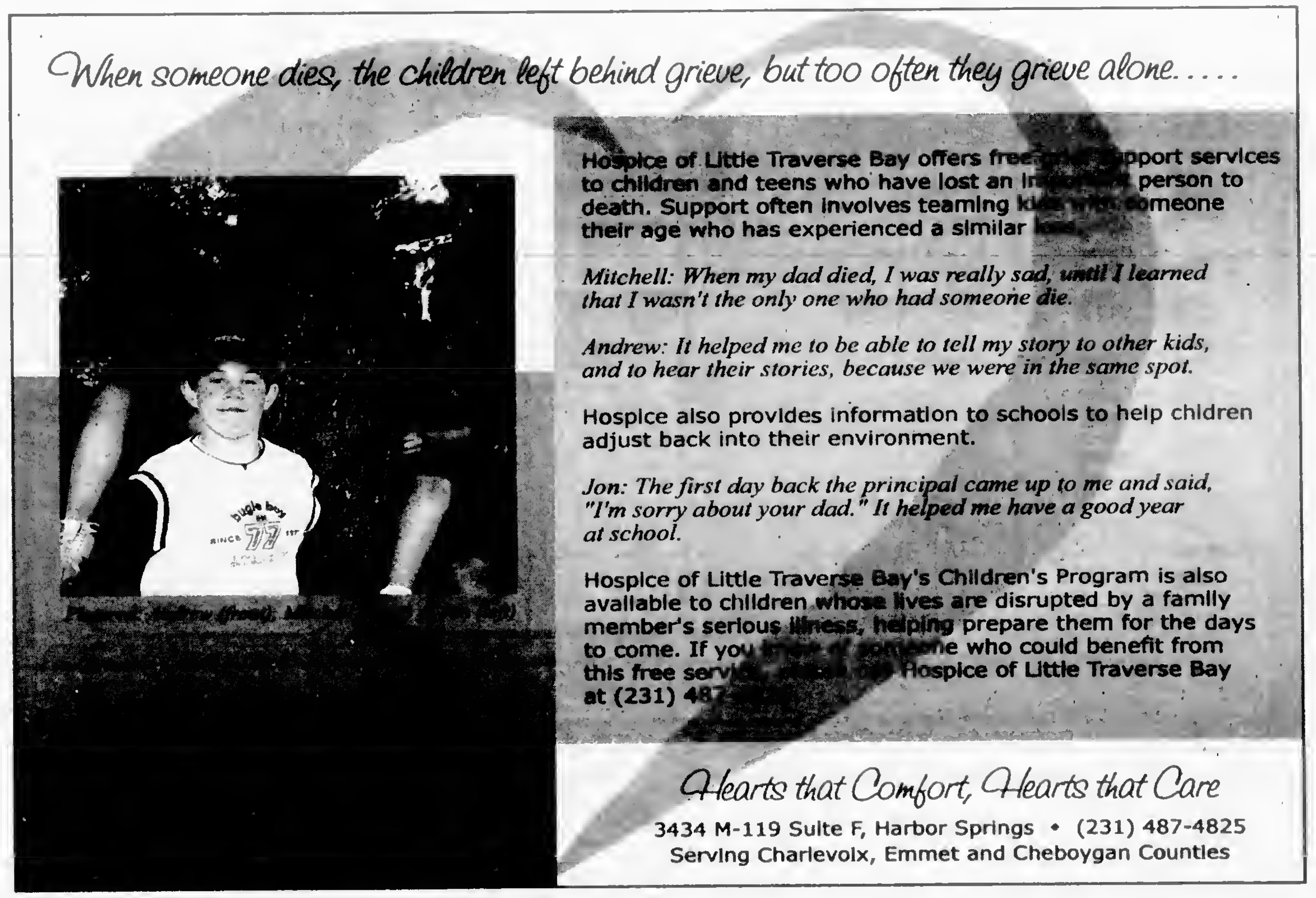
The course presents information about the American Heart Association (AHA) adult Chain of Survival and signs of heart attack, cardiac arrest, stroke and choking in adults. The course also presents information on the AHA pediatric Chain of Survival, signs of choking in infants and children, prevention of the most common fatal pediatric injuries, and reduction in the risk of sudden infant death syndrome.

Pre-registration is required.

Classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association community-training center.

For more information and to register, please contact Connie Roland at 547-8570. Early registration is recommended due to limited class size.

CPR Classes are also offered to private organizations upon special request.



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Citizens don't want township to settle

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The lawsuit facing Eveline Township is inching toward settlement but some residents want to throw the brakes on and take it to trial.

Township supervisor Dan Skreczkoski has called a special meeting to take place at 7 p.m., March 30 at the township hall to discuss the township's options.

"Nothing has been finalized at this point," Skreczkoski said.

The case lodged against the township in September of 2003 by Dawson and his son Mark "Barney" Way alleging the township acted on an exclusionary zoning ordinance has not gone to trial yet as the two sides have tried to reach an agreement

While the township is working to stay out of court and reach a resolution, a group of 15 residents filed an intervention in this case on March 19 to try and halt settlement discussion.

"We want to encourage the township to continue to fight and not to settle," Sue Kiteley, one of the residents who filed the intervention, said.

She explained that she and the rest of the group that intervened support the township's denial of the Ways' rezoning request which spurred the lawsuit.

In March of 2003, the board turned down the Ways request to have their property rezoned from agricultural to R-4, a residential zone that accommodates mobile homes.

The request applied to two pieces of property spanning over 150 acres, located adjacent to one another, with frontage on M-66 and Brock and Ferry roads.

The Ways claim that the development planned for the property would include about 200 manufactured homes and would provide needed affordable housing.

The township's master plan supports this and states that there exists, "a lack of low cost housing or rental homes and apartments in the township."

In spite of the apparent need, the board acted on recommendations made by the planning commissions for both Charlevoix County and Eveline Township that it deny the request.

The township planning commission came to a unanimous decision, saying the rezone could bring on higher density development than is supported by the master plan. If fully developed, the Way property in the R-4 district could accommodate a 1,200 unit manufactured home community.

The county planning commission also recommended against the rezone for that reason. The change would allow eight units per acre which is higher density than the 3-6 units per acre the master plan encourages in that area.

However, county planner Larry Sullivan issued a six page letter as to why he feels it would be appropriate to rezone 77 acres that make up the north half of the property, but not the 78 acre south half.

He believes the property on the north would better support a number of homes because of its close proximity to M-66 and that by developing the property there, the township would be limiting sprawl.

The Ways claim the board's decision to deny the request for rezoning the whole piece constitutes exclusionary zoning which violates the Township Rural Zoning Act, the Mobile Home Commission Act and their constitutional rights.

If a settlement is not reached and case goes to trial, the Ways will ask Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas to decree the township's zoning ordinance invalid and illegal and to allow them to develop that property as a manufactured home community.

If they lose the township's decision stands and Pajtas has been asked to award the township its costs and attorney fees.

Both sides have submitted exhibit and witness lists for trial. If the case is not settled before the final pretrial/settlement conference on April 12, a trial date will be set at the conference.

While Kiteley and her intervention group want to see the township stick to its guns, Skreczkoski said he plans to explain at the upcoming special meeting that it isn't that simple.

"It isn't like it's going to go away. Now we can talk about some of it so the people will have an idea of some of the problems we are dealing with," he said.

Stephen Winter, attorney for the Ways, declined to comment about the settlement and recent intervention.

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The excitement of winning

The Charlevoix Rayders rush the court following their win over Traverse City St. Francis on Friday in Petoskey. The win gave them the regional title for the second year in a row.

Council passes new city budget

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

City council passed the 2004-2005 budget after tweaking some projects and plans and giving the green light to two major technological advances.

"We are all satisfied as much as we can be. We're not wasting taxpayers' money," third ward council member Shirley Gibson said of the budget.

Council met in special session twice last week to discuss the details of the budget poring over everything from new wells at the golf course and major infrastructure improvements to the development of a fiber optic network and a graphic information mapping system (GIS).

With the city facing a darker than usual economic situation, council decided to scale back on projects that were included in the $17.5 million budget.

They opted to hold off until 2006-2007 on completing the water main loop along Chicago Avenue by the C & O Club. This project includes replacing the force main and lift station at Depot Beach and reconstructing the water and sewer system and street by Chicago Avenue and Mercer Boulevard.

The decision to delay that $683,200 project for two years means the city won't have to borrow money from the electric and perpetual care funds to pay for it. Had the project gone forward the electric fund would have taken a major hit leaving it with a fund balance of $179,386.

"I can't see pressing the limits," third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain said.

Council also agreed to explore options that would cut the cost of efficiently watering the municipal golf course.

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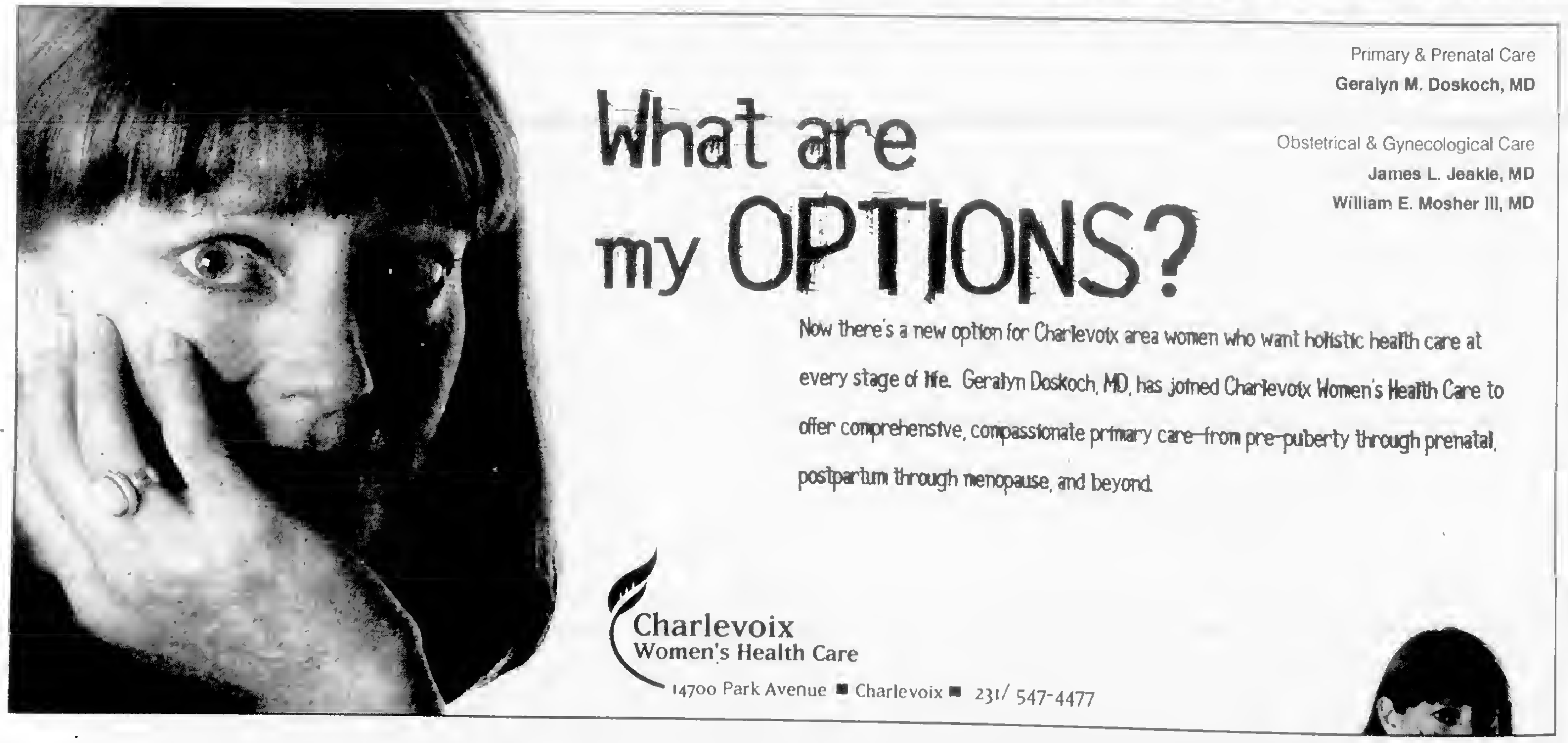

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Some city projects put on the back burner in budget

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Tom Heid, director of golf and grounds at the course, told council the current well is failing and if a solution isn't reached there could be turf damage, which would require expensive renovation and could result in short and long-term revenue losses.

The budget initially included $247,000 for a new 12 inch well.

This plan caught some flack from first ward councilman Bob Timms who thinks the city should repair the current well.

According to engineers with Gosling and Czubak of Traverse City, fixing the current well would cost about $14,000 and may meet the course's irrigation needs, but the long-term maintenance will be great and the system will eventually be phased out.

Council ultimately decided to research their options and consideration is being given to putting in smaller wells.

Heid said multiple wells are a viable option and Gosling and Czubak. is reviewing those options and will make their recommendation in the near future.

While big ticket projects were on the chopping block, Gibson asked for an expense to be added. She noticed that in the budget city clerk Liz Gooch's salary is set at $20,000. However, a recent compensation commission decision set her salary at $34,000. City treasurer Rick Brandi said that after March 24 when this salary issue is set in stone, that will be adjusted.

Timms and second ward councilman Bill Bellows both agreed that another salary mistake was made in regards to city staff. Both said severance packages that were included in the budget for city police chief Dennis Halverson and Brandi should be taken out and considered as a separate item by council. Those will be reviewed at a later date.

While life for some city employees is looking up with the clerk's salary doubling this year and severance packages being considered, one item in the budget that still needs to be addressed affects local pilots.

The budget proposed to increase hangar rental fees at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport. The proposed increases in monthly rates were from $125 to $150 for six hangars from $130 to $160 for three of the hangars and from $135 to $170 for a single hangar. This would bring in an additional $2,820 a year.

City manager Mike Wiesner said these increases reflect the market rate as compared with similar airports.

Charlevoix resident and pilot Don Seelye questioned this rationale.

"Why base it on the market value — it's our airport. We shouldn't be funding other projects in the city off hangar rent," he said.

Wiesner told council that over the years the city has sunk hundreds of thousands of dollars into the airport and questioned whether taxpayers should subsidize the operation when hangars are being rented at less than their market value.

This hangar fee issue has been tabled while city staff looks into occupancy rates and other factors related to the proposed increase.

Two projects council agreed to leave in the budget that total just over half a million dollars are a graphic imaging system (GIS) and a fiber optic network for the city and schools. Both will increase the efficiency of city operations.

The $147,500 GIS project will map the entire city providing in depth property information to be used by the zoning, planning and electric departments. While The fiber optic network will connect all city offices and may also connect buildings owned by Charlevoix Public Schools.

The network will cost $428,300. The schools are expected to contribute $120,036 to the project.

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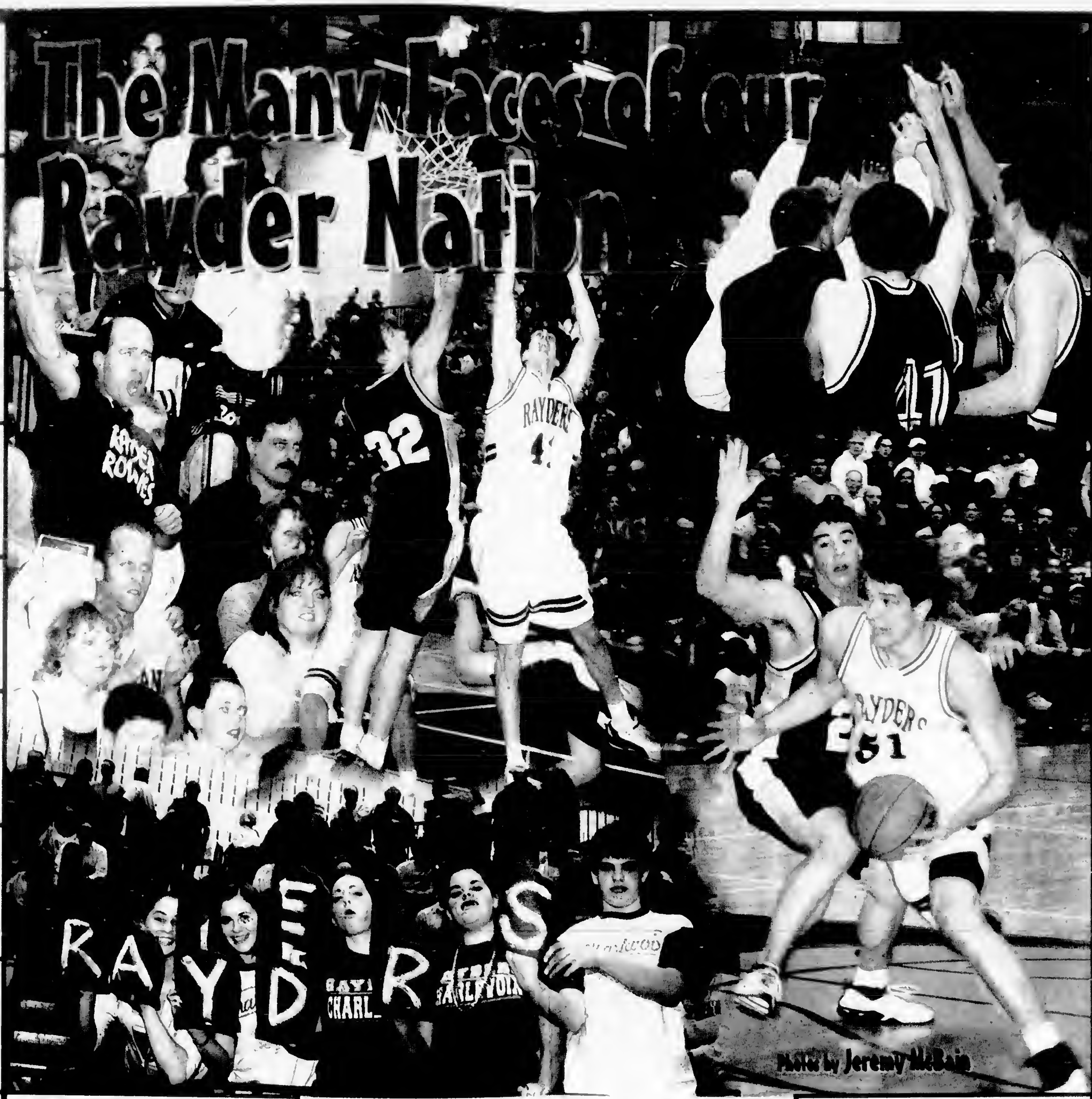

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Charlevoix celebrated St. Patrick's Day March 17 with its first annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl. (Above) A bagpipe band from Sault Ste. Marie, Canada march the revelers across the bridge on Bridge Street. (Right) Despite the MDEQ's rejection of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce's request to dye the Pine River Channel green, someone went ahead and did it anyway for the event.

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Police log

The information contained in this report has been compiled from the Charlevoix Police Department's log book, which is open to public inspection under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Because some officers are still working on their reports, and they were not available before press time, not all of the reports from this period are listed. If you have any information on these reports, please contact the Charlevoix Police Department at 547-3258.

- An 18-year-old Charlevoix woman was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol, third offense, a 16-year-old Charlevoix woman was also arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and a 22-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor around 9:30 p.m., March 19 on Bridge Street.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 1 p.m., March 19 near the intersection of Grand Street and Park Avenue. No injuries were reported.
- A 42-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested for having an expired license plate, no license and no proof of insurance around 2:30 a.m., March 18 near the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Mercer Boulevard.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 10 p.m., March 16 near the intersection of Bridge and Carpenter streets. No injuries were reported.
- A 39-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested around 7:30 a.m., March 15 near the intersection of Bridge and State streets for driving while his license was suspended.
- A 26-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested on a snowmobile around 11:30 p.m., March 12 near the intersection of Hurlbut and State streets for driving while his license was suspended.
- A 20-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested around 10 p.m., March 12 on Ferry Avenue for drunk driving. Officers found his vehicle in a ditch.
- There was a two vehicle accident due to icy roads around 12 p.m., March 12 on C&O Club Drive. No injuries were reported.
- There was a one vehicle accident around 9:30 a.m., March 12 on C&O Club drive when a vehicle struck a wall due to icy roads. The driver of the vehicle originally told officers she hit a deer, which was later determined to be false.
- There was a three vehicle accident around 2:30 p.m., March 11 near the intersection of Bridge and Mason streets. No injuries were reported.

Hospital to offer CPR class

There will be a free CPR class April 17, given by Charlevoix Area Hospital and the American Heart Association.

The course presents information about the American Heart Association (AHA) adult Chain of Survival and signs of heart attack, cardiac arrest, stroke and choking in adults. The course also presents information on the AHA pediatric Chain of Survival, signs of choking in infants and children, prevention of the most common fatal pediatric injuries, and reduction in the risk of sudden infant death syndrome. Pre-registration is required. Classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association community-training center. For more information and to register, please contact Connie Roland at 547-8570. Early registration is recommended due to limited class size.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE #694-04

The Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2003 shall be amended for operating the City of Charlevoix. Ordinance # 686-03 of 2003, Budget Appropriation Act of 2003-2004 is hereby amended as follows:

			Original Budget	Amended Budget	Net Change
General Fund Revenues	Taxes	Rv	$1,566,100	$1,586,646	$20,546
	Licenses & Permits	Rv	9,000	9,000	0
	State Grants	Rv	291,600	335,415	43,815
	Charges for Services	Rv	564,200	568,201	4,001
	Fines & Forfeits	Rv	27,300	27,825	525
	Interest & Rents	Rv	112,100	108,761	-3,339
	Other	Rv	5,300	11,737	6,437
	Fund Transfers	Rv	207,000	85,956	-121,044
	RV Total		$2,782,600	$2,733,541	($49,059)
General Fund Expense	Legislative	Ex	$38,600	$44,293	5,693
	General Govt	Ex	374,700	379,420	4,720
	Public Safety/Health	Ex	1,058,400	1,063,466	5,066
	Public Works	Ex	167,600	190,054	22,454
	Recreation & Culture	Ex	964,000	887,067	-76,933
	Other	Ex	115,200	50,538	-64,662
	Fund Transfers	Ex	102,000	106,561	4,561
General Fund	EX Total		$2,820,500	$2,721,399	($99,101)
Local Street	RV Total		189,500	166,500	-23,000
Local Street	EX Total		195,700	160,932	-34,768
Downtown Development Authority	RV Total		772,600	807,775	35,175
Downtown Development Authority	EX Total		536,800	615,710	78,910
PI#2 Sewer Tap Ins Reserve	RV Total		31,400	102,432	71,032
PI#2 Sewer Tap Ins Reserve	EX Total		-	-	-
PI#6 Infrastructure Improvements	RV Total		564,800	629,649	64,849
PI#6 Infrastructure Improvements	EX Total		569,000	808,024	239,024
PI#9 Industrial Park Improv	EX Total		4,100	3,600	(500)
PI#10 City Hall Improv	RV Total		1,600,200	1,699,200	99,000
PI#10 City Hall Improv	EX Total		2,158,600	2,249,173	90,573
PI#12 Mt. McSauba Improv	RV Total		13,200	25,361	12,161
PI#12 Mt. McSauba Improv	EX Total		27,000	19,600	(7,400)
PI#16 Downtown Parking Improv	RV Total		1,500	1,520	20
Electric Fund	RV Total		5,497,129	5,230,493	(266,636)
Electric Fund	EX Total		7,200,935	6,678,951	(521,984)
Water Fund	RV Total		730,800	716,478	(14,322)
Marina Fund	RV Total		216,100	201,799	(14,301)
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	RV Total		1,219,100	1,207,631	(11,469)
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	EX Total		1,206,400	1,207,631	1,231
Motor Pool Fund	EX Total		557,800	626,025	68,225
DPW Site Fund	RV Total		148,700	144,300	(4,400)
DPW Site Fund	EX Total		1,120,000	1,111,340	(8,660)
Perpetual Care Fund	EX Total		-	75,000	75,000

This amendment to include the write off of bad debts for the year as follows:

Utilities	$18,342.46
Ambulance	10,372.32
Total:	**28,714.78**

Motion by Councilman Timms and seconded by Councilman Chamberlain to adopt Ordinance No. 694 at the March 16, 2004 Special Meeting of the City Council.
Motion adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
Yeas: Councilmembers Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard, Timms and Bellows.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Elizabeth A. Gooch
City Clerk

MAR 2004

Ski, snowboard race results

Results for the March 14 Mount McSauba ski races were:

Ski

- Girls, 5 and under: Kylee Scholten, first; Kendall Fritz, second; Abby Scholten, third.
- Boys, 5 and under: Brad Klinger, first; Walker Drost, second.
- Girls, 6, 7 and 8: Wesley Drost, first; MacKenna Doan, second.
- Boys, 6, 7 and 8: Gunner Lundteigen, first; Garrett Lundteigen, second; Gabe Hawley, third.
- Girls, 9 and 10: Bailee Stevens, first; Olivio Certa, second; Sterling Witthoeft, third.
- Boys, 9 and 10: Luke Hawley, first; Ryder Boss, second.
- Girls, 11 and 12: Suzannah Simon, first.
- Boys, 11 and 12: Conner Boss, first; Bo Boss, second; Wyatt Drost, third.
- Girls, 13 and over: Susan Simon, first.
- Boys, 13 and over: Chad Johnson, first; Drew Bullard, second; Zackary Lake, third.

Snowboard

- Boys, 5 and under: Jared McLean, first.
- Boys, 6, 7 and 8: Shane Sutherland, first; Luke Klinger, second.
- Girls, 9 and 10: Hannah Doan, first; Sterling Witthoeft, second; Kelby Behan, third.
- Boys, 9 and 10: Chris Simon, first; Jake McLean, second; River Gauthier, third.
- Boys, 11 and 12: Wyatt Drost, first; Ben Myers, second; Bo Boss, third.

American Legion seeking names of military personnel

The Charlevoix American Legion is asking for help from the greater Charlevoix community in several different efforts.

They are actively seeking names of military personnel currently deployed to Iraq/Afghanistan. These names will be incorporated into a living memorial at the Legion Hall.

They want marching units for the Memorial Day Parade, on May 31. Any group with a marching unit-band, drill team, or honor guard, is welcome to contact us for further information. Mounted units and military vehicles are welcome.

They are also looking for the oldest and youngest veterans from the Charlevoix Area to host the Memorial Parade.

Please contact Joseph Seidel, Commander of the American Legion Post 226 at 547-9203.

Middle school wrestlers compete

Wrestlers from the Charlevoix Elementary and Middle schools traveled to Rogers City Saturday for a Round Robin tournament.

At the tournament 19 schools and over 500 wrestlers competed.

The following wrestlers for Charlevoix took first place in the all day event: Sammy Hovie, Austin Devries, Lynzie Gotshall, Chase Moore, Eli Daman, RJ Moore, Clinton Longley, Corey Gotshall and Nate Golovich.

Second place winners were: Jake Novotny, Andrew Robarge, Matt Golovich, Nathan Tripplehorn and Cliff Jones.

Third place finishers were: Casey Swadling, Steven Walden, Jacob Roach, Tony Filizetti, Nick Mailloux, Zeke Daman, Nick Wimmer and Tony Cepeda. Fourth place was awarded to Kody Gould, Alex Waha, Joe Left, Ryan Penfold, Kaleb Godwin and Avery Penfold.

Charlevoix hosted a meet with Kalkaska, March 22. Results from the meet were not available by press time. They will close the season March 27 in Petoskey.

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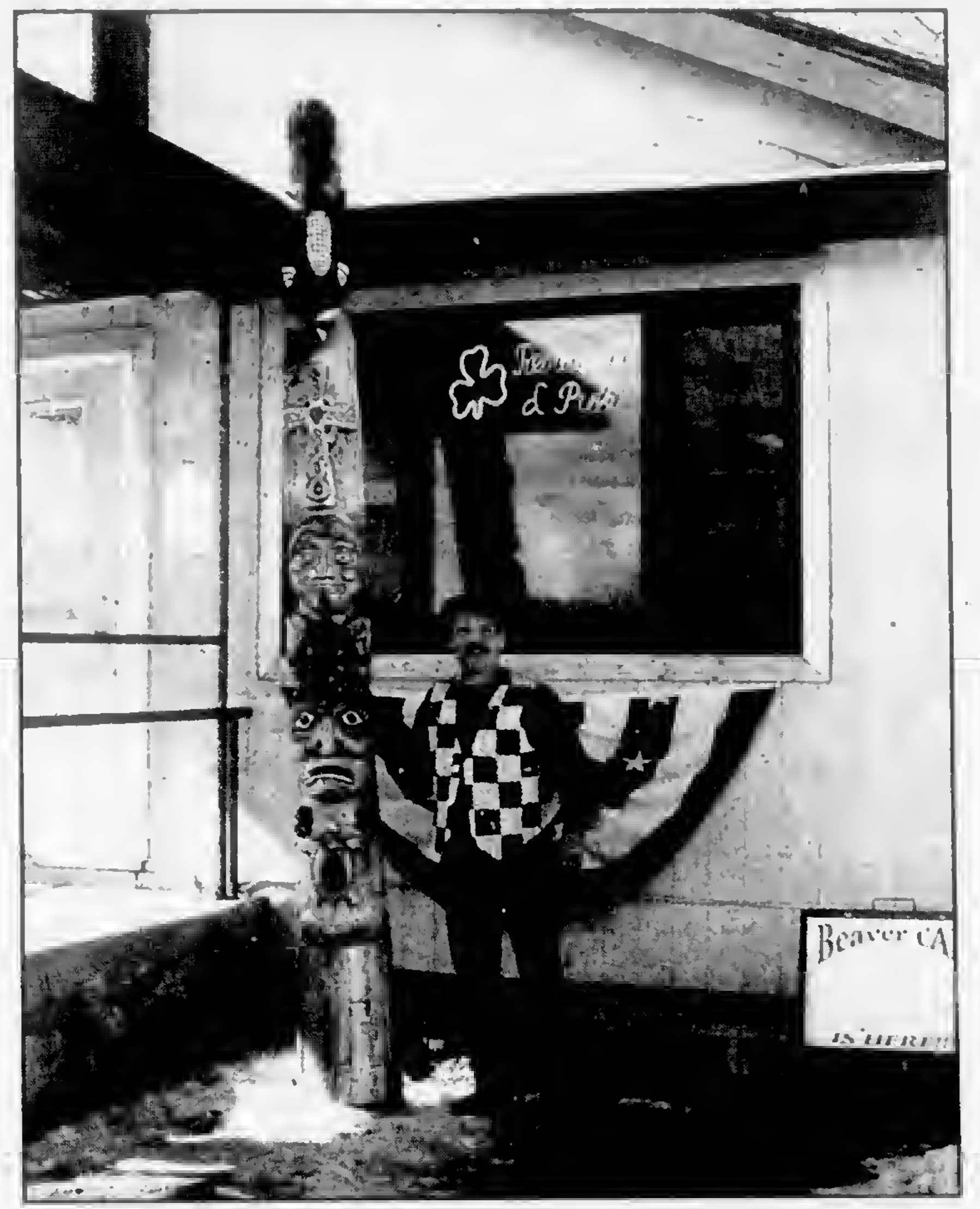

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Island totem

To recognize the ties between the Irish and Native American heritage on Beaver Island, Skip Duhamel carved this pole. It was dedicated at the island's St. Patrick's Day festivities March 20. It will now sit outside Richie Gillespie's office, Beaver Island Realty, across from the ferry dock,

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City of Charlevoix
ORDINANCE NO. 695-04
BUDGET APPROPRIATION ACT

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Charlevoix did give notice of the time and place when a public hearing would be held in conformity with provisions of Section 7.8, Article VII of the City Charter, which Public Hearing was duly held pursuant to said notice and in conformity therewith;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005 are hereby appropriated on an activity level basis (a detailed breakdown by detail level can be found in the Budget Details document) as summarized by the following:

GENERAL FUND

REVENUE:	Taxes	$ 1,682,500
	Licenses & Permits	9,200
	State Grants	327,700
	Charges for Services	601,700
	Fines & Forfeits	27,800
	Interest & Rents	111,400
	Other	5,800
	Fund Transfers (In)	241,800
	Appropriation from Surplus	121,500
	TOTAL REVENUES:	$3,129,400
EXPENSE:	Legislative	$ 43,900
	General Government	429,200
	Public Safety/Health & Welfare	1,179,800
	Public Works	188,600
	Recreation & Culture	1,076,600
	Other	126,300
	Fund Transfers (Out)	85,000
	TOTAL EXPENSE:	$3,129,400

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Charlevoix does hereby levy a tax of 11.6718 mills (8.5 mills operating and 3.1718 mills infrastructure) for the period of April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005 on all real and personal property in the City of Charlevoix according to the valuation of the same. This tax is levied for the purpose of defraying the general expense and liability of the City of Charlevoix and for infrastructure improvements, and is levied pursuant to Section 8.1, Article VIII of the City Charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby levy a tax not to exceed 1.3631 mills for the period April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005 on all real and personal property in the Downtown Development District, according to the valuation of the same within the district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby levy a tax not to exceed .61 mills for the period April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005 on all real and personal property in the City of Charlevoix, according to the valuation of the same. This tax is levied for the purpose of defraying the cost of rubbish collection and other related services provided citizens allowed by the act, and is levied pursuant to Michigan Public Act 213 of 1969; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby approve the rate increases for Sewer and Water rates effective April 1, 2004, and the rate increases in the rate section of the budget for recreation fees, airport fees, ambulance fees and all rates listed in the "Rates" section of the Budget Details document; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby approve the following budgets for the period April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005 in the amounts set forth below by fund:

FUND	REVENUE	EXPENSE
Major Street Fund	231,900	$ 231,900
Local Street Fund	151,100	151,100
Electric Fund	6,881,431	6,881,431
Sewer Fund	1,219,900	1,219,900
Water Fund	1,038,800	1,038,800
Marina Fund	216,100	139,100
Motor Vehicle Fund	527,700	527,700
Downtown Development Auth	756,800	689,957
FUND	**REVENUE**	**EXPENSE**
Airport Fund	3,280,000	3,237,700
Employee Fringe Benefit	1,210,600	1,200,077
Perpetual Care Trust Fund	89,100	0
Fire/Ambulance Fund	127,000	127,000
Sewer Tap-in Fund*	73,500	0
Northside Sewer Fund*	218,800	218,800
Infrastructure Improvement	571,000	534,000
Public Works Site Fund	160,000	160,000
Industrial Park Fund	12,000	12,000
City Hall Improvement Fund	360,300	360,300
Mt. McSauba Recreation Fund	12,500	9,000
Downtown Parking Fund	33,500	0

Motion by Councilman Bellows and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to adopt Ordinance No. 695 at the March 16, 2004 Special Meeting of the City Council.
Motion adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas: Councilmembers Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard, Timms and Bellows.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
Elizabeth A. Gooch
City Clerk

MAR 2004

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Stephen Parker works this quarter pipe on his skateboard at the Sk8-a-thon.

Skating for a park

Over 40 kids of all ages attended a Sk8-a-thon March 22 at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church off M-66. They raised over $6,000 for the Charlevoix Community Skate Park, a project they are working to make a reality. Taylor Witthoeft and Burke Ramsey each raised over $1,000 at the event. A second Sk8-a-thon is being planned for June. (Right) Shawn Couture, shows that in-line skates are just as trick worthy as skateboards at the Sk8-a-thon Monday night.

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Cheering on the team

The crowd goes wild near the end of the Charlevoix/Traverse City St. Francis game Friday for the regional title. Charlevoix won the title and headed to the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Boyne Area Midget hockey team hosts northern tourney

Boyne Area Hockey hosted the UP North Invitational Tournament March 12, 13, and 14 in Sault Ste. Marie, with five age divisions from Mites (8 and under) to Midgets (18 and under).

Boyne Area Hockey's Paul Bunyan Lanes Midgets showed unrelenting defense, solid goaltending, excellent passing, and total team hockey, earning them their division championship with three straight shutouts.

Boyne went 17 goals for and none against over the weekend.

"The boys, over the course of the season, have all improved their individual skills significantly, and learned to play as a team, a cohesive unit," said head coach Al Aown.

Their first draw was Gladwin, and they took the game 8-0.

Justin Conklin, Dylan Clark, Russell Williams, and Cody Webster scored. Darren Looze and Troy Searbrough each netted two.

Looze and Webster earned playmakers with three assists; Ryan Fields, Josh Aown, and Searbrough gave two apiece and Stephen Cahoon chipped in one.

Bobby Courtright and Nick Ferree shared the netminding duties.

MVP was Cody Webster.

In their second game, with Escanaba, Boyne scored two shorthanded goals to start, then cruised to a 5-0 win.

Webster scored with assists from Looze and Eli Barsy, and again from Conklin and Fields. Scarbrough netted the next one from a Williams pass.

Looze capped off the scoring with one goal assisted by Cahoon, and the other alone.

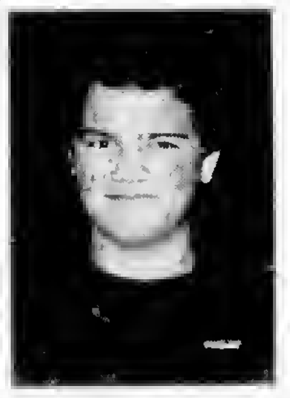
Looze was the MVP.

Courtright was between the pipes.

Boyne played Marquette in the championship game.

In the first period, Looze powered in a shorthanded goal, and Barsy took a well timed pass from Scarbrough to score.

In the second period, Fields slid in a goal from a Williams pass, and Scarbrough netted one with passes from linemates Looze and Webster. Boyne went to pure defensive mode, and ended with a 4-0 win and the championship trophy. Bobby Courtright was the goalie and the MVP.



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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Tuesday, March 16, 2004 • 7:00 p.m.
City of Charlevoix Fire Department Training Room, 210 State Street

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- A presentation was given on Graphic Information System (GIS) Plan; and
- A presentation was given on Fiber Optic; and
- Council approved Ordinance No. 694 of 2004; 2003-04 City Budget Amendment; and
- Council approved Ordinance No. 695 of 2004; 2004-05 City Budget

Council adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

Elizabeth A. Gooch, City Clerk — Gabe Campbell, Mayor

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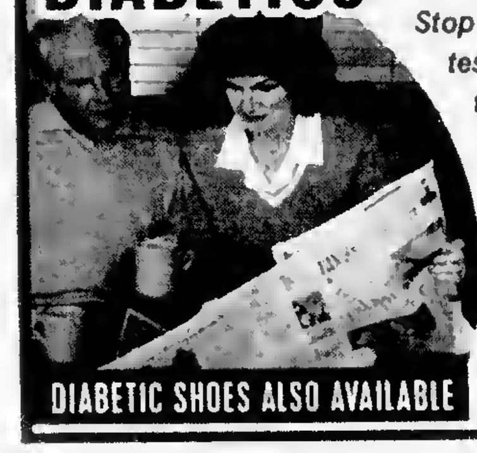

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Rayders are the regional champs

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Put another notch in the belt of coach Keith Haske and his Charlevoix Rayders.

Charlevoix earned its fifth regional title in the last six years and another possible trip to the Breslin Center for the state semifinals and finals.

The Rayders took a hard-fought victory over Traverse City St. Francis, 72-65 in the regional finals in Petoskey before a capacity crowd of nearly 3,000. In the first round of the regionals, Charlevoix ousted Mio, 69-50.

"We saw pretty much what we expected out of both teams," Haske said. "Mio shot a lot from the outside and slowed the tempo down. Usually teams like that who rely on the three-point shot so much tend to tire at the end of games.

"And I thought the St. Francis game was just a great game. We didn't play great, but I thought we played pretty well. Our defense was solid throughout."

St. Francis ended the season with a 22-2 record, its only two losses suffered at the hands of the Rayders.

The Gladiators led 17-10 after the first quarter as Charlevoixs 6-6 all-state senior Scott Friske picked up two fouls in the first 1:11 of play.

The tide turned somewhat early in the second quarter when St. Francis own standout, Josh Jorkasky picked up his second foul and went to the bench just a minute into the period.

With Jorkasky on the bench, the Rayders chipped away at the lead and took their first lead at 21-20 on two John DiMartino free throws with 5:14 left in the half. Following a Gladiator bucket, Charlevoix went on a 10-0 run keyed by two Bryce Daly drives and a Cody Crain three-point shot.

The Rayders led 33-24 at the half and extended their lead to as many as 14 in the third quarter at 48-34. Jared Hunt scored six for Charlevoix in the stanza.

An ankle-breaking crossover dribble and drive by Daly for two left his defender on the ground to start the fourth quarter and gave the Rayders a 50-35 advantage, their largest. Just when it appeared to be over, however, Jorkasky took over for St. Francis, scoring 17 in the final period.

The Glads slowly worked their way back into the game and a three-point field goal closed the margin to three, at 63-60 with 2:27 left. Minutes later Jorkasky had a three-point attempt that would have tied the game, but for one of the few times in the game, he missed.

"Jorkasky was a one-man wrecking crew out there," Haske said. "We tried a number of things on him, including a special defense we put together but nothing seemed to work."

Friske nailed seven out of eight free throws down the stretch to ice the win for Charlevoix.

"I was real pleased with Scott," Haske said. "He did a great job with those free throws. He looked very confident stepping up to the line."

Daly finished with 17 points and four assists. Friske had 15 points. Hunt contributed 13 points.

Ben Bergmann scored 10 and had six rebounds. Crain pulled down eight rebounds.

Against Mio, the Rayders took an 8-6 lead two minutes into the game and never trailed again. Charlevoix led 14-9 at the end of the first quarter, 32-17 at the half and 52-34 after three periods.

Friske scored 18 points to lead all scorers. Daly tallied 16 points and five assists. Hunt had ten points. Kyle Kramer and Bergmann each had eight.

The Rayders (20-5) played Tuesday, March 23 in the state quarterfinals against Rudyard (21-2). Results were unavailable at press time. The winner of the Charlevoix-Rudyard matchup will play the winner of the Olivet (23-2)-Kent City (23-2) game at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 25 at the Breslin Center on the campus of Michigan State University.

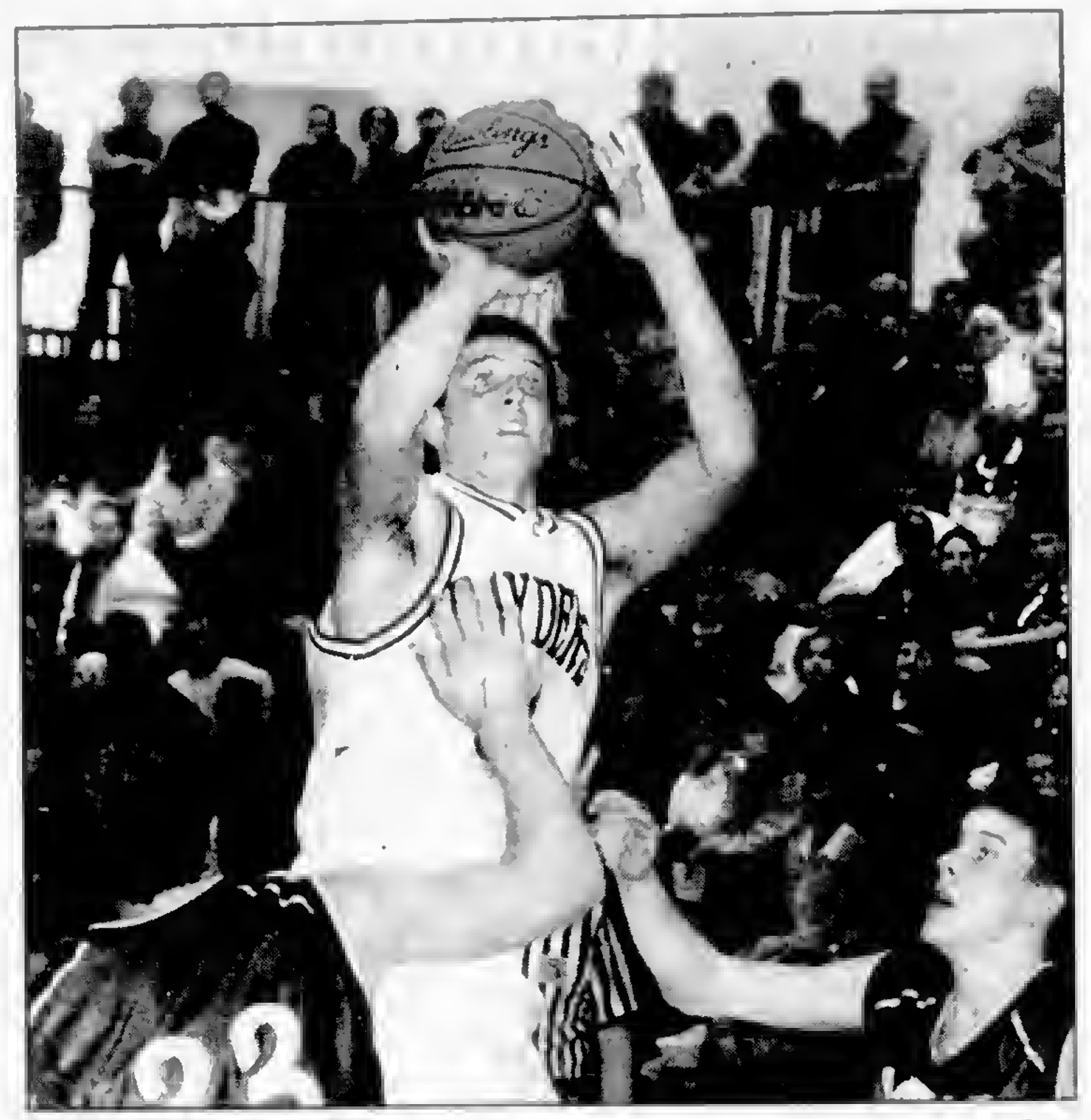
Olivet is ranked sixth by the Associated Press and defeated top-ranked Flint Beecher in their regional final last Friday. Kent City is rated ninth.

The winner of the semifinal will advance to the state finals in Class C at noon on Saturday, March 27 at the Breslin Center.

Other teams who may be in the finals include Saginaw Buena Vista (18-5), ranked number three in the state, Albion (22-3), ranked seventh, Detroit Benedictine (14-10) and Buchanan (14-11).

Buchanan suffered a fate similar to Charlevoix earlier this season in that they forfeited nine games for use of an ineligible player.

The state finals will be shown on television on Fox Sports Net Detroit and broadcast on the radio by WMKT-AM 1270 if Charlevoix is playing.



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A Rayder goes for a basket in the regional semi-final game against Mio. Charlevoix beat Mio to advance to the finals against Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, who they beat for the title.

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Mayor, planning commission compromise

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nate thing and I'm glad it's settled," he said.

The mayor announced his plan to remove Flanders and his fellow commissioners John Campbell, Dennis Kusina, Steve Bennett and Richard Hodgson from their commission seats on Dec. 15. The decision stemmed from the commission's Dec. 8 meeting when those five members made the controversial decision to set a public hearing to listen to a request from Diane Gillette and Ruth Bellisimo, owners of Sunnybank Retirement Community, for a permit that if approved would open the door for their proposed assisted living facility.

The facility would be located on a two-acre parcel on Charlevoix's north side, off Petoskey Avenue, in the R-2 single family residential district.

This decision went against city council's Nov. 17 majority vote not to set a public hearing to discuss a zoning amendment to allow this type of facility as a special use in the R-1 and R-2 districts.

Mayor Campbell charged the commissioners with neglect of duty and inefficiency claiming they failed to adequately review and study the special use permit application filed by Gillette and Bellisimo before they set the hearing. He also claims that in scheduling the public hearing the commission didn't review pertinent legal issues and left the city vulnerable to a lawsuit.

To fight the charges, the commissioners hired the Grand Rapids law firm Warner, Norcross and Judd, to represent them. Two weeks ago city council voted 4-2 in favor of paying the $5,450.31 bill to that firm for charges the commissioners incurred in defending their position.

Commissioner John Dobulis, who has defended his fellow commissioners, said he thinks the final outcome was fair.

"After a long discussion I think it was done right. It should have been done differently right from the start," he said.

Dobulis feels both sides compromised, council agreeing to pay the legal fees and the commissioners rescinding the motion. He said the two meeting in the middle had to be done to "put it away."

While the dismissal issue is dead in the water, the assisted living struggle isn't.

In a previous interview Commissioner Campbell said he and his fellow commissioners are considering recommending the same zoning ordinance amendment to city council to have that public hearing set that they denied back in November.

Becky Doan, a Charlevoix resident who lives in close proximity to where Sunnybank wants to locate said she plans to continue to closely follow the issue and would not be in favor of revisiting that zoning amendment.

While city officials continue to bat around where assisted living belongs, they are preparing to face Gillette and Bellisimo in court. They filed a lawsuit against the city claiming there is no place in the zoning ordinance where assisted living is allowed, which constitutes exclusionary zoning.

MDEQ conducting criminal, civil investigation

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curs when specific pollutant limitations outlined in the permit are exceeded. The investigation is looking into reports from the past three years that may have been doctored to hide those violations.

This means that treated wastewater that did not meet the permit's pollutant concentration requirements may have been discharged to Lake Michigan via a pipe running from the plant. The plant is located next to Lake Michigan Beach, a public swim area off Park Avenue.

Sam Creswell, the superintendent for both the water and wastewater treatment plants at the time the alleged falsification occurred, said he doesn't know whether the records were botched.

"I'll have to wait and see what they (the MDEQ) come up with," he said.

Woods is conducting both a criminal investigation and a civil investigation into this matter.

The criminal investigation is about two weeks from being completed. Woods will then pass that information along to the state attorney general's office. Shoemaker said after that it's up to the attorney general's office to pursue the issue through the courts. He said it could take months before charges are filed or it goes to court. If convicted for falsifying reports to the state, Shoemaker said the individuals being investigated could face jail time and fines.

He would not say specifically who was being investigated.

The civil matter which is facing the city of Charlevoix, who is liable for what is discharged from the plant, will be dealt with in about three weeks when the enforcement staff at the MDEQ makes its determination. Shoemaker said the likely outcome is a fine and a corrective action program.

City manager Mike Wiesner said any fine that is handed down will be paid for out of the city's sewer fund.

On March 17 Wiesner said he was considering suspending Creswell, the plant superintendent of almost 30 years. Wiesner would not comment as to the grounds for the proposed suspension because it is a personnel issue.

Instead of that suspension becoming effective, Creswell opted to retire effective March 17. He gave his retirement notice to Wiesner's office on March 22.

According to Creswell, the retirement was not related to the investigation. He said he recently turned 60 and it was time to leave the "high stress job."

"It's (the timing) just kind of a bad coincidence," he said.

Jim Caldwell, a long time employee at the plant, is currently in charge.

Creswell was also superintendent of the water plant. Wiesner said there is no relationship between the discharged wastewater and the water plant.

"The DEQ had no specific concerns at the water plant," he said.

The city plans to hire a consultant to evaluate the operation and make recommendations related to the environmental department's concerns.

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	W	L
Top Rank Disposal	31	17
Mark White Paint & Stain	28	20
B Vanloo & Sons	25	23
State Farm Insurance	25	23
Cemex Cement	23	25
Kerr's Racing	22	26
Bayshore Steel	19	29
Central Drug Store	19	29

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Garry Balch		235
Wayne Fries	615	
Darrel VanLoo	606	234
Jon Kiernan		228
Bill Gengle	583	

Tuesday Night Ladies • March 16, 2004

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	28	20
Hayes Legal Crew	27.5	20.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	24.5	23.5
Grey Gables Inn	22	26
Top Rank Disposal	21	27
Paul Bunyan Lanes	20	28
Central Drug Store	16.5	31.5
Don's IGA	16.5	31.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Deanna Moso[illegible]ek	583	242
Alida Klooster		210
Cathy Sullivan	545	
Mary O'Brien	514	188

Young at Hearts League
March 18, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	26	14
Twilighters	24	16
Sparetime	25	15
Misfits	25	15
Has Beens	18	22
Alley Cats	15	25
Irish Rollers	13	27
Past Timers	13	27

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ralph Kitson	532	241
Chet Otmanowski		183
Eldon Potter	498	179
Maury Dixon	481	
Zettie Kitson	475	184
Maxine Ruis		158
Bev Smith	419	
Judy Potter		158
Sue Lochner	412	

Church League • March 17, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	358	192
Ferguson & Chamberlain	335	215
Townhouse Bar	292	258
Martincheks	259	291
R & C Roofing	254	296
State Farm Insurance	243	307
St. Mary's	238	312
Lutherans	221	329

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ed Holm	575	245
John Fiedorek	592	
Chuck Pop		236
Mike Webb		219
Joe Otmanowski	560	

Monday Madness • March 15, 2004

	W	L
Buzy Bees	315	185
Villager Pub	310	190
Friske Farm Market	270	230
Strike Seekers	269	231
Flight Deck Top Guns	268	232
Laural & Co. Hair Design	249	251
Paul Bunyan Lanes	241	259
Team One	0	200

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Megan Long	689	211
Carrie Blanchard	669	206
Kathy Hill		175
Jeanne Rankl	638	

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
March 7, 2004

	W	L
Horon	39	17
Moore	37.5	18.5
Cunningham/Mikulski	37	19
Golovich	31	25
Novotny	31	25
O'Leary	29.5	26.5
Bradley	27	29
Hart	27	29
Stebe/Rodriguez	24.5	31.5
Stebe/Soulliere	22	34
Herboldsheimer	20.5	35.5
Mackinder	13	43

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Tim Bradley	489	191
Jeff Novotny	518	183
Joe Horon	500	
Richard O'Leary		175
Debbie Horon	501	211
Jeannie Stebe	495	198
Cindy Novotny	470	189

Gutter Gals League • March 18, 2004

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	115	85
Express Yourself	103	97
Burger King Charlevoix	97	103
Paul Bunyan Lanes	85	115

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	506	203
Mary O'Brien	463	179
Diana Speigl	460	174

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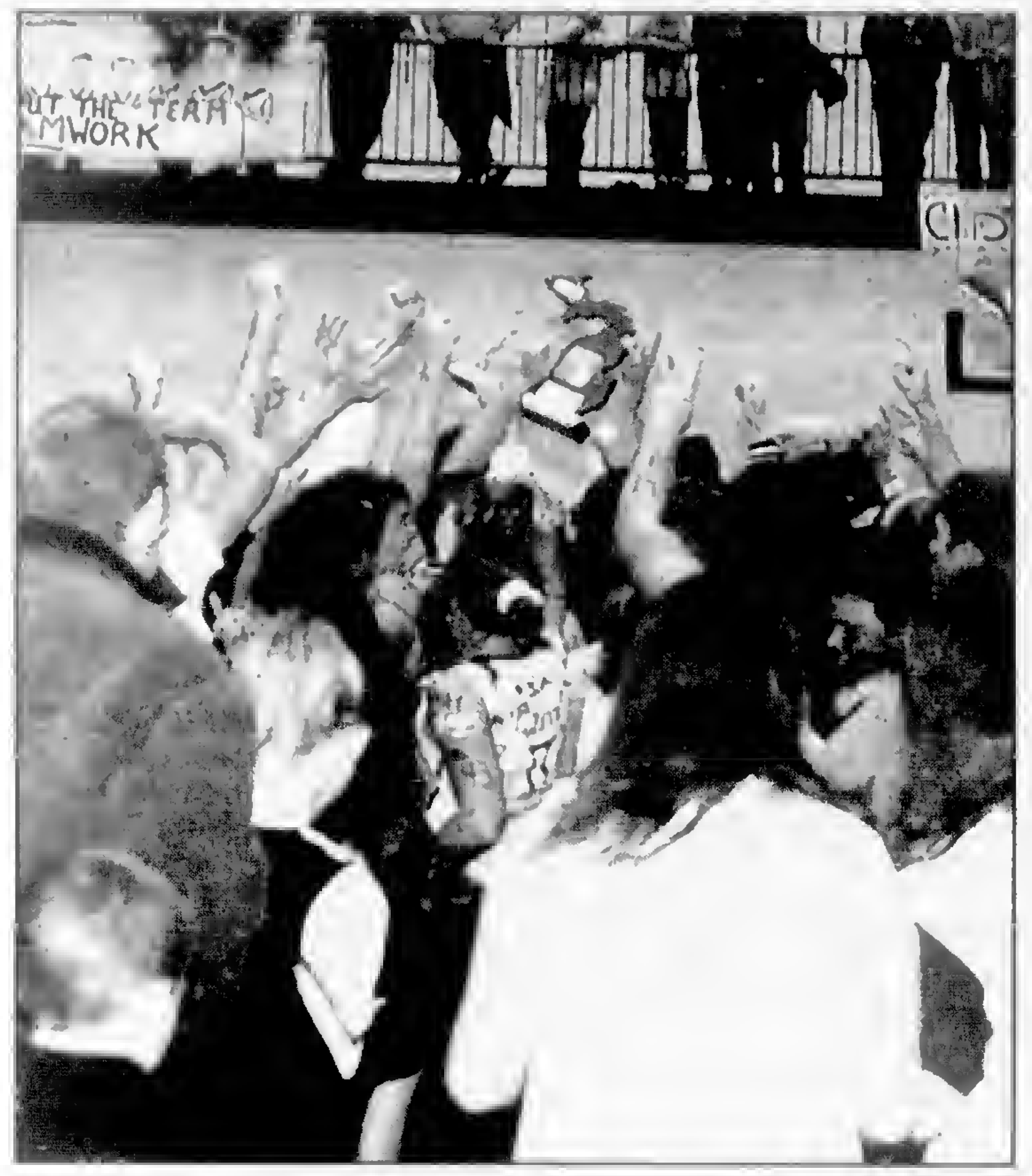

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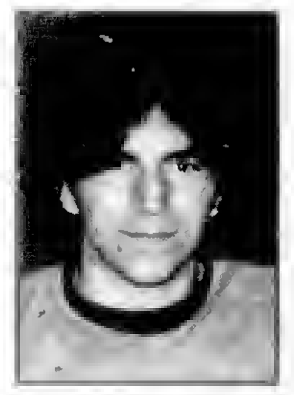

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Marlene A. McGinn a single woman, Mortgagor, to Benchmark Mortgage Corporation a Michigan corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 8th day of April, A.D., 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of April, A.D., 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix the 19th day of April, A.D., 1999, in Liber 361 on Pages 696-702.

WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage as of the date of this notice is the sum of Fifty-six thousand three hundred seventeen and 47/100 dollars ($56,317.47), for principal and interest and,

WHEREAS, no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, and default having been made whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday the 7th day of May, 2004, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed at a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the east door of the main lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with the interest thereon at seven and one quarter percent (7.25%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises described in said mortgage are as follows: Property situated in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix State of Michigan, to wit:

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Parcel No. 15-051-358-161-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241A in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 24, 2004.

Benchmark Mortgage Corporation,
Mortgagee
Charles A. Forrest, Jr.
Attorney for Benchmark Mortgage Corp.
703 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48503
Telephone: (810) 238-4030

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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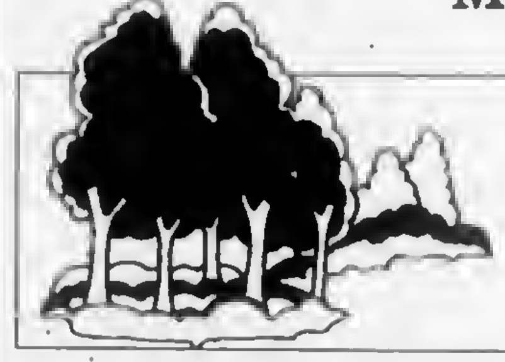

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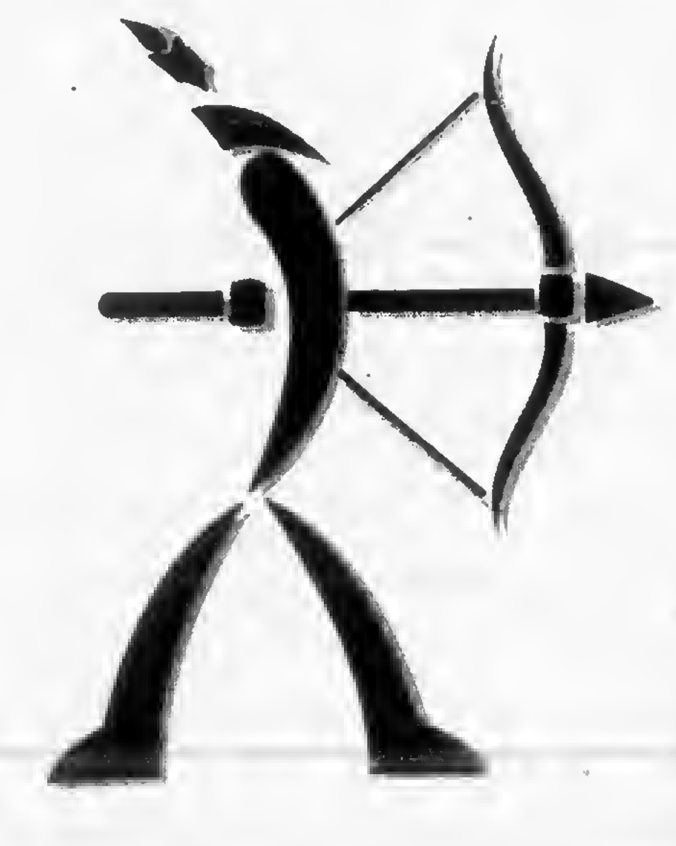

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The Contract documents may be examined at the Office of the City Manager, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Copies of the contract documents may be obtained at the Electric & Water Department, 401 West Carpenter Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. All inquires are to be directed to Electric & Water Superintendent Ed Whitley at (231) 547-3273.

The OWNER reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any irregularities in any proposal in the interest of the Owner.

Date: March 16, 2004

Elizabeth A. Gooch
City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010649-DE

Estate of Vernon J. Stark, Deceased
Date of Birth: September 6 1923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Vernon J. Stark, who lived at 3960 Six Mile Lake Rd., Ellsworth, Michigan died January 24, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to John B. Stark, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 15, 2004

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East Jordan, MI 49727
231-536-3623

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF ANTRIM
File No. 04-8050-GC
Hon. Thomas J. Phillips

DONALD R. ALSPAUGH and
CAROL L. ALSPAUGH,
husband and wife,
Plaintiffs,

v

WILLIAM D. FITZPATRICK d/b/a
NORTHERN
TIMBER & LAND MANAGEMENT
Defendant.

YOUNG, GRAHAM & ELSENHEIMER, PC
By: Haider A. Kazim (66146)
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
PO Box 398, 104 E. Forest Home
Bellaire, MI 49615
(231) 533-8635

EX PARTE ORDER GRANTING
ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs are allowed to serve the Summons and Complaint for Breach of Contract, Fraud and Misrepresentation in the above captioned matter upon Defendant, William D. Fitzpatrick d/b/a Northern Timber & Land Management, pursuant to MCR 2.106(D).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant, William D. Fitzpatrick d/b/a Northern Timber & Land Management, must file an answer or take any action otherwise declared by law on or prior to the expiration of twenty-eight (28) days after the publication/posting of this order. Such answer should be filed with the 86th District Court in Antrim County, State of Michigan, with an additional copy served upon the Plaintiffs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant William D. Fitzpatrick d/b/a Northern Timber & Land Management, shall also be served by first class mail at the address listed as follows: P.O. Box 306, 202 East State Street, Mancelona, Michigan 49659.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that failure to answer this Complaint or take other action allowed by law may result in the entry of a default and default judgment granting Plaintiff the relief requested in the Complaint, which may include costs and attorney fees.

NOTICE: You are being sued for (1) Breach of Contract, and (2) Fraud and Misrepresentation, with regard to a contract between you and Plaintiffs, Donald R. Alspaugh and Carol L. Alspaugh, by the terms of which, you agreed to pay Plaintiffs fifty (50) percent of all amounts received by you for trees cut and logged off Plaintiffs' property. The above mentioned contract relates to Plaintiffs' property located at 9617 Cemetery Road, Alden, Michigan 49612 and was entered into on or about August 8, 2003.

Dated: March 9, 2004
Honorable Thomas J. Phillips
86th District Court Judge
Prepared and submitted by:

Haider A. Kazim (P66146)
YOUNG, GRAHAM &
ELSENHEIMER, PC
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MAR 2004

CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Breakfast meeting

There will be a breakfast meeting at Flapjacks Resturant at 7 a.m., on Friday, March 26. The meeting is for interested men from the churches of the Charlevoix area. The purpose of this meeting is to make plans to bring together an ecumenical group of men for food and fellowship on a regular basis. Please come on Friday and express your opinion on time, place and program.

Buddhism meeting

There is a SGI-USA (Nichiren Buddhism) meeting scheduled for at 11 a.m., March 28 in Charlevoix. For more details please call Jeanne at 547-5593 or Donna at 536-7023. You may also wish to visit the web site sgi-usa.org.

Prevent injuries

Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center will present a talk on The Prevention of Injuries In Youth Soccer at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 30, at the Charlevoix High School room C101.

Coaches, parents and athletes are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Joelle Beaudoin at 347-9300.

Vocal grants

The Northern Michigan Chorale is announcing the availability of vocal music grants for summer music study. These grants are for anyone of high school age or older in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

Letters of application are due by Friday, April 2 and should include name, address and telephone number. Also, specify the planned use for the grant, such as vocal lessons or music camp assistance. High school applicants should provide a letter of recommendation from their music instructor.

Auditions will take place on Monday, April 26. Applicants will be notified of time and place. Successful applicants will be invited to perform in the Northern Michigan Chorale fall or spring concerts.

Send letter of application to the Northern Michigan Chorale, P.O. Box 51, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Guest speaker

The Rev. Bob Klingenberg will be the special guest speaker at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church at the 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. services, on Palm Sunday, April 4, located at 05291 M-66 North. A nursery is provided. All are welcome.

Democrats invite voters

The Charlevoix County Democrats invite interested voters to an evening of conversation and planning at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 8, in the downstairs training room at the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department.

The Democrats are also co-sponsoring a forum on the impact of the "No Child Left Behind Act." This forum will be at 7 p.m., Monday, April 29 at the Charlevoix Middle School.

Scholarships

Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) is again offering two $500 scholarships to any accredited trade or vocation education school or program.

Students need to obtain information from their high school counselor and apply by April 15.

The recipients will be selected by the MARSP Scholarship Committee by May 1. This Committee includes a representative from each of the four Charlevoix County High Schools. Students will be informed by May 15.

The Early Family Memorial Scholarship will contribute additional funds.

Reunion

Charlevoix High School's Class of 1964 will host its fortieth reunion at 7:30 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The cost is $20 per person. Reservations should be directed to Leslie (Lyons) Cunningham at 06530 Brown Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2145, or Betty (Reynolds) Martin at 12347 Waller Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2089, by June 1. Anyone able to provide contact information for class members can call or e-mail Ms. Cunningham at lcunning@freeway.net.

Trophy case

Charlevoix High School is in the process of finishing its new trophy display cases in the commons area outside the gymnasium. The trophy area is near completion, and now the school is asking for community assistance to complete the next phase.

A Hall of Fame for all-state athletes is being constructed along the North/South hallway, opposite the gymnasium. All athletes, who achieved all-state status in their sports at Charlevoix High School, are asked to send a 2-inch-by-3-inch senior picture along with the year(s) all-state status was accomplished, the sport(s) and a correct spelling of their name. Additionally, if an athlete was a state champion, please send a 5-inch-by-7-inch picture. Only one picture is needed even if all-state status was achieved in more than one sport. Please include a contact person and phone number if there is a question about the information sent.

Please send the photo and information to the following address: Attn: Ken Plude, Project Coordinator, Hall of Fame, Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Flap Jack Resturant.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-1388.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

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Islanders have annual St. Pats celebration

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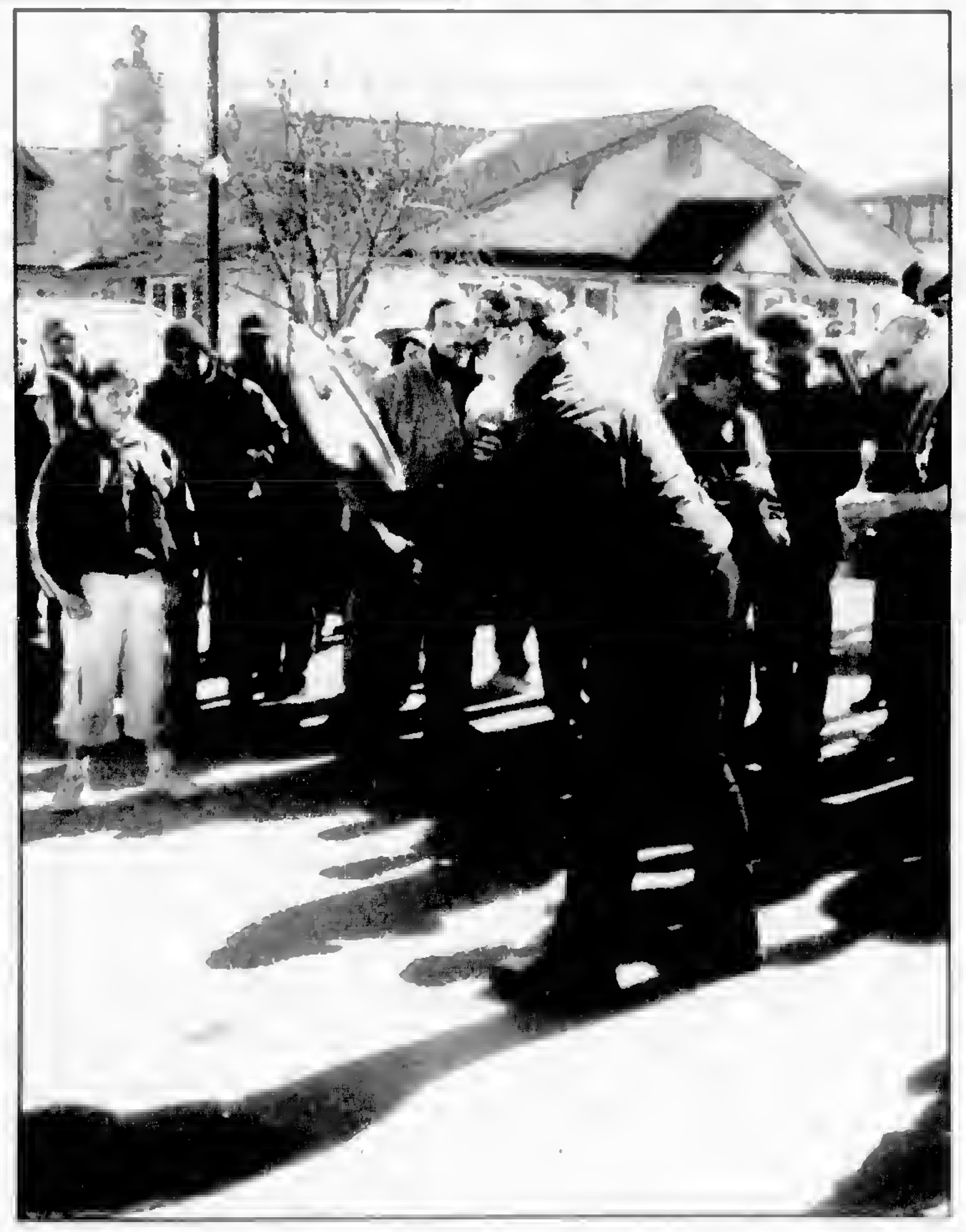
Beaver Island celebrated St. Patrick's Day with its annual festival on March 20. (Right) Danielle Cary, 16, of Beaver Island, Katie Slenk, 18, of Holland, and Joanie Adams, 18, of Beaver Island enjoy the festivities. (Below) Adams and Slenk, along with two other contestants, run the tires in the shopping cart race. Racers also have to hula-hoop, do the "hokey-pokey," leap-frog and walk with board tied to their feet during the contest.



(Above left) Contestants in the shopping cart race run to the finishline in their attempt to win. (left) Islander's dressed as Sonny and Cher compete to win the annual St. Patricks Day King and Queen Contest. (Above) As part of the events, contestants had to throw frozen trout for distance. (Above right) Brenden Martin, 14, of Beaver Island, gets into the holiday spirit.

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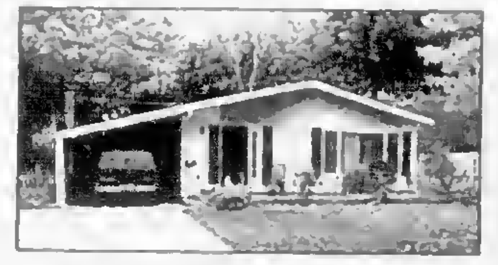

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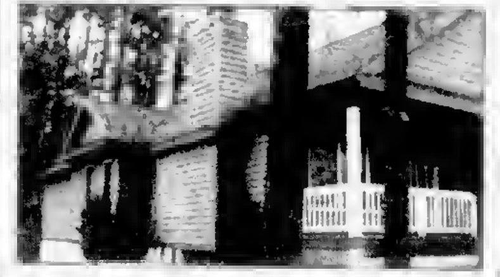

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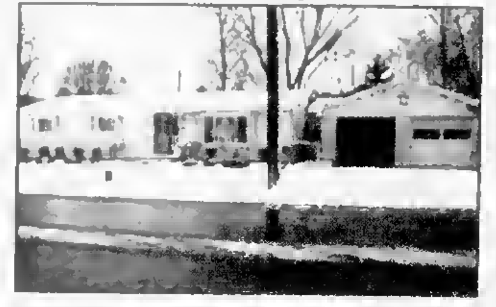

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A race for city council seats is on

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The November election in the city of Charlevoix is shaping up to be a political shoot-out.

Even though the election is over six months away, planning for it has already started. There will definitely be competition for the mayor's seat and two of three open council seats. Two council candidates are still on the fence as to whether they'll run.

Second ward council member Karen Campbell, first ward councilman Bill Haggard and Mayor Gabe Campbell all plan to run for reelection. Third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain isn't sure he'll run. Of those four council members none are guaranteed an uncontested return.

According to city clerk Liz Gooch a handful of nominating petitions have already been picked up at city hall.

Last week former councilman and deputy mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson said he is one of the people who grabbed one and he plans to run against Mayor Campbell.

Carlson, 37, resigned from council in September of 2003 after serving for four years. At that time he moved

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Rayders take runner-up

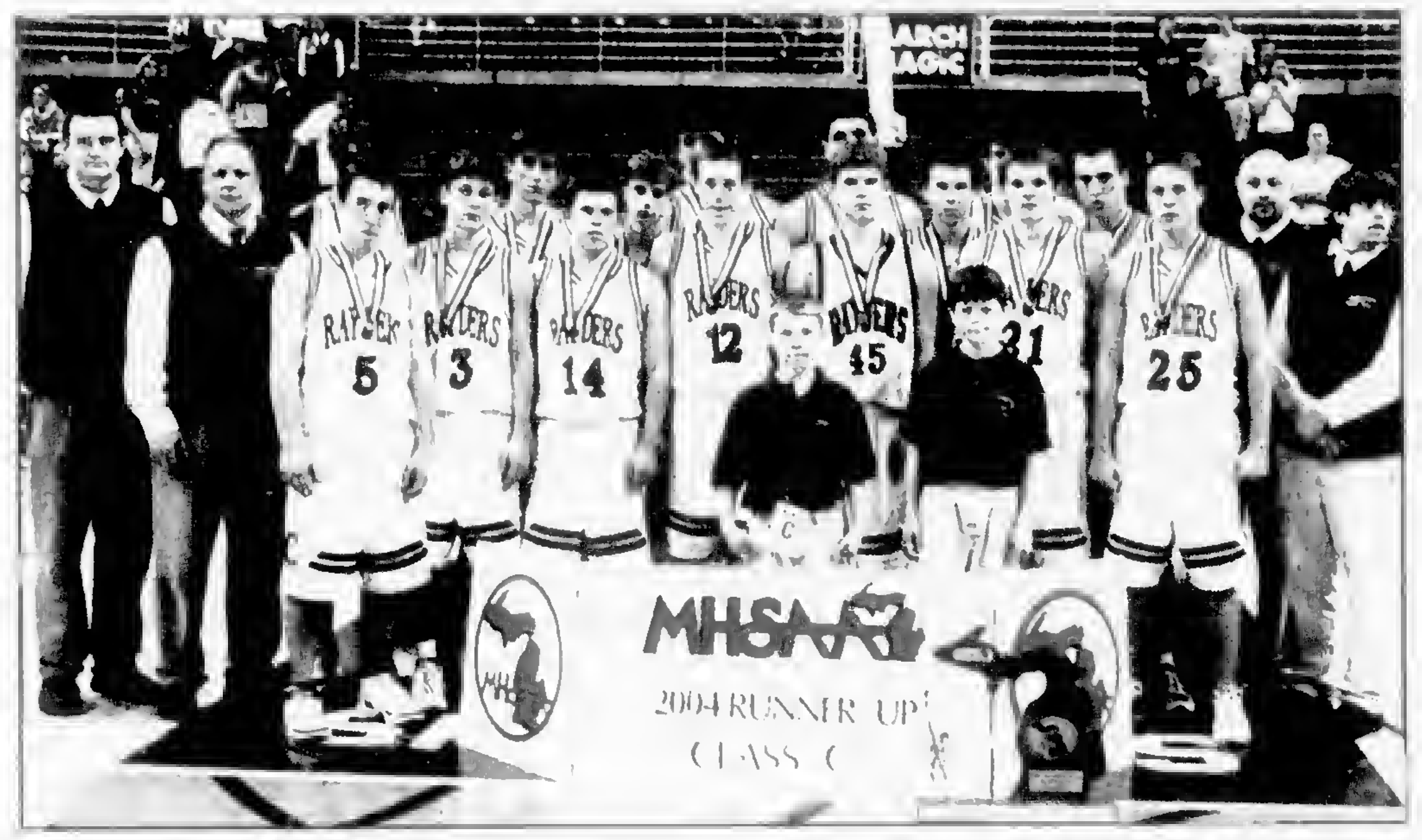

Photo by Kim Taylor

Charlevoix players and coaches pose for a Class C state runner-up photo after a 63-52 loss to Saginaw Buena Vista March 27 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing. In front are managers (from left) River Gauthier and Riley Corcoran; back, assistant coach Bret Erskine, head coach Keith Haske, Phil Steen, Cody Crain, John DiMartino; Bryce Daly, Michael Wojan, Matt Nitchman, Chris Golski, Jared Hunt, Scott Friske, Matt Kautz, Ben Bergmann, Ryan DeYoung, Jake Teuscher, Kyle Kramer, Matt Burtt, assistant coach Bryan Hawkins and assistant Doug Reich.

File photo

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is investigating the dying of the Pine River Channel green on St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick's Day dye prank prompts state investigation

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A St. Patrick's Day party prank may cost the prankster(s) big bucks.

On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, someone dyed the Pine River Channel green in spite of repeatedly being told by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) that it wasn't allowed.

"It was unfortunate that someone felt it was necessary to do this when we made it clear to the Chamber of Commerce that it wasn't allowed. This will not happen again and hopefully they got that message." Richard Shoemaker, the senior environmental quality analyst with the surface water quality division of the MDEQ, said.

Shoemaker is now heading up an investigation to see who is responsible for the violation. The Charlevoix City Police Department is assisting in this investigation.

"They (the MDEQ) are not very pleased and they shouldn't be," city police chief Dennis Halverson said.

Chamber president Jacqueline Merta has denied involvement by the chamber in this incident.

While the chamber has denied its involvement, the environmental group isn't giving up.

"This is not a good thing. We don't know what went in there (the channel)," Shoemaker said.

On St. Patrick's Day the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce hosted its first annual pub crawl and at some point between when the band of revelers moved from the

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Christopher John McKenney, 28, Boyne City. Criminal sexual conduct fourth degree, victim 13-16. Bound over to circuit court.

Brandon Scott Holland, 19, Lapeer. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend alcohol education program; $150 in fines and costs.

Kassie Ruth-Ann Bedford, 17, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Teresa Marie Jeffner, 39, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $210.

Jason Clinton Miner, 25, Boyne City. Violation of restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Evan Harold Dufendach, 45, Grand Rapids. Motor vehicle driver transporting open intoxicant. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Sheila May Rake, 54, East Jordan. False report of a misdemeanor. Six months probation; 93 days in jail, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 88 days held in abeyance; $650 in fines and costs.

Nathan Jon Martin, 25, St. James. Breaking and entering, illegal entry. Two years probation; 90 days in jail, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 80 days held in abeyance; $650 in fines and costs.

Chad Everett Leist, 32, Elmira. Driving while impaired. Eighteen months probation; attend Impact Weekend; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 77 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 45 days on electronic monitor; $1,275 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Bryan Hart, 23, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for 20 days, serve 30 days, 43 days held in abeyance.

Patrick Earl Harrington, 25, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 62 days held in abeyance; $1,305 in fines and costs.

Benjamin Joseph Evans III, 34, Petoskey. Driving while license suspended — second offense. Six months probation; 93 days in jail, serve 20 days, 73 days held in abeyance; $1,200 in fines and costs.

David Wane Wilks, 26, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Gregory Michael Webb, 35, Boyne City. Trespassing. Jail for five days with credit for five days.

Purl Jacob Leazier, 34, Boyne Falls. Driving without a license/multiple licenses. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Assumed Names

The following businesses have filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

R & J Eventures, 871 State Street Suite #1, Boyne City, by Russell G. Tharp

Chandler Hill Construction, 11194 Townpump Road, Boyne Falls, by Scott Cortez

Daniel Farrow, 523 South Park, Boyne City, by Thomas L. Wahl

Marriages

The following people were granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Gary L. Stutzman, 57, Charlevoix and Deborah A. Crandall, 53, Lansing

Jeffrey Lynn Kerr, 49, Petoskey and Eugena Dawn Barer, 36, Petoskey

Andrew Philip Sneed, 26, East Lansing and Cynthia Ann Mazzella, 21, East Jordan

Jeremy Paul Knapp, 26, Charlevoix and Shawnee Marie Sellers, 19, Charlevoix

Births

Grace Lauren, weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Christopher Whisler and Michelle Arthur of East Jordan on March 18, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Trevor Justin Kline-Derenzy, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, was born to Chad A. Derenzy and Amanda M. Kline of East Jordan on March 17, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Tim and Dawn Derenzy, Alan and Susan Kline, all of East Jordan.

Garrettson George, weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to James and Erin Bemis of Charlevoix on March 19, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Emily Ann, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Christopher Morse and Sarah Rommel of East Jordan on March 19, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Caleb Michael, weighing 9 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to Justin and Aimee Gibbert of East Jordan on March 22, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Emily Lynn, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to Willis and Theresa Root of Levering on March 22, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings, Heather and Andrea Skop of Boyne Falls and Corey Root of Boyne City and Willis Root, Jr. of Wapakoneta, Ohio. Grandparents are Shrilly Looze of East Jordan and Margaret Root of Mancelona.

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"We designed the Northern Dental Plan to help people who don't have dental benefits, but it is not dental insurance," said Thomas Veryser, DDS, Dental Director for Dental Clinics North, which is sponsoring the plan. "We're hoping lots of recent graduates, retired people, and people who are working without dental insurance will take advantage of it. I've talked with so many folks who are able to pay something for dental services, but they feel most fees are out of the question for them financially. After an initial, free visit, Northern Dental Plan's rates are about 30 percent less than what clients without insurance typically are asked to pay for dental care."

He added, "During the initial appointment, the Northern Dental Plan dentist will develop a treatment and payment plan together with the client that meets his or her needs."

The Northern Dental Plan application is easy and quick to complete. Applications are available by calling Dental Clinics North at (877) 321-7070 or on the Internet at www.nwhealth.org.

To be eligible for the Northern Dental Plan, applicants cannot have dental insurance and their annual income needs to fall within guidelines. These guidelines are: for a family of one — $18,620; family of two — $24,980; family of three — $31,340; family of four — $37,700. Any household with a family member eligible for Food Stamps or enrolled in WIC or Medicaid is automatically eligible.

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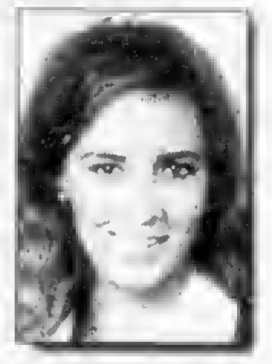

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Gooch resigns as city clerk

Move on heels of big raise in pay

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff writer

Charlevoix City Clerk Liz Gooch has resigned after a long fight to be compensated for hours she works.

Gooch, 37, gave her resignation to city manager Mike Wiesner March 23 effective April 16.

She was appointed to the clerk's position in September of 2000 to fill the vacancy left when former clerk, Joanne Patrick, resigned to take a job at the Charlevoix County Clerk's office.

Now Gooch is following Patrick's path to the county building accepting a job with the Charlevoix County Equalization Department.

This came as a surprise to third ward city council member Shirley Gibson who was the driving force behind a two month long effort to bring the clerk's position from part-time to full-time status. Gooch said she applied for the position when the debate over how she should be compensated was going on, but didn't interview until about two weeks ago.

The final outcome of that debate was an increase in salary for the clerk from about $16,500 to $34,000 a year. No full-time designation was made, but Gooch said there is plenty of work for the clerk to do at city hall to earn that salary.

But the increase in pay wasn't enough to keep Gooch who said the health benefits the county offered her were the crucial factor in her decision.

However, she added that the fight for more pay was not done in vain as whoever replaces her will be fairly compensated.

"I don't think the job can be done in 20 hours by anyone," she said.

Gibson said she is sad to see Gooch go because of the good work she did, but is still satisfied with the outcome of the clerk debate.

"It (Liz's resignation) doesn't change one thing. It wasn't about Liz. It was about the position that has been eroded for years," she said.

Life at the county building will take Gooch out of the political ring which Gooch said she'll miss in part. She enjoyed the close interaction she has had with city council but is also ready for a break.

"It was a good learning experience to see how city government works," she said.

But she said she'll enjoy the job security that comes with her non-elected position with the county equalization department. As clerk she faced the possibility of losing her job every two years. While she was never contested at the two elections she ran in, Gooch anticipates the races heating up with the increased salary.

Gooch's replacement will be appointed by city council. Anyone that is appointed will have to run for the seat in November of 2005.

LIZ GOOCH
CITY CLERK

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

City clerk Liz Gooch has resigned from her position to take a job with the Charlevoix County Equalization Department in spite of a recent pay raise.

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Kids making dreams come true

EDITORIAL

Many times you hear adults complaining about kids today.

They are too lazy, too selfish, too materialistic, don't spend enough time with their studies and just plain rude at times. Although, the same was probably said about every generation through the times.

However, there is a group of kids going against these stereotypes. They are working hard, doing something to benefit other kids in the area, studying up on laws and design and are very committed and polite with adults. Plus, they are very talented on skateboards.

This group of kids, sparked by 13-year-old Zeke Daman's letter -to-the-editor of this newspaper, are working together to bring a skateboarding park to the Charlevoix area. They see this as a way for area youth to have a place where they can hang out, practice their tricks and not bother anyone else.

Working together, these students have created a model design of a skateboarding park they would like to see built in the Charlevoix area and they have figured out how much it is going to take to make that dream a reality. The park would have mini quarter pipes, stairs and a ramp — all skateboarding terms for types of structures needed for tricks.

And the cost of this project is estimated at over $200,000.

Now, instead of just sitting on their hands, wishing it would come true, these students are ativly working to raise money for the project.

They have applied for a $10,000 grant from the retail store American Eagle Outfitters and raised over $6,000 at a recent skate-a-thon that drew in over 40 skaters. But, this is just the beginning, the group is planning more fund-raisers in its quest to build a skateboarding park in Charlevoix.

Any group of students who takes the initiative to bring something they want in Charlevoix to the area should be saluted. They saw a need and decided they would be the ones to fill it.

With kids like this in Charlevoix, our future looks good.

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Dieting lessons taught by our ancient ancestors

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

It is no longer a secret that as a group we Americans are carrying a few extra pounds.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are referring to an epidemic of obesity in the United States. Medical groups all over the country are concerned. People are attempting to sue the makers of fast food for somehow causing us to become too fat. There seems to be no easy solutions.

I have a few suggestions.

When confronted with what are basically biological questions, I am inclined to look for biological answers. We have not always been too fat. What has changed? If we were to pick up an average human being from anywhere from 50,000 years ago to 100,000 years ago, give them a good haircut and dress them in modern fashions from the Gap, they would turn few if any heads as they walked down Bridge Street. We have not changed much in that time. Our physiology has changed not at all. A few things would be different. They might be somewhat shorter and they most certainly would not be carrying any excess weight.

These long ago people did not have the advantage of the Pritikin Diet, the Atkins Diet or any of the other guides to controlling weight that are available to us. They did not worry about limiting their carbs or their protein intake. They did not count calories and they were unconcerned about fat or fiber intake. Yet they managed nicely what seems an unattainable goal for Americans. They did not have a fast food franchise just down the block, and that may be part of the secret of their success at maintaining weight.

Our long ago ancestors ate only food that they had dug from the ground, harvested from plants or run down and killed. They certainly must have had more exercise than we do. Was that their secret? Only in part. They generally didn't have much more food than they needed to stay alive. They probably ate as much as they could whenever they had the opportunity. Exercise and limited food intake sounds like a plan.

At the present time as soon as we have accumulated a few extra pounds we have the choice of a low fat diet or one with only certain kinds of fat. We can utilize a low carbohydrate diet or a high carbohydrate diet. We can try out a low protein diet or a high protein diet, depending on just what is the most recent fad for solving our weight problem. It's enough to confuse us into heading to the nearest fast food emporium to soothe our troubled mind and pad our troubled hips.

Is there a simpler way based in our ancient biological heritage? I believe there is. What we need is a low fat, low carbohydrate, low protein diet. People in our modern world who have such a diet live longer than those who do not. What we really need is less food or less easy access to food. Maybe no parking places at the fast food outlet and the nearest parking at least six blocks away, and no wheeled transportation allowed. No Super-sizes might help, but the mile long walk or run would help more. Last fall a friend and I walked from Bayshore to Bay Harbor and then had a hearty pancake breakfast. Four miles probably almost equals a hearty pancake breakfast.

The best overall simple diet advice I ever received or gave was to eat as many different kinds of plants and animals as we can and to eat them as close to alive as possible. Yes Virginia, an apple or an orange or a carrot is alive.

The only book about dieting I have seen that seemed to offer that simplicity was one titled "Life is hard, Food is easy." Foreign policy is complicated, quantum physics is complicated, eating is not or shouldn't be. Our 50,000 years ago ancestors could figure it out.

One additional piece of advice about feeling good while dieting. Carbohydrate consumption, whether now or 50,000 years ago, makes us feel good about our food and ourselves. After a big meal of pasta we feel relaxed and comfortable. High carbohydrate intake releases a chemical called serotonin in our brain that causes us to feel at ease with the world, our food and ourselves. Three or four ounces of pasta will do that.

Enjoy.

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Letters to the editor

United Way projects

Editor:

CharEm United Way would like to thank the many individuals and businesses that have so generously given of their hard-earned money to help support our local agencies by contributing to United Way.

All of the money collected, $173,000 so far this campaign, stays right here in Emmet and Charlevoix counties for the benefit of those who need our extra help. We only send about $1,550.00 per year to United Way of America to use their trademark and benefit from their advice and programs. The rest of your donations are at work right here at home.

The following are just some of the agencies you help support through your United Way contributions: the Bergmann Center, Boyne City Nursery School, Camp McSauba, Charlevoix Alano Club, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, the Charlevoix Senior Center and B.A.S.E.S.

Most of our local non-profit agencies who receive governmental grant money in addition to local United Way money are having their government grant money cut back. This means that private donations, like those allocated to them by United Way, are more important than ever.

Dianne Clifford
Executive Director
CharEm United Way

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Annoyed by mailing

Editor:

I write this in regards to the anti-Wal-Mart group that has formed in Charlevoix. I should start by saying that I am all for a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix and the many great things it can do for the residents of Charlevoix.

My problem starts with the anti-Wal-Mart group. I am not, by any means, trying to take away this group's freedom of speech to voice their opinions and beliefs about the bad things that a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix will cause.

I am, however, annoyed and irritated with the fact that they seem to have the right to solicit through the mail. I, as well as many other Charlevoix residents, received a leaflet last week in the mail from this group. First problem is that I do not want them mailing me with information and basically preaching to my about something that I don't see eye-to-eye with them on. Second, and most irritating, is the fact that they are also asking for donations to help support their legal expenses to help fight Wal-Mart developing here in Charlevoix.

Personally, I see that as being very unprofessional of them to go about asking for donations in this manner end filling our mail boxes with junk mail. I believe that they should have, and still can, set up a public meeting on the subject and let the followers who have the same beliefs as them, come to them.

I guess, all in all, we each are entitled to our own opinion and I do not wish this group to preach their opinions on me. I believe there are other ways they can go about gathering support and donations rather than annoying all of us Charlevoix residents who do, indeed, want to have a Wal-Mart developed here in our home town.

Brian MacDonald
Charlevoix

Property tax

Editor:

I read your article about property taxes being confusing only to become more confused than I already was. Like you I was under the misconception that property taxes are based on roughly half of the sale value of a home, for homes that have sold during the past year. Not in Charlevoix! Only if the sale results in higher taxes are they based on the sale price. If the house is in had shape and sells for less than its potential market value, the normal basis is chucked out the window with an arbitrary and capricious process takes its place with a rubber stamp "FAIRLY ASSESSED."

Let me explain: I recently purchased a home in Charlevoix for less than its potential value because it needed new wiring, plumbing, flooring and a roof. Instead of taxing me on half the sales price of the house, I received a 43 percent increase in taxable value. The result is a taxable value of over 84 percent of the sale price of the home. I appealed to the board of review and showed them comparable listings and the sales price of my home, and they seemingly agreed that I had a valid concern. Two weeks later I received a rejection notice and the two word explanation was "FAIRLY ASSESSED." It seems they believe I should be taxed on the potential value of the home. If that is the case, our state economic problems are solved, because every home has the potential to be worth millions and we can tax anyone anything we want. Such as: That couch you bought for half off: Tax it a full value. That used car: No discounts there, full blue book!! That diamond ring for 60% off: Tax it at full price.

I have already received the forms from Lansing to appeal to the tax tribunal and will file them this week. But Charlevoix could save time and trouble by just handing them out at the board of review instead of convening a panel that ignores the evidence presented them.

John McNahb
Charlevoix

Wal-Mart will hurt

Editor:

There are many of us who feel the same way as This is Our Town.

I moved to the Thumb of Michigan 20 years ago. I shop in our little town of Bad Axe. When we went into a store we knew the people who worked there and waited on us. That all changed when Wal-Mart moved in. One after another of the little stores had to close. It was a busy main street, but no more. It is not the same lovely little town.

May many more people join in the endeavors to stop Wal-Mart in Charlevoix. I feel the community will lose more than they will gain if Wal-Mart comes. I have seen it happen.

Velma McNaughton
Port Austin

Wal-Mart costly

Editor:

Please ask yourself what Charlevoix will lose if Wal-Mart comes to town.

It will cause tremendous harm to the environment; after each rainfall Stover Creek will be affected by the runoff from the immense parking area, where soil existed and provided natures best filtration process.

Its revenues will return to Arkansas, not Charlevoix.

Wal-Mart's policy of unreasonable eligibility criteria and prohibitive costs for Wal-Mart sponsored health plans will place a burden on our local health providers, emergency medical care and possibly, food stamps.

If revenues are not up to expectations, it will ahandon the store and move on. Just look at Gaylord. Wal-Mart ahandoned its first Wal-Mart to build an even bigger Super Wal-Mart, 4 miles away. Countless Wal-Marts are abandoned yearly.

Is low price at any cost something Charlevoix wants to endorse?

Wal-Mart is a company that ignores its workers and Wal-Mart will ignore Charlevoix's best interests.

Please say no to Wal-Mart and yes to Charlevoix.

Lynne Rosenthal
Charlevoix

Wal-Mart will help

Editor:

I am a third generation Charlevoix native. I think you do a good job with the paper. I have never written to a paper before, but some of our business leaders and professional people I have seen do things that don't seem right.

One business person and one doctor who are both so called sports boosters like to park in the handicap parking at ball games. And one is a leader of keep Wal-Mart out. I am retired and think Wal-Mart would help. I would have my secretary write this and it would be better.

P.S. The City of Charlevoix should stay out of Charlevoix Township's business and try to take care of their own.

Donald E. Wells Sr.
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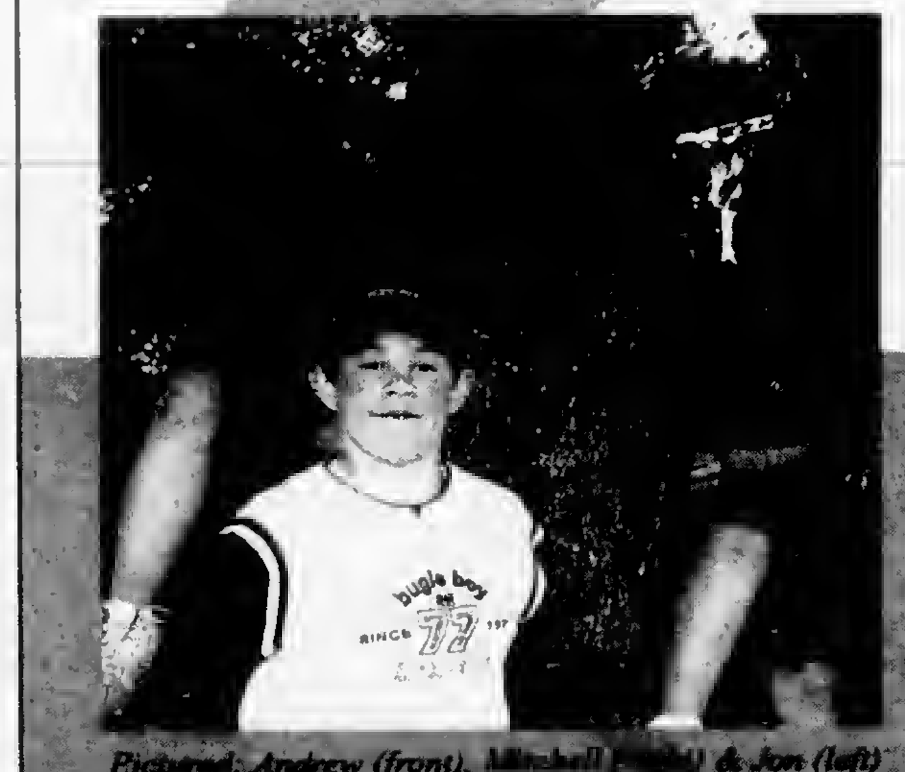

When someone dies, the children left behind grieve, but too often they grieve alone.....

Pictured: Andrew (front), Mitchell [illegible] & Jon (left)

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay offers free [illegible] support services to children and teens who have lost an [illegible] person to death. Support often involves teaming [illegible] someone their age who has experienced a similar [illegible]

Mitchell: When my dad died, I was really sad, until I learned that I wasn't the only one who had someone die.

Andrew: It helped me to be able to tell my story to other kids, and to hear their stories, because we were in the same spot.

Hospice also provides information to schools to help chidren adjust back into their environment.

Jon: The first day back the principal came up to me and said, "I'm sorry about your dad." It helped me have a good year at school.

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay's Children's Program is also available to children whose lives are disrupted by a family member's serious illness, helping prepare them for the days to come. If you know of someone who could benefit from this free service, please call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

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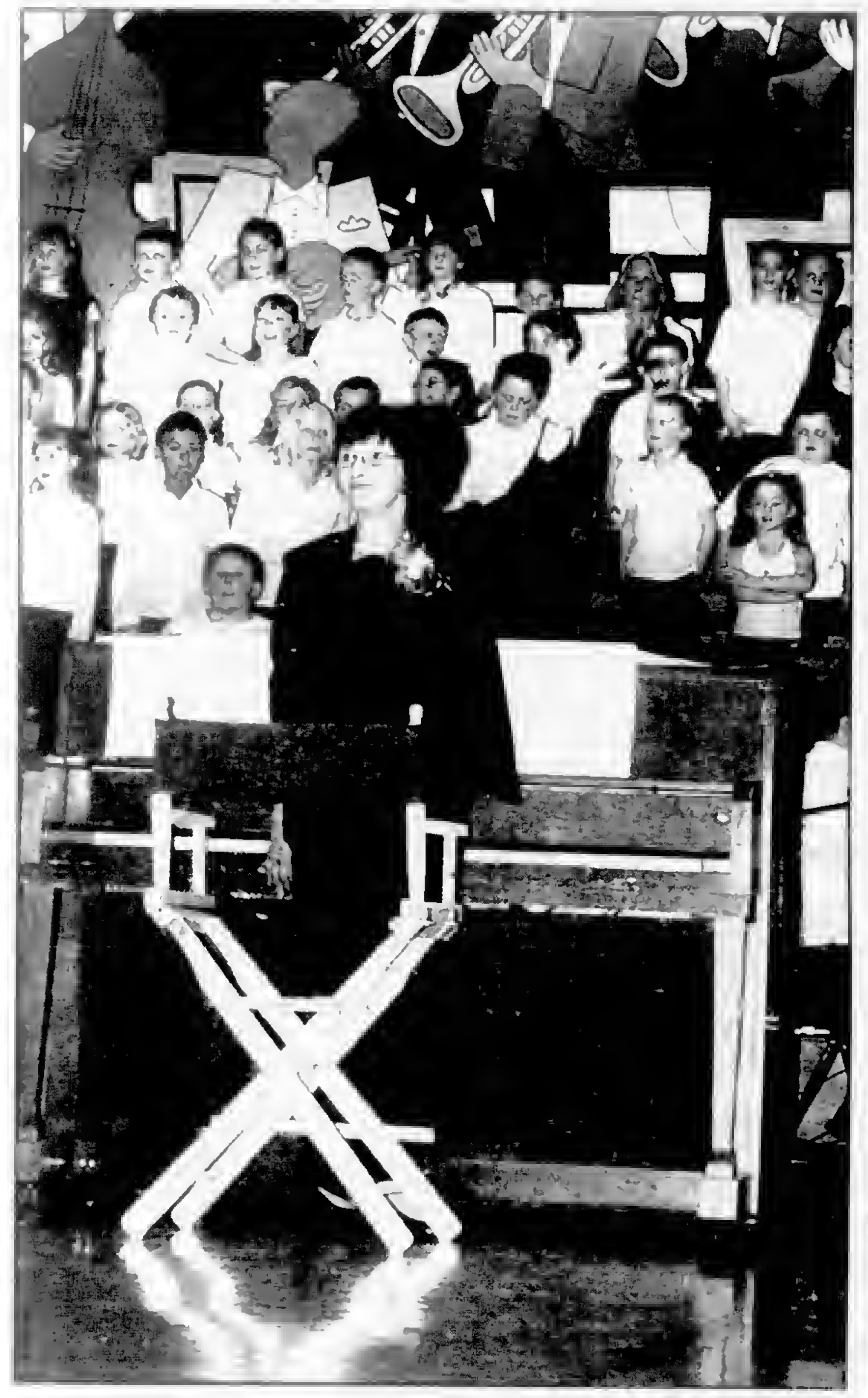
Spring musical ends its decades-long run

Marina LaBlance's 32nd Annual Charlevoix Elementary School Spring Musical that took place March 24 was attended by over 1,000 people. The show's theme "Sing, Sing A Song," was the same as the first musical LaBlance directed in recognition of this being her last show. Below LaBlance bids the crowd adieu.



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(Above) These bulky ballerinas perform a dance number at the musical. (Left) First grade students in Kari Boss' class, Olivia Storm and Parker Ebert dance the Tennessee Waltz at the musical.

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(Above) Over 300 elementary students performed at the annual spring musical. Colorful musical notes and big band figures were used on the set. (Right) Second grade student Shelby Robinson sings "Music, Music, Music." (Left) This student plays some air guitar during a dance selection to Bob Seagar's "Old Time Rock and Roll."

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(Above) Kirk Acharya jams out to a high energy dance routine to the song "Dancin' in the Street." (Below) Soloists giggle and enjoy their time in the spotlight during a farewell tribute song.

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Obituaries

Marion J. Ochs: May 21, 1920 - March 23, 2004

Marion J. Ochs, 83, of Holland, and formerly of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at her home in Holland.

A Funeral was Friday, March 26, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Mary Willis officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Marion was born May 21, 1920, the daughter of Harry G. and Theressa (Lee) Griffin. She completed a two year course at Ypsilanti Normal School, (now Eastern Michigan University), then taught in country schools for three years before joining the Navy.

She was a US Navy WAVE during World War II and served from 1943 to 1946 at both the Great Lakes Naval Center and in Hawaii, being discharged with the rank of Storekeeper First Class. Upon her return home, she obtained a business degree from the University of Michigan, and was employed by Detroit Edison and the Ford Motor Company.

She began teaching again at Garden City High School, then went on to obtain her master's degree in education from the University of Michigan. She retired from Schoolcraft Community College in 1980.

Marion married James William Ochs in Flint on Nov. 11, 1950. They made their home in Livonia and moved to Charlevoix in 1982, wintering on Singer Island, Fla. In 1998, they moved to Holland.

They loved to travel together. Mr. Ochs survives and resides at their senior home in Holland.

She is also survived by her brother Jack, (Joanne) Griffin of Linden, and her sisters, Helen (James) Byce of Flint and Brooksville, Fla., and Ruth (Sherman) Nord of Aberdeen, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her sister Grace Dickenson and brother Richard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Shirley E. Dvoracek: Nov. 30, 1930 - March 28, 2004

Shirley E. Dvoracek, 73, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, March 28, 2004, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix. Memorial service will be 6 p.m., Thursday, April 1, 2004, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Reverend James D. Green of the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix will officiate.

Shirley was born November 30, 1930, in Vanderbilt, the daughter of Elmer and Bertha (Bowerman) Kleeman. Shirley played guitar, and enjoyed making crafts, and oil painting. She crocheted, and loved to cook, read books, and antique shopping. She loved her Labrador Retrievers, but Shirley loved her family most of all.

Shirley is survived by her daughters, Kay Howard of Boyne Falls, Kathy VanZant of Petoskey, and Mary Ferguson of Charlevoix. Grandchildren are Christopher Ferguson of Charlevoix, Charles Bohn of Charlevoix, Heather Falting of Boyne City, Jennifer Wilkinson of Georgia, Ryan Falting of Charlevoix, David Falting of Missouri, Betsy Dunkel of Petoskey, Christopher Castelein of Florida and Carrie Castelein of Petoskey. Shirley also has thirteen great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Bradley B. Newton: April 22, 1971 - March 27, 2004

Bradley Benton Newton, 32, of Charlevoix, died unexpectedly March 27, 2004, in East Jordan. Funeral will be 11:00 am, Wednesday, March 30, 2004, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Reverend Neil Turner of the Community Church of God will officiate, and interment will take place in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Brad was born April 22, 1971, in Charlevoix, the son of Thomas Benton and Carol M (Dowling) Newton. He was a loving father, son and brother and will be greatly missed.

Brad was always willing to help others, he was good hearted and hard working. Whenever anyone needed something he was always there whether it was working on a vehicle which was his passion or helping wherever needed.

Bradley is survived by his sons, Dylan and Austin Newton of East Jordan; mother, Carol M. Newton of Charlevoix; sisters, Beth (Richard) Belovsky of Huntsville, Texas, Brenda (Ted) Poelking of Orlando, Fla., Mary Newton, and Patty (Don) Wells Jr. of Charlevoix; brothers, Robert Newton of Miami Beach, Fla., and Mike (Stacy) Newton of Palm Bay, Fla.

Brad was proceeded in death by his father, brother Tommy and maternal and paternal grandparents.

Chamber to move into old Mason Street post office

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has secured a new home.

"I'm very pleased that we have the support of the city council and the DDA in finding a new home for the chamber," chamber president Jacqueline Merta said.

At a joint meeting of Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and City Council Monday night, March 29, council voted to lease the chamber the city owned former post office off Mason Street for $1 a year for 10 years. After that agreement expires the two plan to discuss a five year renewal of the lease.

Third ward city councilman Sherm Chamberlain thought it was important to have a negotiating period instead of going with the chamber's recommendation of an automatic renewal because he didn't want to tie the city's hands.

Under the agreement being drawn up by city attorney Jim Young the chamber will be responsible for all maintenance and utilities related to the building with the city covering insurance which will cost $445 a year.

The chamber's budget is tight and chamber board members are concerned about the maintenance issue but have agreed to set up an escrow account earmarked for maintenance they will contribute $2,500 a year to.

Board member Ron Agnello said, "We've been (operated) basically at a break point at best. We would like to cap our responsibilities to a certain degree."

Maintenance and utility costs are a new expense for the chamber. Under the current arrangement the group pays the city $100 a month to rent its Bridge Street location, above the harbormaster's office, where it has been since 1944 and the city covers utilities and maintenance.

Merta said she is comfortable with the agreement reached Monday night.

The chamber request came now because in the not so distant future, the chamber will be homeless. During the East Park and marina renovation planning process community members made it clear that there was no place in the park for buildings like the chamber office, not directly related to supporting the park and marina.

And with those renovations likely starting in the fall of 2005 the chamber's time to plan for relocation is now.

The DDA bought the post office in 1986 for $70,000. An insurance appraisal done in 1998 found the building's value to be $208,927. This figure does not include the $40,000 in renovations the city did to the building in 2003 to prep it for use as a temporary city hall while renovations are being done next-door.

The city is planning to move into its new digs in July. Merta is hoping to move into the chamber's new home shortly thereafter.

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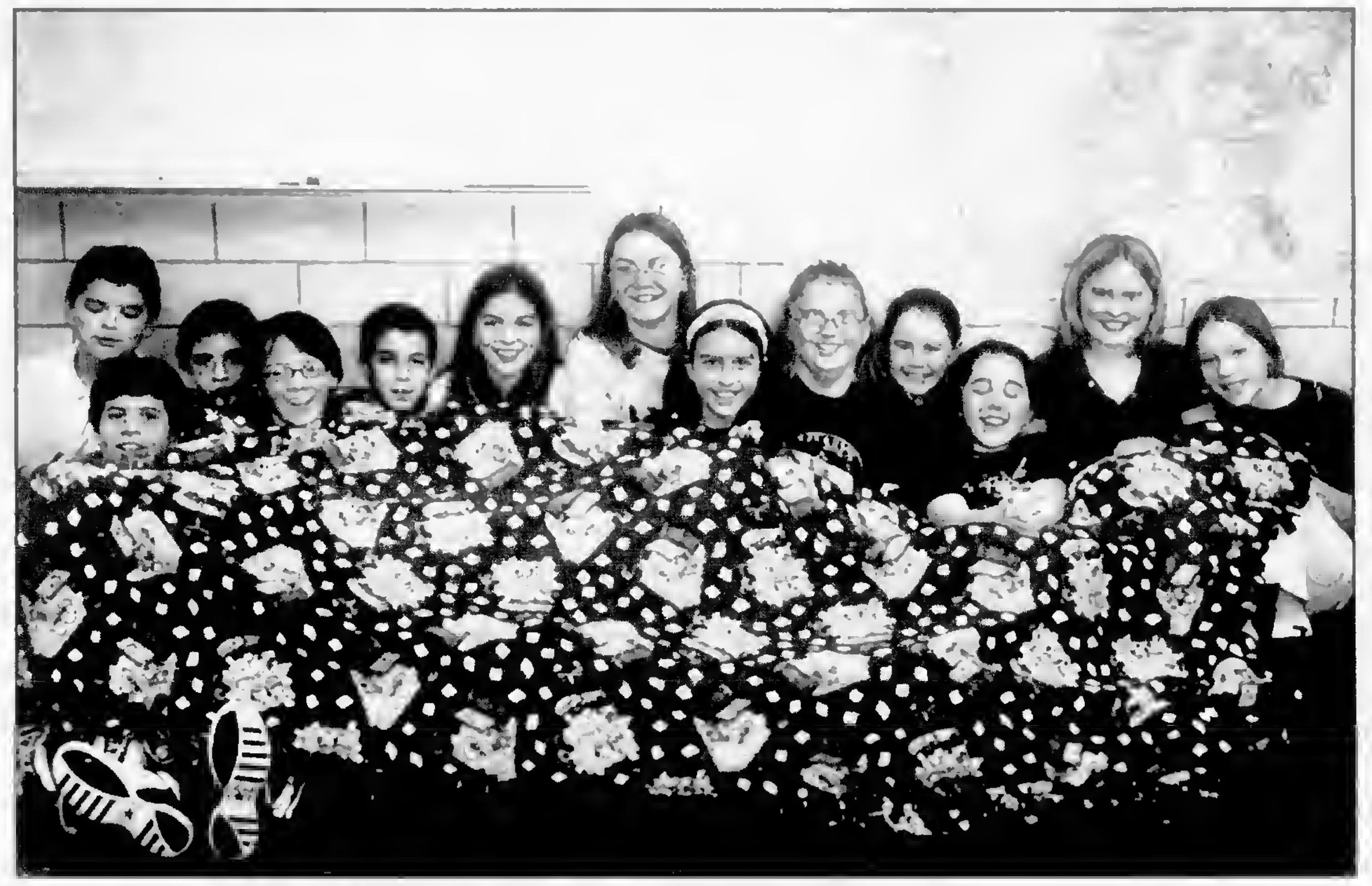
By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer



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These St. Mary students made this Sponge Bob blanket for Sam, Maddie and Max Trimper who suffer from a rare genetic disorder.

Fifth and sixth grade students at St. Mary school are recognizing the 43 days of Lent leading up to Easter by helping others.

Since the school year started the 13 students in Amy Putman's class have followed the story of the Trimpers, three sick children with close ties to Charlevoix — Sam, 4, Max, 8, and Maddie, 5.

In 2002 all three of the kids were diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder called Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD).

MLD is the result of an enzyme deficiency that allows for destruction of the myelin sheath around nerve fibers. The result is mental and physical deterioration that leads to death. If left untreated children diagnosed with the disease often die within five to six years.

The Trimper children's grandparents Marcia and Don Trimper, who have lived in Charlevoix for 27 years, joined forces with their son, Jeff, who was raised in Charlevoix and his wife Jane, to help slow the progression of the incurable disease in the kids and to work toward a cure.

Putman's students have followed the story on the Trimper's Internet web site at, www.caringbridge.org/mi/trimpermld. There they learned the story of the kids through photos and daily testimonials written by Jane and Jeff.

They watched and learned as Max recovered from a dangerous stem cell transplant. And now are watching as Sam and Maddie fight back after the treatment they underwent in October of 2003.

Jane said Max is very busy working to regain his skills clocking 10 hours a week with occupational, physical and speech therapies. And Sam and Maddie are just getting past their first year of the transplant and haven't had any complications yet.

"It's been an incredible year. They are all doing well. We are lucky to have all three kids here," she said.

This incredible journey touched the hearts of many and hit home for the St. Mary students.

School principal Janet Troppman, who has been delivering the Lenten message to all St. Mary students, said part of the significance of the season is to reach out. The students took a proactive approach to what they were learning in school and reached out using their own little hands.

They made a fleecy Sponge Bob blanket big enough for all three of the kids to curl up under. The Sponge Bob idea came from the Trimpers themselves who the students say love the cartoon character.

"The Trimper kids have had it hard. We thought it would be nice for them to know we are praying for them," sixth grader, Shauna Bradley said.

Jane said the token will be a welcome addition to their home.

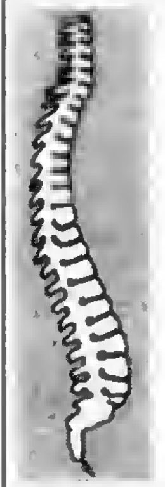
"They'll love it," she said.

The students are hoping to see a photo of the three peas in a pod snuggled into their creation on their next visit to the web site.

While the kids are recovering and relaxing in their new blanket, Jane and Jeff are busy raising money for two doctors to do an MLD fellowship, a research endeavor, at Duke University in North Carolina.

They have raised $160,000 already and only need 20 more people willing to commit to donating $1,000 a year for two years to make it a reality. She said this would make their work toward a cure 10 times faster.

For more information about the fellowship visit the Trimper web site that was listed above.



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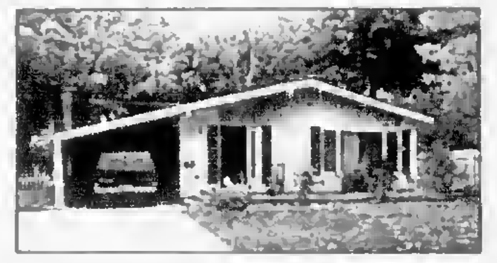

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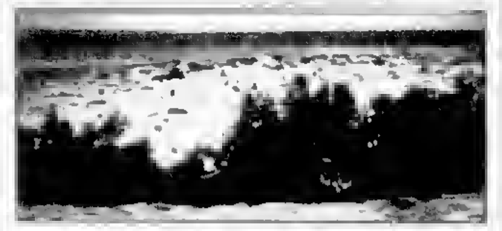

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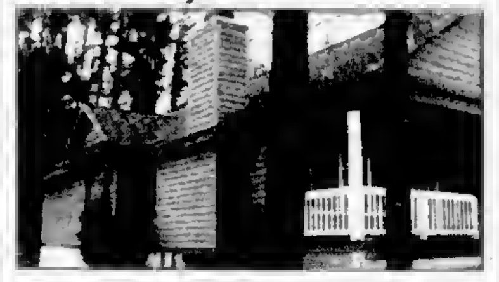

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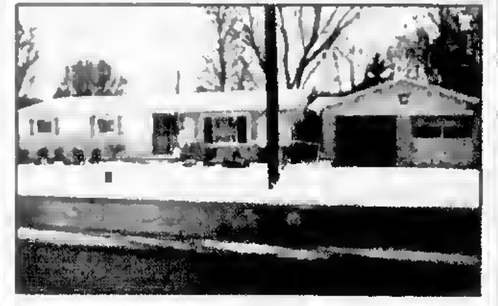

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Charlevoix grad training for marathon

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> **Katie Romig**,
> Charlevoix graduate training for marathon

Charlevoix native Katie Romig is an official member of the Team in Training 2004, a group of about 900 people who will run a marathon this spring to help fight cancer.

Romig, 21, the daughter of Charlevoix resident Marjorie Romig-Neal, has committed to run 26.2 miles, a full marathon, on June 26 in Anchorage, Alaska. The event, "Mayor's Midnight Sun," will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, a non-profit agency dedicated to seeking the cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

"Leukemia and Lymphoma research is very important — many consider it to be the gateway to finding a cure for all cancers," Romig said.

Romig caught the marathon bug a few months ago when Tricia Hodge, her friend and former teammate on the Charlevoix High School cross country team, approached her with a list of runs to pick from.

Romig saw that 80 percent of the proceeds Team in Training runners raise actually go to the research effort and quickly dedicated herself to it.

"It has one of the highest rates of funds returned and that's really important to me — most non-profit societies can't claim that," she said.

Romig is currently living and working in Big Sky, Mont. where she is taking a semester off from her studies at Grand Valley State University in Allendale.

She is busy training for the spring event, running 13 miles once a week and between five to seven miles five days a week.

She said the training has been a great way to familiarize herself with Montana's breathtaking countryside. To stay motivated she keeps in mind 8-year-old Zachary Good of Helena, Mont. who she is running in honor of. Good has leukemia and is currently in remission. Romig has been keeping in touch with his mom via e-mail and plans to meet courageous little Zachary before she heads to Alaska.

According to information provided by the society, leukemia is responsible for the deaths of more children than any other disease. Plus leukemia and lymphoma are the leading fatal cancers in young men and women under 35 in the United States.

Romig, the Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen from 2001, will be back in town April 12 to start meeting her fund raising goal. Her sponsorship target for this event is to raise $6,000 for the society. She needs $5,000 more to meet that mark.

"While I train for this marathon there are local residents who are battling leukemia. By committing to run this marathon, I hope others will show their support by contributing to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in their effort to find a cure for this disease," she wrote in a letter requesting donations.

Those who would like to sponsor her should make checks payable to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with Romig written in the memo and send them to Katie at 711 East Dixon, Charlevoix, MI 49720. For more information about the event contact her at kathrynrom@hotmail.com.

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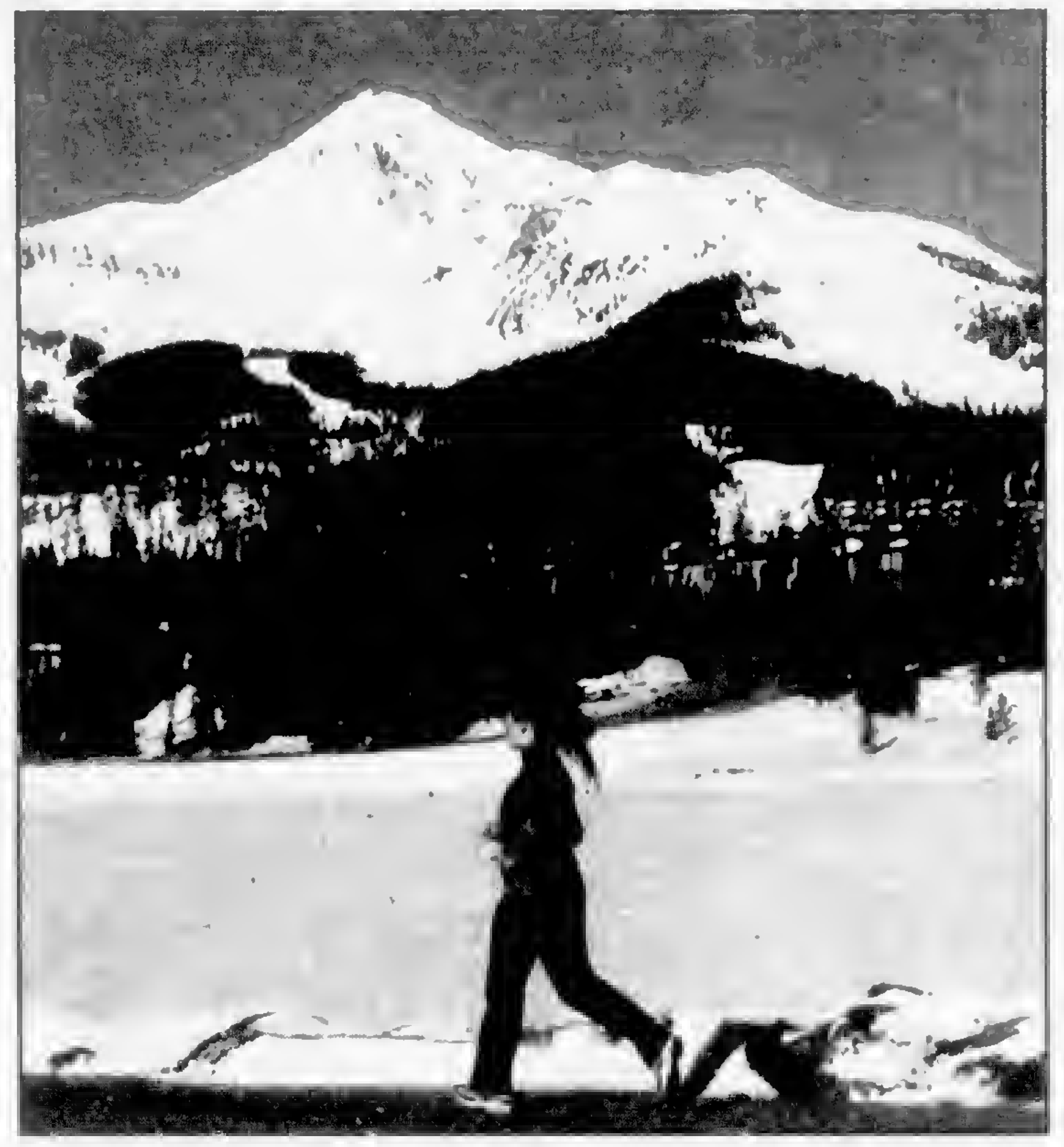

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Charlevoix resident Katie Romig, who is living in Big Sky, Mont. is training for a marathon to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society that will take place in Anchorage, Alaska this spring.

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Spring fever

Marley Niewendorp and Nancy Eldredge who work at the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency opted to throw their cabin fever out the window and caught a little spring fever March 29. The two took their lunch break in the great outdoors walking the streets of Charlevoix. Temperatures this week are expected to remain mild and springy.

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The opening reception is free of charge, open to the public and refreshments will be provided.

David Small was raised in Detroit where he launched his studies in art and English at Wayne State University. He went on to accomplish a graduate program in art at Yale.

From Yale, Small set forth in his career teaching drawing and printmaking at the college level, for 14 years and to publish his first book, Eulalie and the Hopping Head during this time.

Since then Small has proceeded to win two Caldecott Honor Awards for "The Gardener" in 1998 and "So You Want to be President?" in 2001. In addition, "The Gardener" has been the recipient of 17 awards including the Christopher Medal.

Small has illustrated 33 picture books, six of which are his own writing and four written by his wife, Sarah Stewart. "Imogene's Antlers" has been featured for 15 years on the PBS' children's program, "Reading Rainbow" and "Fenwick's Suit" was made into a movie in 2000.

In addition, Small works as a freelance editorial artist.

His drawings have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Boston Globe* and *The Washington Post*. His reviews of picture books appear frequently in The New York Times Book Review.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center will be hosting a teacher workshop from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday, April 19. Teachers will have an exclusive opportunity to meet with Small and his wife Sarah Stewart and learn more about the life and work of this literary and artistic couple.

The afternoon also includes a presentation of the history and importance of children's illustrated literature by Linda Young, museum consultant, and a hands-on session with ideas and projects for classroom applications. The workshop fee is $25 and includes a box supper.

In addition the arts center will be having school tours from April 22 through May 28. Special reservations can be made for Docent-led tours by contacting the Arts Center. "

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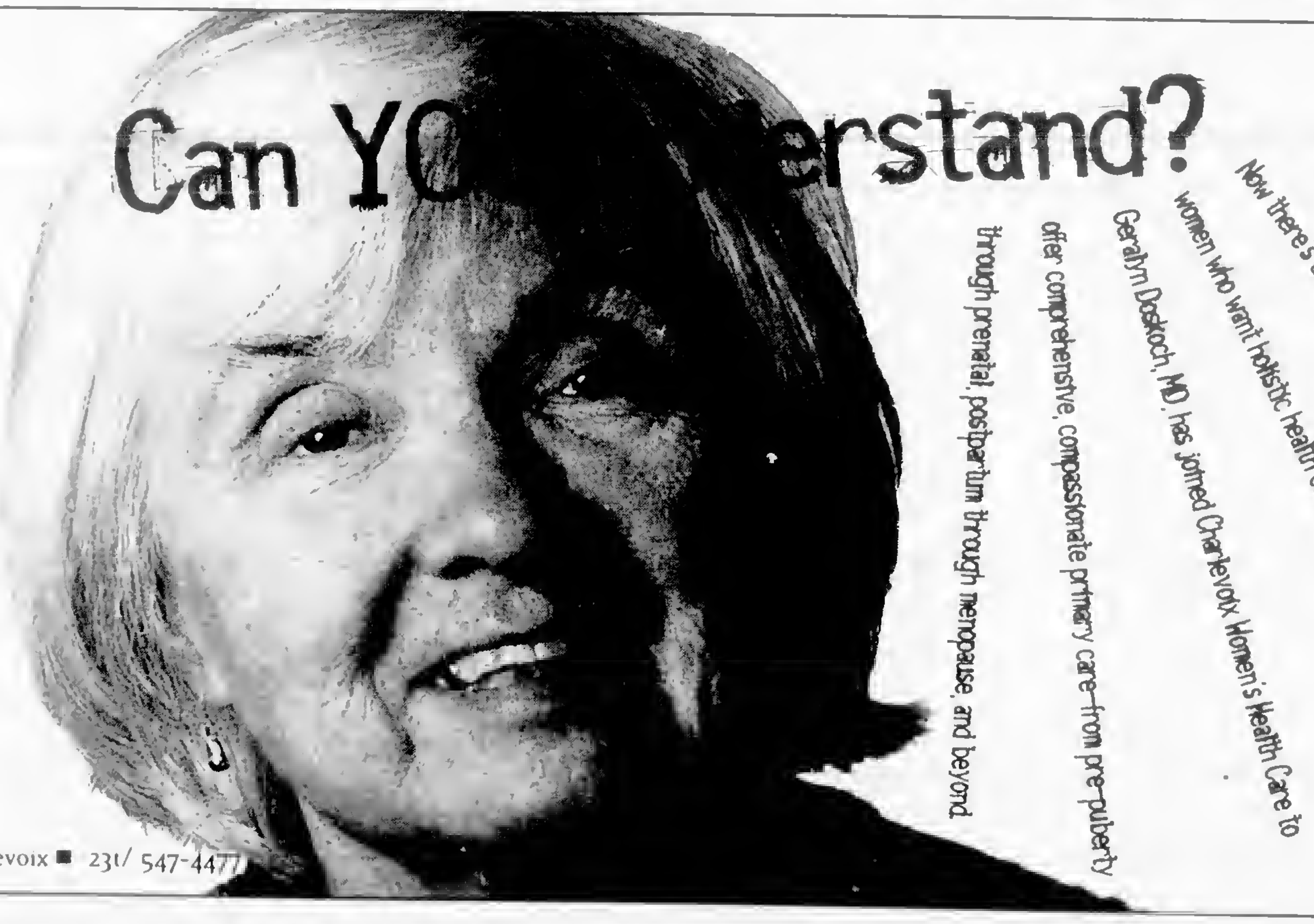

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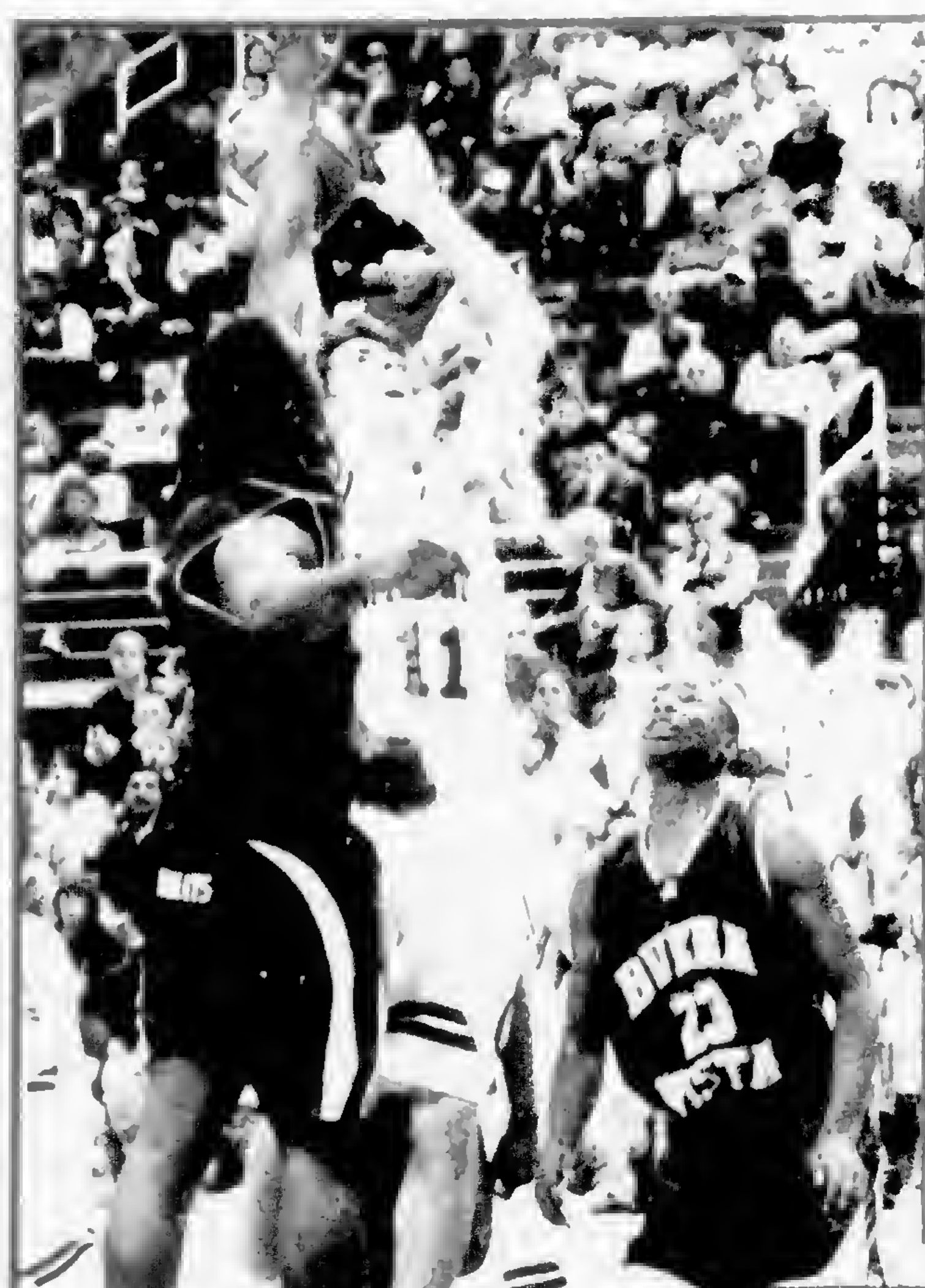
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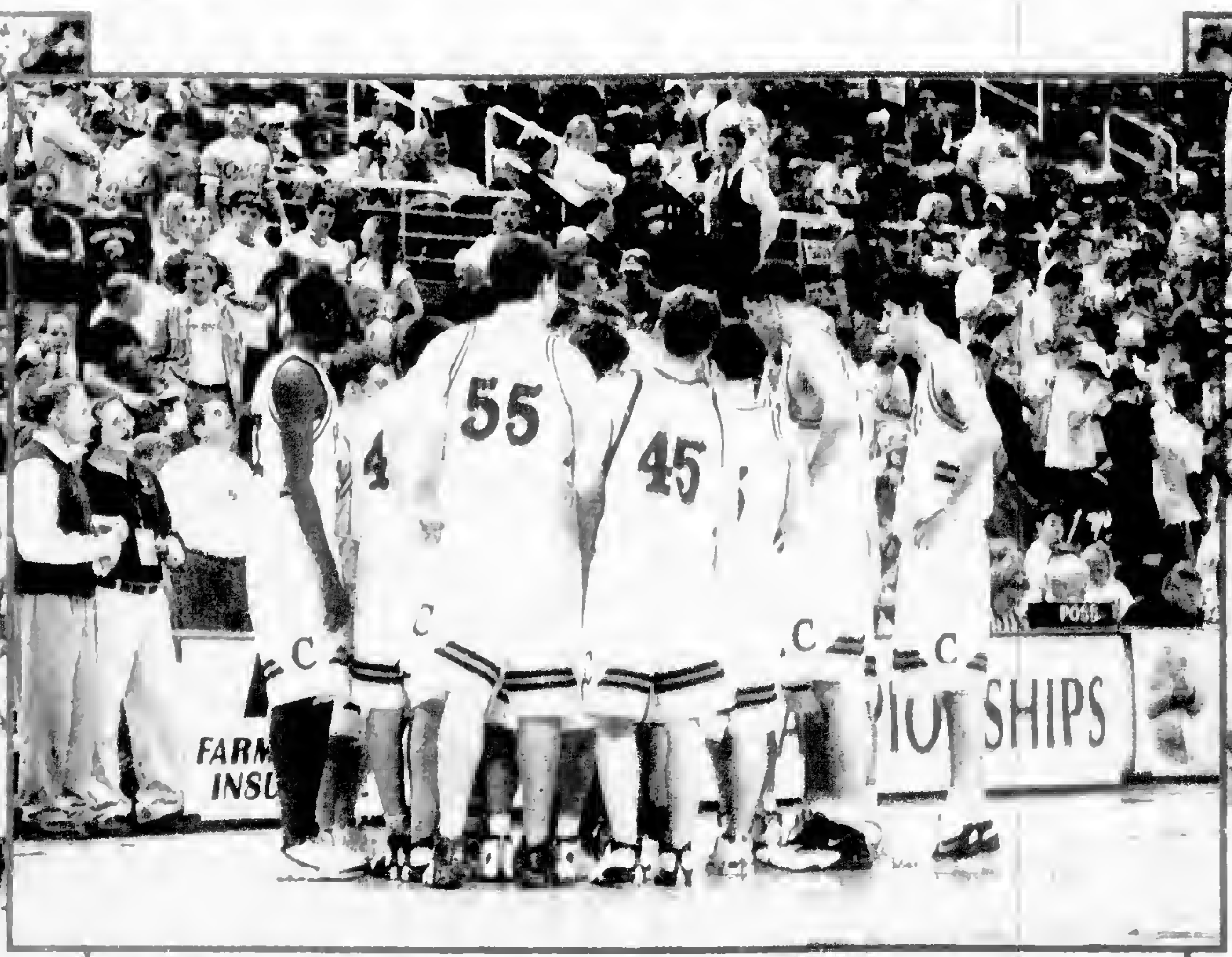
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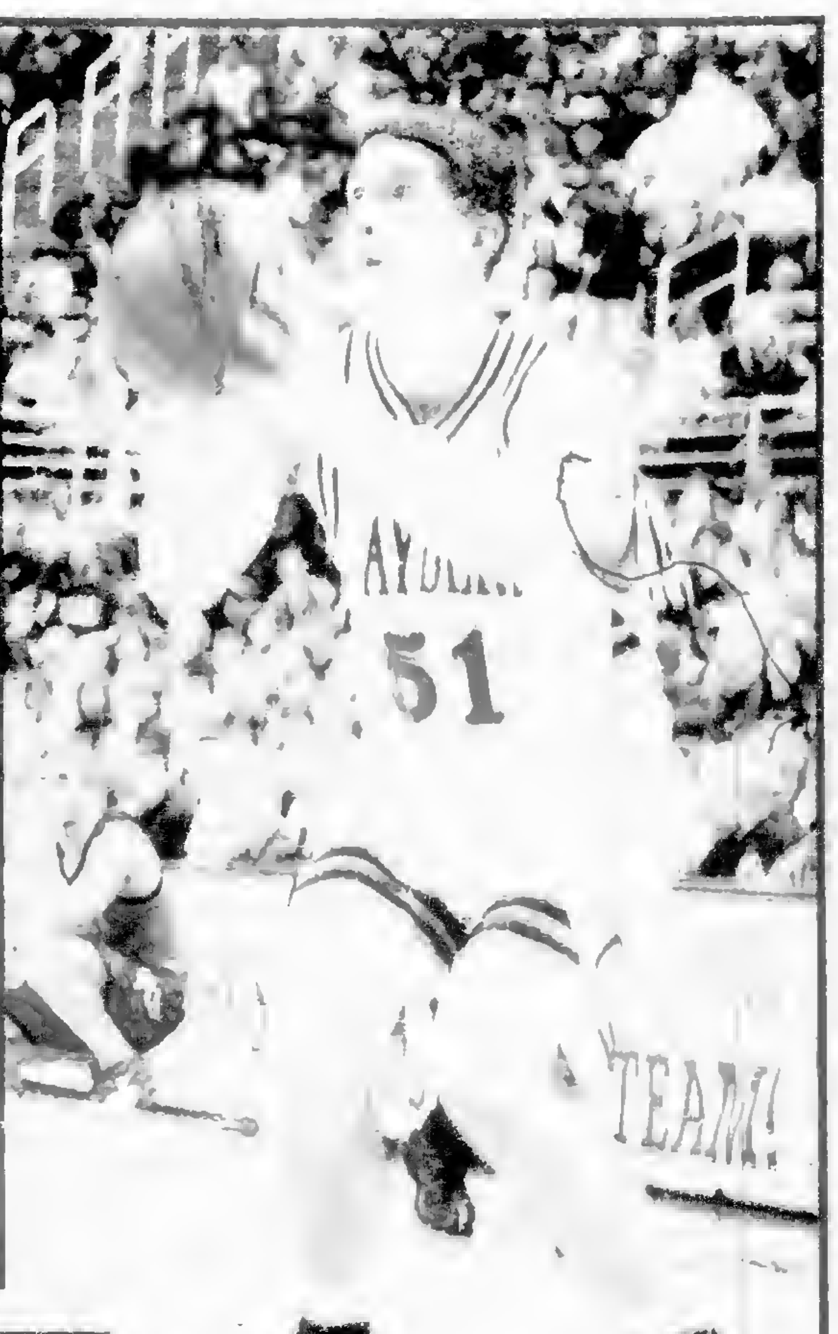
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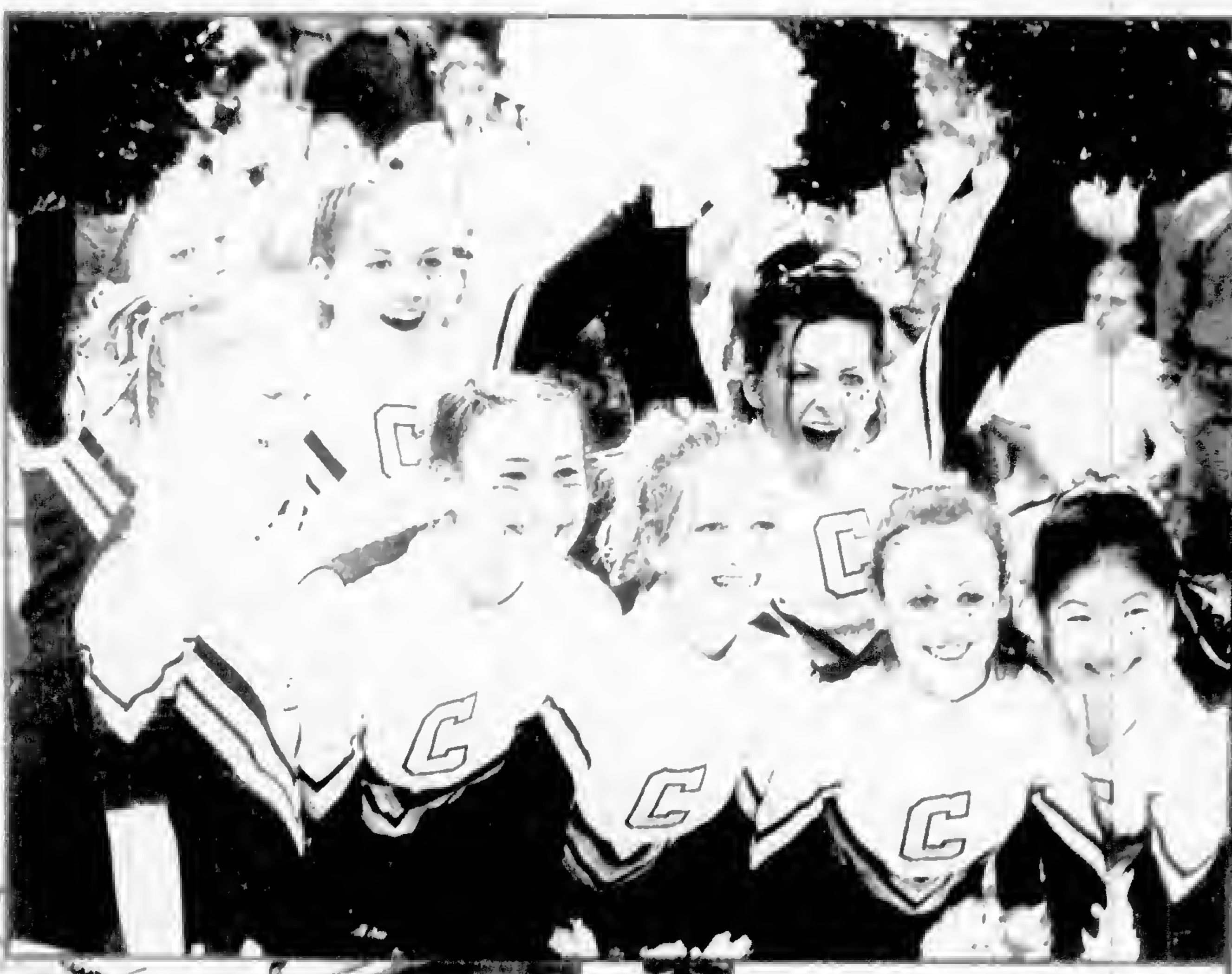

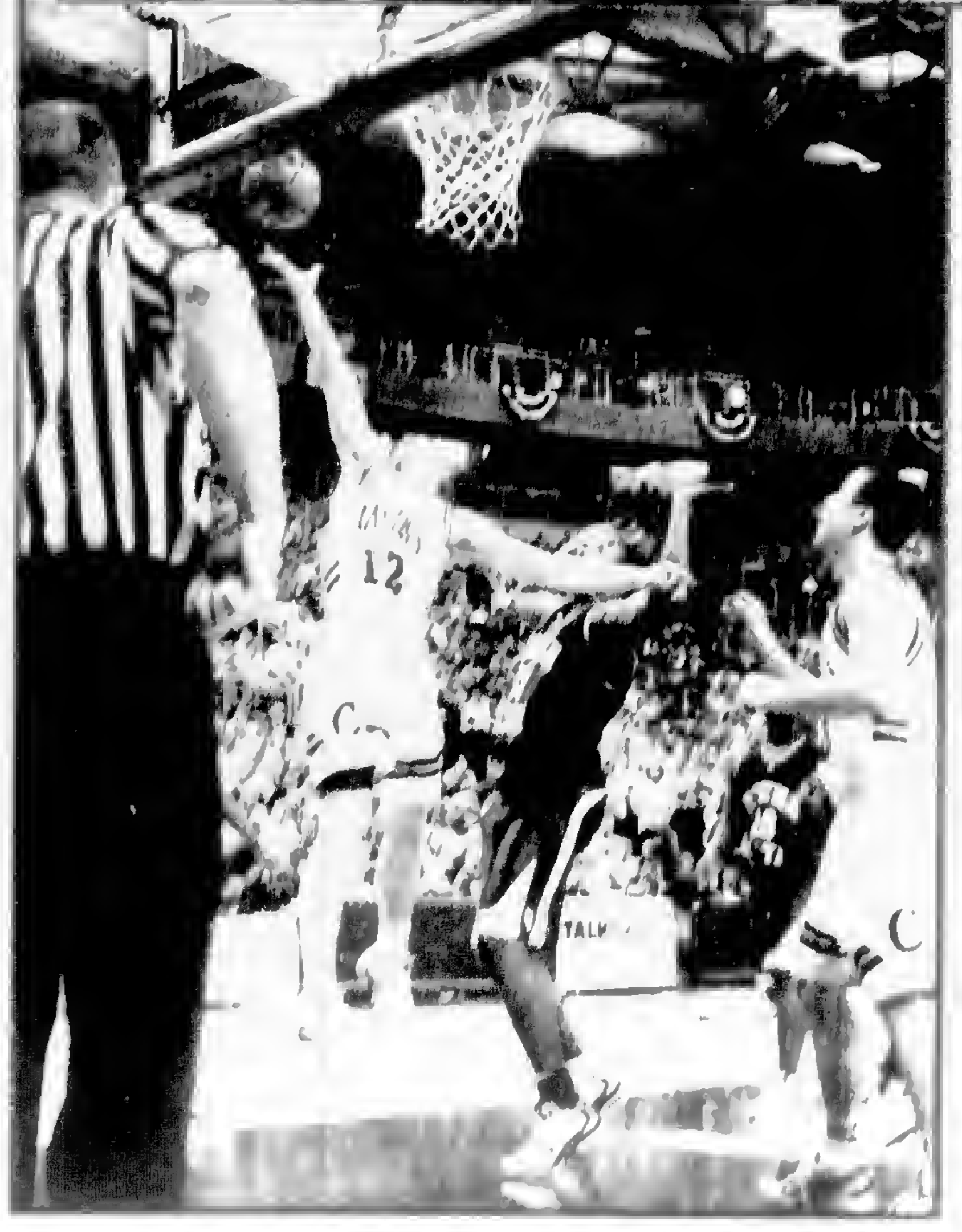

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Business in Charlevoix is looking up

BY B. JON GOHS
Special to the Courier

Despite Michigan's higher than national average unemployment numbers and struggling economy, many of the business owners in Charlevoix are optimistic about the upcoming season.

Jackie Dipert, owner of The Clothing Company in downtown Charlevoix, said, "I'm down about 10 percent, but I don't think its limited to Charlevoix. I was just at a market in Minneapolis and everyone was complaining about business being down."

She added, "It has been a long cold winter, but it's bound to get better. Business is always slow in the winter and I expect it, just like I always look for an increase in summer. I don't feel there is a recession. This is business as usual, it's not something I lament. We had an excellent 2003 and we expect the same for 2004."

Tom Johnson, director of Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, said, "We've had a steady number of requests from people wanting to start a new business."

He added, "We still haven't seen the same level of growth that we did three or four years ago, but I know people whose sales and productivity are growing."

According to Johnson, saying the economy is slower now than its peak in the late 1990s is stating the obvious. However, slow periods are not all bad.

"A positive point of economic slowdowns is the increased number of people wanting to start new businesses," he said. "I see a number of economic outlooks showing small businesses expanding more than larger ones."

Johnson said cautious optimism is the prevalent theme in northwest Michigan.

"Our economy is diversified. We still have a strong manufacturing, tourism and business service base coupled with an outstanding quality of life," he said.

Johnson said these contributing factors coupled with telecommunications advances have positioned us to attract high quality, high paying jobs.

He added, "We are at the forefront of these possibilities."

Sherry Bender, owner of Flapjack family restaurant, said, "My numbers are up from last winter. Every month has been up. We are very fortunate to have so man regular local customers."

She added, "Business is dragging for many people right now. I don't know if things will pick up or get worse. My salesmen tell me all the time the top 100 accounts are down an average of 10 to 12 percent."

Like so many businesses, Bender added, "One day you're deader than a doornail and the next you are getting slammed."

Dudly Marvin, president of Stafford's Hospitality, which includes Staffords Weathervane in Charlevoix, said, "Ever since we got snow in January, things have been good. There was a good movement of skiers and snowmobile enthusiasts in January and February. We are really pleased with the amount of traffic coming through the area."

Marvin added business is up from other years in the neighborhood of 5 to 10 percent.

"We're seeing the beginning of what could be a fantastic summer. Our customers seem more pleased as well as more confident. I know the rest of Michigan is lagging behind the rest of the economy. We've been watching Florida's economy as an indicator and it seems as though this season will be great," he said.

Rumors of an economic downtown have not hindered the Weathervane's plans for the future. They are expanding with an open deck project.

Bob Woodrow, public relations with Northern Michigan Works, said, "Like so many things it is a recession if you have a significant decrease in employment and hours. If you are making money then you probably don't think it impacts you as much."

According to Woodrow, unemployment numbers, not seasonally adjusted to reflect the highs and lows of Charlevoix's tourism based economy, were an average of 8.8 percent in 2003 with a high of 10.7 percent in February 2003. The numbers dropped in January 2004 to 9.7 percent.

"My gut reaction is that it will be the same thing this spring. Unemployment will drop and business will pick up. We just haven't seen a resurgence of business like the increase in employment and decrease in unemployment in fall 2003. For instance, fall unemployment was just under 7 percent statewide, but if you're laid off, your unemployment rate is 100 percent," he said.

Woodrow said orders for labor haven't picked up yet, which is slightly unusual compared to years past, where employers would already have begun to place job orders in later winter and early spring.

"Some people I've talked to and the lack of new job orders show me people here haven't yet experienced the expansion of the economy which many southern states are experiencing," he added, "Our economic base is losing much of our long term foundation in business and manufacturing and control engineering."

"We are really pleased with the amount of traffic coming through the area."

Dudley Marvin,
President of Stafford's Hospitality

With companies like Dura Automotive Systems and Industrial Manufacturing already gone and the Leer Corporation in the process of leaving, the economy in this area is changing, "which tends to be the trend in this sector of northwest Michigan," he said.

An option for those concerned about the job market, "would be to upgrade skill levels. We have some top of the line training facilities in many fields," Woodrow suggested.

He added, "Individuals who haven't been upgrading their skills through education will find it harder and harder to get the better paying jobs."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the City of Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on a request to interpret the City Zoning Ordinance on Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the US Coast Guard Acacia Conference/Training Room located at 109 Bridge Park Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan. The interpretation involves classifying a proposed assisted living facility, a use not specifically listed in the Zoning Ordinance, into a comparable use category, or zoning district, as authorized by Section 5.256(2)(b) of the City Zoning Ordinance. The public is invited to attend and present its comments on the interpretation question. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing or may be sent to the City Planning Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 before the public hearing.

March 22, 2004
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State investigating channel dying prank

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Weathervane Restaurant to the Town House Bar, someone slipped dye into the water.

This decision was in direct violation of information the MDEQ had given the chamber five times.

In early January, Linda Mason, a chamber board member, talked to Dean Mikulski at the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency about dying the channel. Mikulski contacted Shoemaker with the request. Shoemaker said he never received a permit application from the chamber but looked into it anyway. After further investigation he contacted Mason to inform her it would not be allowed.

Shoemaker said the department does allow tracer dyes to be used for legitimate water resource management projects but a St. Patrick's Day celebration isn't a reason for the department to allow it.

"It is not a legitimate water resource management project. It's cosmetic," he said.

In spite of the department's initial rejection of the request, Shoemaker said Mason would not take no for an answer.

"She told me, 'Chicago does it why can't we do it?'" he said. "And I said, 'We don't regulate what happens in Chicago, we regulate what happens in Michigan.'"

Mason tried to go around Shoemaker and get approval from his supervisor, the Sault Ste. Marie post of the Coast Guard and even Senator Jason Allen. But the answer was still no.

Then, someone took matters in to their own hands on St. Patrick's Day dying the channel anyway.

"You can see why this is something we want to pursue further. Someone knowingly did that when they knew they weren't supposed to," Shoemaker said.

He said the MDEQ didn't say no just to be a party crasher.

"We don't know what it was and we want to find out exactly what it was. There are some dyes that have a high toxicity," Shoemaker said.

He explained the MDEQ is concerned about two things — the nearby intake valve for the city of Charlevoix's drinking water and its impact on the fish.

"It could have killed some fish or other critters if there was a high enough concentration," he said.

If someone is charged in connection with this incident it could cost them $25,000 or more. The dye shenanigan is, a violation of the state's water resource law which deals with discharging substances into the water without a permit. This violation carries a fine of up to $25,000 a day. The responsible party could also be found in violation of the state's litter law which also carries a fine.

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DDA to give $600,000 to library

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has dedicated $600,000 to the Charlevoix Public Library building project.

"I don't see it as a gift, I see it as an investment. It's an investment in the downtown," city manager Mike Wiesner said.

At their meeting March 29 the DDA members showed they are 100 percent behind the library and unanimously voted to dedicate $30,000 a year for 20 years to the project. Because the DDA will dissolve in 2013 this agreement is contingent on extending the life of the DDA at that time.

Under this arrangement the library will pay off the debt for the $7.3 million project up front and the DDA's yearly payments will reduce the size of the bond the library will ask voters to approve on June 14 from a maximum of .82 mills to a maximum of .78 mills for 20 years.

"On the bond I think that makes a big difference to voters as to whether or not they'll vote yes," Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson said.

Meyerson said the DDA's decision will also strengthen grant requests and will help solidify the public's trust in this project.

"This will be a big benefit all around," she said.

The DDA's support of the library project started in 2002 when it expanded its boundaries to include the old middle school property off Grant Street. It did this in order to buy the property and save it from sale to developers. The purchase of the property bought the library some time and secured three of the 13 lots for possible use by the city for marina parking.

The plan is for the library to buy 10 of those lots from the city for $488,460 if voters pass the bond in June. From there the library project will renovate and expand the old middle school, where it plans to relocate.

The proposed brick facility is about 24,000 square feet, with all its main functions on the first floor. This primary floor will include small additions, totaling just under 4,000 square feet of space — one will house the program room and the other, a children's activity room. The facility will offer adult, children's and teen collections as well as a popular reading room, plenty of quiet reading areas, a self check out, a staffed circulation desk and outdoor landscaped plazas.

The DDA plans to explore a naming opportunity in one of the rooms in lieu of its sizable contribution.

Library representatives are now hard at work looking to raise about $1 million in contributions and grants.

Red Cross names new head

The board of directors of the American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan has named Betsy Hanson of Indian River as its executive director.

Hanson has many years of community service experience in northern Michigan. She is a board member of Cheboygan Memorial Hospital, the Women's Resource Center and Boy Scout Troop 204.

She was project coordinator of the Indian River Marina Park Project and founding president and board member of the Indian River Downtown Development Authority. From 1995 until 1999, she served as executive director of the Indian River Chamber of Commerce.

From 1979 until 1990, Hanson was director of Internal Audit for Jacobson Stores, Inc., of Jackson. She graduated from DePauw University in 1979.

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Weathervane to expand its outdoor dining deck

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Outdoor dining options overlooking the Pine River Channel at the Weathervane Restaurant will likely be expanded this summer.

Dudley Marvin, executive director of Staffords Hospitality, Inc. the company that owns the restaurant, recently revealed plans to extend the current deck, which stretches off the Round Lake Room. The final product will expand out and around that room to offer 2,400 square feet of dining space which will seat about 60 people.

The new deck will look similar to what currently exists with custom-made metal rails and will be a seasonal replacement for the 86-person lower level dining room. The two areas will not operate at the same time to avoid any impact on the restaurant's parking requirements.

Deck seating they have now was added in the 1970s when the Round Lake Room was added on and it accommodates about 12 people.

General manager of the restaurant, Jeff Spreckseil said when the weather is good that deck is always packed.

"We have reservations all night long for deck, deck, deck. We can't accommodate everyone," he said. "All the time people are saying add on, get a bigger deck."

While there are plenty of users out there pushing demand for more seating, the staff at the restaurant has also been after Sprecksell to make it happen.

He said the project will be costly with the major expense going toward the engineering side of things but he said he is expecting it to pay for itself in a season or two. Aside from the profit Staffords expects to see from the project Sprecksell said he is also excited to be able to offer the outdoor lake view dining experience to his guests.

"They want to enjoy the casualness of sitting outside. They come up north to enjoy our sand. They don't want to be in a building. And we want to go above and beyond their expectations," he said.

Final approval for this project is pending. The project requires an outdoor cooler be moved which means Staffords will have to get a variance from the city zoning board of appeals for a parking spot and a half. Sprecksell is hoping to have the project complete before the summer rush.

The Weathervane has been operated as a restaurant since 1954. Staffords took over the operation in 1987.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Weathervane Restaurant is looking to expand this outdoor dining deck this season to accommodate 60 customers. Above, restaurant chef John Giles and general manager Jeff Sprecksell stand on the current deck that seats about 12 people.

Northwest Academy took top honors at Festival March 27

While it seemed that everyone from Charlevoix was in East Lansing March 27, a group of 22 Northwest Academy students and their parents attended the State Solo & Ensemble Festival in Manistee.

"The student musicians from NWA received high praise for their musical achievements as well as their demeanor during the day," Gary Stutzman, director of bands at NWA, said.

The music department at Northwest sent 14 events to the festival on Saturday and returned with 12 first division awards and two second divisions.

The adjudicators had high praise for the musicians and at one time asked, "Does this school specialize in music or what curriculum do you follow?"

Due to the tight scheduling of a state festival, several groups performed very close together so it was evident to the judges that they were listening to an elite group of students.

"The musicians from NWA perform at a level that many students never realize and the judges that listen to them are very impressed with their sensitivity to the music and the way they approach their craft," Stutzman said.

The following events and solos received the highest rating possible of a one: Flute Quartet - Kristy Trudeau, Liz Shepard, Emily Hagen and Kelly Young; Clarinet Quartet - Celia McGee, Kelly Hand, Anna Kroon, Phoebe Allport, Amanda Seidel and James Slough; Sax Quartet - James Slough, Dan Sanchez, Alanna Leslie and Kelly Young; Sax Quartet - Joe Sievertson, Dan Sanchez, Peter Lundgren and Liz Shepard; Brass Sextet - Gina Attee, Devin Toton, Trisha Watkins, Trevor Lundgren, Jenny Fisher, Patrick Hand; Trumpet Duet - Gina Attee and Devin Toton; Flute Duet - Kristy Trudeau and Emily Hagen; Sax Trio - Joe Sievertson, Dan Sanchez and Peter Lundgren.

Students that received a Division I rating for their solos include Peter Lundgren, Elizabeth Shepard on Bari Sax, Joe Sievertson on Alto Sax and Gina Attee on Trumpet. Two students received a Division II rating in Proficiency I, they are Devin Toton on Trumpet and Emily Hagen on Flute. Proficiency includes memorized scales, sight reading and a prepared solo.

Library will feature barn songs during its story hour

This April there will be some strange sounds coming from the Charlevoix Public Library.

There will be a "moo moo" here, and a "neigh neigh" there, and everywhere a "cock a doodle doo."

It is part of a statewide project called Michigan Reads. One preschool book, "Barnyard Song" by Rhonda Growler Green, will be the focus of this special program designed to highlight the importance of reading and sharing books with children.

"We are very excited to participate in this statewide program to help promote reading to our preschoolers," said Amy Spegele, Youth Services Assistant at Charlevoix Public Library.

Spegele will be touring area preschools to present the barnyard story and invite all preschoolers to participate with the Charlevoix library by keeping a reading log and visiting the library.

Children will receive stickers on their logs and small prizes for their accomplishments each week. They may join in the program any time during the month of April.

April story hours featuring farm themes are from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Thursdays and from 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. Saturdays. There will be handouts available with activities to do at home.

To wrap up the program, the library will host an Ice Cream Party May 1 for families that participated. For more information, contact Spegele at the library at 547-2651. For more information on Michigan Reads, visit the web site: www.michigan.gov/michiganreads.

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The hearing is on a request from Harbor Industries, Inc. to approve an application for amendment to Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2001-449 in accordance with P.A. 198 of 1974 [issued on December 28, 2001] for Phase 2 of its project in Charlevoix, for the construction of a building addition and purchase of new equipment, furniture and fixtures.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing before the City Council on April 5, 2004. All persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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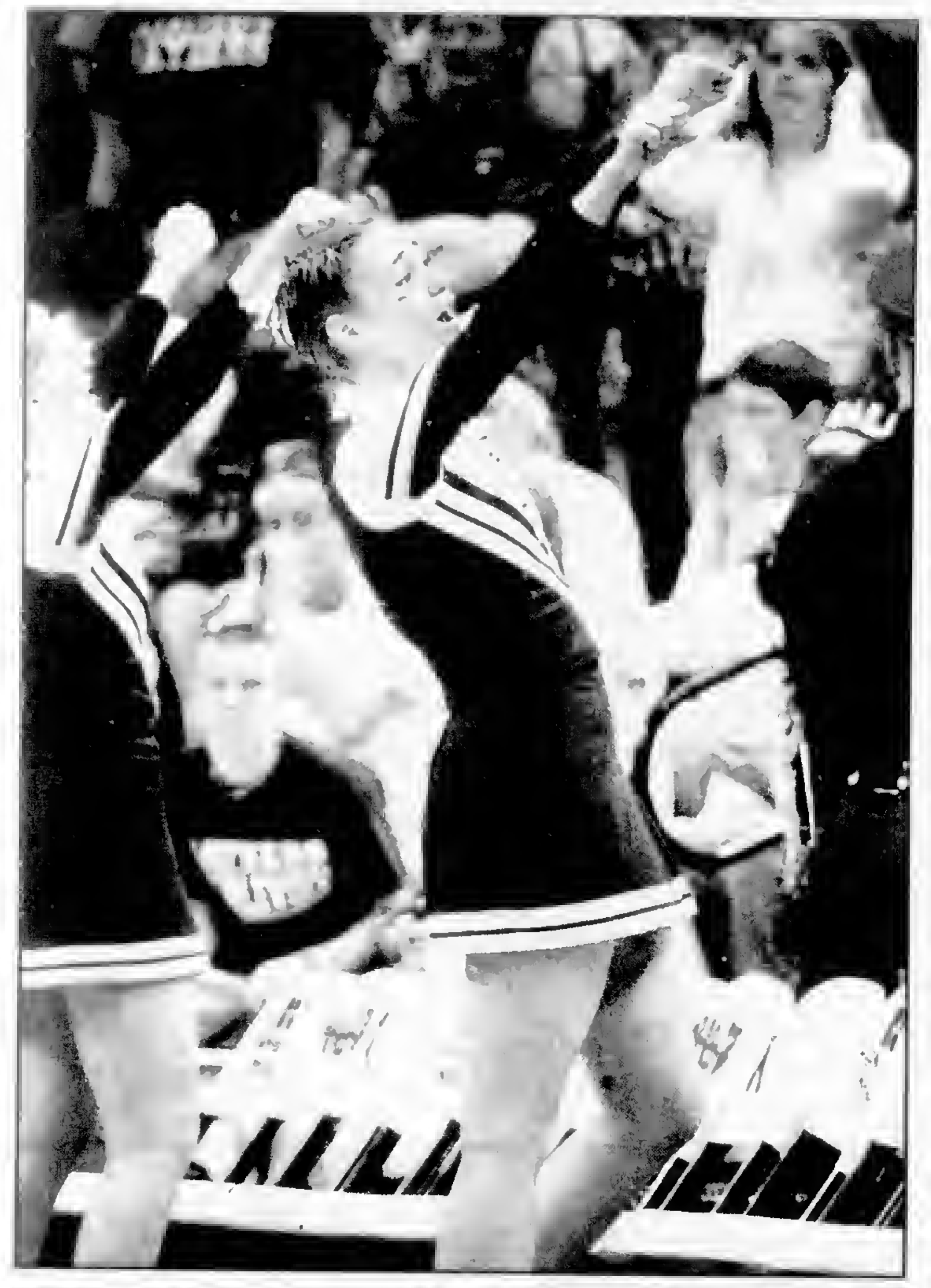
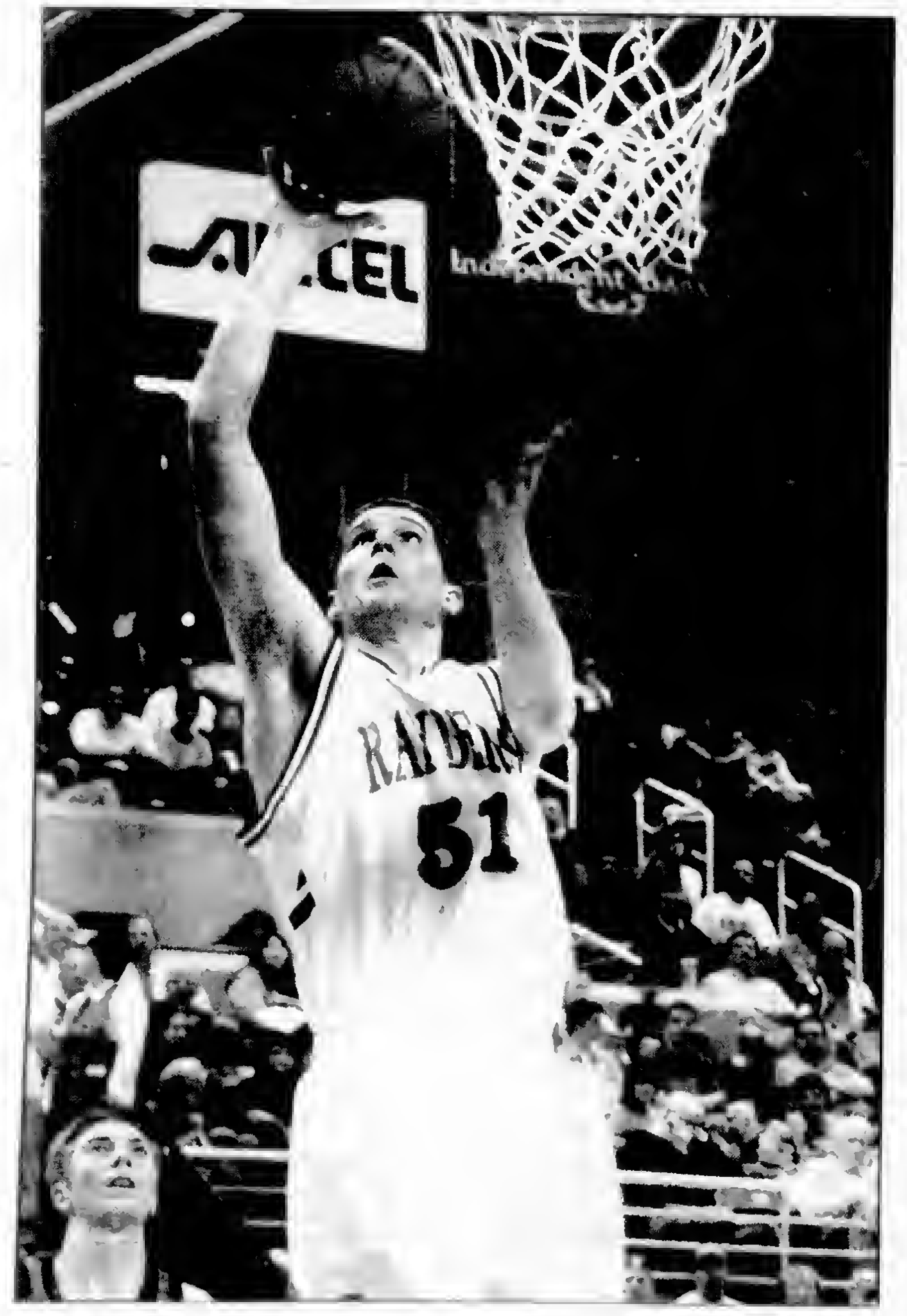
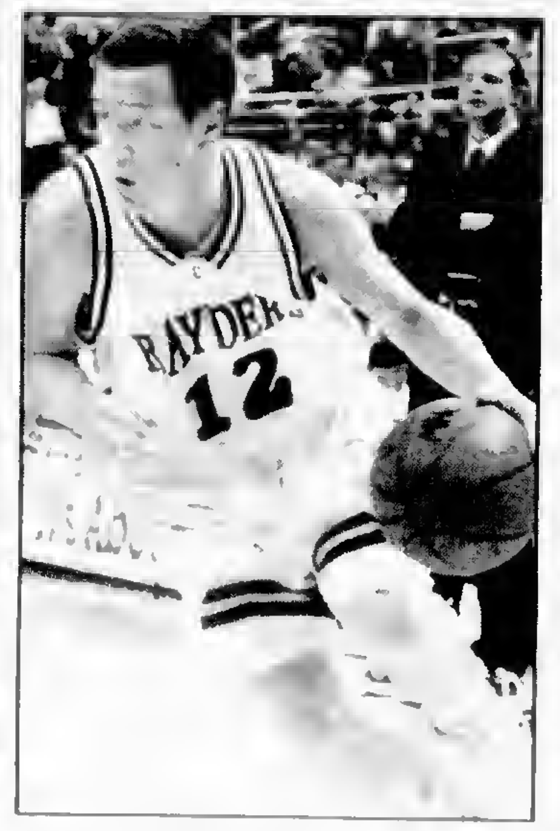
Rayder rage invades the Breslin

The Charlevoix Rayders basketball team and their beloved fans crowded the Breslin Arena in East Lansing last week as the team competed for the state title. Here are a few pictures of the team and their fans in action at the semifinals against Kent City. Charlevoix beat Kent City to go to the finals Saturday. (All photos by Jeremy McBain)







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Rayders fall to Saginaw Knights in state final play

By Allen Telgenhof
Sports writer

Some nights in basketball, the shots just won't fall.

Unfortunately for the Charlevoix Rayders, which ended their season with a 22-6 record, their collective shooting touch went cold at the most inopportune time.

Charlevoix lost to Saginaw Buena Vista, 63-52 in the Class C state finals at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, shooting only 23.1% from the floor and 2 for 24 on three-point attempts.

"It was one of the greatest efforts that I've ever seen in a state final game, for a team that couldn't make a shot from the perimeter," Rayder coach Keith Haske said after the game.

"The fact that we hung in there and even had a chance to be in the game that late in the game was tremendous. The kids did exactly what we asked them to do the whole game. Part of basketball is putting the ball in the hole and tonight we didn't do that."

"I felt good that the kids really put in a state championship effort in every phase of the game but shooting."

Charlevoix was making its third trip to the Breslin Center in Haske's seven years as Rayder head coach.

Scott Friske, named earlier in the week by the Associated Press as a Class C first-team all-stater, picked up two fouls in the first 1:06 of play in the game.

With Friske on the bench for much of the first quarter, the Rayders trailed by seven, 14-7 but he returned in a gutsy coaching move by Haske and scored on a lay-in to cut the lead to 14-11 later in the quarter.

Charlevoix scored the first six points of the second quarter to take its first lead, 20-18 on two Jared Hunt free throws. Buena Vista responded with an 8-0 run for a 26-20 advantage with 2:34 left in the half.

Hunt was perfect on five more free throws in the half to pull the Rayders into a half-time tie at 29-29.

"At half-time, I really was fired up," Haske said. "I told the kids, we're going to make some shots and we'll win this game going away. It just never materialized."

The Rayders shot 24 percent from the floor in the first half on 7 for 29 shooting but their 14 for 16 free throw shooting and tough defense kept them in the game. Hunt was a perfect nine-for-nine from the line in the half. Buena Vistas all-stater, Tory Jackson was held to only four points in the first two quarters.

In the third quarter, Jackson and Friske staged an all-state battle of one-upmanship as the 5'10'' Jackson scored 10 points, mostly from the outside and Friske scored nine points, mostly from the inside.

The Rayders led briefly at 38-35 with 4:54 left in the quarter but a 9-0

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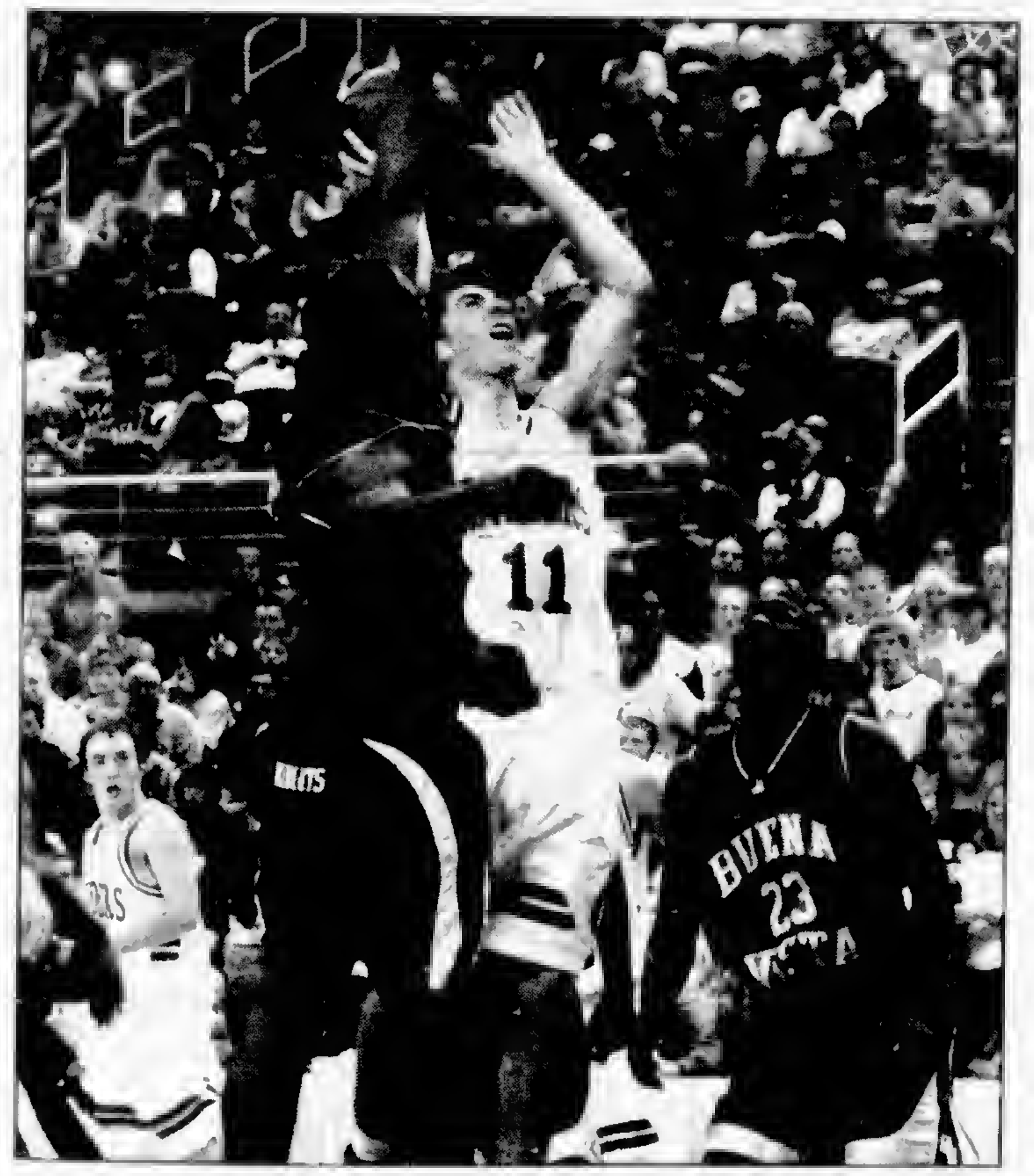
Photo courtesy of Jim Stewart

Jared Hunt elevates over a Saginaw player at the Class C state final match up March 27 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing. Hunt, a junior scored 20 points in that 63-52 loss.



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Charlevoix senior point guard Bryce Daly works against two Saginaw Buena Vista defenders as he makes his way to the hole at the state final game. Daly scored three points, pulled down four rebounds and had two assists and two steals.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League • March 22, 2004

	W	L
Top Rank Disposal	34	18
Mark White Paint & Stain	30	22
State Farm Insurance	27	25
B Vanloo & Sons	26	26
Cemex Cement	26	26
Kerr's Racing	24	28
Bayshore Steel	21	31
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Don Potter		236
Chris Putman	600	
Jeff Smith	580	234
Jon Kiernan		229
Wayne Fries	574	

Tuesday Night Ladies • March 23, 2004

	W	L
Hayes Legal Crew	30.5	21.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	29	23
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	27.5	24.5
Grey Gables Inn	24	28
Paul Bunyan Lanes	24	28
Top Rank Disposal	22	30
Don's IGA	18.5	33.5
Central Drug Store	16.5	35.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	530	209
Marlene Evans	532	192
Linda Lake		188
Leanna Mosoryak	501	

Young at Hearts League
March 25, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	29	15
Misfits	28	16
Sparetime	26	18
Twilighters	25	19
Has Beens	19	25
Alley Cats	18	26
Irish Rollers	16	28
Past Timers	15	29

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Maury Dixon	521	214
Ken Schoenheit	552	204
Ralph Kitson	496	188
Dolly Coen	442	187
Nancy Bambach	455	181
Shirley Flower	443	162

Church League • March 24, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	396	204
Ferguson & Chamberlain	363	237
Townhouse Bar	324	276
Martincheks	283	317
State Farm Insurance	269	331
R & C Roofing	266	334
St. Mary's	260	340
Lutherans	239	361

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jim Potter	636	269
Randy DeYoung		242
Ken Schoenhiel	629	224
John Fiedorek	618	

Monday Madness • March 22, 2004

	W	L
Buzy Bees	337	213
Villager Pub	331	219
Flight Deck Top Guns	316	234
Strike Seekers	301	249
Friske Farm Market	299	251
Paul Bunyan Lanes	269	281
Laural & Co. Hair Design	267	283
Team One	0	220

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Patty Sitzema	666	193
Debi Grass		177
Jeanne Rankl	631	
Cerne Blanchard		174
Deb Blanchard	617	

Double Deckers Mixed League
March 14, 2004

	W	L
Blanchard/Crain	40	12
Webb	33.5	18.5
Russell Amy/Jerry	33	19
Bradley	30.5	21.5
Dixon/Kehrer	29	23
Stein	28.5	23.5
Spencer	28	24
Russell C & R	27	25
Blanchard	26	26
Novotny S & J	22.5	29.5
Sladek Laural/Joe	22	30
McDonnell/Sporer	19	33
Ferguson	19	33
Nordman	14	38

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	584	238
Michael Webb	594	233
Gary Spencer		219
John Ferguson	567	
Lynette Webb	563	217
Debbie Blanchard	560	204
Carrie Blanchard	512	198

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Rayder basketball season ends with heartbreaker

RAYDERS

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Knight run gave them a 44-40 margin as the period ended.

The teams traded baskets to begin the final quarter, but Buena Vista then had a decisive 9-0 spurt to take a 55-42 lead with only 4:21 to play. Charlevoix got no closer than nine the rest of the way.

Friske fouled out, ending his high school career, on a charging call with 2:21 to go. The call, drawn by Jackson, negated a made basket and effectively ended the game for the Rayder hopeful.

"The interesting thing is that most of the year, our problem was never scoring," Haske observed. "In our close games or games where we didn't fare so well, it was typically because we didn't play as well defensively as we should have."

"I was so proud of the kids (in the final) that they kept their poise, played great defense and rebounded the ball. They did everything we wanted them to do, we just couldn't put the ball in the hole."

Hunt, a junior, scored 20 points and pulled down eight rebounds, including six on the offensive glass.

Friske finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds, despite being bogged down with the foul trouble. Haske called Friske's game very intelligent and Haske brilliantly made offense-defense substitutions to protect Friske throughout.

"It was tough. We couldn't hit shots," Friske said after the game. I kept hoping we'd go on a little bit of a run but they stayed pretty composed. They just kept coming after us."

Charlevoix posted a 66-12 record in Friske's three years of varsity play, with two of the losses coming this season by forfeit.

The Rayders out rebounded Buena Vista, 50-37 and surpassed the Knights, 29-13 in offensive rebounds, keyed by Ben Bergmann's seven offensive and nine total boards.

Bryce Daly closed out his high school career with three points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals in a tough performance.

When asked if it was the toughest defensive team he'd seen, Daly answered, "Definitely, they were very aggressive and played really well defensively."

Ironically in the semifinals, just two days earlier, Charlevoix played its best game of the season, thrashing Kent City, 86-49.

"It was awesome," Haske said. "It's not very often you see a team win in the semis by 35. It was obvious the guys felt real comfortable out there."

Daly scored 19 points to lead the Rayders. Friske had 13 points, 19 rebounds and four blocks. Bergmann scored 12 points and added five rebounds. Kyle Kramer scored 10 points.

In the quarterfinals, Charlevoix overcame an early 17-point deficit to defeat Rudyard, 71-64.

The Rayders trailed 30-13 with six minutes to go in the first half but in an 18 minute blitz, Charlevoix outscored the Bulldogs, 47-23 to take control of the game.

Friske led a balanced scoring attack with 19 points. Daly had 12. Bergmann scored 11 while John DiMartino finished with 10.

Cody Crain scored eight and Hunt added seven.

BUENA VISTA
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RAYDERS
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(Above) Scott Friske stands in a crowd of Rayder fans holding the runner-up trophy for the Class C state final. (Above right) Junior Ben Bergmann pulled down seven key offensive boards for the Rayders in the Class C state final game.

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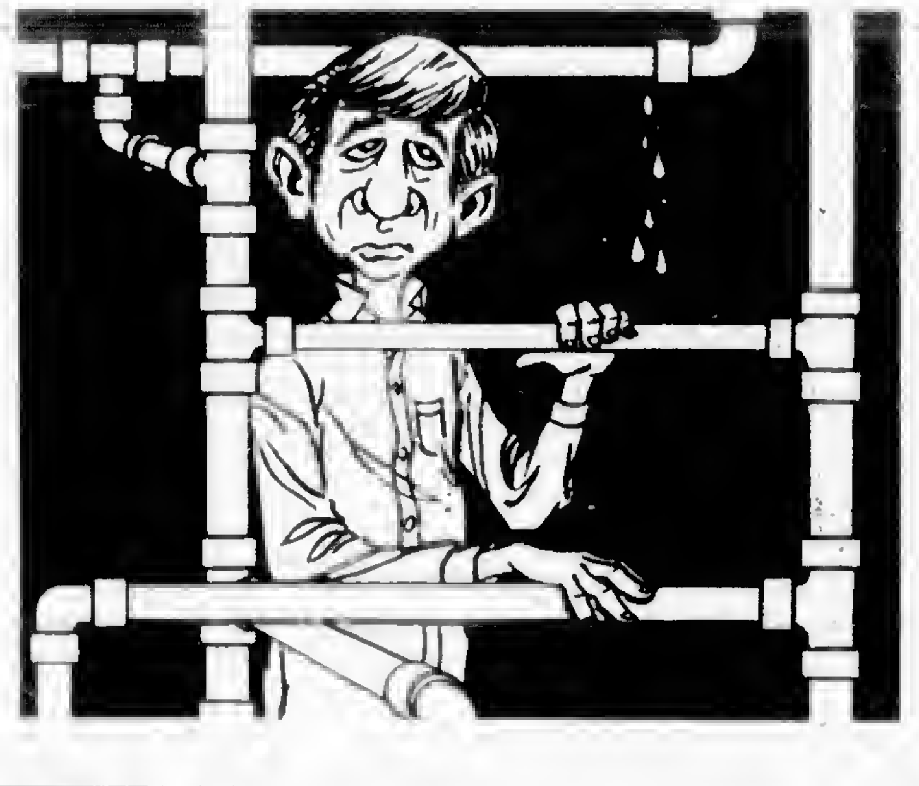

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IN MEMORIAM 071

IN LOVING memory of my husband Jay Mosoryak who passed away 1 year ago April 1, 2003. Sadly missed by his wife, mother, sisters, children, co-workers and many, many other friends. We love you Jay.

(3-31-1-071)

LOST 073

LOST CAT. The cat is orange and blinded. It was lost on Loeb Road. Please call 231-547-0742.

(3-31-1-073)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 074

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAYOR GABE
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(3-31-1-074)

PERSONALS 075

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(3-31-1-075)

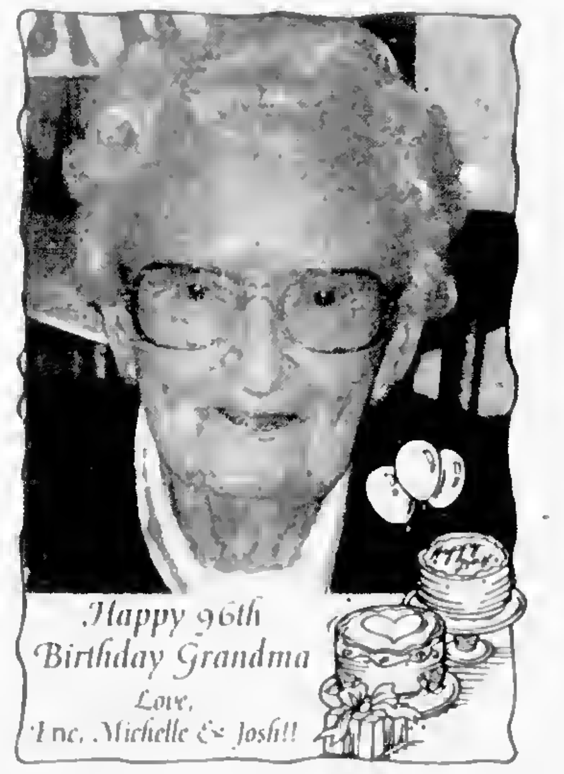
SPECIAL NOTICES 076

THE CHARLEVOIX American Legion is asking for help. We need: 1) Names of Charlevoix area military personnel currently deployed. 2) Units for the Memorial Day Parade (marching, mounted & military vehicles). 3) Oldest and youngest Veterans from the Charlevoix area. Call 547-9203 with information.

(3-31-tf-076)

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to a recitation of the Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday evenings at St. Mary's Church, 1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix.

(3-31-1-076)



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DOMESTIC HELP 085

GRANDMA'S HELPER, Light housework, assisting with childcare. June 30-July 14. $12 per hour, references. 941-748-5536.

(3-31-3-085)

HELP WANTED 086

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX is accepting applications for summer positions for park maintenance worker and Cemetery maintenance. Applicants must be 16. Applications are available at the City Manager's Office, 109 Mason Street (old Post Office building) 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI or at www.cityofcharlevoix.org. Applications must be received before 5 p.m. on April 16, 2004. EOE

(3-31-3-086)

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST. Full time position to provide services to persons with Developmental Disabilities in Antrim, Kalkaska, Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Otsego counties. Bachelors or Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy and State of MI licensure and registration from the AOTA. Must be able to visit consumers in their homes and travel to various sites. Full time salary ranges from $31K to $44K with full benefit package. Send cover letter and resume to: Human Resources, North Country Community Mental Health, One MacDonald Drive, Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770, Fax: (231)347-1241, e-mail:hr@norcocmh.org. EOE.

(3-24-2-086)

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(3-17-3-086)

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HOUSE FOR SALE 160

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(9-11-tf-171)

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(11-1-tf-171)

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(3-24-3-203)

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(3-10-3-203)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Marlene A. McGinn a single woman, Mortgagor, to Benchmark Mortgage Corporation a Michigan corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 8th day of April, A.D., 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of April, A.D., 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix the 19th day of April, A.D., 1999, in Liber 361 on Pages 696-702.

WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage as of the date of this notice is the sum of Fifty-six thousand three hundred seventeen and 47/100 dollars ($56,317.47), for principal and interest and,

WHEREAS, no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, and default having been made whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday the 7th day of May, 2004, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed at a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the east door of the main lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with the interest thereon at seven and one quarter percent (7.25%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises described in said mortgage are as follows: Property situated in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix State of Michigan, to wit:

LOT #161, BLOCK X NICHOLL'S AND MORGAN'S SECOND ADDITION to South Boyne (now City of Boyne City), according to the recorded plat thereof.

Commonly known as: 428 Main St., Boyne City, Mi 49712

Parcel No. 15-051-358-161-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241A in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 24, 2004.

Benchmark Mortgage Corporation,
Mortgagee
Charles A. Forrest, Jr.
Attorney for Benchmark Mortgage Corp.
703 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48503
Telephone: (810) 238-4030

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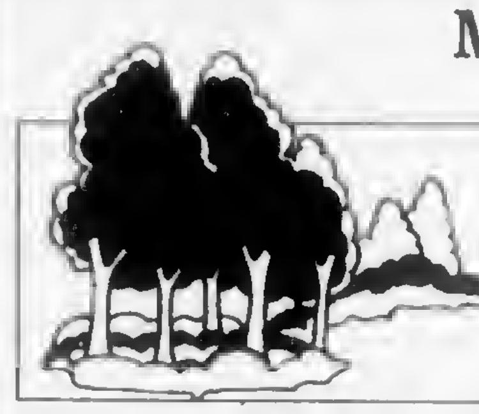

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF ANTRIM
File No. 04-8050-GC
Hon. Thomas J. Phillips

DONALD R. ALSPAUGH and
CAROL L. ALSPAUGH,
husband and wife,
Plaintiffs,

v

WILLIAM D. FITZPATRICK d/b/a
NORTHERN
TIMBER & LAND MANAGEMENT
Defendant.

YOUNG, GRAHAM & ELSENHEIMER, PC
By: Haider A. Kazim (66146)
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
PO Box 398, 104 E. Forest Home
Bellaire, MI 49615
(231) 533-8635

EX PARTE ORDER GRANTING
ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs are allowed to serve the Summons and Complaint for Breach of Contract, Fraud and Misrepresentation in the above captioned matter upon Defendant, William D. Fitzpatrick d/b/a Northern Timber & Land Management, pursuant to MCR 2.106(D).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant, William D. Fitzpatrick d/b/a Northern Timber & Land Management, must file an answer or take any action otherwise declared by law on or prior to the expiration of twenty-eight (28) days after the publication/posting of this order. Such answer should be filed with the 86th District Court in Antrim County, State of Michigan, with an additional copy served upon the Plaintiffs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant William D. Fitzpatrick d/b/a Northern Timber & Land Management, shall also be served by first class mail at the address listed as follows: P.O. Box 306, 202 East State Street, Mancelona, Michigan 49659.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that failure to answer this Complaint or take other action allowed by law may result in the entry of a default and default judgment granting Plaintiff the relief requested in the Complaint, which may include costs and attorney fees.

NOTICE: You are being sued for (1) Breach of Contract, and (2) Fraud and Misrepresentation, with regard to a contract between you and Plaintiffs, Donald R. Alspaugh and Carol L. Alspaugh, by the terms of which, you agreed to pay Plaintiffs fifty (50) percent of all amounts received by you for trees cut and logged off Plaintiffs' property. The above mentioned contract relates to Plaintiffs' property located at 9617 Cemetery Road, Alden, Michigan 49612 and was entered into on or about August 8, 2003.

Dated: March 9, 2004
Honorable Thomas J. Phillips
86th District Court Judge
Prepared and submitted by:
Haider A. Kazim (P66146)
YOUNG, GRAHAM & ELSENHEIMER, PC
Attorney for Plaintiff
PO Box 398,
104 E. Forest Home Ave
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Area events

Get involved meeting

The Get Involved Northern Michigan Team will meet at 8:30 a.m., April 1, at Harbor Industries. Any company representatives, or individuals, who are interested in being a part of a community wide Day of Caring endeavor are encouraged to attend. Contact us at get-involved@harborind.com or call (231) 237-6242 for more information.

Vocal grants

The Northern Michigan Chorale is announcing the availability of vocal music grants for summer music study. These grants are for anyone of high school age or older in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

Letters of application are due by Friday, April 2 and should include name, address and telephone number. Also, specify the planned use for the grant, such as vocal lessons or music camp assistance. High school applicants should provide a letter of recommendation from their music instructor.

Auditions will take place on Monday, April 26. Applicants will be notified of time and place. Successful applicants will be invited to perform in the Northern Michigan Chorale fall or spring concerts.

Send letter of application to the Northern Michigan Chorale, P.O. Box 51, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Guest speaker

The Rev. Bob Klingenberg will be the special guest speaker at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church at the 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. services, on Palm Sunday, April 4, located at 05291 M-66 North. A nursery is provided. All are welcome.

Historical presentation

Charlevoix Historical Society presents Charlevoix Watershed past and present.

The Charlevoix Historical Society will present Ann Baaugman, Water Resources Program Director for the Tip of the Mitt on at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, at the Depot. Her topic will be "Charlevoix Watershed Past and Present", with her focus being the history of how it was formed, the impact of our presence upon it during the past 150 years, and the outlook for its future.

Democrats invite voters

The Charlevoix County Democrats invite interested voters to an evening of conversation and planning at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 8, in the downstairs training room at the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department.

The Democrats are also co-sponsoring a forum on the impact of the "No Child Left Behind Act." This forum will be at 7 p.m., Monday, April 29 at the Charlevoix Middle School.

Pancake breakfast

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's monthly pancake breakfast is from 8 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 10, at the clubhouse, two miles north of the bridge on US 31, Charlevoix. This is an all you can eat breakfast featuring pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, bacon, sausage gravy with home-made biscuits, coffee, juice for $5 donation per person.

Scholarships

Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) is again offering two $500 scholarships to any accredited trade or vocation education school or program.

Students need to obtain information from their high school counselor and apply by April 15.

The recipients will be selected by the MARSP Scholarship Committee by May 1. This Committee includes a representative from each of the four Charlevoix County High Schools. Students will be informed by May 15.

The Early Family Memorial Scholarship will contribute additional funds.

Reunion

Charlevoix High School's Class of 1964 will host its fortieth reunion at 7:30 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The cost is $20 per person. Reservations should be directed to Leslie (Lyons) Cunningham at 06530 Brown Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2145, or Betty (Reynolds) Martin at 12347 Waller Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2089, by June 1. Anyone able to provide contact information for class members can call or e-mail Ms. Cunningham at lcunning@freeway.net.

Trophy case

Charlevoix High School is in the process of finishing its new trophy display cases in the commons area outside the gymnasium. The trophy area is near completion, and now the school is asking for community assistance to complete the next phase.

A Hall of Fame for All-state athletes is being constructed along the North/South hallway, opposite the gymnasium. All athletes, who achieved all-state status in their sports at Charlevoix High School, are asked to send a 2-inch-by-3-inch senior picture along with the year(s) All-state status was accomplished, the sport(s) and a correct spelling of their name. Additionally, if an athlete was a state champion, please send a 5-inch-by-7-inch picture. Only one picture is needed even if All-state status was achieved in more than one sport. Please include a contact person and phone number if there is a question about the information sent.

Please send the photo and information to the following address: Attn: Ken Plude, Project Coordinator, Hall of Fame, Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Flap Jack Resturant.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-1388.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

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Several trying for seat on city council

ELECTION

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Gabe Campbell

Bill Haggard

from the first to the third ward and said he could no longer serve due to family responsibilities. Now, after a one-year hiatus from politics, he said he's ready to jump back in the ring, but doesn't want to run against Chamberlain, who he supports.

Carlson said he doesn't have a major beef with Mayor Campbell, who will fight for his second term in office, but said his run for the seat is just a logical next step in his political career.

While Carlson doesn't want to run against Chamberlain, who isn't positive he'll run for a third term, third ward resident Dave Scott does.

Karen Campbell

Norman Carlson

Alvin Russell

Scott, 45, burst onto the political scene in the spring and summer of 2003 when he started questioning operations at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport and now, almost a year later has taken an interest in other topics at council meetings that he regularly attends.

"I think the people of Charlevoix would be better represented by someone who doesn't rubber stamp everything that comes out of the city offices," Scott said.

A battle for Haggard's first ward seat is also brewing. Haggard has served on

Sherm Chamberlain

Dave Scott

Becky Doan

and off council for a total of four terms and said he plans to run again. But he isn't a shoe-in for the fifth term — Becky Doan is planning to contest him.

Doan, 42, has lived in Charlevoix for the past 18 years. She said her interest in politics peaked in March of 2003 when the city planning commission started exploring a zoning ordinance amendment to include assisted living in the single family residential district as a special use.

Since then Doan has attended most council meetings and said she belongs at the big table.

"I've enjoyed it (being politically involved). I want to run," she said.

While competitors in the first and third wards and for the mayor's job have staked their claim to be in the running, second ward competition has yet to be confirmed.

Campbell plans to run for a second term and it looks like she'll face former mayor and councilman Alvin "Butch" Russell. Russell lost to Mayor Campbell in the 2002 election and said he is "considering getting back into the swing of things vying for a second ward council seat

No nominating petitions have been officially filed. Those petitions have to be returned to city hall by 4 p.m., May 11.

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Charlevoix has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest.

It is the twelfth year Charlevoix has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Charlevoix has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

"This year's record number of Tree City USA communities shows a growing level of dedication and care for our urban forests," said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation. "It shows the people of Charlevoix value trees for the beauty, grace, comfort, and practical blessings they bring."

He added, "The trees in Charlevoix help clean the air, conserve soil and water and reduce heating and cooling costs by moderating temperatures. Tree City USA honors the countless men, women and children in Charlevoix who are working hard to ensure a greener, healthier tomorrow for us all."

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DDA against Wal-Mart

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer
And by JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) opened its pocketbook to help fuel the fight against a proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Representatives from This Is Our Town, a group opposed to a Wal-Mart Supercenter locating on the south side of Charlevoix Township, attended the DDA meeting March 29 to request the development group's support.

This Is Our Town president Bob Hoffman and member John Winn made a presentation about why they feel Charlevoix should fight Wal-Mart.

"If there's one group that should be behind us, it's the DDA," Winn said.

The two claim that a Wal-Mart Supercenter would have a devastating impact on the character and economy of Charlevoix.

"It basically decimates a downtown area. It has happened in town after town, state after state, all over the country. Local merchants can't compete," Hoffman said.

Winn said Wal-Mart is approaching $300 billion in annual sales.

"Who can compete with that?" he said.

The DDA, whose mission is to help ensure the vitality of downtown Charlevoix, voted unanimously in favor of supporting This Is Our Town. Not only did the DDA verbalize its anti-Wal-Mart stance it also showed its backing by writing the group a check for $5,000.

City Mayor and DDA member Gabe Campbell, who made the motion to give This Is Our Town $5,000, said, "I think the DDA should be involved. If they (Wal-Mart) come in we'll look like all the other little towns they've destroyed. We have empty stores right now and I don't want to see a town full of empty stores."

The group has also received support from the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, the environmental group Water and Air Team Charlevoix (WATCH), Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and about 3,200 people who visit, work and live in Charlevoix that

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Warmth is on its way

Even though it has been cold, signs of spring are popping up all over town including these brave crocuses that showed off their purple blooms in a city flower bed.

Second Chance back in lawsuit

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

A group of plaintiffs claiming damages from the July 27, 1997 Venetian Festival fireworks accident, may finally have their day in court.

On May 1, 1998 nine plaintiffs claiming injuries related to a catastrophic premature explosion during a fireworks display at the Charlevoix Venetian Festival that claimed the life of Charlevoix resident Mark Yager, filed suit against 18 defendants.

Since then the plaintiff group has been in and out of court to address requests by those defendants to be dismissed.

As of March 24 the defendant list had dwindled to include six names and another, Second Chance Body Armor, a Central Lake based retailer that sells bullet proof vests, was still on the fence.

Then, on March 25 a Michigan

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Diana Lee Towns, 48, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Jeffry William Kuhlman, 35, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Stephen Michael Salesky, 48, Saginaw. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Natasha Alee, 35, Clarkston. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Daryl Edward Pearson, 31, East Jordan. Two counts of possession of marijuana. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve six days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 343 days held in abeyance; $1,405 in fines and costs.

Curtis Michael Alt, 18, Comstock Park. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend alcohol education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Jon Martin-Beach Moot, 18, Grosse Pointe Farms. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend alcohol education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Travis John Russell, 27, Boyne City. Trespassing. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Erin Elizabeth Harris. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend alcohol education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Ann Haladik, 20, East Lansing. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend alcohol education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Travis Drew Smock, 20, Midland. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend alcohol education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Michael O'Connor, 19, West Branch. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend alcohol education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Andrew Jordan Francis, 18, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES class; $100 in fines and costs.

Paul Michael Simon, 17, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES class; $100 in fines and costs.

Michael William Hosner, 42, Leonard. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Michael William Hosner, 42, Leonard. Driving while license suspended. Serve five days in jail.

Andrew Joseph Ettawageshik, 19, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend outpatient substance abuse counseling; $100 in fines and costs.

Heather Marie Garcia, 18, East Jordan. Driving without a license. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Ralph B. Stowe, 39, Petoskey. Breaking and entering a building with intent; and false report of a felony. Bound over to circuit court.

Joshua Lee Marvin, 22, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Joshua Lee Marvin, 22, East Jordan. Possession of a deer without tags. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Troy Michael Taylor, 36, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail, serve 20 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 45 days on electronic monitor, 57 days held in abeyance; substance abuse counseling; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Richard August Wing IV, 26, Boyne City. Drunk and disorderly person. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Christopher Lee Placek, 26, Charlevoix. Possessing a driver's license revoked/suspended/altered/false identification. Three days in jail with credit for three days; $250 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Jeffrey Michael Mansberry, 27, Mancelona. Two counts of breaking and entering a building with

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Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
Mar. 30	52	32	—
Mar. 31	38	33	—
Apr. 1	39	31	—
Apr. 2	39	32	—
Apr. 3	45	33	—
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Hunter education clinic to be at Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club

A Hunter Education Clinic will take place at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club April 17.

Registration for the clinic will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the clubhouse. The day's activities will end at 4 p.m.

There will be a lunch break and registrants are asked to bring a drink and sack lunch.

The clinic is open to all area students ages 12 and up or who will be 12 prior to purchasing a 2004-2005 hunting license.

A testing session for those who complete the April 17 clinic will take place in Charlevoix at a time and date to be announced at the clinic.

Attendance is mandatory at both the clinic and testing to receive the Hunter Education Certificate.

For additional information call Jim Mansen at 547-6862.

The clinic is free and conducted with the help of the Department of Natural Resources, members of the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club and volunteer instructors from the area.

Chamber to host annual egg hunt

The Thirteenth Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place promptly at 2 p.m., April 10 in East Park in downtown Charlevoix.

From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., that day, Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant will host the annual East Bunny Luncheon. Children will have an opportunity to have a complimentary photo taken with the Easter Bunny, provided by Charlevoix Camera.

To make reservations for the lunch call 547-4311.

Following the luncheon and photographs the Easter Bunny will be in the park where kids will hunt for 5,000 hidden eggs filled with special prizes. For this event children will be divided into three categories before the hunt starts — 3 years and under, 4 to 6 years and 7 to 10 years.

The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Charlevoix Retail Promotions Committee of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the chamber at 547-2101.

Correction

The caption for the photo on page one of the March 24 edition of the *Charlevoix Courier* misidentified the city of Charlevoix Water Plant as the wastewater treatment plant. The wastewater plant is located just under a mile away from the water plant off Lake Shore Drive.

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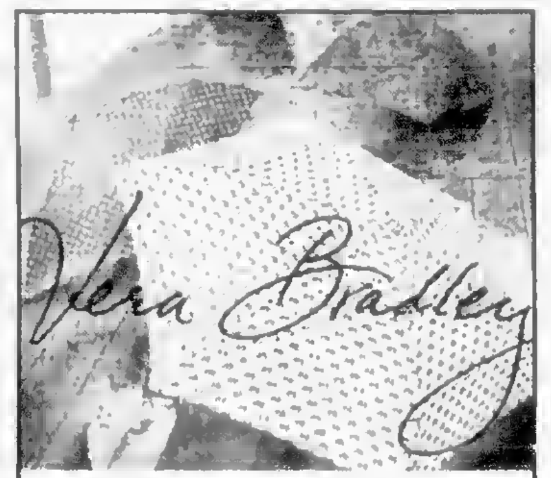

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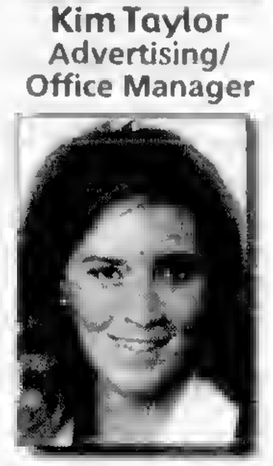

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Residents' group doesn't want settlement

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A group of residents may stand in the way of a settlement in the lawsuit Dawson and Mark "Barney" Way filed against Eveline Township.

At 2:15 p.m., tomorrow, April 8, 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas will hear a request by a group of 15 residents to intervene in the Way suit.

If this intervention is granted Pajtas said all three parties will have to agree to any settlement. And it doesn't look like the resident group wants any part of the agreement that is currently on the table.

Susan Parks, an Eveline Township resident requesting the intervention, said, "We need to be involved. At this point I wouldn't agree to the settlement. I don't think this is a reasonable site for high density development period."

At a special meeting of the Eveline Township Board March 30 details were disclosed in a pending settlement agreement being negotiated between the township and the Ways.

Township supervisor Dan Skreczkoski stressed that specifics would not be disclosed because the township is still in negotiations.

The case lodged against the township in September of 2003 by the Ways alleges the township acted on an exclusionary zoning ordinance in March of 2003, when it turned down their request to have their property rezoned from agricultural to R-4, a residential zone that accommodates mobile homes.

The request applied to two pieces of property spanning over 150 acres, located adjacent to one another, with frontage on M-66 and Brock and Ferry roads.

The Ways claim that the development planned for the property would include about 200 manufactured homes and would provide needed affordable housing.

The township's master plan supports this and states that there exists, "a lack of low cost housing or rental homes and apartments in the township." In spite of the apparent need, the board acted on recommendations made by the planning commissions for both Charlevoix County and Eveline Township that it deny the request.

The commissions both recommended against the rezone as it could bring on higher density development than is supported by the township's master plan. If fully developed, the Way property in the R-4 district could accommodate a 1,200 unit manufactured home community.

The Ways claim the board's decision to deny the request for rezoning the whole piece constitutes exclusionary zoning which violates the Township Rural Zoning Act, the Mobile Home Commission Act and their constitutional rights.

In working through the lawsuit the township has discovered that if this case goes to trial a judge could find its ordinance is exclusionary.

In January while the township was dealing with depositions they came across old master plan paperwork that showed specific plats in the Ironton and Advance areas where R-4 development would be allowed. However, none of the plats are large enough to meet the 10 acre minimum requirement for the R-4 district as outlined in the township's zoning ordinance.

"That's where we have the exclusionary problem. And we would more than likely lose that in court," Skreczkoski said.

He explained that if the township were to lose the case that would be the end of any local control over the project and control would revert to the Michigan Mobile Home Commission whose regulations for this type of development are less stringent.

"Once we discovered our case wasn't strong and saw the consequences of what would happen if we lost — aesthetically, financially and so forth. We decided to negotiate to lessen that impact," Skreczkoski said.

Negotiations so far would permit separate types of development on the 77 acres that make up the north half of the property between Shaw and Roberts roads and the 78 acre south half from Roberts Road west to Ferry Road.

Skreczkoski said current settlement discussions have included allowing under 40 percent of the 1,200 home site maximum which would be under 480 homes. This would be split between the two parcels with under 25 percent or 300 homes permitted on the south parcel and under 15 percent or 180 homes on the north parcel.

The township is also negotiating details including utility concerns, site preparation, open space, driveway cuts and maintaining development plan review rights. This agreement is not set in stone and if Judge Pajtas grants the resident group its intervention it likely never will be.

Parks said, "It (the development) would change the whole character of this neighborhood. I didn't purchase land next to a mobile home park and I don't want to end up next to a mobile home park."

Other resident concerns include the impact of the development on area wells and possible pollution problems from runoff and sewage disposal. The intervention group supports the township's denial of the Ways' rezoning request and members have said if the intervention is granted they will likely push for it to go to trial.

If the case goes to trial, the Ways will ask Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas to decree the township's zoning ordinance invalid and illegal and to allow them to develop their property as a manufactured home community.

If the Ways lose, the township's decision stands and Pajtas has been asked to award the township its costs and attorney fees. Both sides have submitted exhibit and witness lists for trial. If the case is not settled before the final pre-trial/settlement conference April 12, a trial date will be set at the conference.

Mark Way is on vacation and did not return calls regarding this issue by press time.

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Even on vacation writer can't stop thinking

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

My wife made me take a vacation last week.

Apparently I was getting irritable. It happens to newspaper editors often. I guess it is a job hazard. I tend to avoid vacations. They take too much time and I have to work double to catch up when I return.

But, this vacation was different. I actually got a chance to just sit around and think. Which can be a good thing at times. During this thinking period, I noticed a few issues kept dancing around my head.

Let me share them with you.

Don't talk to the press

Lately I have been hearing many tales from city and county government workers telling me they have been teased or chastised by co-workers for talking to the media about public issues.

I have heard on more than one occasion that a government worker who informed the Courier about something that the public needed to be informed of was told they are not working for the "good" of the county or city by speaking with us.

Excuse me? Not working for the good of the government? It seems to me some government folks do not realize that they work for the public. Therefore, the public has a right to know if there are problems that need to be addressed in their government.

By speaking with the newspaper, civic-minded government workers are doing their duty for the people. Those who are saying they are not are really saying these workers are not acting in the best interest of back-room politics.

I salute any government worker or elected official who speaks with the newspaper to inform the public about something that needs their attention. Shame on any government worker or elected official who criticizes these people for doing their duty.

Part-timers

In a recent conversation with a candidate for state office, we were talking about various ways for the state to save money in the face of budget deficits. Jokingly, I said one way to save money was by making the state House and Senate a part-time position.

But, as I sat on a beach in South Carolina last week, the idea started to appeal to me.

Think about it. Do we really need full -ime representatives?

With a part-time representative, this means our officials will be more in touch with the issues their constituents are dealing with on a daily basis. Plus, they have less time to debate or pass silly issues like dove hunting and if we are going to change the state bird. More time will be spent on issues that really matter, like the budget and schools, and at half the cost to the taxpayers.

Wouldn't that be wonderful? A representative who really knows your pain and does not have to rely on information given to them by a lobbyist or their press secretary. A representative who is a part of the community they represent, rather than the community of. Lansing. A representative that doesn't have time for time-filling issues that are pushed by special interest groups and only time for issues that truly impact our lives.

Ah, what a beautiful dream on the beach that was.

Dove hunting

As I noted in the last little section, I am not really a fan of the dove hunting drive. It is a silly, meaningless issue that I wish would just go away.

I have been a hunter most of my life, both small game and large animals. And before I could hunt legally, I used to go out into the woods with my uncles and watch as they hunted.

I love it. There is nothing more relaxing to me than sitting out in the woods and waiting for a deer to approach. Most of the time I never even take a shot because I am just too relaxed to pick up that gun or pull back the drawstring.

But, I am a firm believer in eating what I kill. I am not a trophy hunter and look upon those that are with disdain.

I believe they make my sport look bad in the eyes of the general public. (I do not believe rocker Ted Nugent is a good representative of hunters.)

Which is what dove hunting is to me. There is not much meat on the bird, therefore hunters really are just shooting at them because they are a challenge to hit. If that is what you are after, visit a gun club or shooting range and try shooting clay targets thrown in the air.

In the meantime, our representatives in Lansing need to move on to other more important issues than this.

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

On the record

Wal-Mart sales

Editor:

In Jeremy McBain's article, "Wal-Mart will have big impact on area business" that appeared in the March 24 Charlevoix Courier, I question the annual sales volume estimate of "$35 to $40 million" volunteered by the Wal-Mart spokesperson. In 1999, Wal-Mart averaged sales of $385 per square foot in its stores.

Taking that number and applying it to the 157,400 square feet of the proposed Charlevoix Wal-Mart Supercenter would be $60.5 million dollars. That's over $60 million dollars that would leave Charlevoix and surrounding communities and go straight to Bentonville, Ark. Right now, we have three grocery stores, a Kmart and a variety of small retail businesses. In addition, we have approximately 50,000 square feet of chronically vacant retail space. If Wal-Mart comes to town, there will be one place to shop — the Wal-Mart Supercenter. Charlevoix doesn't need a Wal-Mart, we already have one only 17 miles away.

Dave Beane
Charlevoix

Great job

Editor:

It has been said, "Success Breeds Success." Nowhere is this more true than in the Charlevoix High School boys basketball program. Six district championships, four regional championships and three trips to the Breslin Center in the last six years. Student athletes come, they participate, and they graduate and move on. The program continues to win. Throughout this period of success two constants remain, thank you Keith Haske and Bret Erskine for helping spell SUCCESS.

Dennis Kusina
Charlevoix

Congrats

Editor:

My congratulations to Coach Keith Haske and the Charlevoix Boys basketball team on a great season! You all have much to be proud of and it is truly difficult to describe the pride I feel because of the poise, maturity and class you have shown throughout the year.

You have fulfilled many goals and dreams that had been set months, and possibly even years ago.

As a fan, I look forward to many more years of exciting play from all the Charlevoix sports teams. To the Charlevoix fans: You are simply the best! When I played sports at Charlevoix High School, the fans were supportive, enthusiastic and loyal. You still are, and from the point of view of an athlete, it means a great deal! Many "thanks" from a Charlevoix alumni — one of the "kids" 22 years ago.

GO RAYDERS!
Melinda (Klooster) Lankford
CHS Class of 1981

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

Charlevoix School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix High School.

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LETTERS

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We need a mall

Editor:

Are you tired of driving all the way to Traverse City to shop? Well, those days are over, if you agree with me. I think we should have a mall in downtown Charlevoix.

It would save people money. First of all, Charlevoix citizens have to drive all the way to Traverse City to shop at a mall. It would save gas if we had a mall in Charlevoix for them to go and shop. I remember once when I wanted to go to a mall and shop my mom said no because it was a long drive and also a waste of gas. We can have good in-style clothes for young girls. We can have stores like Limited Too, Aeropostale, Gap, Old Navy, and stores for example Bath and Body Works and more. Lots of girls will go and shop for those in-style clothes, like shirt clips and girls' sport clothes.

Also a mall will give a better selection on shopping. The stores that are here now don't have good style on clothes these days. A mall can be used for many things, like if a family member has a birthday you can go right to a mall to get a present. Also if you are going to go on vacation you can go and shop for new bathing suits. I hope you think about my idea and build a mall. People would be much happier to drive ten minutes to get to a mall. Last of all, we would get lots of business in the summer because of tourists. Also we would get business in the winter because of snowmobiles that come up from down state.

Kristi Ellis
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

No to Wal-Mart

Editor:

First, let me begin by saying that my family of five lives on a very limited income. Like many of you, we live paycheck to paycheck, use coupons and enjoy getting the most for our money.

That said, I would like to share a few thoughts with you. A lot of you are lucky enough to remember Dockside Pharmacy. A quaint shop, where you received a little yellow card that entitled you to a free fountain coke or phosphate and a spot at the counter while you waited for your prescription to be filled. I was fortunate enough to have worked there. I have many fond memories at that counter. School kids would come in for lunch, many people would stop in every morning before they headed to work, and throughout the day people would come to Dockside for a coke and to visit with their neighbors.

Many "fudgies" would come to town for a "Jeff" or a "Concrete," excited to bring their children to a place they loved to visit when they were young. I looked forward to someday sharing this with my children. Sadly, I also remember a conversation with Mr. Williams about his concerns with Kmart coming to town. It wasn't long after that...well, you know the rest of the story.

How many times have you, your children or your grandchildren approached Charlevoix Floral, The Villager Pub, Oleson's, Charlevoix Camera, The Clothing Company and many of the other downtown shops for a donation, a place to have a bake sale or a fund-raiser? Your local merchants (neighbors and friends) are very generous. The majority of the time they find some way to help out. Wal-Mart will not do that for you. Research it. Watch those ads you see on T.V. carefully. It is not Wal-Mart doing all those wonderful things for America, it is their employees. Do you think Wal-Mart will send one of their employees downtown to take a complimentary picture of your children or grandchildren with the Easter Bunny?

I feel for those of you on a tight budget, but there is a Super Walmart within reasonable driving distance. Is driving 20 to 30 minutes once in a while too much to ask to keep Charlevoix a unique town where chain stores don't replace charming downtown shops?

P.S. If you have doubts, take a ride over to Gaylord and look at all the empty stores in the old Wal-Mart Plaza.

Kathleen Powers (Campbell)
Gaylord

Yes to Wal-Mart

Editor:

Why not have a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix? I think Wal-Mart would help a lot of people in Charlevoix, who can't afford the stores downtown, so they have to travel to Petoskey just to get one or two things. Why should they have to travel 34 miles when you can have one in your own town?

My first reason why Wal-Mart should come to Charlevoix is Wal-Mart has lower prices. You could spend $100 on food downtown and you can go to Wal-Mart and save $10 to $20. I bought a movie at Wal-Mart and it cost $9 and at Borders for the same movie it was $25.

Unfortunately, we have to travel to Petoskey. If we had a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix, we could save money on driving. Also people who live in East Jordan have to travel more than they should have to. What if you were making a big dinner and you didn't have all the ingredients and the stores in downtown Charlevoix were too high in prices and you have to travel to Petoskey because Wal-Mart is the only one with the cheap prices. So you wasted 34 miles when you could only go 2 to 10 miles if we had a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix.

People in Charlevoix think it will run the stores downtown out of business. I don't think it will because the rich people in the summer are not going to shop at Wal-Mart, when they came up here to spend their money on high dollar items downtown. Also Wal-Mart does not sell what they sell downtown. Downtown they sell art from people who made it in Charlevoix and Wal-Mart is not going to sell that.

In conclusion I think Wal-Mart should come to Charlevoix for these reasons. So stop fighting about it coming because it's already coming.

Katlynn Johnson
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Build skate ramps

Editor:

Do you get tired of having skateboarders and rollerbladers downtown? I think Charlevoix should have two half-pipes and jumps at Shanahan Field for the skaters to skate on again. The first reason why we want jumps and two half pipes at Shanahan Field is that people don't want skaters downtown. People downtown think we are noisy. We also are annoying them.

My second reason is the skaters are getting bored of not having a nice place to skate. There are no other places to skate nearby. The closest place is East Jordan. There are no safe places to skate downtown either.

My last reason is many skaters would use the jumps. They would use them because there is no other place to skate nearby. Most of my friends skate, and my friends' brothers and their friends skate. Would you please consider returning the jumps and half-pipes to Shanahan Field? The kids of Charlevoix would love the jumps back at Shanahan Field!

Ty Jones
Sixth Grade Student
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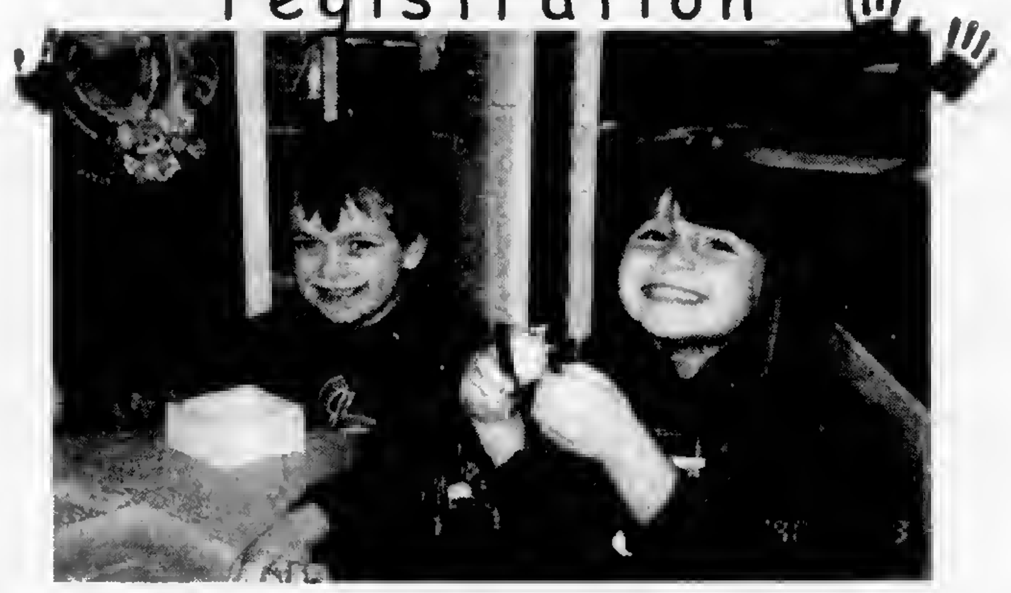

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Wallace — Beattie

Rebecca Jane Wallace and Frederick Joseph James "Jamie" Beattie, both of Golden, Colo., were married Sept. 27 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

Rebecca is the daughter of Jeannine Wallace of Charlevoix and the late Lawrence C. Wallace.

Jamie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Beattie of Golden, Colo.

The Rev. Mary Willis performed the double ring ceremony. Arrangements of periwinkle hydrangeas, white stock and seeded eucalyptus decorated the church.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her nephew, Ryan Spence Watts. of Harbor Springs.

The bride wore a white brushed satin gown with wide sheer off-the-shoulder embroidered straps. Her fitted bodice was adorned with crystals and featured a low scoop back, highlighted by a row of satin buttons flowing down the chapel train. A short veil of illusion was attached to a crystal headpiece and she carried a loose arrangement of blue hydrangeas, delphinium, white roses and white freesia.

Music was provided by organist Sue Scott and violinist Krista Knight. Bagpiper Jack Fellows also provided music and piped the couple out of the church at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The Matron of Honor was Shawn Gorski of Charlevoix. Sherri Aiken, the bride's law school roommate, was the bridesmaid. They wore periwinkle two-piece gowns with embroidered bodices and simple long flowing skirts. They carried flowers to complement the bridal bouquet.

Elizabeth and Kathryn Gorski, daughters of the matron of honor, served as flower girls. They wore white dresses with blue satin sashes and wore circlets of hydrangea petals in their hair.

The wedding guests were seated by Douglas Aiken, husband of the bridesmaid, and Jason Cetovich, the groom's friend.

The best man was Azeem Haqq of North Carolina, a friend of the groom. Stacy Beattie, the brother of the groom, was the groomsman.

A reception was given at the Belvedere Club Casino in Charlevoix. A rehearsal dinner was given at the Weathervane Restaurant in Charlevoix.

The couple are planning a wedding trip to Antigua in the fall. They are making Golden, Colo. their home.

Rebecca is a certified public accountant and a member of the Colorado Bar. She recently opened her law and CPA firm in Golden, Colo. She is a graduate of Charlevoix High School and Western Michigan University with a degree in business administration and accounting. She graduated from John Marshall Law School in Chicago with a juris doctorate and an LLM in taxation.

Jamie is employed by Coors Distributing and is a special events coordinator for Coors Company.

He is a graduate of Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in art, science and communication.

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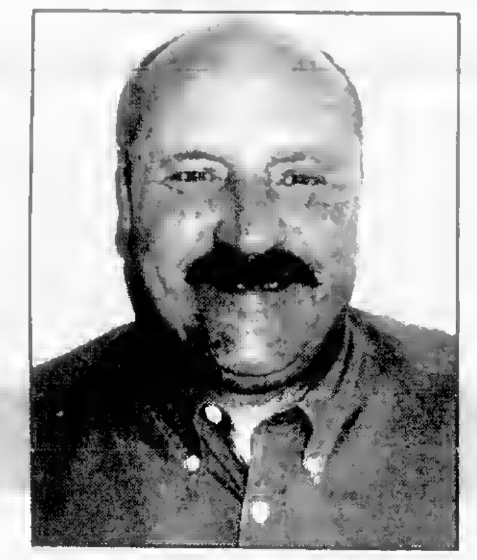

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This Is Our Town presenting forum

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

This Is Our Town wants the people of Charlevoix and its surrounding area to know what a Wal-Mart will do to the community.

In its continuing effort to stop the building of a Super Wal-Mart in Charlevoix Township, the group is hosting a public forum 7 p.m., April 15 at the Charlevoix High School auditorium on Marion Center Road. As part of this forum, the group will be bringing in noted author Al Norman, who is a small town advocate who has taken on Wal-Mart across the nation.

Bob Hoffman, president of This Is Our Town, said, "We think that he (Norman) is probably one of the most knowledgeable people in the country on the effects of Wal-Mart on small towns."

He said the organization has been talking with Norman for several months about visiting. This Is Our Town is paying to have Norman come to Charlevoix.

Norman said, "I hope to help make people aware of the other side. Why Charlevoix will be better off without a Wal-Mart."

He added, "Wal-Mart only says what is good for Wal-Mart. I would like to talk about what is good for Charlevoix."

To do this, Norman will have six topics to cover.

First, he will discuss what Wal-Mart promises and what is real or not, in terms of jobs and giving to the community. Second, he said he will discuss Wal-Mart's voodoo economics and what really happens to the local economy when Wal-Mart comes to town.

"This is not a shot in the arm for the economy, this is a shot in the head," he said.

Third, Norman said he will be talking about the retail jobs and spending figures for Charlevoix County and what could happen if Wal-Mart does come to town. He said he will focus particularly on the grocery market.

Fourth and fifth, Norman will go over the Charlevoix Township master plan and what it tells him as an outsider and the zoning code.

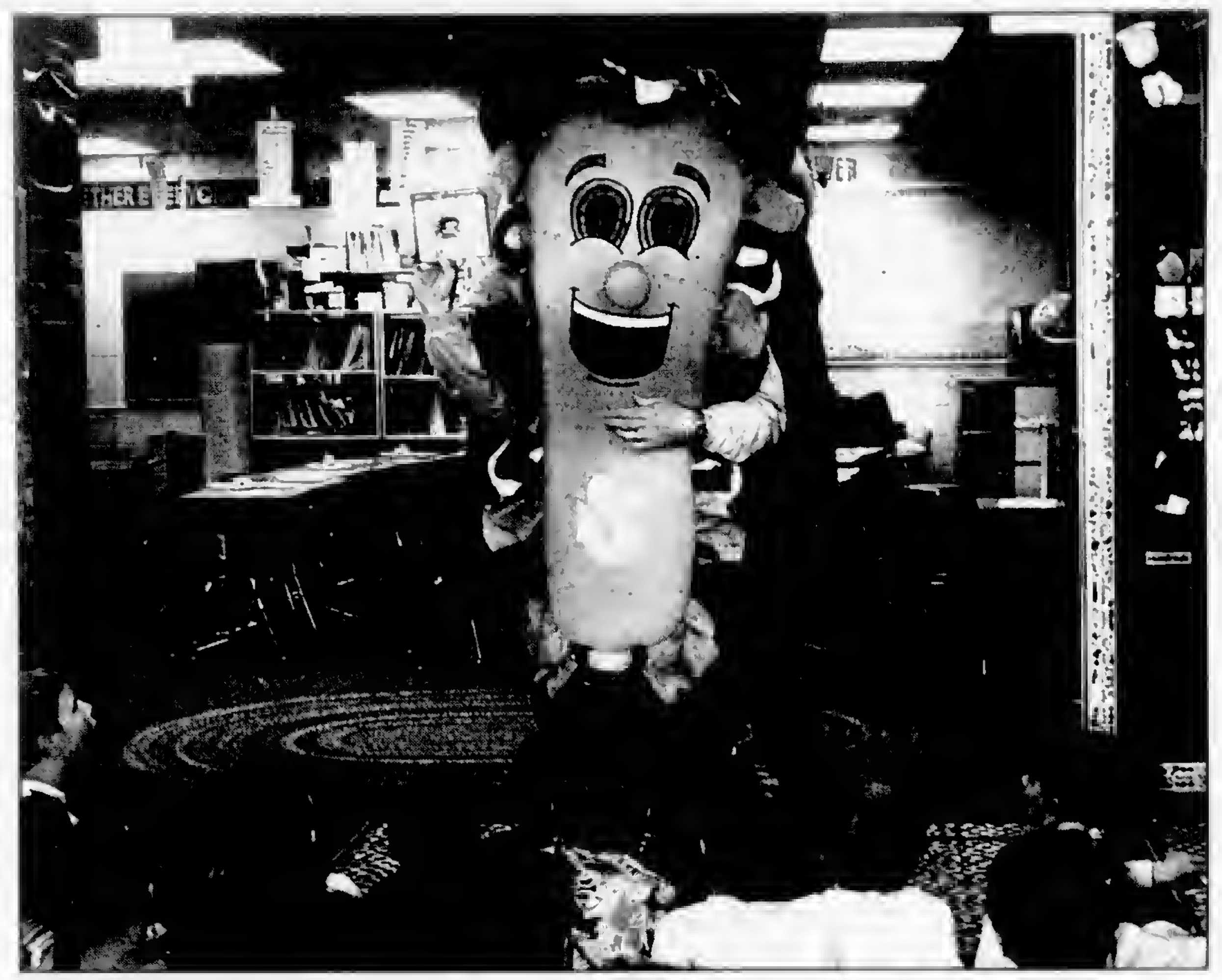
"One of the things the master plan does clearly state is the goal of land development should be to avoid strip development," he said.

As for the Wal-Mart plan, Norman said, "This is what the master plan really warned about."

Lastly, Norman said he will be looking at some zoning changes the city might want to consider, such as limiting the size of buildings and having different requirements for large developments.

Hoffman said Wal-Mart has not been invited to attend the forum at the high school. However, he invited residents who have opinions on both sides of the issue to attend.

"As we have always said, we respect peoples' right to disagree with us," he said.



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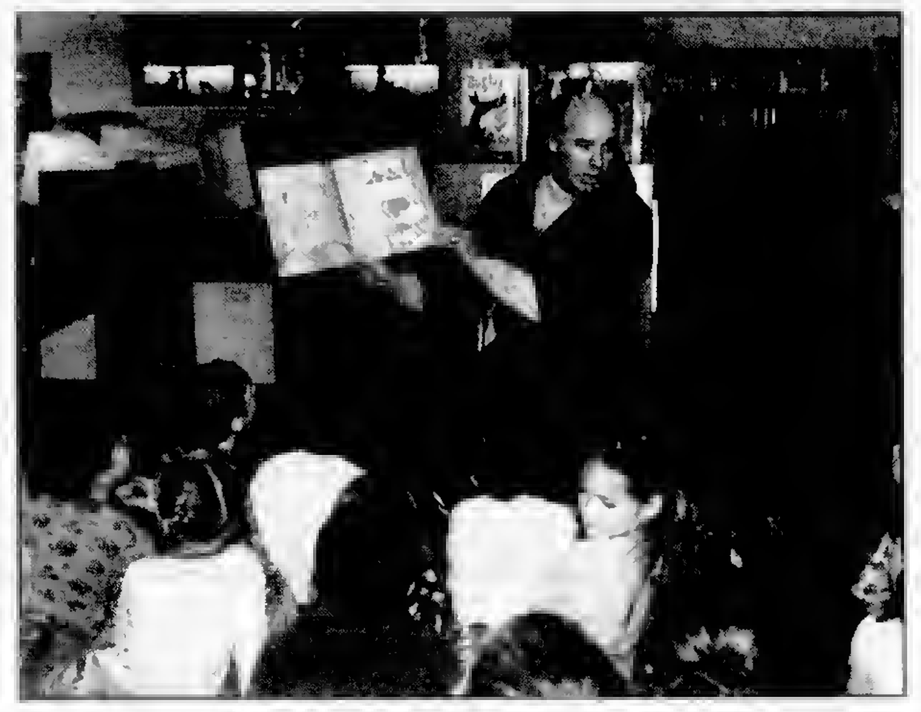

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Reading time

To close out the Charlevoix Elementary School's March into Reading celebration on April 1 school principal Dick Swenor read to the second-grade students who had an "appetite for reading" dressed as a Subway sandwich. (Left) Here he is reading to the first-grade students, who were having a pajama day, in his bathrobe.

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Registration open to sixth grade at St. Marys

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Students at St. Marys School enjoy one of their days learning.

Registration is underway at St. Mary School for the upcoming 2004-05 school year.

St. Mary's offers classes from Pre-Kindergarten through grade six. Open House and Registration for the Pre-K and Kindergarten will be from 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13. Parents are invited to bring their children to meet the teachers and learn more about the Pre-K and Kindergarten programs.

Registration is open to the public, and a $30 registration fee is required for new school families. If a parent is unable to attend the Open House, they may call the school office at 547-9441 for registration information.

The Pre-K program is from 9:00-11:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, and is designed to meet the needs of the developing 4 and 5-year-olds. The Pre-K is open to children who will be four years old by Dec. 1, 2004.

St. Mary's offers a full-day Kindergarten program which is offered five days a week and incorporates academics with other activities, such as music, art, physical education, library and computers. If parents prefer to send their child only in the mornings, a half-day option is available for them.

The Kindergarten program is open to students who will be five years old by Dec. 1, 2004.

An Extended Day Program is also available for those parents who are in need of day care in the afternoon. This program is not only offered to parents of the students in the Pre-K and half-day Kindergarten classes, but is available to any parents in the community.

The Extended Day Program takes place from 11:00 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday , with extended hours available. It is offered for children age 4 by Dec. 1, 2004, through age 8.

The fee for this program is $15 for a full day, or $10 for three hours or less.

For further information on programs offered at St. Mary's or to arrange a visit to the school, please call the school office at 547-9441.

Obituaries

Robert S. Hamilton: Died March 25, 2004

Robert S. Hamilton, 77, of Mason and formerly of Charlevoix passed away on March 25, 2004.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Frances Hamilton, also of Charlevoix.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Roberta (Hull), daughters Christine Gengle of Charlevoix, Judith (Charles) Lane of Cheyenne, Wyo., granddaughter Jennifer (Mark) Malone of Dearborn, great-granddaughter Grace Malone, one sister, Patsy Hammond and nephew Tom Hammond of Ohio. He is also survived by step-children Lorraine (Jerry) Stebe, Kenneth (Carole) Empey, grandchildren Sheri, Robert and Lori (Stebe), Margaux and Nicholas (Empey) and five great-grandchildren, all of Michigan.

Robert was the former owner of the three-generation Hamilton & Son Boatyard in Charlevoix, and for many years was an avid sailor, local businessman and volunteer firefighter and was active in the First Congregational Church.

A memorial service was on March 31 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Sparrow Foundation, Intensive Care Unit, P.O. Box 20480, Lansing, MI 48909, in memory of Robert Hamilton.

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Church....................547-6430

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Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.

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11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher..............547-9446

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05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green..................547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Pioneer Clubs	6:45 p.m.

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City considering denying services to Wal-Mart

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Charlevoix's City Council is considering denying the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter utilities.

Mayor Gabe Campbell said, "I don't think we should give them any utilities. We'll take in $10 and they'll take away $10 million. We shouldn't service big box stores because of the damage they'll do to the community."

At Monday night's meeting council debated whether or not the city can deny sewer and electric service to Wal-Mart. The big box retailer has its sights set on developing land on the south side of Charlevoix Township. Water service in that area is provided by Charlevoix Township.

In Wal-Mart's site plan they propose to hook into the city's gravity sewer at Marion Center and Stover roads and from there run a sewer line along US-31 south to dispose of the 4,000 gallons of wastewater the site will create daily. The cost to run the service would fall on Wal-Mart.

In the city's sewer master plan the sewer line planned to run along US-31 is 12 to 15 inches. This master plan was never officially adopted by council.

City manager Mike Wiesner told council that it wouldn't do any good to deny those services to Wal-Mart. He explained that other electric providers would be happy to serve them and that by denying the electric service the city would lose major future growth potential.

He further explained that refusing sewer service wouldn't do any good in the fight to stop Wal-Mart because the health department has affirmed there is property available northeast of the proposed Wal-Mart site that would be appropriate for an on-site septic system.

"It isn't going to be a stopper in either of those cases," Wiesner said.

Aside from the likelihood that Wal-Mart would get the services, another way Wiesner said the city may be obligated to provide them with sewer service.

He explained that federal grant money helped pay for construction of the wastewater treatment plant and the grant requirements may obligate the city to provide service to any customer if it has the capacity to do that.

City staff is currently researching the grant.

Because of this he advised council to let the services issue go and save the city legal fees.

"It seems to me it would be an uphill battle to try and stop something you can't really stop anyway," Wiesner said. "And I question going through an exercise when you are not going to stop the project in that fashion."

"It may be a bump in the road to drive over, that would be it."

Bob Hoffman, president of the anti Wal-Mart group, This is Our Town, stressed that council's denial of utilities is one of many roadblocks his group is working on creating in its effort to try and stop the company.

"If we put up enough road blocks maybe Wal-Mart will get the message that they ought to go somewhere else," Hoffman told council. "Maybe all together those road blocks will be enough to stop Wal-Mart."

Council ultimately voted to adopt the city's current utility policy for serving customers outside the city limits which was informal before Monday night. They also gave city attorney Jim Young directions to work on changes to that policy to make it more strict.

Young told council that if they deny service they have to have a reason.

Mayor Campbell said a project's negative economic impact should be council's basis of denial and suggested establishing a policy that requires a study of that impact before service is considered.

Wiesner does not support changing the policy.

Changes can be made to the policy at any regular or special city council meeting. Council will have to make any changes in the near future as Wal-Mart is scheduled for site plan review before the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission on April 28.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson plans to work toward strict changes.

"I don't think we should sit on this," she said. "I want to see a strict policy about sewer connections."

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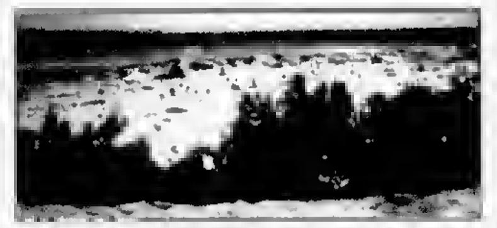

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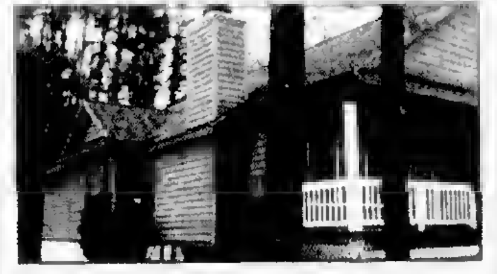

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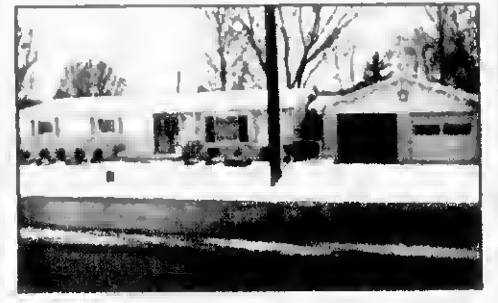

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It is all part of a statewide project called Michigan Reads. One preschool book, "Barnyard Song" by Rhonda Growler Green, will be the focus of this special program designed to highlight the importance of reading and sharing books with children.

"We are very excited to participate in this statewide program to help promote reading to our preschoolers," said Amy Spegele, Youth Services Assistant.

Spegele will be touring area preschools to present the barnyard story and invite all preschoolers to participate with the Charlevoix Library by keeping a reading log and visiting the library.

Children will receive stickers on their logs and small prizes for their accomplishments each week. They may join in the program any time during the month of April.

April story hours from 10:30 - 11:15 on Thursdays and from 12:30 - 1:15 on Saturdays will feature farm themes. There will be handouts available with activities to do at home.

To wrap up the program, the library will host an Ice Cream Party on May 1, 2004 for all families that participated in the program. For more information, contact Spegele at the library by calling 547-2651.

For more information on Michigan Reads, visit the web site: www.michigan.gov/michiganreads.

Hospital to host CPR class

There will be a free CPR class April 17, given by Charlevoix Area Hospital and the American Heart Association.

CPR for Family and Friends is a modular course that teaches lay rescuers skills in CPR and relief of foreign body airway obstruction (FBAO) in the responsive victim.

The course presents information about the American Heart Association (AHA) adult Chain of Survival and signs of heart attack, cardiac arrest, stroke and choking in adults. The course also presents information on the AHA pediatric Chain of Survival, signs of choking in infants and children, prevention of the most common fatal pediatric injuries, and reduction in the risk of sudden infant death syndrome.

Pre-registration is required.

Classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association community-training center.

For more information and to register, please contact Connie Roland at 547-8570. Early registration is recommended due to limited class size.

CPR Classes are also offered to private organizations upon special request.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Accident on Bridge Street

A two-vehicle accident that happened at around 10:30 a.m. April 1 at the Intersection of Bridge and Garfield streets in downtown Charlevoix resulted in the brief redirection of traffic. The driver of the Lexus was not injured while the driver of the Oldsmobile was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital with minor injuries.

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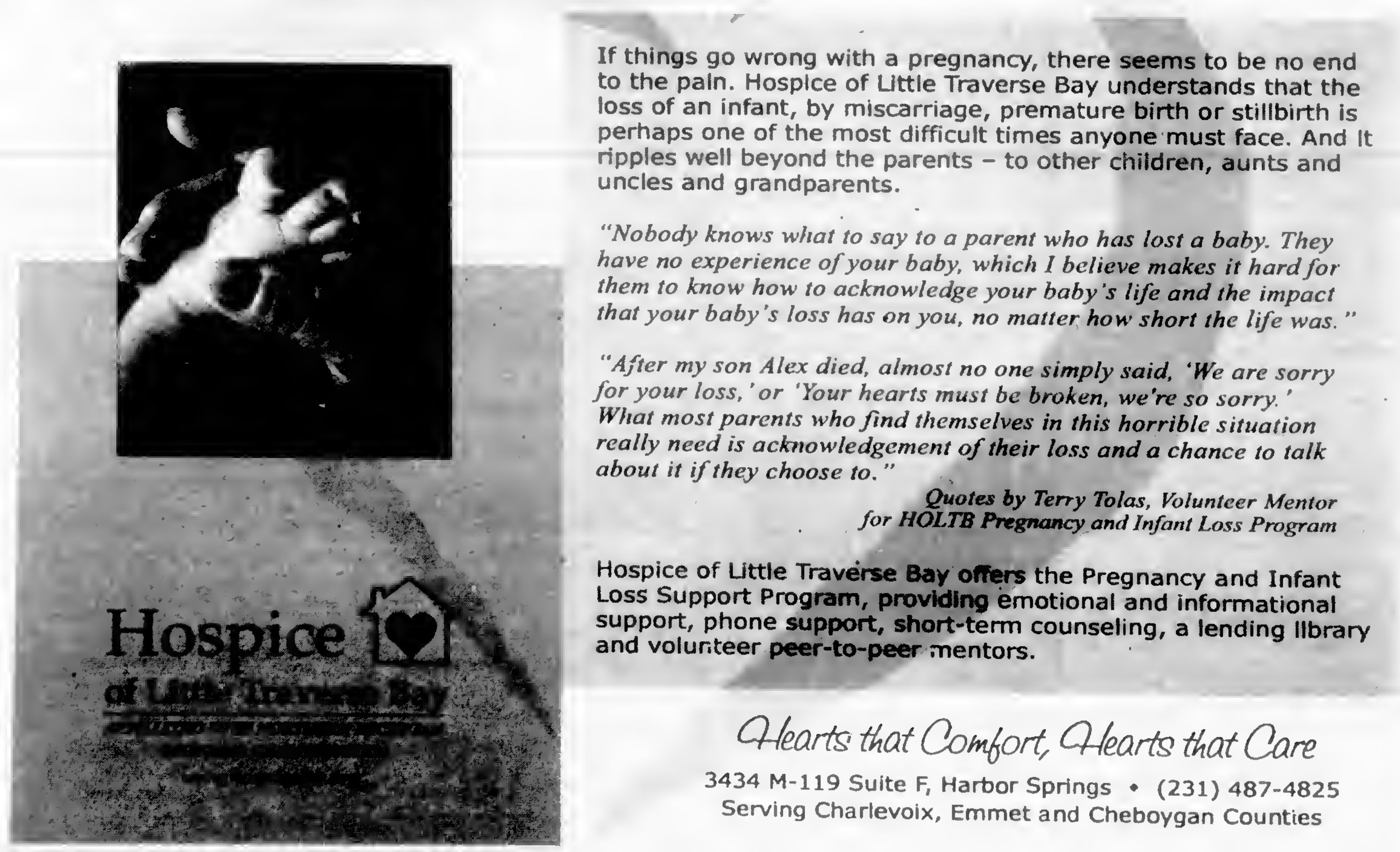

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"After my son Alex died, almost no one simply said, 'We are sorry for your loss,' or 'Your hearts must be broken, we're so sorry.' What most parents who find themselves in this horrible situation really need is acknowledgement of their loss and a chance to talk about it if they choose to."

Quotes by Terry Tolas, Volunteer Mentor for HOLTB Pregnancy and Infant Loss Program

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St. Marys presents 'Esther-Ordinary Faith'

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

An upcoming spring program at St. Mary School will showcase the talents of Pre-kindergarten through sixth grade students.

The free evening show is scheduled to take place at 6:30 p.m., April 22 in the Family Center at the school located at 1005 Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

The program will feature performances by the St. Mary's string players, fourth and fifth grade recorder players, the Pre-k and Kindergartners and will conclude with a multiage musical.

The musical, "Esther-Ordinary Faith," will tell the story of Queen Esther, from the book of Esther in the Bible's Old Testament.

The story takes place in the fifth century B.C. The heroine of the story, Esther, is a Jewish girl chosen by King Xerxes to be his queen who, because of her powerful position, has the opportunity to save her people from being put to death by the king's advisor, Haman.

Mordecai, Esther's older cousin and adopted father who raised her, advises Esther and tells her that God made her the queen for "such a time as this."

"The message here is that she had the opportunity to save her people because she was put in this position — I like the idea that God puts us in a position to accomplish something in his timing," director Jodi Thompson said.

Other characters in the play include Xerox the scribe, who records the life and reign of Xerxes, Jewish residents from Susa called the Susans, and the king's bodyguard.

Thompson said she hopes those who attend the performance hear its message.

"The story of queen Esther helps us to grow in our faith by reminding us that God is in control of the difficult situations we face, and that we can trust in him no matter what the future holds," she said.

St. Marys cast

Director — Jodi Thompson
Queen Esther — Shauna Bradley
Zerox — Riley Corcoran
King Xerxes — Will Jeakle
Haman — Luke Wisniewski
Mordecai — Patrick Kenwabikise
Guard — Austen Lobenherz
Susan — Megan Zawisza
Suzie — Jenna Troppman
Sue — Molly Signs-Rehmann
Suzanne — Nicole Pischner
Susabelle — Samie Sell
Suzy Q — Jane Balasz
Narrators — Trent Bradley, Christian McFalls, Zach Merrill, Christian Morrison and Andrew Plude

Courtesy photo

St. Mary School is gearing up for its upcoming musical "Esther-Ordinary Faith." Here Zerox, played by Riley Corcoran, Queen Esther, played by Shauna Bradley, and King Xerxes, played by Will Jeakle, practice at a dress rehearsal.

Prom kits available to parents

With high school proms coming up soon, Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan (PPNM) is promoting responsible decision-making, by again offering free Prom Kits.

"We encourage parents to come in and pick up a Kit," said Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan Assistant Education Director Lori O'Neill. "The information and materials included will help them have discussion with their teens about responsible decision-making. We first offered the Prom Kits in 1994, and they have been very popular every year since."

The Prom Kits include brochures on Communicating with Teens about Sexuality, Drinking and Driving, Date Rape Drugs, Abstinence and other important topics.

"While prom is a fun night for high school students, the activities that go on after prom can include parties where teenagers may engage in risky behaviors. It is important for teens to understand how drug or alcohol use can reduce inhibitions, increasing the risk of irresponsible sexual activity. Teens also need information on communicating with their dates about sexual limit setting," said O'Neill. "Parents can help by reinforcing this before prom and Planned Parenthood's Prom Kits can help parents begin conversations with their teen to help ensure a safe, fun evening."

Planned Parenthood encourages teens to make healthy, responsible choices.

The Prom Kits are intended to give parents the information they need to have those important talks and to remind them that peer pressure is an integral part of teens' social life. The more skills and information our young people have, the better prepared they will be to stand up for their own values.

For those teens who decide to be sexually active, there are also brochures on birth control, sexually transmitted infections, and condom use. The Kits do not contain condoms.

Prom Kits are available at Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan health center at 1003 Spring Street in Petoskey.

The kits will also be available throughout the community at selected businesses. They are free, while supplies last.

For more information call (231)347-9692.

Official Notice

North Country Community Mental Health Board will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, April 15th, 4:30 p.m. at the Antrim County Building, 205 E. Cayuga St., Commissioners Room, Bellaire, MI. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

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SPORTS

Girls' track takes first in indoor meet

The Charlevoix girls track team competed at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie March 31 and came away with a first place finish.

The girls team competed against five other schools and finished the afternoon with 81 points, six points higher than second place finisher Manistique and 11 points higher than third place Harbor Springs.

The afternoon was highlighted by record-breaking relay teams and sprinters.

Emily Heffling, Caitlin Ernst, Betsey Dennis and Shannon Dibble took first in the sprint medley relay breaking Charlevoix High School's indoor record with a time of 4 minutes 2.5 seconds.

Another record breaking team made up of Theresa Martin, Amy Drew, Lindi Edger and Michelle Rowe took first at the meet for the distance medley relay. They broke the high school's record for this event with a time of 14 minutes and 56.7 seconds.

The 800 meter relay team made up of Jasmine Witthoeft, Sonya Plude, Caitlin Ernst and Emily Heffling followed suit finishing first with a school indoor record of one minute 59.3 seconds.

Drew, Rowe, Dibble and Liz Madison rounded out the relay record breakers taking first place in the 1,600 meter relay. Their time in this event was 4 minutes, 36.4 seconds which broke the school's record.

Plude, running the 200 meter dash, continued the trend and broke the school's indoor record with a time of 29.53 seconds. She took third place in this event.

Heffling also broke the school indoor record for 55 meter hurdles taking fourth place for her time of 10 minutes 36 seconds.

In other impressive finishes Martin took second place for the 400 meter dash with a time of 1 minute, 11 seconds. And in the 1,600 meter run Emily Westenbroek finished in 6 minutes, 30 seconds to secure second place with her teammate Caitlin Taylor on her heels finishing the event in six minutes 31 seconds taking third place.

Sheriff Lasater warns about phone solicitation

Hundreds of annoying telephone solicitations continue to plague the citizens of Charlevoix County, according to Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater, who said his office is receiving numerous complaints from citizens and local businesses regarding telemarketers.

Due to the increase in solicitation calls, Lasater would like to remind the citizens of Charlevoix County that his professional organization, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA), does not conduct telephone solicitation, nor does the Michigan Chiefs of Police or Michigan State Police.

It is important for citizens to know that these groups are not solicitors and do not endorse any type of telephone solicitation.

"The Michigan Sheriffs' Association adamantly opposes telemarketing," said Terrence L. Jungel, Executive Director of the Michigan Sheriffs Association. "If your phone is ringing, it's not us!"

"People should beware of questionable phone solicitations by supposed representatives of law enforcement organizations," said Lasater.

The statement comes as a result of the inundation of complaints regarding phone solicitations in the area.

The complaints indicate that solicitors claiming to represent law enforcement organizations call with such claims as "donations will help take drunks off the roads" or "your donations will help Charlevoix County."

Sheriff Lasater says that although there are reputable organizations soliciting, he also warns that any calls of this nature should be handled carefully.

Consumers are advised to obtain the following information from solicitors: Their name and specifications on who they represent, including a state issued license number, ask if they have any literature that they can send, ask for their phone number and don't talk to solicitors if they call after 9 p.m. In addition, the sheriff warns against giving out your charge card number or agreeing to let anyone come to your home to pick up cash.

Terrence L. Jungel said that, "The Michigan Sheriffs' Association is the only association representing the Office of Sheriff and we do not solicit memberships by phone. If any other association calls saying that they represent the Michigan Sheriffs' Association or your county, they are misleading you."

"The people that are using these very questionable tactics are doing great damage to reputable law enforcement associations," said Sheriff Lasater.

Neither the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office nor the Michigan Sheriffs Association endorse or take part in telephone solicitation.

Two governmental agencies provide protection from abusive and deceptive telemarketing sales practices: The Federal Communications Commission with the Consumer Protection Act, and the Federal Trade Commission with the Telemarketing Sales Rule. These rules protect consumers and make it illegal for telemarketers to:

- Call you if you have clearly stated that you want to be added to their "Do Not Call List."
- Call before 8 a.m. and after 9 p.m.
- Tie up your home telephone line with auto-dialed and prerecorded messages.
- Neglect to tell you their company name and what they are selling at the beginning of the call; prize promotions must be disclaimed, saying no purchase or payment is necessary to enter or win.
- Misrepresent any information.
- Ask for payment before telling you the total cost of goods, whether a sale is final or non-refundable, the odds of winning a prize and any restrictions/conditions on getting the prize.
- Withdraw money from your checking account without expressed, verifiable consent.
- Request a fee before providing the service for credit repair or loan promotion, lie to get payment for any goods or services, and transmit unsolicited ads to fax machines.

If you wish to stop sales calls the Michigan Public Service Commission suggests the following steps:

- Demand that the telemarketer place you name on the "Do Not Call" list. The law requires them to honor your request.
- Ask for the company's name and address.
- Write down the date and time that you received the phone call and the action that you took.

The Attorney General provides consumers a Telemarketer Tracking Form to record and keep track of these calls.

- If the telemarketer persists in trying to sell you a product or service, hang up the phone.

For additional information concerning the do's and don'ts of telemarketing, Sheriff Lasater recommends contacting the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office at (877) 765-8388.

For complaints, contact the Federal Communications Commission Enforcement Bureau for Consumer Complaints at (888) 225-5322.

Official Notice

City of Charlevoix Special Joint City Council/ DDA Meeting Synopsis

Monday, March 29, 2004 • 5:40 p.m.

The Charlevoix City Council and the Downtown Developement Authority (DDA) met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Council members and DDA members were present.

Agreed in concept for the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce to lease 109 Mason St. (Old Post Office).

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

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A buffet dinner will be catered by BJ's of Gaylord, Chris Dominic of Charlevoix will be providing entertainment and Sam Kose of Boyne Falls will be auctioning.

Tickets can be purchased at a cost of $25 each from Bergmann Center, Inc. at 08855 Martin Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or call (231)547-2979 for more information about this event or if you would be interested in donating an auction item.

Bergmann Center hours of operation are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

All proceeds will be used by the center to provide services that will enable mentally and physically challenged adults from Charlevoix and Emmet counties to become active involved members of the community.

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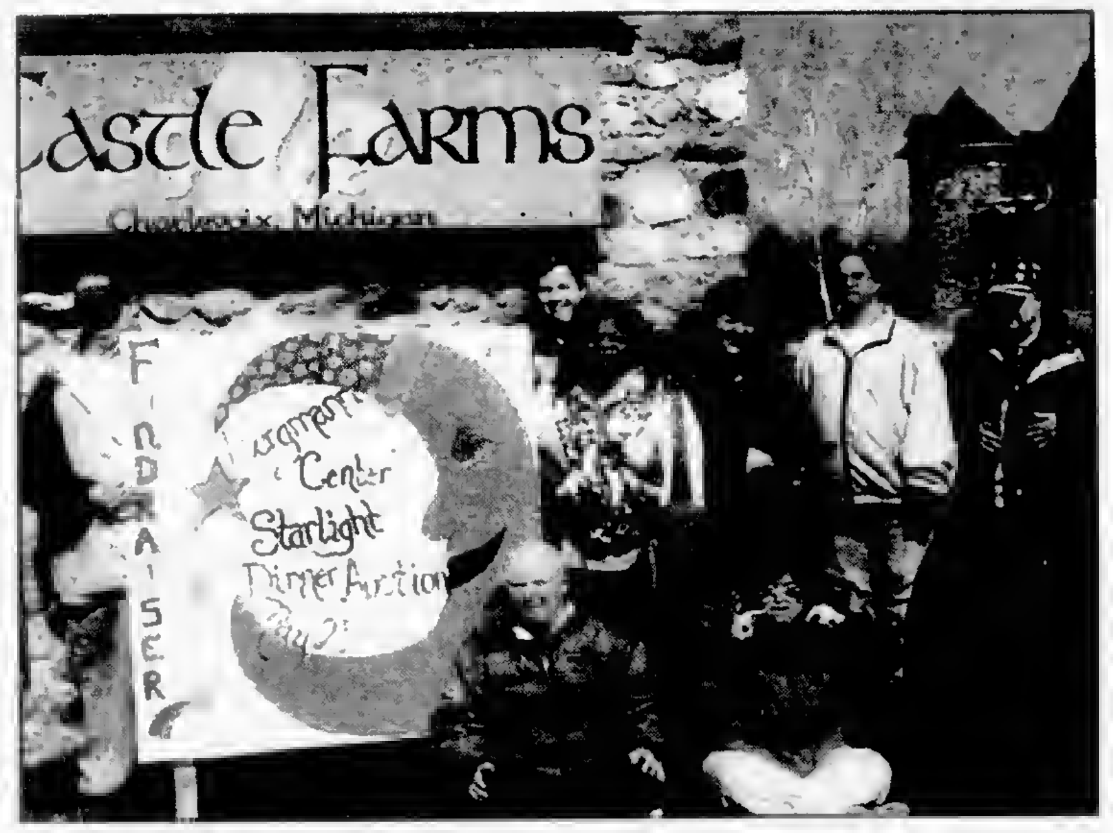

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The Bergmann Center will be having its annual dance at Castle Farms on M-66.

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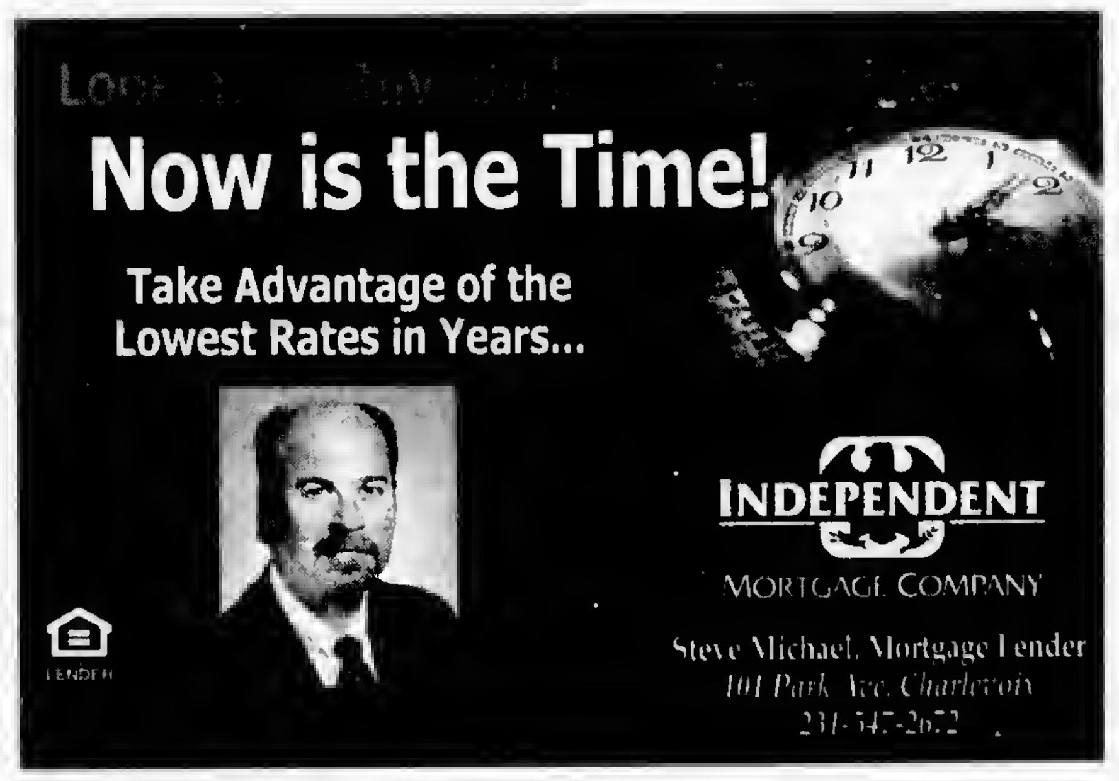
Eye lesson

Charlevoix Optometrist Steve Voci delivered a hands on lesson to Shelly Novotny's multi-age classroom March 26 at Charlevoix Elementary School. The students dissected sheep eyes, which are similar in size to the human eye to learn about the physical structure of the eye.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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League • March 29, 2004

	W	L
Top Rank Disposal	38	18
Mark White Paint & Stain	33	23
B Vanloo & Sons	29	27
State Farm Insurance	29	27
Cemex Cement	28	28
Kerr's Racing	24	32
Bayshore Steel	22'	34
Central Drug Store	21	35

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	666	247
Randy DeYoung	625	237
Ron Grulke		233
Chris Putman	592	

Tuesday Night Ladies • March 30, 2004

	W	L
Hayes Legal Crew	33.5	22.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	33	23
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	30.5	25.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	27	29
Grey Gables Inn	24	32
Top Rank Disposal	23	33
Don's IGA	19.5	36.5
Central Drug Store	17.5	38.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	545	213
Jane Holm	545	
Cheri Helm		212
Lisa Nicola	535	205

Young at Hearts League
April 1, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	31	17
Misfits	29	19
Sparetime	27	21
Twilighters	25	23
Has Beens	23	25
Alley Cats	21	27
Past Timers	18	30
Irish Rollers	18	30

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Don Bambach	496	193
Maury Dixon	542	193
Ken Schoenheit	504	
Nancy Zimmerman	440	189
Bev Smith	468	178
Irene Cellner	453	180

Church League • March 31, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	430	220
Ferguson & Chamberlain	371	279
Townhouse Bar	358	292
R & C Roofing	308	342
Martincheks	305	345
State Farm Insurance	285	365
St. Mary's	276	374
Lutherans	267	383

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	675	246
Casey Crain	583	233
Randy DeYoung	596	227

Monday Madness • March 29, 2004

	W	L
Buzy Bees	376	224
Flight Deck Top Guns	359	241
Villager Pub	342	258
Friske Farm Market	339	261
Laural & Co. Hair Design	309	291
Strike Seekers	308	292
Paul Bunyan Lanes	279	321
Team One	0	240

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Carol Burry	669	190
Barb McGlinch	660	175
Vicki Mosoryak		168
Kris Dixon		168
Patty Sitzema	624	

Double Deckers Mixed League
March 28, 2004

	W	L
Blanchard/Crain	44	12
Webb	37.5	18.5
Russell Amy/Jerry	36	20
Bradley	31.5	24.5
Spencer	31	25
Russell C & R	31	25
Stein	31	25
Dixon/Kehrer	30.5	25.5
Blanchard	26	30
Sladek Laural/Joe	23	33
Novotny S & J	22.5	33.5
McDonnell/Sporer	20	36
Ferguson	19	37
Nordman	17	39

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	584	238
Michael Webb	594	233
Gary Spencer		219
Scott Kehrer	569	
Lynette Webb	563	217
Debbie Blanchard	560	204
Carrie Blanchard	512	198

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
March 21, 2004

	W	L
Horon	40	20
Cunningham/Mikulski	40	20
Moore	37.5	22.5
Golovich	34	26
O'Leary	31.5	28.5
Bradley	31	29
Hart	31	29
Novotny	31	29
Stebe/Rodriguez	26.5	33.5
Stebe/Soulliere	26	34
Herboldsheimer	21.5	38.5
Mackinder	13	47

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Dave Golovich	505	211
Dave Herboldsheimer	489	186
Cisco Rodriguez		182
Chris Mikulski	479	
Debbie Horon	501	211
Jeannie Stebe	495	198
Cindy Novotny	470	189

Gutter Gals League • March 25, 2004

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	133	87
Express Yourself	109	111
Paul Bunyan Lanes	99	121
Burger King Charlevoix	99	121

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

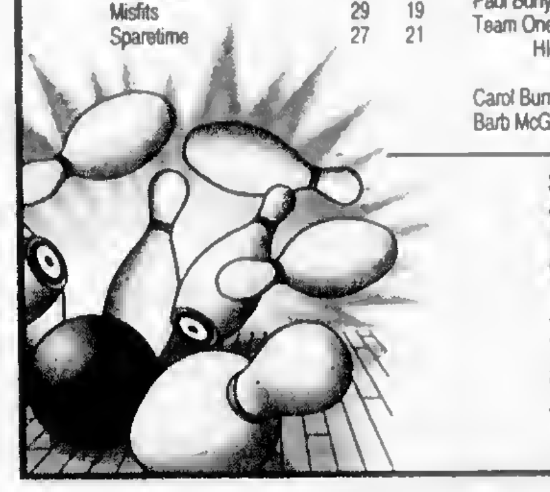
	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	570	221
Diana Speigl	472	200
Jane Holm	533	184

Casino League • April 1, 2004

	W	L
4 Play	148	52
Rock	133.5	66.5
Still Working On It	133	67
Hot Slots	131	69
Brimley Babes	101	99
Last Year's Leftovers	81	119
The Wantabee's	43.5	156.5
Ya Ya Sisterhood	29	171

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	479	277
Gordie Selph	466	274
Bill Ellman	454	243
Diane Kerr	396	236
Lynette Webb	422	222
Jeanne Rankl	400	227



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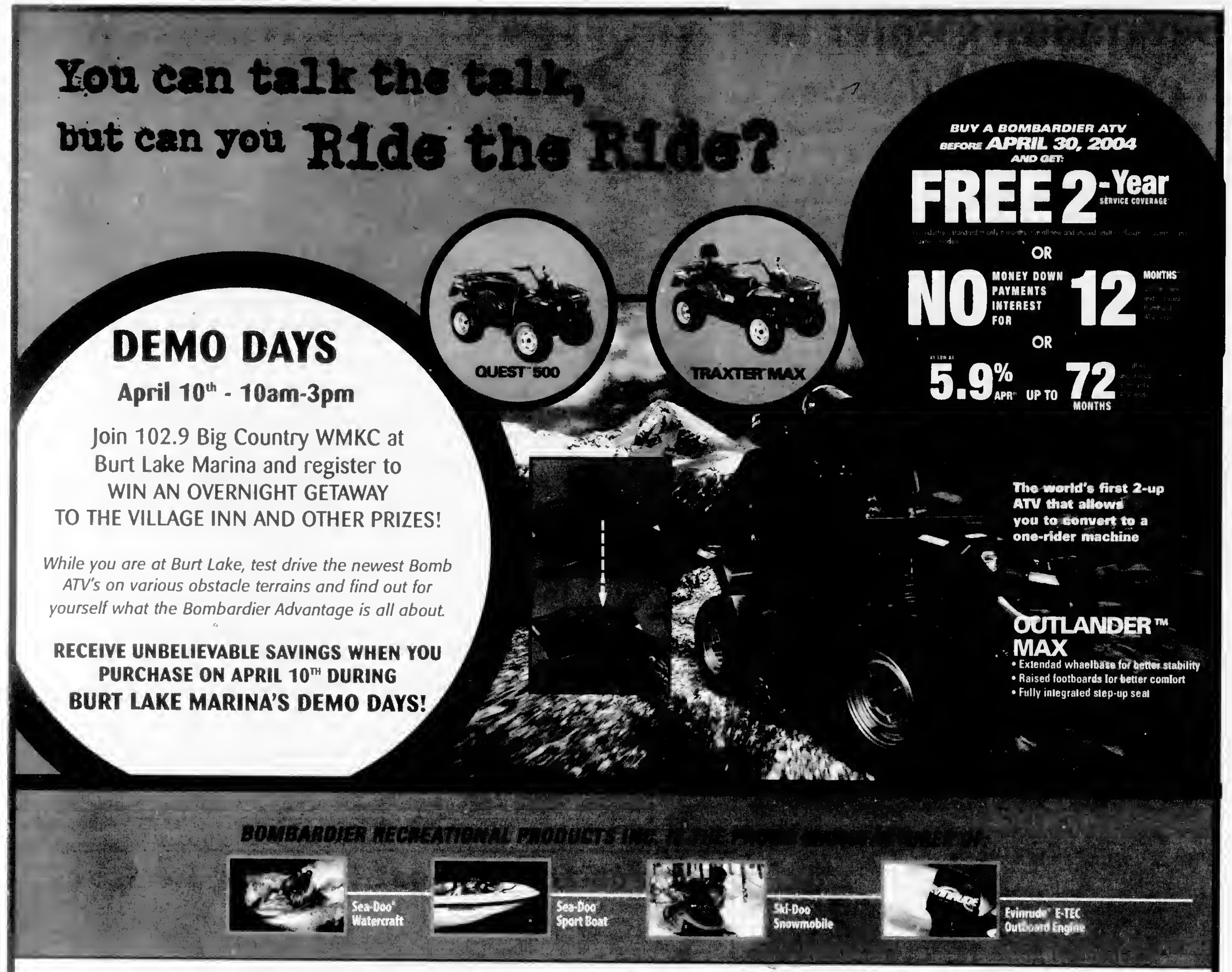
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Supreme Court rules on Second Chance

LAWSUIT

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Supreme Court ruling officially named Second Chance a defendant.

On this day the Lansing based court entered an order denying a request to overturn a June 2003 appellate court ruling that reversed a dismissal granted to Second Chance by 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas' on Oct. 19, 2001.

A plaintiff in the fireworks cases, Ted Dobrowolski, who lost an arm and a leg in the blast said the court's ruling was what should have been done in the first place.

"I don't know why Judge Pajtas ever dismissed Second Chance. Both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals have said they should be part of it. It (Judge Pajtas' decision) has cost us two and a half years," he said."

While the case went through the two courts the trial pending in Charlevoix's circuit court was on hold. In March of 2002 Judge Pajtas, issued a stay in the fireworks case, waiting on the appellate court decision. This stay postponed the trial which was on the docket for April and May of that year.

At that time, Judge Pajtas issued a statement about the postponement explaining that if the trials were to proceed and the appeals court remanded the claims against Second Chance back to circuit court for jury trial, all the cases would have to be retried.

Last spring the appeals court ruled to overturn the dismissal because case law has established that an employer is responsible for its employee's actions. In the opinion it says that Second Chance paid its employees for time they spent renovating a trailer that housed the pyrotechnical mortars where the blast started and that the mortars and trailer failed to contain or divert the explosion.

The Supreme Court supported this opinion.

Dobrowolski said this decision isn't a major victory for he and his fellow plaintiffs.

"At this point, I couldn't care less about the outcome. I just want this done, it doesn't matter anymore," he said. "I just want closure."

Pajtas said this recent decision by the state Supreme Court means the cases are "finally" back in the hands of the trial court.

"That doesn't mean it won't be settled but it does bring it back in our jurisdiction so we can move it along," he said.

Dan Steele, the attorney for Second Chance, is confident that the company will not be found at fault if the case goes to trial.

"We think the facts that convinced Judge Pajtas to dismiss it (the lawsuit facing Second Chance) would also convince a jury to dismiss it," Steele said.

A scheduling conference will likely take place May 10 at which time the cases will be set for trial.

The nine plaintiffs are the Dobrowolski family, Charles and Diana Cradduck, Gary and Bryan Kress, Frances Ladi, James Sr. and Winifred Snider, Mark and Lisa Sokolowski, Laura Wilson, Shannon Wilson and Deborah Yager.

Defendants currently remaining in the cases are Second Chance, Richard Davis, Fireworks North, Wolverine Fireworks Display Incorporated, Glen Crawford, Lawrence Grise and Michael Jaye.

The primary claim stated in the brief is against Davis, the operator and permit holder for the fireworks display. Davis is also owner and president of Fireworks North, a corporation he formed to conduct fireworks displays throughout Michigan, and part owner of Second Chance.

The plaintiffs argue Davis violated well-known and universally accepted industry standards as well as common sense in conducting the display.

The plaintiffs' brief states, "The most outrageous of his many violations was allowing the spectators to assemble at less than 10 percent of the required separation distance. According to the standards promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association the separation distance for the Charlevoix display should have been 840 feet."

The brief states the standards used by the fire protection association base crowd separation distance on the size of the fireworks being displayed. It states, "spectators should be set back 70 feet for each diameter inch of the largest display mortar."

The plaintiffs claim and Davis testified, 12 inch mortars were used at the Charlevoix display. Thus, according to the fire protection agency's standard, the crowd should have been 840 feet from the trailer but the brief states that people gathered 50 feet away.

The brief also states that during Davis' deposition he admitted to having no formal pyrotechnics training. He further claims that before the 1997 Venetian accident he had no knowledge of the National Fire Protection Association or any other of the generally accepted industry standards or guidelines concerning the discharge of fireworks.

The brief states that during Davis' deposition he said he constructed homemade launching trailers to perform the Charlevoix display.

The plaintiffs claim the design of the trailer he used also violated standards for fireworks launching equipment and posed a significant risk of injury.

The plaintiffs are claiming negligent sale and product liability against Wolverine Fireworks Display Inc., a fireworks supply company based in Kawkawlin who sold shells, as mortar tubes and launching equipment to Davis in 1997. Davis testified these were used at the Charlevoix display.

However, according to the brief, no expert has been able to identify the shell involved in the accident as being supplied by Wolverine as it was consumed in the explosion.

Crawford, another defendant in the cases, is Davis' brother-in-law. The plaintiffs' brief states that he played a role in the construction of the launching trailer and participated in the Charlevoix display.

Crawford also testified that there were several modifications made to the trailer he and others constructed before the Charlevoix Venetian festival display.

Grise, a defendant in the case, played a role in the construction of the launching trailer and participated in the Charlevoix display.

The brief states, Jaye, participated in the Charlevoix display and investigating police officers noted he had been drinking.

Davis and Fireworks North Inc. carried no liability insurance for public fireworks displays.

Defendants who have been dismissed from the cases include: United Pyrotechnics Inc., Hunan Provincial Fireworks and Firecrackers Import/Export Corp., Temple of Heaven and Marvin McKay, PyroShows Inc., City of Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson, former city clerk Jo Anne Patrick, city manager Mike Wiesner, former city fire chief Doug Carver, 1997 Venetian Festival Chairman John Taylor and former Venetian Festival coordinating body, the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce.

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City Council Meeting Synopsis
Monday, March 29, 2004 • 5:30 p.m.

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Council members were present.

Council approved a letter of commitment for aerial photography for the GIF program.

Council adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

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Letters to the editor

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Build a water park

Editor:

Wouldn't it be nice if children were not cooped up in the house on a nice summer day? Well, I might have a good idea. We need a water park in the city of Charlevoix.

One reason is, children would be having more fun. They would be swimming around in the pool because it's fun to swim and not be hot and miserable all day. They would also be jumping off the diving boards and into the pool, and some people would be having fun doing that.

In addition, children would be getting exercise. Swimming around in the pool is good exercise. Running around in the park is a good exercise also. Walking up to the stairs to the water slide is somewhat good exercise too.

Last of all, people from other cities would be coming to our city and they would be helping Charlevoix's economy. They would be paying the water park and the water park's money would go to Charlevoix's economy.

In conclusion, these are great reasons on how we should be having a water park in the City of Charlevoix. Remember, it's for the children who are miserable at home in the summer time!

Joslyn Keie
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

A God of many religions?

Editor:

In your Wednesday, Feb. 18, issue you published an article entitled, "Our God is God of many religions."

The theory presented proposes that Muslims, Jews and Christians all pray to the same God.

That is a legitimate theory if only the Old Testament is considered, but what about the New Testament and the Gospels of Jesus?

We can't exclude it because all through the Old Testament there are prophecies of a coming Messiah. They foretell of his conception, what his name would be and where he would be born and his baptism into his ministry.

They also foretell of him being falsely accused, his betrayal, his scourging, his ultimate death by crucifixion, his burial and his resurrection from the dead.

Jesus fulfilled all of those prophecies and more.

If then all religions worship, pray to and revere the same God they have to accept the validity of the New Testament and the reality of who Jesus was and is. Since all religions do not accept that we certainly can't all be praying to the same God.

What other God might be being prayed to I don't know, but the God of the New Testament is the same God of the Old Testament.

As far as world peace goes, the Bible clearly foretells of religions that have adopted as part of their belief an agenda to rid the earth of Christians and Jews.

Their agenda of hate, terror and murder are aimed at anyone who doesn't believe as they do.

Jesus and the God of the New Testament promote loving and praying for your fellow man no matter who he is. Other religions promote their God as a God of their select few, while Jesus and the New Testament testifies of a God who loves and cares for all humanity no matter who they are.

Jesus states in the New Testament that those who believe in him will be hated and persecuted just as he was hated and persecuted.

He goes on to say that the day is coming that whoever kills those who believe in him will think they are doing God's service.

Remember 9/11? That was no accident. Isn't that same thing happening across our globe every day but on a smaller scale?

"Our God is God of many religions?" Not when you look at all the facts, it's an impossibility.

The God I know is a God of love, compassion and grace, forces himself on no one and calls us all to love our neighbor no matter who they are.

Pastor Carrol (Pete) Aronson
Safe Harbor Baptist

Sheriff to help clean up seniors' homes

Sheriff George T. Lasater and Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Director Susan Bergmann announce their organizations have joined forces to provide the spring clean up program to senior citizens of Charlevoix County.

Sheriff Lasater will be assigning county jail prisoners, supervised by a sheriff's officer, to assist senior citizens with raking and general clean up of their yards.

Sheriff Lasater said only prisoners who are not a security risk to the community will be assigned to this detail.

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Wal-Mart site plan submitted

WAL-MART

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have signed a petition signifying their opposition to the project.

Hoffman said the unanimous support of the DDA is appreciated and the financial backing was a nice surprise. He said the group has numerous financial commitments including advertising costs, legal fees and payment for professional review of Wal-Mart's site plan.

Just before noon the day of the DDA meeting, Wal-Mart representatives submitted their final site plan for review by the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission at its April 28 meeting. The proposed store would be 157,000 square feet with 770 parking spaces.

Hoffman said his group's review of the site plan will be ready before that meeting.

According to the official site plans that Wal-Mart submitted to the township, the company wants to build a 155,800 square foot supercenter on 24 acres of property located off US-31, near Marion Center Road and Stover Road.

The plans say the store will face Marion Center Road and have two entrances and exits. The main entrance will be located on Marion Center Road, while another will be on US-31.

For the entrance on US-31, the company said it will need to get a partial vacation of Stover Road and has applied to the Charlevoix County Road Commission for this.

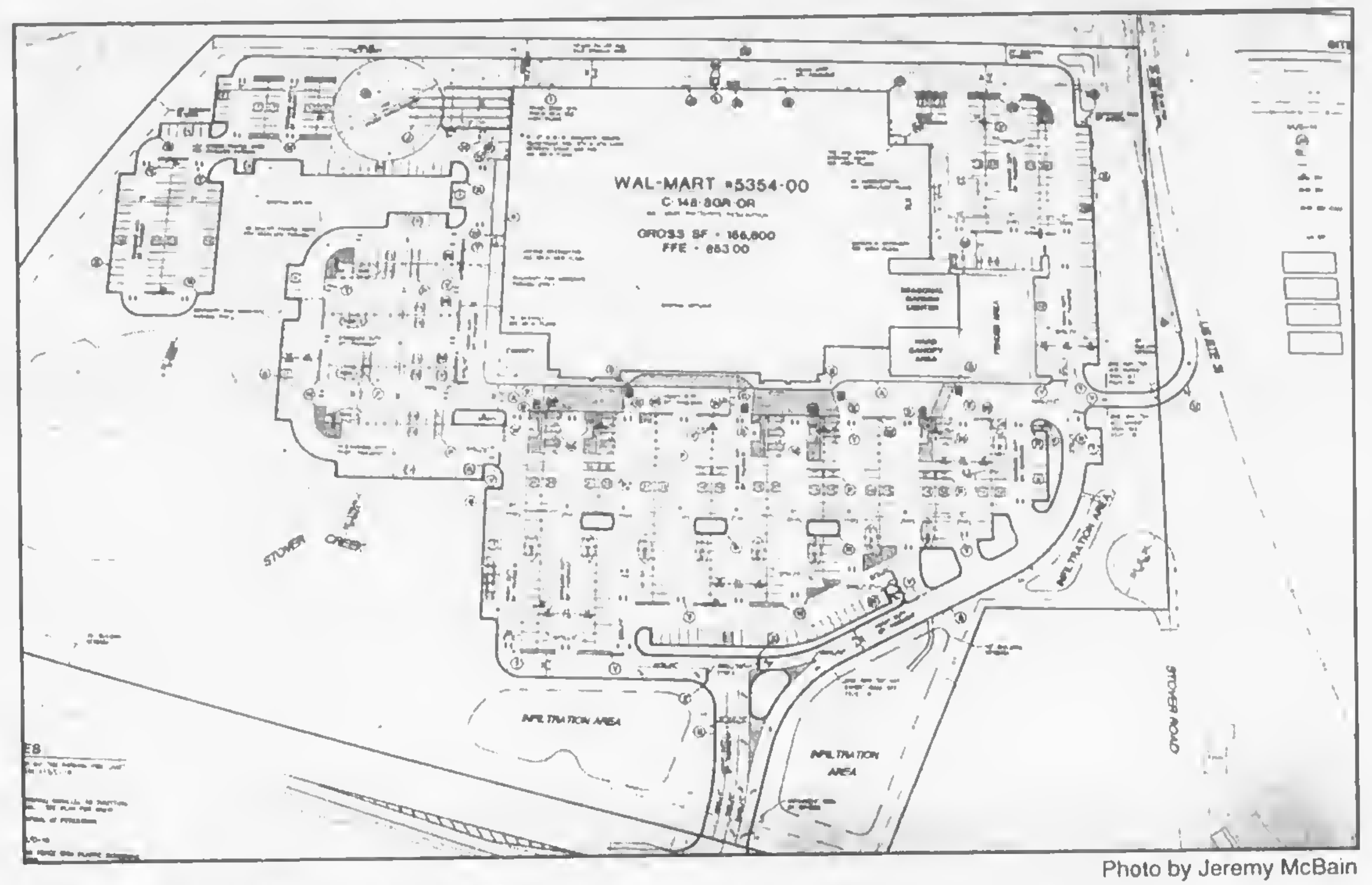
The company also stated it will need a lighted signal at the intersection of US-31 and Marion Center Road, as well as the construction of left and right turning lanes on Marion Center Road and by pass lanes for through traffic.

Site plans also state the company needs sewer service from the city of Charlevoix.

They are proposing a sewer line that will be extended from a manhole west of the intersection of Stover Road and Marion Center Road. Wal-Mart has said it will pay for all costs associated with this extension.

Plans state the supercenter will generate about 4,230 gallons of sanitary waste a day.

Company officials have previously said they want to have the store open in 2005.



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Kenneth Wayne Stephens, 46, Sikeston, Mo. Attempted criminal sexual conduct — second degree, victim under 13. Prison for a minimum of 24 months and a maximum of 60 months with credit for 106 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Elijah James Kibbe, 23, Boyne City. Controlled substance — maintaining a drug house. Two years probation; conviction reportable to the Secretary of State; license suspended; licensing sanction reportable to the state police; rehabilitative treatment as recommended by the probation department; 180 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 60 days; $1,170 in fines and costs.

James Lewis Smith, 31, Flint. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Prison for a minimum of 36 months and a maximum of 120 months with credit for 34 days; $2,795 in fines and costs.

Myron Randall McIntire, 18, Boyne City. Criminal sexual conduct — fourth degree, victim between 13-16. Jail for 12 months with credit for 46 days, serve 12 months.

Tanya Sue Hawk, 28, Petoskey. Probation violation — embezzlement- agent or trustee, $1,000 or more, less than $20,000. Jail for 180 days with credit for one day, serve 179 days.

Assumed Names

The following businesses have filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Scuba Services Limited, 5895 Horton Bay Road, Boyne City, by Brent Cadarette

Absolute Countertop Solutions, 5895 Horton Bay Road, Boyne City, by Brent Cadarette

Dave Korthase Services, P.O. Box 00275, Boyne City, by Dave Korthase

Paradise Bay Hauling, P.O. Box 481, Beaver Island, by Robert P. Marsh

M. G. Enterprises, 3850 Barber Road, Boyne City, by Michael G. Goy

Boss Lawn & Landscape, 12443 Rex Beach Road, Ellsworth, by Scott Boss

Stephen S. Speigl General Contractor, 13175 Boulder Farm Drive, Charlevoix, by Stephen Sherman Speigl

Lake Charlevoix Landscaping, 06515 Burgess Road, Charlevoix, by Chad R. Lake

Boyne Falls Bakery, 2451 Railroad Street, Boyne Falls, by April Arlette Kenney

Divorces

The following people have been granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Kayla Niswander vs. William Niswander

Mari Fisher vs. Patrick Fisher

Births

Ethan Patrick, weighing 9 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Andrew and Cari Pflug of Boyne City on March 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has one sister, Alysa Kaye, 8. Grandparents are Patrick Pflug of Alanson, Katherine Pflug of Larks Lake and Gregory and Kimberely Hiar of Boyne City.

Robert Griffin, weighing 9 pounds, was born to Rober and Michele Hoth of Boyne City on March 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has two sisters Hannah and Katie. Grandparents are Cheryl Keyser of Wayne, Tom Scarrow of Romulus, Barb Hoth also from Romulus.

Enzo Carmine, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, was born to David and Jessica Ferucci of Charlevoix on March 26 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Zoie Jean and Giovanni. Grandparents are Brenda Scott, Fred Stutzman, Michela Jameson and Joseph Ferucci.

Thomas Edward, III, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Thomas and Terri Hart of Elmira on March 26 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Thomas and Shirley Hart of East Jordan, Glenda Shelley of South Bend, Ind. and John Puroll of Boyne City.

Madison Juanita-Lynn, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Jeffrey Moore and Stacy Wicker of Boyne City on March 26 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Bill and Sherryl Wicker and Claudia Moore all from Boyne City.

Brady Karlson, weighing 9 pounds, was born to Karl and Rebekah Redmer of East Jordan on March 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has one Brother, Garett. Grandparents are Gary and Margaret Redmer of East Jordan and Bill and Andrea Chapin of Fenton, MI.

Twins, Shayne O'Neil weighing 5 pounds, 7 ounces, and Sheldon James, weighing 4 pounds, 10 ounces, were born to James and Kendall Smith of Charlevoix on March 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Beverly Smith and the late Richard Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Balch Jr.

Analyse Jadyn, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, was born to Jeremy and Crystalann Kunz of Bellaire on March 31, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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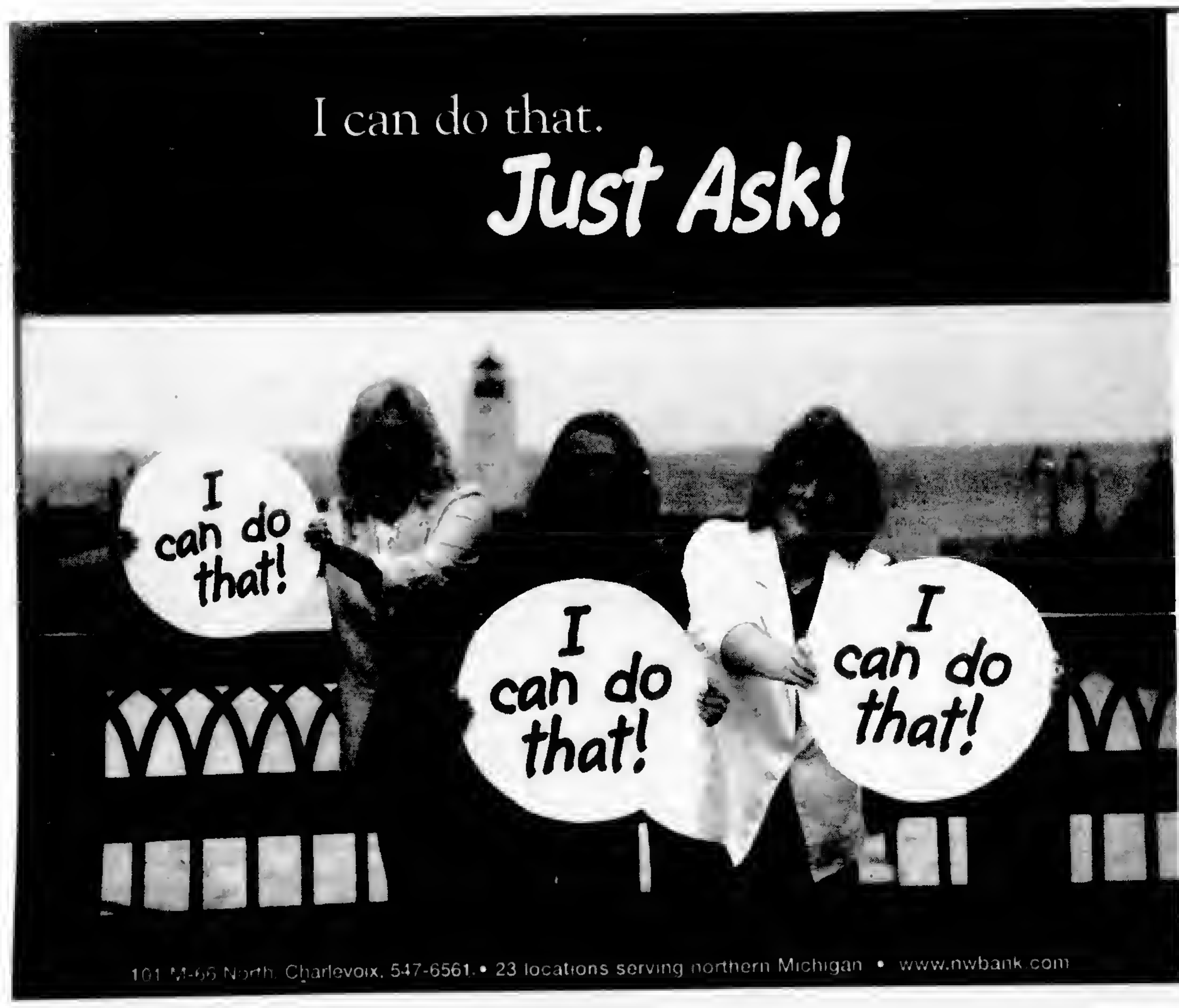
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Carol Heeres & Bob Heeres

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SPECIAL NOTICES 076

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Marlene A. McGinn a single woman, Mortgagor, to Benchmark Mortgage Corporation a Michigan corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 8th day of April, A.D., 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of April, A.D., 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix the 19th day of April, A.D., 1999, in Liber 361 on Pages 696-702.

WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage as of the date of this notice is the sum of Fifty-six thousand three hundred seventeen and 47/100 dollars ($56,317.47), for principal and interest and,

WHEREAS, no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, and default having been made whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday the 7th day of May, 2004, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed at a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the east door of the main lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with the interest thereon at seven and one quarter percent (7.25%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises described in said mortgage are as follows: Property situated in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix State of Michigan, to wit:

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241A in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 24, 2004.

Benchmark Mortgage Corporation,
Mortgagee
Charles A. Forrest, Jr.
Attorney for Benchmark Mortgage Corp.
703 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48503
Telephone: (810) 238-4030

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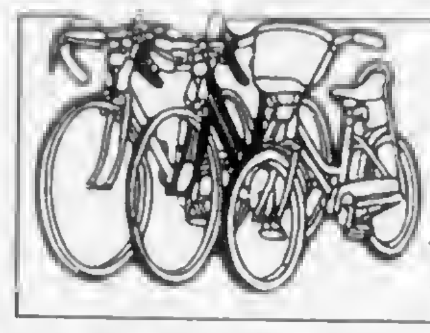

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

Establishment of Zones for Bovine Tuberculosis

Identification, Testing, Permitting, and Movement Requirements (Effective June 1, 2004)

Modified Accredited Zone (Infected Zone) - includes the entirety of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle Counties, and those portions of Iosco and Ogemaw Counties that are north of the southernmost boundaries of the Huron National Forest and the Au Sable State Forest.

Animal Identification

All cattle must be identified with RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) Electronic identification eartags prior to movement from a premises within the Modified Accredited Zone. When an animal is identified for the first time, the electronic identification utilized must be an RFID Electronic identification tag assigned to the herd in which the animal resides at the time of identification.

Surveillance Testing Requirements

All cattle herds must complete an annual whole herd bovine tuberculosis test of all cattle 12 months of age and older, and all goats, bison, or privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older in contact with the herd. Retesting of herds must be done within 9-15 months of the anniversary date of the initial whole herd test. Registered terminal operations, or feedlots in which all animals are sold for direct slaughter or through a concentration point for slaughter, are exempt from the annual whole herd testing requirement.

Movement Testing Requirements

Movement within the Modified Accredited Zone

° Cattle must comply with one of the following prior to movement:

a) Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or,

b) Originate from a herd which has received a whole herd test within 60 days prior to movement, or,

c) Receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.

° Calves less than 2 months of age may be moved if they originate from a herd that has completed a whole herd test within 12 months prior to movement.

° Steers or spayed heifers may be moved to a registered terminal operation, or between registered terminal operations without meeting tuberculosis testing requirements.

° Cattle may be moved to slaughter, or through a concentration point to slaughter, without meeting tuberculosis testing requirements.

Movement into the Modified Accredited Advanced Zone

° Cattle 2 months of age and older must comply with one of the following prior to movement:

a) Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or,

b) Originate directly from a herd that has received a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to movement, and

1. the animal was included in the whole herd test and it was completed within 60 days prior to movement, or

2. receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.

° Calves less than 2 months of age may be moved if they originate from a herd that has completed a whole herd test within 12 months prior to movement.

° Cattle may be moved to slaughter, or through a concentration point to slaughter, without meeting tuberculosis testing requirements.

° Steers or spayed heifers may be moved if they receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movemcnt (do not need to originate from a herd that has received a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within the 12 months prior to movements).

Movement Permit Requirements

A Movement Permit is required to be obtained prior to movement of any cattle from a premises within the zone. A copy of the Movement Permit is required to accompany animals moved from a premises within the Modified Accredited Zone, unless exempted by the Director. All cattle with a destination of a concentration point within the Modified Accredited Zone must receive a new permit that identifies the final destination of movement, prior to leaving the concentration point facility. Cattle do not need to be repermitted from the concentration point if they are moved directly to a slaughter facility that maintains a RFID Electronic eartag tracking system.

Modified Accredited Advanced Zone (Disease Free Zone) – includes the remainder of Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula.

Animal Identification

All cattle must be identified with official identification prior to leaving a premises within the Modified Accredited Advanced Zone.

Surveillance Testing Requirements

All herds must obtain a premises identification number, and be placed into a database from which herds will be randomly selected for whole herd testing. Proportional samples of beef and dairy farms will be selected from each Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service agriculture district based upon the total number of farms in that district. Selection will occur on a two-year cycle.

Selected herds, or herds selected as a replacement for herds determined ineligible for testing, shall be subject to whole herd testing of all cattle in the herd 18 months of age and older, and all bison, goats, and privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older in contact with the herd. This testing must occur within 90 days after the person responsible for herd management receives notification that a whole herd test under this surveillance program is due and necessary.

Movement Testing Requirements

Movement into the Modified Accredited Zone

A copy of the official accredited herd letter, or official bovine tuberculosis test chart demonstrating that animals meet any required testing requirements, must accompany animals moved from the Modified Accredited Advanced Zone, unless exempted by the Director.

° Sexually intact cattle 18 months of age or older must meet one of the following prior to movement:

a) Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or,

b) Be included in a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test at the premises of origin within 6 months prior to movement, or,

c) Receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.

° Cattle less than 18 months of age, steers and spayed heifers, or cattle moving to slaughter do not need to meet tuberculosis testing requirements prior to movement.

Movement within the Modified Accredited Advanced Zone

° No tuberculosis testing is required for movement of cattle within the zone, or through a livestock concentration point to a final destination within the zone.

This order revises the order that established zones effective March 10, 2002.

Dan Wyant, Director

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Democrats to have forum

The Charlevoix County Democrats invite interested voters to an evening of conversation and planning at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 8, in the downstairs training room at the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department.

The Democrats are also co-sponsoring a forum on the impact of the "No Child Left Behind Act." This forum will be at 7 p.m., Monday, April 29 at the Charlevoix Middle School.

Egg hunt

Safe Harbor Baptist Church will host an Egg Hunt at 12 p.m., on Saturday, April 10, rain or shine. Hotdogs and chips will be served as well as plenty of eggs to hunt. Children of all ages are welcome. Safe Harbor is located in Charlevoix at 06046 Old 31 South, near the intersection of US-31. If you have any questions, please call the church at 547-6283.

Pancake breakfast

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's monthly pancake breakfast is from 8 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 10, at the clubhouse, two miles north of the bridge on US-31, Charlevoix. This is an all you can eat breakfast featuring pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, bacon, sausage gravy with home-made biscuits, coffee, juice for $5 donation per person.

Scholarship

Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) is again offering two $500 scholarships to any accredited trade or vocation education school or program.

Students need to obtain information from their high school counselor and apply by April 15.

The recipients will be selected by the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel Scholarship Committee by May 1. This Committee includes a representative from each of the four Charlevoix County High Schools. Students will be informed by May 15.

The Early Family Memorial Scholarship will contribute additional funds.

Grange Week

Barnard Grange 689 will celebrate Grange Week on Thursday, April 22. Beginning with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a program. A community citizen award will be given. Everyone is welcome.

Fortieth reunion

Charlevoix High School's Class of 1964 will host its fortieth reunion at 7:30 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The cost is $20 per person. Reservations should be directed to Leslie (Lyons) Cunningham at 06530 Brown Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2145, or Betty (Reynolds) Martin at 12347 Waller Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2089, by June 1. Anyone able to provide contact information for class members can call or e-mail Ms. Cunningham at lcunning@freeway.net.

Trophy case

Charlevoix High School is in the process of finishing its new trophy display cases in the commons area outside the gymnasium. The trophy area is near completion, and now the school is asking for community assistance to complete the next phase.

A Hall of Fame for All-state athletes is being constructed along the North/South hallway, opposite the gymnasium. All athletes, who achieved all-state status in their sports at Charlevoix High School, are asked to send a 2-inch-by-3-inch senior picture along with the year(s) All-state status was accomplished, the sport(s) and a correct spelling of their name. Additionally, if an athlete was a state champion, please send a 5-inch-by-7-inch picture. Only one picture is needed even if All-state status was achieved in more than one sport. Please include a contact person and phone number if there is a question about the information sent.

Please send the photo and information to the following address: Attn: Ken Plude, Project Coordinator, Hall of Fame, Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road,

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Flap Jack Resturant.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-1388.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department in the lower level training room of the jail.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support Group —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix.

Call (800) 337-3827 for more information.

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Department celebrates National Health Week

Along with health departments all across the country, the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is celebrating National Public Health Week April 5 through April 11. The focus this year is "Eliminating health disparities: Communities moving from statistics to solutions."

According to Linda Yaroch, Deputy Health Officer for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties, people who live in rural communities have higher rates of chronic illness and disability and poorer overall health status than urban communities.

"Lack of access to health care, including dental care, is one of the biggest problems we are working to solve at the health department," she said. "Creating a system which provides 100 percent access to health care for the total population is our goal — a goal aligned with the mission of local public health."

Yaroch said, "Not surprisingly, there is a significant relationship between cost barriers and availability of health insurance. The number of people without health insurance is increasing in northern counties, as it is across the state and country."

Yaroch said two health department projects address the cost of prescription medications for people without drug coverage on their health insurance policy.

Members of the "Northern Prescription Discount Plan" can expect to save about 25 percent on prescription drugs at participating pharmacies.

The only requirements are to be a resident of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet or Otsego Counties, the counties served by the health department and have no prescription coverage. Beginning in May, a "Pharmacy Assistance Program" will be available in Charlevoix and Otsego counties for people with chronic illness who meet certain income requirements set by pharmaceutical companies for medications at no charge.

The Pharmacy Assistance Program is being developed by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency in partnership with Charlevoix Area Hospital and Otsego Memorial Hospital.

Another high priority for the health department is assuring access to dental care. Dental Clinics North, a partnership of health departments across northern Michigan, was first organized in 1991 as a result of too few private dentists accepting Medicaid as a source of pay, leaving thousands of children and adults without a source of dental care.

Today, Dental Clinics North in East Jordan, Gaylord, Mancelona, Petoskey and six other locations, serve over 20,000 clients annually.

"Dental health truly affects everything about a person's general health, family and social life, productivity at work, even the way we talk, eat and sleep," Yaroch said.

Beginning April 1, members of the "Northern Dental Plan," sponsored by Dental Clinics North, can receive a free initial visit with a participating dentist, including x-rays and exam, and reduced rates for all subsequent treatment. The Northern Dental Plan is accepted by dentists at 10 Dental Clinics North locations and other participating dental offices across a 26-county region of northern Michigan.

A two-year membership to the Northern Dental Plan is $50 per family member.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to improving health and safety in the communities it serves.

For more information on the Northern Prescription Discount Plan, Pharmacy Assistance Program, Dental Clinics North or Northern Dental Plan, call toll-free (800) 432-4121.

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If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail charlevoixcourier@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

It should be noted, each story and picture is dealt with on its individual merits. Any policies outlined above may be suspended by the editor or general manager of the Charlevoix Courier if necessary.

Doans, Stephans honored by church

Two couples from St. Marys of Charlevoix received the appreciation award from Father Tom Neis at the annual Mardi Gras Appreciation Dinner.

Ceil and Ralph Doan, Marianne and Paul Stephan have been active in St. Mary's for many years. Ralph is the music minister at the 5:30 mass and Marianne at the 8 a.m. liturgy. These two parishioners also lead the funeral liturgy, and additional liturgy music required within the parish. Many times they have sung solo adding to the reverence of the liturgy.

Ceil is a Eucharist minister and Paul in the usher minister during the liturgies.

The couples are long time friends and often work together within the parish. Ceil is on the board at the resale store which is sponsored by all the churches in Charlevoix giving the proceeds to many charities within the city and assisting those in need. Marianne and Ceil also volunteer at the store. They also are involved in the funeral lunches. Paul and Ralph assist with the clean up and the dishwasher.

Ralph has been maintenance supervisor and Paul assists with the landscaping.

The couples are active in the Knights of Columbus and the Rosary Alter Society serving as officers. Ralph and Paul also are active in the American Legion.

Where there is a need within the parish or the town, there you will see Ceil, Marianne, Paul or Ralph participating.

Their children are graduates of St. Mary's. Ralph and Ceil have had grandchildren in the school and presently have grandchildren in the Faith Formation program.

Those attending the gathering were pleased that these hard working people were honored for their devotion. A list of all their generosity and kindness would fill pages.

Photo credit

(Above) Father Tom Neis, Ceil Doan and Ralph Doan. (Below) Neis, Marianne and Paul Stephan.

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Hospital can help you stop smoking

Are you ready to kick the cigarette habit?

Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking program can give you the tools, techniques and motivation to quit for good.

Offered in cooperation with the American Lung Association, Freedom from Smoking is a lively, interactive, step-by-step program with a proven track record. A new, eight-week series of classes will begin Thursday, April 15, 2004 at the hospital.

There's a $25 fee to cover course materials.

Each week participants will learn how to break the nicotine habit; get practical tips for handling stress, maintaining weight, and making changes in daily routines; and receive plenty of encouragement and support as they adjust to their post-smoking life.

Space in the classes is limited.

To register, please call Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking coordinator, Michelle Potter, at (231) 547-8672.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Birthday party

Mary Lavery, (center in scarf) a Charlevoix resident of over three decades, celebrated her ninety-eighth birthday with friends at Boulder Park. Lavery is staying at Boulder Park while healing from a broken hip. She generally lives on her own and is very active at St. Mary Church in Charlevoix.

Easter Sunday Services

Charlevoix United Methodist Church

104 State Street

You are welcome to come take part in any of these services.

Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.

Good Friday:
11:30 a.m. Cross Procession
beginning at Oleson's parking lot
Noon, Ecumenical Good Friday Service

Easter:
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Song & Word Service at Ferry Beach
9:30 a.m. Youth Led Morning Service
10 a.m. Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt
11 a.m. Regular Morning Worship Service

Christ Episcopal Church

State Street at Clinton, Rev. E. James Gunn

Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m., Holy Communion,
foot washing & stripping of the altar

Good Friday prayer Vigil, 8 a.m.
Good Friday, 7 p.m., Good Friday Liturgy & Tenebrae

Holy Saturday, 7 p.m.,
Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Communion

Easter Sunday, 10 a.m., Festival Eucharist

Church of the Nazarene

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Sunrise Service 7 a.m.
Easter Breakfast Fellowship 8 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
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Missionary Service at 6 p.m. Sunday Evening

Community Reformed Church

100 Oak Street • Charlevoix
Sunday, April 11, 10 a.m.
Easter Celebration at Charlevoix High School Auditorium
"Shalom alekem," message by Pastor Paul Copeland.
Music by the choir.
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and resurrection of Jesus
Service followed by fellowship in the
High School Commons area

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Corner of US 31 & Meech Street

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Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7-8 p.m.
Community Good Friday ~ Noon-1 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

Corner of State & Park St., 547-9122
Pastor: Rev. Mary Snell Willis

Maundy Thursday, Tenebrae Service, 7 p.m.

Community Good Friday Service, noon at Charlevoix
United Methodist Church (carrying of the cross from
Oleson's to the church beginning at 11:30 a.m.)

Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service at Depot Beach, 6:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 11 a.m.

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Mass of the Lord's Supper,
Adoration until midnight

Good Friday, 12 p.m., Stations of the Cross
1 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, 9 p.m., Easter Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday, 8 a.m., Easter Liturgy
10 a.m., Easter Liturgy

United Methodist Church

Carrying of the cross from Oleson's to the church,
beginning at 11:30 a.m.
Lenten Breakfast for all women,
9 a.m., April 19
Easter Celebration, Saturday 6:57 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Pastor Grooters' Sermon, "Easter Matters!"

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Township to hear Wal-Mart proposal

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

A formal site plan meeting for a Wal-Mart Supercenter with the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission is still on for 7 p.m., April 28 at Charlevoix High School on Marion Center Road.

While the company did postpone the meeting twice to get more information to the township, according to Charlevoix Township Planning Commission Chair Nancy Rajewski, Wal-Mart has everything they needed to submit to the township turned in. This means the meeting will still take place as scheduled.

While this is a major project for Charlevoix Township, Rajewski said she did not have an idea of how big a crowd will show up, which is why the meeting will be at the high school. And, because of the size of the plan, Rajewski said the commission will probably not decide on the fate of the project that night.

"We will listen to (This Is) Our Town — the anti-Wal-Mart group — and Wal-Mart," she said.

While she said she has not made up her mind about the proposal yet, Rajewski said she understands that a decision either way could end up in court.

"It goes with the jobs I guess. We have to make a decision one way or the other," she said.

Rajewski said she is not sure if Wal-Mart fulfills all of the criteria for the township to pass the plan yet, but did say she was happy the new plan worked around wetlands on the site and stayed away from Stover Creek.

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Annual hunt

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Frenzied children of all ages filled East Park April 10 with empty baskets ready to fill with thousands of eggs for the annual hunt sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the Easter celebration. The hunt started right at 2 p.m. and was over just seconds later. The Easter bunny also made an appearance. This boy swept up a basket full of eggs as Jacob Kerner-DeYoung of Petoskey looks on with bunny ears decorating his little head.

Lawsuit against Kur dismissed

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The court case against Charlevoix County prosecutor Mary Beth Kur has been dismissed.

Thirteenth Circuit Court Judge Thomas Power dismissed a lawsuit by two employees in Kur's office Monday. Last year, the employees, Victim's Assistance Coordinator Sandra Ward and Office Manager Jacqueline Rozema, claimed Kur violated the Whistleblowers Act and subjected them to retaliation and a hostile work environment after giving depositions in another Whistleblowers lawsuit filed last year by former Chief Assistant Prosecutor John Jarema.

"I believed from the very beginning both of these lawsuits had no merit. I am pleased they were dismissed. It is time to move forward," Kur said.

Power dismissed the case because neither Rozema nor Ward experienced adverse employment actions. This means they were not fired or forced to quit their jobs. Both Rozema and Ward continue to be employees of the prosecutor's office, but are on medical leave.

According to Kur's attorney Dennis Taylor, "None of the things they were alleging rose to that level. There was no violation of the Whistleblowers Protection Act and no hostile work environment."

This action comes after Kur's attorney made a motion to dismisse, saying the case had no merit.

Ward declined to comment at this time. Rozema and the women's attorney, Grant Parsons, could not be reached for comment.

The lawsuit is connected with a lawsuit filed by former chief as-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Thomas Edward Raese, 43, Saginaw. Driving while license suspended; and failed to transfer registration of plates. Jail for 34 days with credit for 34 days; $650 in fines and costs.

Matt Fred Emig, 33, Boyne City. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Aaron Leland Tuttle, 20, Alger. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $100.

Kyle F. Cowan, 17, Warsaw, Ind. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend alcohol education classes; fines and costs totaling $100.

Shane M. Wallen, 19, Warsaw, Ind. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend alcohol education classes; fines and costs totaling $100.

Paul Todd Mayhew, 37, Gaylord. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Arielle Lorraine Williams, 18, Bloomfield Hills. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend 10-week alcohol education program; fines and costs totaling $100.

Jaimee Elisabeth Strong, 19, Petoskey. Driving while license suspended. Attend driver's responsibility class; $500 in fines and costs.

Gwendolyn Jean Duhart, 42, Charlevoix. Driving without a license/multiple licenses. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Adam Lee-Raymond McBee, 18, Boyne City. Attempted fleeing and eluding a police officer-fourth degree. Fines and costs totaling $600.

Delos Scott Lanterman, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol; and assault and battery. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for 13 days, serve 21 days, 59 days held in abeyance; $1,000 in fines and costs.

John Fred Zavesky, 41, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated — second offense. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 72 days held in abeyance; $1,175 in fines and costs.

Diane Carol Stackus, 53, Boyne City. Check — non-sufficient funds under $100. Fines and costs totaling $770.

Ronald Allen McDonald, 37, Flint. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

James Russell Schlehober, 27, Moran. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Kimberlee Lou Clark, 42, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Corinne Denise Capp, 45, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Ronald Bruce Potter, 56, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Dustin John Stutzman, 19, Big Rapids. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Gregory Michael Webb, 35, Trespassing. Six months probation; 30 days in jail with credit for six days, 24 days held in abeyance; $150 in fines and costs.

Nicole Marie Mills, 21, Cheboygan. Controlled substance — possession of narcotic/cocaine, under 25 grams. Bound over to circuit court.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Max R. Corbett, 23, Elmira. Driving while intoxicated — third offense. Two years probation; outpatient residential substance abuse treatment as recommended by the probation department; conviction reportable to the Secretary of State; license revoked; licensing sanction reportable to the state police; 480 hours of community service work; jail for 11 months with credit for one day, serve six months; $1,060 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Gerard Groudis, 23, Boyne City. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacture marijuana. Two years probation; outpatient residential treatment as recommended by the probation department; conviction reportable to the Secretary of State; licensing sanction reportable to the state police; 180 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 60 days; $520 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses have filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Groh's House Cleaning, 2180 Center Street, Boyne Falls, by Vicki Groh

Michael McCaslin, 10386 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix, by Michael Dhaseleer

G & B Car Wash, 100 Bridge Street, East Jordan, by George Werner and Barbara Werner

Harmony Nursery, 06918 Old Norwood Road, Charlevoix, by Jody Louise Fraser

Lake Street Market, 306 South Lake Street, Boyne City, by Elizabeth Glass

Life's Reflections, 413 South Lake Street, East Jordan, by Jennifer Raymond and Kristina Douglas

Cyber Shire, 104 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, by Kurtis Busman

Eveleigh Tile & Stone, 208 East Dixon Avenue, Charlevoix, by Robert D. Eveleigh

JP & Associates, 2250 South Barnard, Charlevoix, by Jay M. Potter Sr.

Half Way to the Top Latitude 45, 403 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, by David J. Guanci

Art Trudeau Custom Carpentry, 8945 Atwood Road, Charlevoix, by Art Trudeau and Shawn Trudeau

Edward Daniels Carpentry, 816 Douglas, Boyne City, by Edward Daniels

Marriages

The following people were recently issued marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Robert Anthony Gutcher, 40, Boyne Falls and Michelle Renea Kauska, 28, Boyne Falls

Ricardi Francis Andino, 39, Walloon Lake and Heather Marise McCuen, 25, Walloon Lake

Divorces

The following people were recently issued Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Kristine Dixon vs. Scott Dixon

Melissa Gray vs. Joel Gray, Sr.

Jodi Ann Richards vs. Aaron James Richards

Jessica Rene McCormick vs. Gabriel Ray McCormick

Births

Patrick Anthony, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to Aaron and Betsy Boris of East Jordan on April 3, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has two siblings, Steven and Andrew. His grandparents are Art and Diana Call of Harbor Springs and Stan and Gerry Boris of Charlevoix.

Olivia Lauren, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces, was born to Brian and Jennifer Vollmer of Charlevoix on April 2, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Louise Hilligan of Charlevoix and Bob and Judy Vollmer of Ellsworth.

Connor Levi Carlson was born to Bradley and Teresa Carlson of East Jordan on April 8, 2004 at Charevoix Area Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Siblings are Tyler Clute, 13, Haley Carlson, 19 months. Grandparents are Ruth and Jerry Froats of Boyne City and Sam and Linda Carlson of Cheboygan.

Thomas Lloyd Reid, III was born to Tom and Michelle Reid of East Jordan on April 9, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He weighed 10 pounds, 4 ounces. Siblings are Josh, 13, Tyler, 12, Kortenay, 11 and Caitlyn, 8. Grandparents are Donald and Kathy Moore and Thomas and Billie Reid.

Robert Griffin, weighing 9 pounds, was born to Robert and Michele Hoth of Boyne City on March 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has two sisters Hannah and Katie. Grandparents are Cheryl Keyser of Wayne, Tom Scarrow of Romulus, Barb Hoth also from Romulus.

Kimberly Denise, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Alesha Royster of Charlevoix on April 6, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Emma Joan-Marie, weighing 8 pounds, was born to Michael and Kimberly Barton of Mancelona on April 7, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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Commissioners discuss zoning out 'big box'

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The city of Charlevoix's planning commission will address big box development in town during its master plan and zoning ordinance revision process.

At city council's March 1 meeting, third ward council member Shirley Gibson made a motion to recommend that the planning commission consider amending the zoning ordinance to limit the size of commercial buildings to 50,000 square feet in the commercial district. She later amended this motion to limit the size to 30,000 square feet.

Charlevoix's Oleson's Food Store is about 35,000 square feet and Glen's Market is about 44,000 square feet.

When the commission considered this recommendation at its meeting Monday night, April 13, it agreed to look at the issue, in time.

Commissioners John Dobulis and Patty Sitzema both voted to get the ball rolling now to amend the ordinance and set those limitations.

"I would like to put something in as a stop gap in the ordinance. I can't see that a 50,000 square foot retail structure or a 30,000 square foot structure for that matter would fit in the city limits of Charlevoix," Dobulis said.

"We can revisit this with the master plan revision, but I think we should have something in there (the ordinance) now. I agree with Miss Gibson," he said.

But Dobulis and Sitzema weren't supported by the majority of the commission. Chairman Dennis Kusina and commissioners Richard Hodgson, John Hess and Gina Whitney voted the motion down.

Those four commissioners feel the issue isn't urgent and voted to address it during the zoning ordinance and master plan revision process.

"This isn't an emergency situation. We aren't Charlevoix Township we don't have a lot of vacant property. I think we need to get going on the master plan — the sooner the better," Hodgson said.

Hess agreed and said, "We have to defend ourselves or sooner or later someone will come in and take a whack at us."

Hess recommended that the commission take a stand through the revisions by showing in the master plan the type of village Charlevoix wants to be and supporting that in the zoning ordinance.

The first step toward revising the master plan took place Monday night when Kusina officially filed the notice of intent to plan. This notice will be sent to surrounding townships, the county planning commission and utility companies. Public hearings will be scheduled throughout the planning process.

The last time the master plan was revised was in the early 1990s. The plan addresses land use issues and projects into the future. It includes maps, plans, charts and other information pertinent to the physical development of the city.

Hospice to host teleconference on Alzheimer's Disease

Hospice Foundation of America's 11th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference will focus on "Living With Grief: Alzheimer's Disease."

This program, moderated by Cokie Roberts of ABC News, will be broadcast live via-satellite, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 28, at Charlevoix Area Hospital's conference room located on the lower level.

An expert panel will discuss what is known medically about the diagnosis, progression and treatment of the disease; explore some innovative programs for patients and caregivers coping with Alzheimer's; focus on the particular grief issues that patients and families face during the course of this illness; and examine the challenges and opportunities that Alzheimer's disease presents to clinicians, caregivers, hospice workers and policy advocates. The panel also will discuss dementias other than Alzheimer's.

Reaching an estimated audience of 125,000 people nationwide, the teleconference will benefit a wide range of professionals as they support their communities and help people cope with grief and loss issues associated with Alzheimer's disease.

Roberts will lead a panel of noted authorities to include: Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, College of New Rochelle; Parag Dalsania, MD, Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Lisa Gwyther, MSW, LCSW, Duke Medical Center; William Haley, PhD, University of South Florida; Richard Ham, MD, West Virginia University Center on Aging; Lin Noyes, RN, PhD, Alzheimer's Family Day Center; and Therese Rando, PhD, Institute for the Study and Treatment of Loss.

The teleconference is produced by Hospice Foundation of America, a non-profit organization working to educate health care professionals and the families they serve on issues relating to illness, loss and grief.

For more information and to register, call Linda Parsons, BSW at 547-8569 .

This program is being offered free of charge. Continuing education credits are available for a fee. Early registration recommended.

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Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

As a journalist, I take pride in my ethics.

One of these is I have an ethical belief that I should not write an opinion article about any story that I am covering for the news portion of the paper.

But, then came this whole Wal-Mart issue. I have been asked on numerous occasions to write what I think. I have resisted this for some time and tried to remain neutral in all of my stories.

I have tried to get both sides of the story when it comes to Wal-Mart. This is hard considering Wal-Mart is not easy to deal with as a journalist. I have received only one telephone call in return from Wal-Mart's public affairs manager for this area, John Bisio, since I broke the story that Wal-Mart was interested in building a store in Charlevoix back in June 2002. I called sometimes four times a week. Another employee of Wal-Mart did answer my questions on a few occasions, but not often, and I usually had to corner him by catching him in his office when I called. He would not return calls.

Perhaps we really don't seem important enough to them. Perhaps that is the view they take of Charlevoix as well. If the Courier doesn't matter, what about the citizens of this town? Do they matter?

But still I sought out both sides, because it is my job. And I will continue to pester Wal-Mart for a comment, because their side of the story deserves to be in the newspaper and people who support the store should be heard as well.

Even so, because of the high degree of impact this will have on the community, I have decided it is time to speak my mind on the matter. I promise, this will not affect my news stories. My readers deserve both sides to an issue at all times.

So, let's look at both sides to this as I see it:

Cons

• Wal-Mart will not bring jobs to Charlevoix — According to economists, for a town the size of Charlevoix, at best Wal-Mart will have a "zero net gain" on the market. This means no jobs are lost, no jobs are gained. Most likely though, Charlevoix will lose jobs. As for cities outside of Charlevoix (East Jordan), they definitely will lose jobs.

• Wal-Mart will not add to the tax base of Charlevoix Township — Again, the "zero net gain." In fact, many studies I have read say Wal-Mart will actually take away more in services than what it pays in taxes.

• Wal-Mart will hurt the local economy — Many small stores and grocery stores in Charlevoix will suffer with Wal-Mart in town. Many will go out of business — and we are not talking about downtown Charlevoix, that area will probably do just fine. As for towns outside of Charlevoix, it will be devastating. I know, some economists say businesses that sell what Wal-Mart doesn't will do fine, at least until Wal-Mart starts offering the same items they have.

• Donations to community fundraisers will drop — With Wal-Mart taking away retail dollars in the community, current businesses will have to tighten their belts. Do you really think Wal-Mart will give even close to the amount of money that current business owners in Charlevoix give?

• This Wal-Mart plan is too big and is out of character with Charlevoix — The square footage of this project (155,000) is larger than downtown Charlevoix and it dwarfs Kmart. Plus, the store will look like every other supercenter, making Charlevoix look like every other town in the country.

• It will create horrible traffic near the Marion Center Road/US-31 intersection — They want to add turning lanes, a light and several hundred new cars a day to that intersection. I cringe just thinking about it.

Pros

• They sell cheap stuff — It is always nice to buy things for a low price. We sure will need that when local businesses start cutting back on employees or closing down.

As you can see, I am not really in favor of a Wal-Mart as a citizen of Charlevoix. But, can we do anything to stop it at this point? I am not sure. We will have to wait to see at the April 28 Charlevoix Township Planning Commission meeting.

But, how did we get into this mess in the first place? Sadly, I say we caused it ourselves. I believe we created this big box problem with our desire for cheap items.

We need to change our shopping habits. Instead of going for that cheap foreign sweatshirt, try that "Made in America" shirt. Sure, you may pay a little more, but you are paying for better living conditions and American jobs.

It is also a good idea to look for items you need in local businesses first. Local business owners tend to spend their money in the local community, thus creating an economic cycle that benefits many. Wal-Mart does not do this.

But, we like things cheap.

I doubt we will change. I even have trouble grasping it. So the beast continues to grow and destroy town after town.

Wal-Mart is our Frankenstein monster and our village is in his sights.

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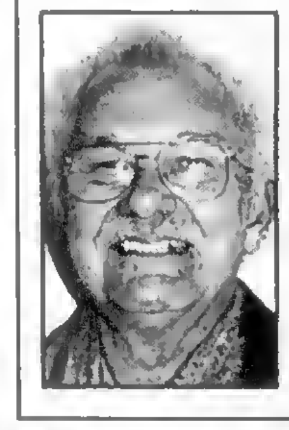
A new political party?



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

The words used to describe complex things often limit or determine how we are able to think about them. This is certainly the case with what has come to be called the political spectrum.

The spectrum is frequently presented as a single line stretching from left to right — from liberal to conservative. That may be uncomplicated, but it is certainly oversimplified and misleading. The alternative image used most often in political description is that of a field, as in a field of candidates. That sounds to me like a spacious grassy place, and it at least provides a two dimensional image on which thoughts about our candidates or their ideas can be distributed. It allows for more complexity than the simple line from conservative to liberal. Unfortunately the spectrum image encourages us to think of the ends of the spectrum as most real and the middle of it the place where those without the courage of their convictions reside.

We hear a great deal about the positions and convictions of the religious right. But surely there must be a religious left. I have never heard of a press release from the religious center, where most of us almost surely fit. The designations Christian right and religious right are not interchangeable. The two groups aren't the same. The Christian left makes hardly a ripple on the political scene in our country, but has some currently in parts of the developing world. The Christian middle, with what is most likely the largest number of members, is almost never mentioned.

A year or so ago one commentator decided that there should be a new name for that growing number of people with no formal religious affiliation: those who profess no belief in the usual supreme beings. "Atheist," he suggested, was too negative. And it defined people in terms of the very idea they denounced. He suggested that rather than atheists these people would be known as "brights." That sounded a bit presumptuous to me, but if we agree to use the word, then there must be left brights and right brights, as well as centrist brights.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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Writer discusses party for the centrist voter

KNUTSON

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We know there are gay liberals and gay conservatives, well distributed in all of our political parties.

And there must be gay centrists as well, possibly even a majority. We hear often of the liberal or leftist media, and more commonly now about the right-wing or conservative media. Is there a centrist media anywhere? I suspect there is, but the urge to simplify and put every person or idea on the one-dimensional political spectrum makes it difficult to locate who might be a part of the centrist media. It is clear that not all of the above listed rights, lefts and centers can be comfortably fitted on a simple left to right line of the political spectrum.

One parenthetical thought. If we have to choose between supporting only a left wing or supporting only a right wing, give some thought to how hard it will be for any creature with only a right wing or only a left wing to fly anywhere. Just as the Ship of State in an earlier century needed both a port and a starboard, the Airplane of State in our time requires a left wing, a right wing and a center to carry the passengers if it is ever to do anything but spin in small circles.

If we were more commonly presented with the image of a political field, where we could all be represented by our peculiar and individually complex points of view, we might more easily talk to and understand one another. The field image has at least one additional virtue. While it seems not to trouble many people to be placed at one end or the other of the political spectrum, who would wish to be at the very edge of the political field, where they would be far from the action in the center? Certainly no one would want to have their ideas presented as being in one of the far corners of the field. The center of that grassy, open field has room for nearly everyone, and there might be less incentive to push opponents to the far edges when most of the action is near the center. I for one will henceforth abandon the notion of the political spectrum in favor of the more realistic two dimensional political field.

Maybe if we are lucky some of the commentators on the political field will begin to think that there is depth as well. That would make a political box. Maybe that is the best image of all, since we will certainly be confined in something like a political box for at least the next seven months. A box would have room for all the wings and all the centers we can imagine.

Maybe that is what the idea of an inclusive political arena means: A place with room for everyone's ideas — Left, right, center, up, down and sideways.

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Letters to the editor

Yes to Wal-Mart

Editor:

Please say, "yes" to Wal-Mart! I am all for shopping Charlevoix and supporting our local merchants when the merchandise is at hand. As a new mother of twins, however, I am finding that so many necessities are not readily available.

Our sons were born four weeks early, and were classified as "Preemies" (which is clothing in the size up to 6 pounds). Try finding clothes, let alone diapers in this town for such little people. I know that not every day small babies are born, but it does happen. My husband and mother had to travel to Petoskey to Wal-Mart to purchase preemie outfits, undergarments and diapers before we were discharged. Kmart didn't have such sizing and other than the Rainbow Shoppe, with their very limited amount of baby clothes, there is no other local store with infant merchandise.

Furthermore, neither Kmart, Oleson's, Rite Aid, Glen's, Don's IGA, nor Central Drug Store had one package of preemie sized diapers on their shelves. What an inconvenience to have to pack the family in the car and drive to Petoskey for such necessary items.

Kendall K. Smith
Charlevoix

No to Wal-Mart

Editor:

There have been numerous letters in your paper regarding Wal-Mart's invasion into our small township. While there are hundreds and thousands of documents on the Internet, in newspapers and private publications regarding Wal-Mart's destruction of small towns and small town businesses. Low wages, non-union, discrimination, unfair labor practices, unfair business practices, lawsuits, sale of foreign products (under the label "Made in America") are but a few articles.

This letter is not about their low-handed business practices, even though it will decimate this town and others.

This letter is directed to the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission members and members of surrounding planning commissions. The Township Zoning Ordinance has a list of standards that must be followed during their Development Plan review process. This list of standards also includes nine subjective standards, which must also be met during this review process. These standards deal with traffic impacts, environmental impacts, impacts to the character of the neighborhood and compatibility with similar business.

The Planning Commission must remember that they are part of this community and sit on the commission to serve the residents of this community, not Wal-Mart. Do not be afraid of the big corporate giant. The members of this community will be here to help you stop Wal-Mart and support you in every way possible.

If we do not stop this pervasive invasion into our community and quality of life, it will not just stop with Wal-Mart. What happens the next time and next time. Do you want Charlevoix to be another Garfield Township? Charlevoix the Beautiful will be only a memory. Where will the tourism go to when Charlevoix has lost its uniqueness?

Picture summer grid lock along US-31, all trying to get through and out of Charlevoix's big box shopping strips. How long will it take before tourists detour through East Jordan or Ironton? Comparing public services expended for Kmart cannot be compared to a Wal-Mart superstore with 750 parking spaces. Who do you think will pay for these additional services? Your tax dollars.

I say to all developers of large oversized inappropriate development, "Go someplace else!"

If we need more stores, why do we have so many empty stores in the city of Charlevoix and surrounding townships? If we need more housing development, why are there so many vacant houses for sale in the same area? Preserve what we have. Stay out.

After living in two large cities, I moved home to enjoy the benefits of small town living. Now my quality and choice of life style is being threatened by Wal-Mart and all other big box corporations. If you have never lived in a large city, ask someone who has, and then think very carefully about the information they give to you. They have been there, they have seen the devastation.

Perhaps, more property owners should look to the Land Conservancy to save our way of life.

Charlie Van Pelt
Charlevoix Township

Thank you

Editor:

The family of Roderick E. Smith wishes to thank all the neighbors, friends, care workers from Hospice and the staff of Charlevoix Area Hospital for the wonderful assistance provided our father during the illness that led to his demise. Special thanks to Debbie Berry, Home Care Giver, Pat Wakulat and Barbara Dobulis of Hospice, Doctor Freidinger and the shift nurses at Charlevoix Area Hospital for the attention given our father during his time of need. The choir members of St. Mary's parish contributed to his peace of mind and happiness in a very special way and should also enjoy our deepest appreciation. The moment of truth about hometown kindness found expression in all you did and is certainly deserving of our sincerest thanks.

Joannie Carlson
Charlevoix resident
on behalf of the entire family

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Engagement

Roberts — Carr

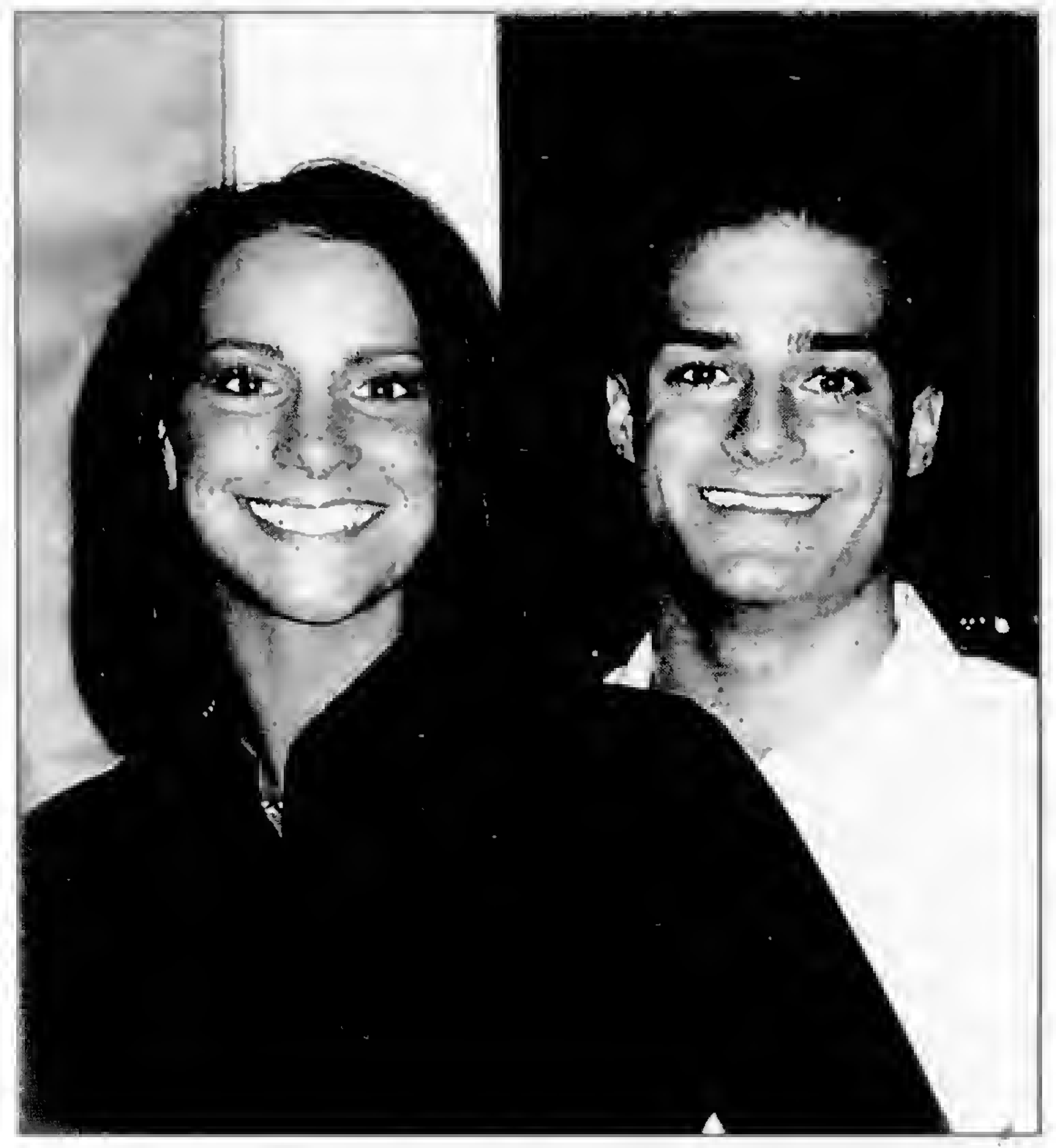
April Roberts and Colin Carr, both of Denver, Colo. are engaged to be married.

April is the daughter of Marvin and Sharon Roberts of Boyne City. Colin is the son of Dennis and Connie Carr of Charlevoix.

A wedding is being planned for June 19, 2004 at the Belvedere Club Casino in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is the marketing/events coordinator for the Pulte Homes Corporation, Colorado Division.

The groom-to-be is a commercial real estate broker for a firm in Denver and also handles multiple investment properties.



Wedding

Darrah — Hart

Lori LeeAnn Darrah and Delbert Wayne Hart II, both of Charlevoix, were married March 20 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix in front of about 300 guests.

Lori is the daughter of Oma and Larry Darrah of Charlevoix. Delbert is the son of Kathy Argetsinger of East Jordan and Delbert Hart of Charlevoix.

Margaret A. Nattermann, of Charlevoix, performed the ceremony. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father, Larry Darrah, and her son, Brandon Darrah.

She carried a bouqet of long stemmed cala lillies, white roses and bells of Ireland.

The brides sister, Melissa Ostrum, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Tracy Lemmond of Missouri, Nicki Argetsinger of Charlevoix, Jaime Johnson of East Jordan and Vicki Long of Charlevoix.

Erica Marie Darrah, the daughter of the bride, was the flower girl.

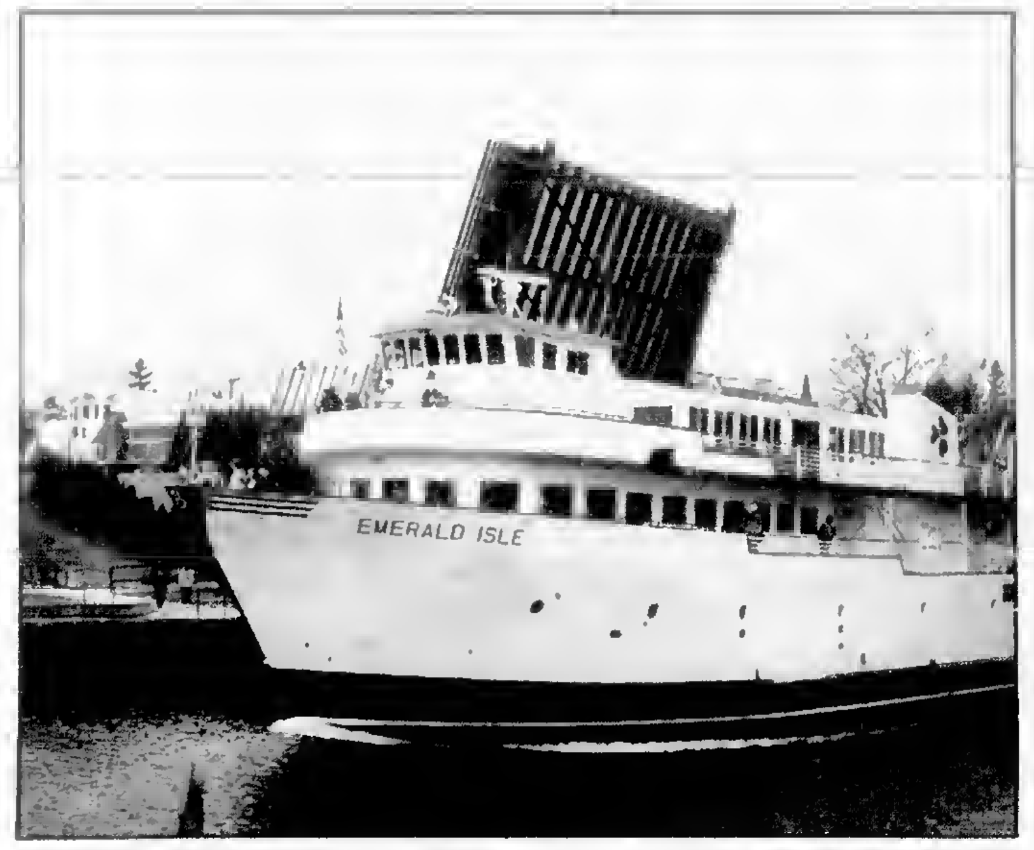
Delbert Wayne Hart III, the son of the bride and groom, was the ring bearer.

Victor James Hart, the uncle of the groom, was the best man.

Groomsmen were, Chad Hart of Boyne City, Mike Argetsinger of Charlevoix, Jermey Johnson of East Jordan and Neil Booze of Boyne City.

Ushers were Brian Darrah, Steven Hart and Matt Argetsinger.

They are making their home in Charlevoix.



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First egg hunt

Children of all ages filled East Park April 10 at the annual hunt sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the Easter celebration. The hunt started right at 2 p.m. and was over just seconds later. The Easter bunny also made an appearance. Here, Jacob Kerner-DeYoung of Petoskey was in the park with his mom, Lisa Kerner, for his first official Easter egg hunt.

Parker gets United Way award

On March 25, Tim Parker, vice president of northern operations for Harbor Industries, Inc. was presented with the G.W. Haworth Strength of Community Award by the Greater Ottawa County United Way and Volunteer Center.

This is United Way's top award, and is presented to those individuals who exemplify their organizations' spirit of volunteering, philanthropy, and community decision-making.

United Way officials said Parker "continually works to strengthen our community by serving on the United Way and Volunteer Center Board and actively volunteering for community organizations and groups."

Three additional awards were presented to Harbor: The United Way God Award, the Continuous Improvement Award, and the Cappon and Bertsch Community Build Award.

Courtesy photo

Tim Parker speaks at a United Way awards ceremony

Rod and gun club to host hunter ed. class April 17

A Hunter Education Clinic will take place at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club April 17.

Registration for the clinic will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the clubhouse. The day's activities will end at 4 p.m.

There will be a lunch break and registrants are asked to bring a drink and sack lunch.

The clinic is open to all area students ages 12 and up or who will be 12 prior to purchasing a 2004-2005 hunting license.

A testing session for those who complete the April 17 clinic will take place in Charlevoix at a time and date to be announced at the clinic.

Attendance is mandatory at both the clinic and testing to receive the Hunter Education Certificate.

For additional information call Jim Mansen at 547-6862.

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Obituaries

G. Lorene Goss: Sept. 30, 1925 - April 6, 2004

G. Lorene Goss, 78, of Charlevoix, departed this life to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, early in the morning on Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

She died at home after a short but courageous battle with lung cancer.

Lorene was born Sept. 30, 1925, in Oxford, the daughter of Frank and Maude (Waite) Jones. She grew up on their homestead resort on Big Bass Lake near Irons in Lake County. After graduating from Dixson High School in Brethren, she worked in Chicago, Ill. in a factory for the war effort.

On June 6, 1953, she married Gerald A. Goss of Charlevoix. He preceded her in death in 1991.

In addition to being a devoted wife and loving mother, she worked for several years at the Charlevoix County Treaurer's office and later as a chairside assitant for Dr. Robet Tollas, DDS. After retiring from Kit Carson Lumber, where she assisted with bookkeeping, she volunteered her time at Charlevoix Rainbow Thrift Shoppe, the Charlevoix Area Hospital and Bay Pines V.A. Hospital in Florida. She was an active member of the Charlevoix Community Church of God.

As a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan, she could be found sitting in her car as it was parked in her driveway in order to follow their games on the A.M. radio. She also enjoyed traveling and participated in 15 Elderhostel trips throughout the United States.

She is survived by her beloved children, two sons, Max Perry (Sandy) Oswald of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Brian (Linda) Goss of Fairbanks, Alaska; and one daughter, Jerallyn (Melvin) Roetemeyer, of Snohomish, Wash.; two granddaughters, Aubrey Goss and Savannah Goss, both of Bowdon, Ga.; two sisters, Thora Budd of Ann Arbor, and Janice Graff of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind many good friends. She will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by one infant son, William Goss; and one brother, Burton Jones.

The funeral service was Tuesday April 13, at the Charlevoix Community Church of God. The Reverends Neil and Margie Turner officiated. Following cremation, the family had a private burial at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice, Charlevoix Community Church of God, Charlevoix Rainbow Thrift Shoppe or Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation TOMA X-ray machine fund.

Rhea P. Hess: Nov. 8, 1907 - April 3, 2004

Rhea P. Hess, 96, of Charlevoix, died April 3, 2004, in Prescott Valley, Ariz.

Mrs. Hess was born Nov. 8, 1907, in Vemontville, the daughter of Allen and Alma Faust. She graduated from high school in Vermontville in 1925.

On Nov. 8, 1925, she married Ralph V. Hess in Reading. They lived and were in business in Nashville, for many years before moving to Charlevoix in 1950, where they continued in business for many more years. Mr. Hess preceded her in death on Sept. 29, 1967.

Mrs. Hess was a member of the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix and belonged to the Mary Brewster Circle of the Congregational Church. She was also a member of the Charlevoix Garden Club, the Shakespeare Club in Charlevoix and also the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Grace Fenner, of Grand Ledge; one daughter, Joan Finnie, of Hastings; and a son, Ralph V. Hess and his wife, Micki, of Scottsdale, Ariz. Her granddaughters are Kathryn Finnie of Saugatuck, Kimberly (Paul) Hauschild of Middleville and Tami Pulsifer and husband, Craig, of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; her grandsons are Gordon (Karen) Finnie of Rockford, Thomas (Donna) Finnie of Cascade, Grand Rapids and Daniel R. Hess and David B. Hess of Prescott, Ariz. She is also survived by 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hess was preceded in death by her grandson, Robert Allen "Buff" Hess.

A memorial service honoring Mrs. Hess took place on Friday, April 9 and Pastor Mary Willis officiated. Burial was at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Charlevoix Area Hospital or the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix.

Arrangements were handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Roderick E. Smith: Nov. 17, 1914 - April 9, 2004

Roderick E. Smith, 89, of Charlevoix, formerly of Romulus, died peacefully at home on April 9, 2004 with his family.

The funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on April 14 at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Charlevoix. Father Thomas Neis will be the celebrant.

Rod Smith was born in Eau Claire, Wisc. on Nov. 17, 1914, the son of Alec C. and Zetta Smith. He was preceded in death by his wife Marge; his parents; a son, James; his sister Alexia; and a brother Raymond.

He is survived by his brother Louis of Flint; his children, David of Mesa, Ariz.; Roderick II of Redmond, Wash.; Sandra Solcy of Matthews, N.C.; Joanne Carlson of Charlevoix; Jerome Smith of Longwood, Fla.; Zetta Wojcik of Perkins Township, Maine; and Michacle Smith of Holiday, Fla. He was the proud grandfather of 25 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Among other accomplishments, Rod was a member of St. Mary's Parrish in Charlevoix and actively sang in the choir. He also participated in The Gregorian Club of St. Aloysius in Romulus. The Progressive Club and Kiwanis were organizations in which he served as President in the Romulus, MI Chapter.

Rod held the secretarial position of the fifteenth and sixteenth Democratic Congressional District of Michigan. In addition, he was president of the Romulus Democratic Club and an officer in the Dearborn Democratic Club. Even more, Rod held the position of township clerk, and eventually became supervisor of Romulus Township.

Prior to entering polities, Rod held many positions working as an electrician, an insurance salesman and a maintenance lead. When Rod left the political arena, he became a mechanical contracting estimator for Hay Plumbing and Heating Company.

Rod retired to Charlevoix to be near family, to pursue his favorite past time of fishing, as well as other activities. Rod enjoyed being a sports spectator, a writer and a volunteer. He derived great pleasure being of service to his new hometown community.

Virginia M. Schleman: Died April 2, 2004

Virginia M. Schleman,90, died April 2, 2004 in Manchester, N.H.

Visitation is at 9:30 a.m., Friday, April 16 at Winchester Funeral Home.

The funeral service is immediately following at 11 a.m., Friday, at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix. The Pastor Mary Willis will officiate.

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Shutdown costs millions, but needed

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A two-week preventative maintenance shutdown at Cemex that ended early this week cost the company millions of dollars, but new management at the plant say its well worth it.

The local industrial site located off Bells Bay Road is where the gray powder that holds the sand together to make concrete is manufactured around the clock.

Every year Cemex takes a two-week hiatus from its cement making operation to check and repair all its machines and major equipment. This year, production at the plant stopped March 26 and things got rolling again early Monday, a couple days ahead of schedule.

This was the new management team's first taste of a shutdown at the Charlevoix plant.

The new faces include plant manager Bud McCormick, who joined the Cemex staff in July of 2003. McCormick relocated to Charlevoix from the Cemex plant in Clinchfield, Ga. He brought with him former Clinchfield staffers Jimmy Rabon, the new maintenance manager, Luis Lopez, the production manager, and quality control manager Enrique Ruiz. Environmental manager Cortney Schmidt came on board from Cemex's Dixon, Ill. facility.

During the intense shutdown, McCormick said, "We are trying to make everything like new. This is our only shot at it — we want to operate continuously."

He said, "Things need attention and it requires a lot of time."

And time is money. Not only does the company lose upwards of $300,000 a day when it isn't producing its sought after product, it has big labor expenses. The plant's regular staff of 142 employees worked overtime alongside 35 big money contractors and specialists from across the globe.

"We're working around the clock here because we have a production schedule to meet — we have obligations," McCormick said of the tight schedule.

The Charlevoix plant has high demand as compared to the other 12 Cemex plants in the United States. Charlevoix produces 10 percent or 1.5 million tons of Cemex's total U.S. cement production. Cemex's U.S. headquarters is in Houston, Texas.

Charlevoix's piece of the cement pie is so big because of the seam of high quality limestone that exists at the site — 85 percent of what goes into the final cement product is mined in the approximately 250 acre on-site quarry. This quarry has been mined since 1969 and quarry manager Mike Mayse said it has about another 35 years left.

The other 15 percent of cement making product that can't be locally mined is sand and iron ore and it is brought in to finish the mix.

The demand for Cemex's product comes from major cities all around the Great Lakes like Detroit, Milwaukee and Green Bay, Wis., Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio and Chicago, Ill. Deliveries are made via ships like the Challenger, which can hold 11,000 tons of product. It was built in

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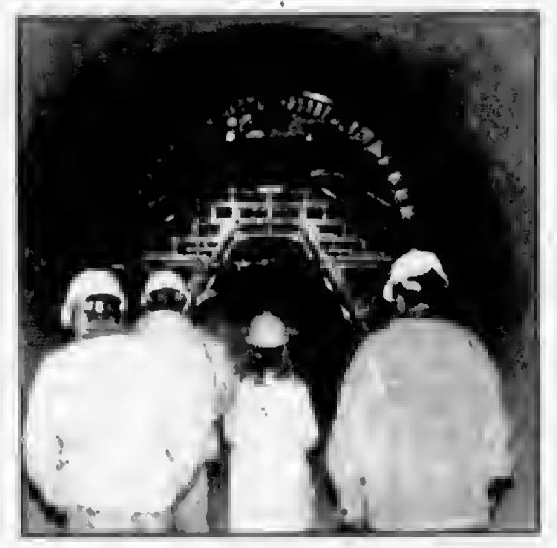

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The local industrial facility Cemex, Inc. recently underwent its annual preventative maintenance shutdown. (Left) Huge rocks taken from the quarry are brought to this primary crusher to be broken down. It can handle 700 tons of rock at a time. This machine was reworked during the recent shutdown. (Above) The massive kiln where clinker is made, was gutted during the shutdown. The kiln has a diameter of 18.5 feet and extends 328 feet in length. It was cool when these people toured but when clinker is being made here temperatures reach 2,700 degrees.

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New management getting acquainted with plant

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1906, nine years before the Titanic, and is the oldest working vessel in the world. Other shipments are made via the Conquest, a barge pushed by a tugboat that can hold about 8,000 tons of cement.

Cemex's huge obligations to its customers were still met during the recent shutdown. The towering storage silos that sit along the company's Lake Michigan frontage are full of ready to ship cement.

And this week, workers were back at what they do best, making fresh cement with machines and equipment operating like new.

Three major pieces of machinery saw the most work during the shutdown — the primary crusher, the kiln and three Finish mills.

The primary crusher, located on the outskirts of the quarry, was totally reworked. This is where limestone that is blasted out of the quarry is taken to be ground down. It can grind 700 tons of rock at a time.

The hub to the cement making operation, the massive kiln where clinker is made, was gutted. The kiln itself has a diameter of 18.5 feet and extends 328 feet in length. It is one of the largest pieces of moving equipment in Michigan. The interior of the kiln was replaced to the tune of $450,000 in brick. Temperatures in the kiln reach 2,700 degrees and McCormick said it's imperative that the brick be at top performance.

The three Finnish mills, where clinker is ground, were filled with new golf ball sized grinding spheres.

Reflecting on the shutdown while it was still in progress, McCormick said that maintaining an efficient, quality cement operation is a complex task that requires cooperation from everyone during shutdown and processing.

"We are playing in dirt, but it's a sophisticated playground," he said.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

(Above) Blasts like this one that took place April 8 happen about once a week at Cemex to unearth huge pieces of limestone from its 250 acre on-site quarry.

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(Left) Here plant manager Bud McCormick holds a handful of clinker.

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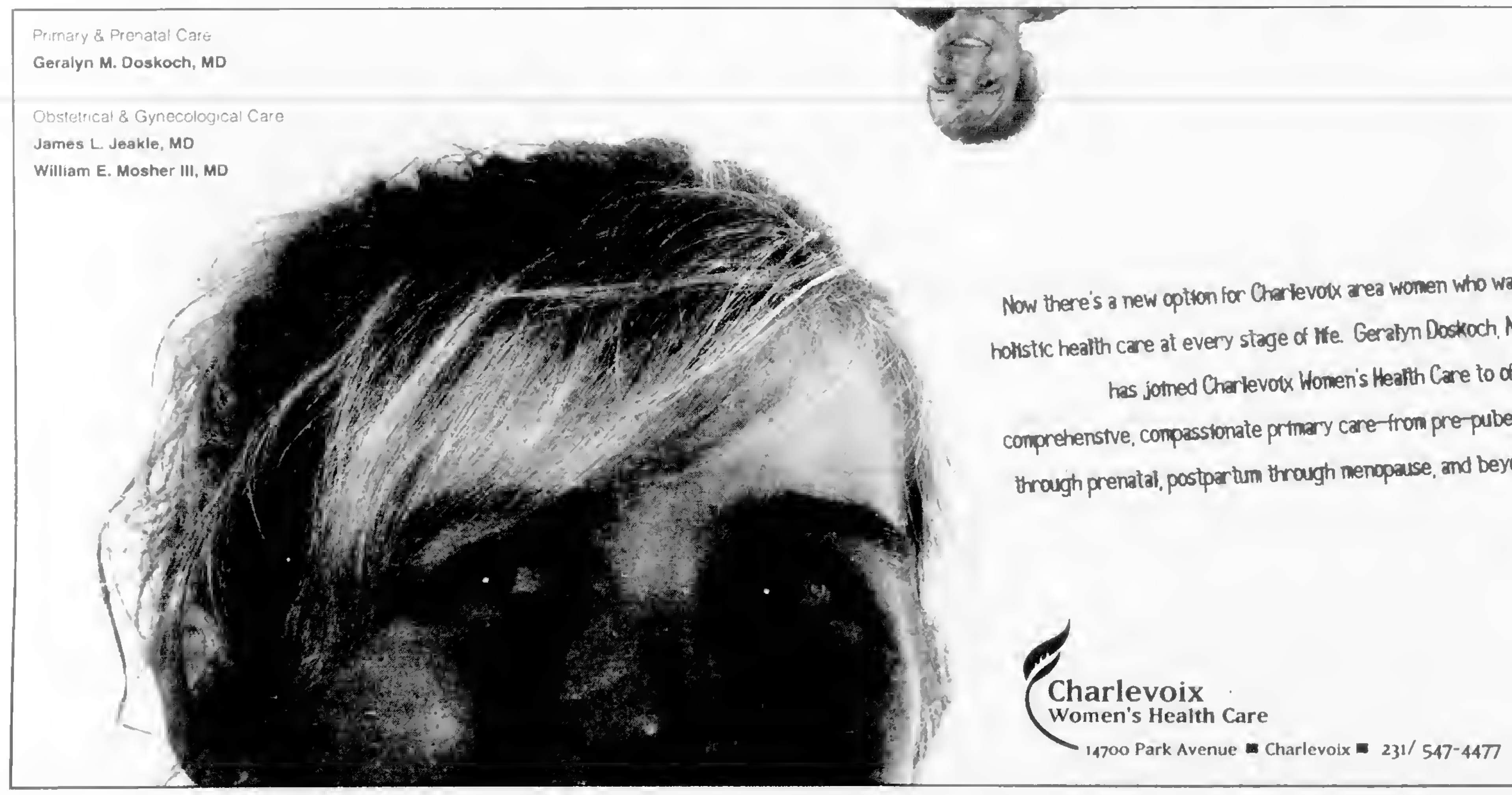

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City, pilots agree on fees

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A compromise was reached between local pilots and the City of Charlevoix on a hangar rate hike issue at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport.

In the middle of March city council passed the 2004-2005 city budget with the hangar issue still open for debate.

The budget proposed increases in monthly rates from $125 to $150 for six hangars from $130 to $160 for three of the hangars and from $135 to $170 for a single hangar. This would bring in an additional $2,820 a year.

City manager Mike Wiesner said the increases reflect the market rate as compared with similar airports including Cadillac, Cheboygan, Gaylord, Grosse Isle and Harbor Springs.

Wiesner told council that over the years the city has sunk hundreds of thousands of dollars into the airport and questioned whether taxpayers should subsidize the operation when hangars are being rented at less than their market value.

But Don Seelye, a city resident and local pilot, argued that owners of private aircraft come to Charlevoix for business and pleasure and spend money which helps boost the local economy. He questioned why these people who bring money to town year-round are being hit with a rate hike.

"The Charlevoix airport is a 4,500 foot highway into town that connects to the world," Seelye told council. "We should not expect the airport to directly pay for itself. It more than pays for itself indirectly."

He thinks prices should be kept low to entice more people to come to town bringing their spending power with them.

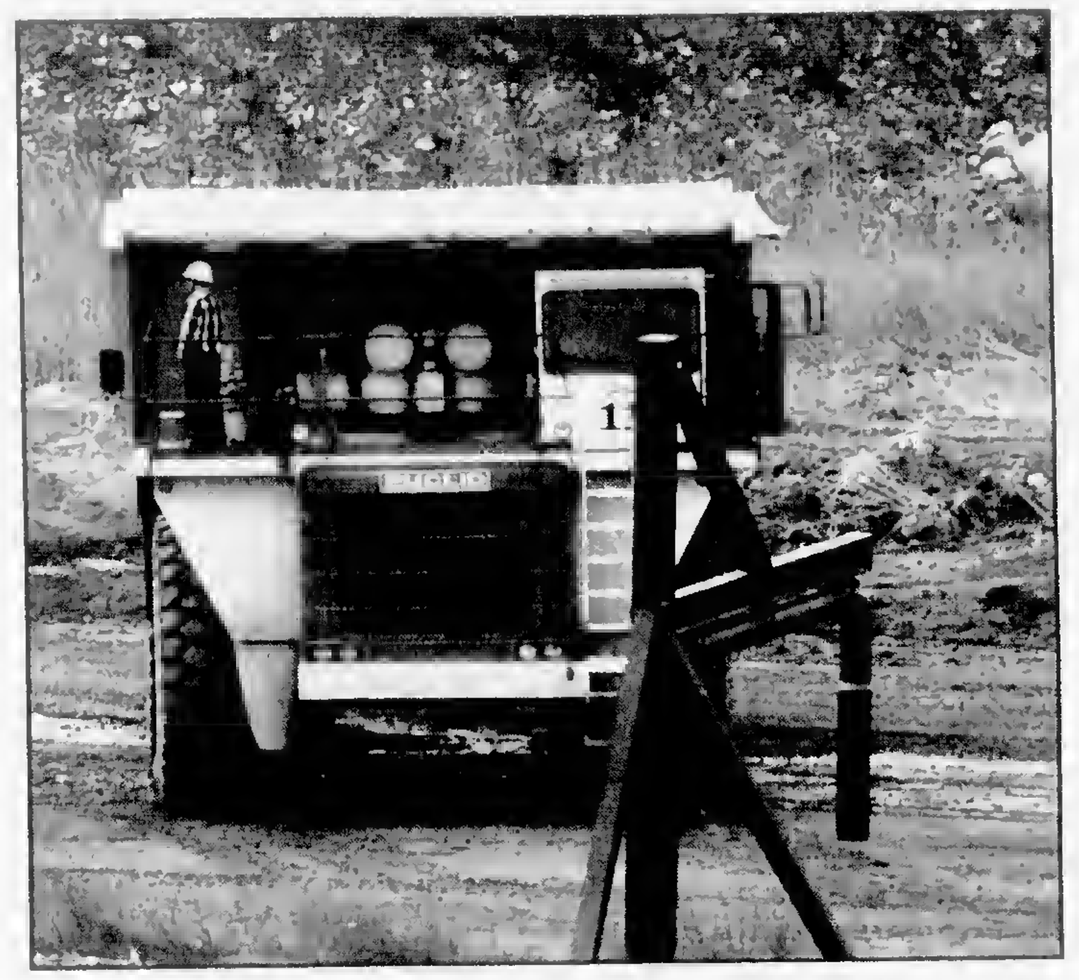
Aside from that, Seelye said the city is cashing in on hangars it didn't pay for in the first place. The hangars were built and paid for by private pilots in the 1970s. At that time they contracted with the city agreeing to relinquish ownership in the 1990s.

"Other airports need to recover their investment so their rates need to be higher," Seelye said.

Seelye was one of the pilots involved with that project. He said unfortunately it was never written into the contract what he and others would have to pay once they turned over ownership.

City council ultimately decided to compromise on the rate debate agreeing to increase the lease fee by $10 for all the hangars for a three year period. Because of the reduction the city will bring in $1,620 less than was anticipated in the budget.

Seelye said he would have preferred to see no increase, but the decision was acceptable.



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Mega-truck

This Cemex worker stands atop one of the haulers that carries massive rocks out of the quarry to be crushed and turned into cement. Each tire on the truck is about 8 feet high. The worker was watching the blasting of a section of the quarry last week.

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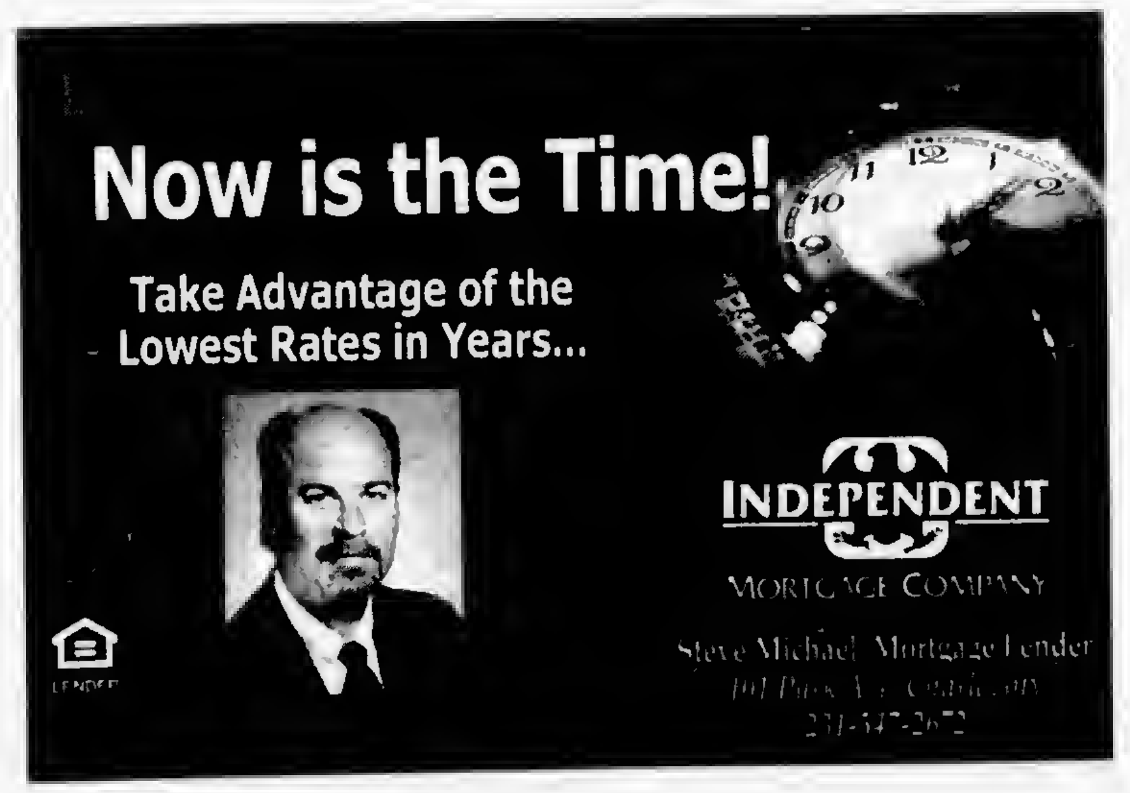

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Eveline residents get intervention rights

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff writer

A group of Eveline Township residents have been given the chance to fight a dense residential development planned for their neighborhood.

On April 8, 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas granted an intervention request made by a group of 15 Eveline Township residents. All the residents live within 300 feet of property owned by Charlevoix residents Dawson and Mark Way that has been targeted for a mobile home park development.

Judge Pajtas' decision makes the resident group a party in a case filed against the township by the Ways.

Zoning is at the crux of the lawsuit. The land, which includes two pieces of property spanning over 150 acres, located adjacent to one another, with frontage on M-66 and Brock and Ferry roads, is currently zoned farm and forest.

The Ways request to have the property rezoned to R-4, to make way for their 200 manufactured home community, was denied by the township board in March of 2003.

The board based its decision on action taken by the township and county planning commissions which both recommended against the rezone as it could bring on higher density development than is supported by the township's master plan. If fully developed, the Way property in the R-4 district could accommodate a 1,200 unit manufactured home community.

The Ways claim when the board voted down their request they were acting on an exclusionary zoning ordinance which violates the Township Rural Zoning Act, the Mobile Home Commission Act and their constitutional rights. In lieu of this claim, they filed a lawsuit against the township in September of 2003.

Then, in February of this year, talk of a settlement in this case surfaced.

Township supervisor Dan Skreczkoski explained that up until January the township's plan was to take this case to trial and fight for its decision to deny the rezoning. But then, just a couple months ago, the board found old master plan paperwork that could prove the ordinance is exclusionary. The papers show specific plats in the Ironton and Advance areas where R-4 development is allowed. However, none of the plats are large enough to meet the 10-acre minimum requirement for the R-4 district as outlined in the township's zoning ordinance.

He explained that if the township were to lose the case that would end any local control of the project and control would revert to the Michigan Mobile Home Commission whose regulations

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Settlement reached, but residents must agree too

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for this type of development are less stringent.

Just hours before the intervention hearing on April 8, the Ways and the township reached an agreement.

Skreczkoski said the timing of the settlement agreement and the intervention hearing was coincidental. He said the case was set for a final pre-trial settlement conference on April 12 when trial dates would be scheduled and this was the last opportunity for the two sides to meet.

Because Judge Pajtas approved the intervention, this agreement is now subject to approval by the resident group. The resident group did not have access to the details of the settlement agreement before the intervention and its members would not comment as to whether they would accept it.

However, in past interviews, they have said they don't want any mobile home development at that site and the settlement the township agreed to does develop some of the property as an R-4 district.

The 26-page settlement agreement would permit separate types of development on the 77 acres that make up the north half of the property between Shaw and Roberts roads and the 78 acre south half from Roberts Road west to Ferry Road.

On the south parcel the settlement agreement would allow for R-4 type of development with 275 units permitted to be built over a 16-year period.

On the north parcel, which is divided by a ravine, the agreement was for the 20 acres west of the ravine fronting on Brock Road to be allowed a maximum of 30 stick built homes adhering to the township's R-2 zoning requirements. Then, on the east side of the north parcel, which includes about 60 acres, they agreed to a maximum of 120 units developed in an R-2 single family residential or R-3, apartment or condominium, approach.

Stephen Winter, attorney for the Ways, told Judge Pajtas before he made his ruling that he isn't holding his breath that this or any settlement will be reached.

"I don't believe there is a snowball's chance in July this case would settle if they are allowed to intervene," he said.

But the argument that this case will likely go to trial didn't sway Judge Pajtas to rule against the intervention.

He granted them "permissive intervention" which he explained can be allowed when someone may be inadequately represented by one of the existing parties it the suit.

In this case, the group claims to be inadequately represented by the township.

"To disallow the intervention would in effect close the issue," Pajtas said. "They don't have much other relief available beyond a separate cause of action."

Winter said the judge's decision to grant the intervention takes this case back to square one, they will have to reopen discovery and look at a new set of issues.

While this is a setback for Winter and his client, the Ways, it's the first step forward for the residents who claim to want to preserve the environment and rural character of the area they live in.

John Cisne, an intervening resident, said, "It's a step in the right direction for us. We are being allowed to have input in the way our property rights and the surrounding character of our property is affected."

He added, "I would have never bought my property had I known a mobile home park would be right next-door."

Members of the intervention group have said they will likely push for the case to go to trial.

If the case goes to trial, the Ways will ask Judge Pajtas to decree the township's zoning ordinance invalid and illegal and to allow them to develop their property as a manufactured home community. Winter said they also plan to file a damages claim against the resident group.

If the Ways lose, the township's decision stands and Pajtas has been asked to award the township its costs and attorney fees.

Skreczkoski said he is worried the township may lose the case and all local control of the project.

"If that happens, all the setbacks and controls we tried to put in (the settlement agreement) to preserve the township, is all out the window," he said.

Dawson Way is on vacation and Mark Way did not return calls regarding this issue by press time.

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School board to give land to skate park

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The word around town is "let the kids skate."

Since the fall of 2003 a group of adrenaline hungry teens have been pushing a drive to locate a skate park in Charlevoix for use by both skateboarders and in-line skaters.

Their efforts have earned the attention of not only Charlevoix's City Council, but most recently caught the eye of the school board.

At its meeting Monday night, April 12, the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education showed its support for the efforts of area students approving in concept a temporary site adjacent to the Charlevoix Middle School for a skate park. The final approval is pending ironing out of some issues, the greatest of which is who will cover insurance.

According to Shelly Witthoeft, a parent coordinator for the group, the city has agreed to cover the park under its insurance policy. She added that the site will also be supervised and helmets will be mandatory.

If the issues are worked out and the board gives its final approval at a special meeting next week, this school site will serve as a temporary home for the park while the city of Charlevoix looks into possible land for it to make its permanent home. Group members have said they need about a one-acre site.

Throughout this campaign for a skate park the students and parent coordinators have stressed the park's ability to provide a safe place for kids to pursue their passion. Because skateboarding is not allowed on city streets or sidewalks the kids often search out unauthorized, unsafe places to ride.

The proposed park will be called the Charlevoix Community Skate Park, it will be a financially self-sustained operation that includes a staffed park offering rentals and other amenities. The project will cost about $200,000 and they are hoping to start construction as early as this summer.

Groups and community members have stepped forward in support of the skate park concept.

In mid-March Charlevoix's City Council voted to include the skate park in the Mount McSauba feasibility study and to look at other locations in the city where this type of facility could fit.

Other supporters of the skate park effort include Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce president Jacqueline Merta, Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson, Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater and area business owners and churches.

With this support behind them the group has been busy with its capital campaign aimed at raising about $200,000. To kick off the campaign, they hosted a Sk8-a-thon March 22 and raised $6,000. A second Sk8-a-thon is scheduled for early June.

The group is also one of eight being considered for a grant from American Eagle Outfitters which could bring in $22,000. They will hear the decision on that application this month.

For information on the Charlevoix group's drive to bring a skate park to town or to donate, visit www.planner.eska18.org or call Vickie Daman at 547-8063.

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The program will be presented by Vicki Beam, a member of the Planned Gifts Committee for the foundation and Division Manager of Waddell & Reed Financial Services.

Included in the program will be Asset Protection, In-Home Health Care and Durable Power of Attorney. Participants will have an opportunity to ask Ms. Beam and other professionals specific questions regarding these topics and other concerns they may have about personal asset protection.

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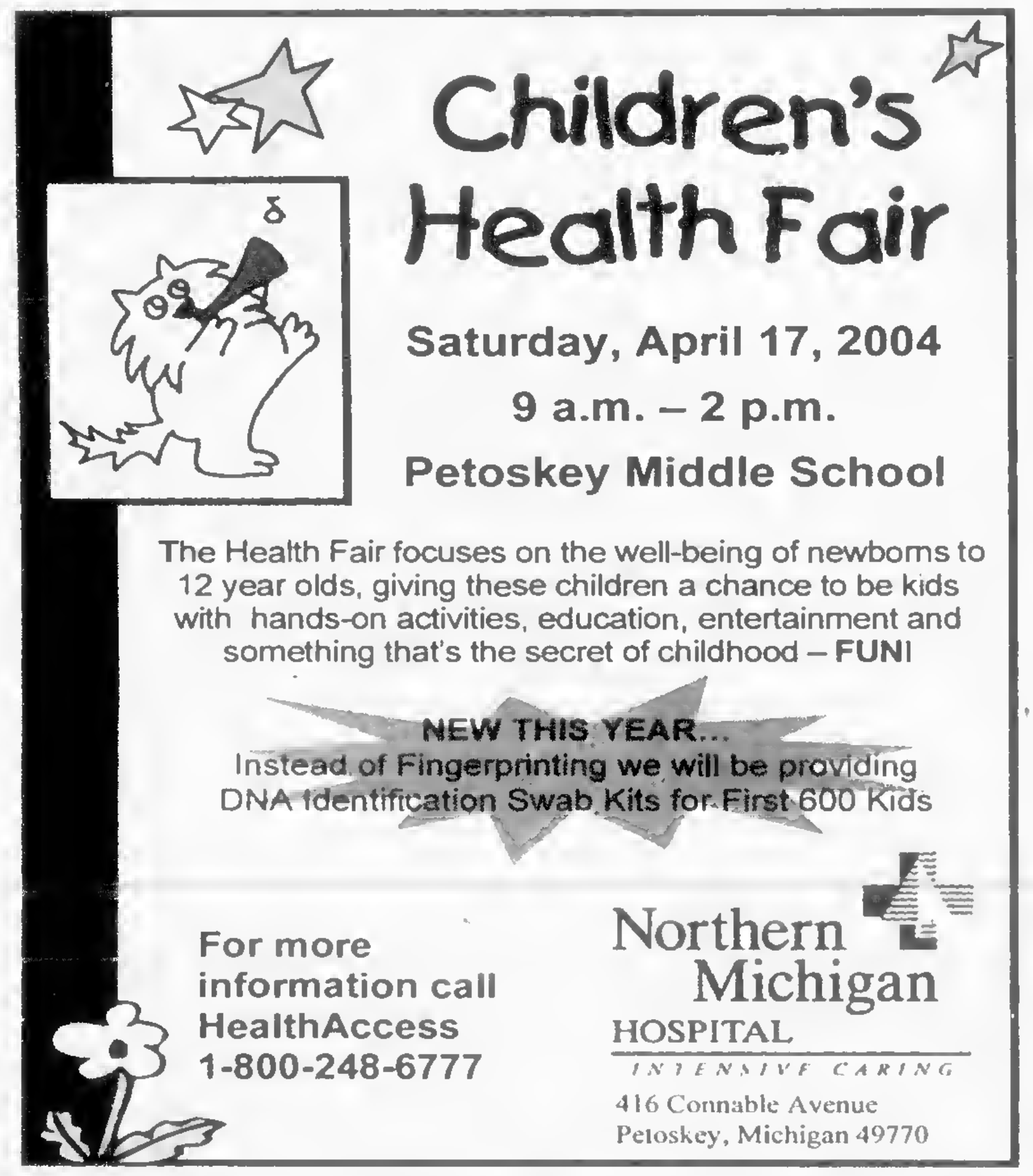
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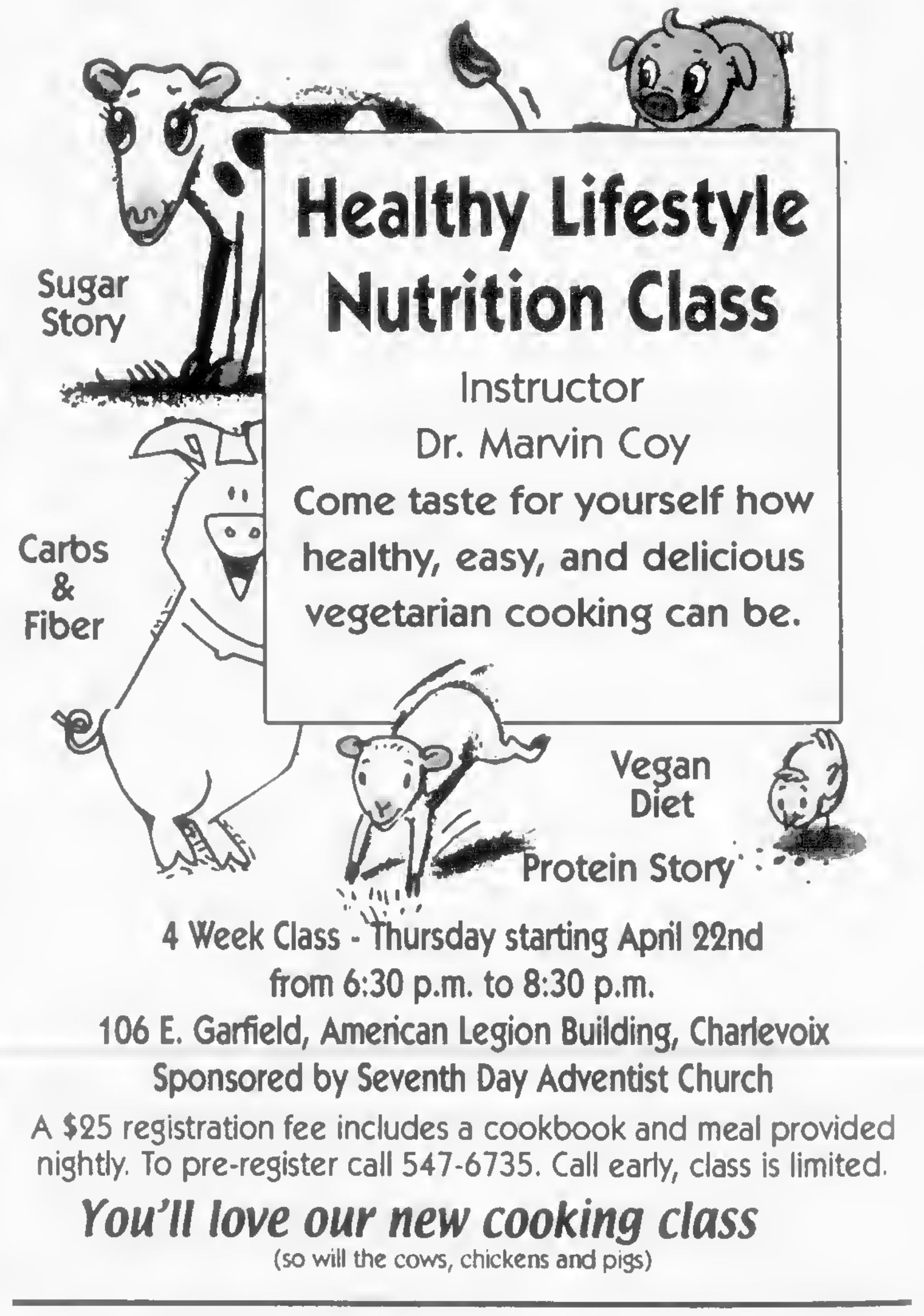

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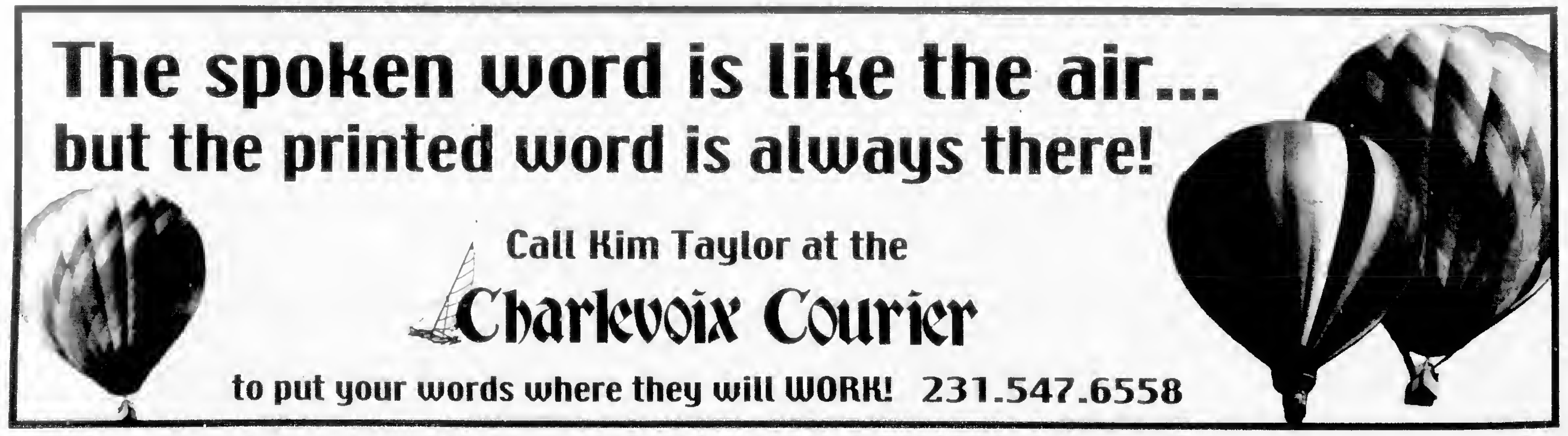
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No to Wal-Mart

Editor:

The upcoming decision on the proposed Charlevoix Wal-Mart is the most important one in the history of our entire area including not only the township of Charlevoix, but the city of Charlevoix, the other surrounding townships and East Jordan and Boyne City as well

This decision will become the personal legacy of the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission and the township supervisors. They have the legal ability to say "no." Please urge them to do so. We all need a sense of community that is bigger than the dimensions of a shopping cart. If you like shopping at Wal-Mart, please do so at the Petoskey store.

For more information as to the impact of the proposed Wal-Mart on the Community of Charlevoix come at 7:00 p.m on April 15 to the Charlevoix High School auditorium to hear Al Norman, nationally known author and small town advocate.

Robert B. Hoffman
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Editor:

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark Board and Student Committee would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Charlevoix City Council. On Monday, March 15 we enthusiastically presented our plans for a community-built, state-of-the-art, indoor, year-round, supervised recreation facility for skateboarders, inline skaters and BMXers. Imagine our excitement when council voted unanimously to support our efforts! Thank you!

We also want to thank the many families and businesses who have caught our vision, pledging time, resources and money. We kicked off our capital campaign with a Sk8-A-Thon on March 22 with over 40 students participating and raising $6,000! We will be having a Sk8-A-Thon II..."20/20 Vision: See The Park" on Saturday, June 5 at the Charlevoix Assembly of God, where there will be BMX and skateboard clinics, live music, vendors and prizes, along with students skating for funds.

While we recognize not everyone participates in "extreme sports," the national trend for these types of sports continues to grow. The International Association of Skateboard Companies reports there are 16 million skateboarders in the U.S. and 50 million world-wide. Skateboard and skateboard related products generate 1.4 billion dollars in annual retail sales. There are currently about 800 public and private skateparks in the U.S., with more being planned. In addition, according to the National Consumer Product Safety Commission, skateboarders are less likely to require emergency medical care than participants of more traditional sports like baseball, basketball, football, soccer and volleyball. These facts help us see why skateboarding has grown in popularity since it's inception in 1950, when two California surfers nailed their roller skates to a two-by-four and discovered they could surf the sidewalk!

We look forward to working co-operatively with city council, local businesses and families in the future as we Lisa Doublestein dubbed: "Build an extreme skatepark and they will come!"

Vickie Daman,
President

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Editor:

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Cheryl Sothard
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Editor:

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The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office has arrested a 21-year-old Hayes Township man following an investigation into a stolen auto report.

Douglas Howard-Charles Reick Jr. was arrested and charged with unlawful use of an auto and operating while intoxicated, a warrant has been authorized by the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office. Reick has appeared in front of a 90th District Court Magistrate and has posted a $500 cash bond.

Deputies began investigating the theft of a 1997 Lincoln Town Car from a residence on Klooster Road in Marion Township at 9:30 a.m. on April 10. A detective arrested Reick at approximately 2:15 p.m. the same day when he drove the vehicle back to the victim's residence.

Reick told investigators that he had been partying at a nearby residence and became lost in the woods while they were mud bogging and hill climbing.

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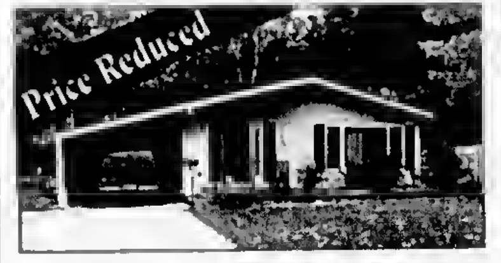

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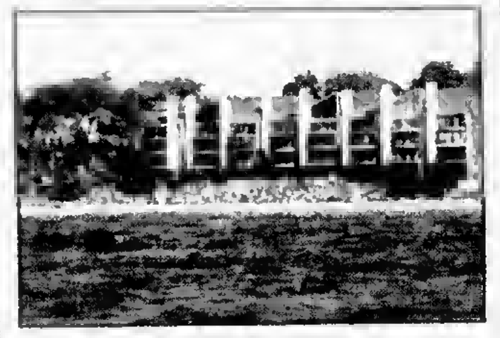

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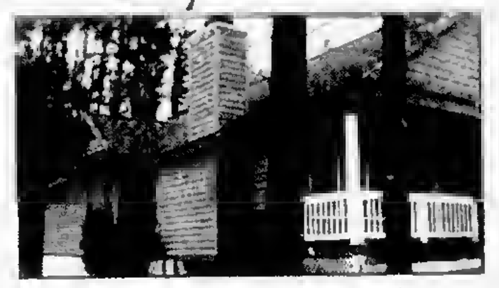

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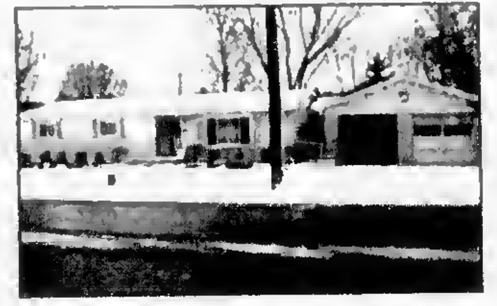

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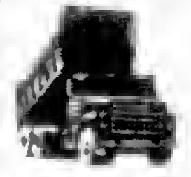

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Judge rules against Ward, Rozema

LAWSUIT

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sistant prosecutor John Jarema. At the county insurance provider's insistence, Jarema's lawsuit was settled in late March with a $50,000 award in his favor. Jarema is currently running against Kur for the county prosecutor's position.

In early 2003, Ward and Rozema filed a complaint with the Charlevoix County Commission's Personnel Committee claiming Kur had created a hostile work environment in the prosecuting attorney's office. At a meeting with the committee, the two women said Kur harassed them because they gave depositions in the Jarema case.

Kur denied this. The county commissioners on the committee found that the conditions in the prosecutor's office were bad, but ruled the women were not being harassed because they were not being discriminated against. Plus, because Kur is an elected official, the committee said legally they have no say in what happens in her office.

The committee suggested the women find positions elsewhere in the county building. The committee also said the women could appeal this decision to the full board. They did not.

Instead, Ward and Rozema filed a lawsuit against the county and Kur. They retained Traverse City lawyer Parsons to represent them.

According to paperwork filed by Parsons, Ward and Rozema were subjected to "retaliatory action at work, including harassment, assignment manipulation, verbal comments, gestures, threatening conversations and confrontation" due to depositions they gave in the Jarema case.

Furthermore, the paperwork states the women filed a "grievance" against Kur with the Charlevoix County Commission. They say the commission found the workplace conditions "intolerable" but the commission refused to fix this problem.

Both women wanted a judgment in their favor and "compensatory economic and noneconomic damages in an amount that is fair and just exceeding $25,000, in addition to costs, attorney fees and any other relief...."

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Wal-Mart plans to be reviewed April 28

WAL-MART

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"Those things I think are very, very positive," she said.

She added, "I still want to hear what the opposition has to say. You can't make a decision without hearing all the information."

Bob Hoffman, president of This Is Our Town, also said his organization is getting ready for the April 28 meeting.

"We have been reviewing the plans and meeting with our consultants," he said. "We are interested in assuring the township planning commission looks at all the facts and circumstances, follows the law and makes a proper decision. If we feel they did not do that, then we will be willing to file a lawsuit to make sure that is done."

Hoffman said he was surprised the new plan showed only two entrances to the site — a main entrance on Marion Center Road and another on US-31. This would make more problems for traffic on Marion Center Road, he said.

To further discuss the Wal-Mart issue in Charlevoix, This Is Our Town is hosting a public forum at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 15, at Charlevoix High School. Noted Wal-Mart author and advocate for small towns, Al Norman, will give a presentation.

Wal-Mart spokesperson for the Great Lakes area, John Bisio, did not return several telephone calls seeking comment.

In addition to This Is Our Town, several other organizations have come out against the Wal-Mart plan, including: the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and the environmental group WATCH.

According to the official site plans that Wal-Mart submitted to the township, the company wants to build a 155,800 square foot supercenter on 24 acres of property located off US-31, near Marion Center Road and Stover Road.

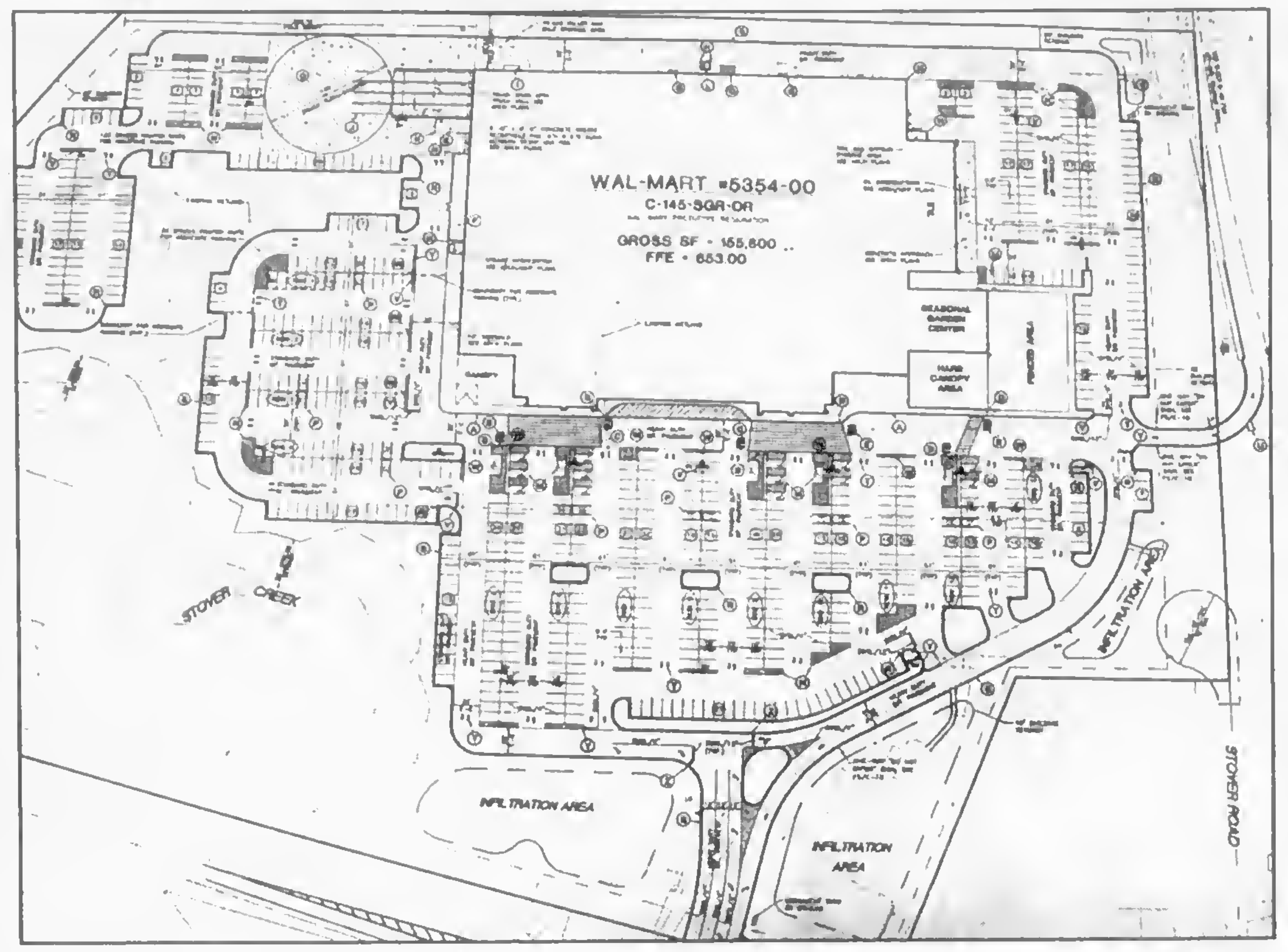
The plans say the store will face Marion Center Road.

For the entrance on US-31, the company said it will need to get a partial vacation of Stover Road and has applied to the Charlevoix County Road Commission for this. The company also stated it will need a lighted signal at the intersection of US-31 and Marion Center Road, as well as the construction of left and right turning lanes on Marion Center Road and by pass lanes.

Site plans also state the company needs sewer service from the city of Charlevoix. They are proposing a sewer line that will be extended from a manhole west of the intersection of Stover Road and Marion Center Road. Wal-Mart has said it will pay for all costs associated with this extension.

Plans state the supercenter will generate about 4,230 gallons of sanitary waste a day.

Company officials have previously said they want to have the store open in 2005.



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These plans for a Wal-Mart Supercenter will be presented to the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission on April 28 at the Charlevoix High School. The plans show a 155,800 square foot store with two entrances and exits on Marion Center Road and US-31. The main entrance is on Marion Center Road.

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Several Charlevoix scouts were awarded badges recently. (Left) The Arrow of Light was recently awarded to the fifth-grade Webelos of the Charlevoix Cub Scouts, Pack 11. It is the highest award that a cub scout can receive. The cub scouts that received this award are (first row, from left) Eugene Waffle II, Trevor Currier, Logan Amstuts (second row) G. Paul Stolt II, Christian Morrison, Brian Shutler, Casey Riley (back) Rob Shutler, troop guide. The Flying Eagle Patrol will be joining with the Boy Scout Troop 11. (Upper left) Charlevoix Cub Scouts Pack 11 Den Leader Julie Tripplehorn awarded Bear Badges to (from left) Jarod Reibel, Erik Tripplehorn and Connor Currier at the March 22, pack meeting. (Above) The Fourth Grade Cub Scouts received their Webelos Badge and Compass Emblem at the March 22, Pack meeting. Pictured (from left) is Dave Phillips leader, Tyler Whitley, Mathew Brown, Michael Knapp, Curtis Russell and Christian McFalls. Not pictured: Dylan Skop.

Mensa to be giving tests

Northern Michigan Mensa, local chapter of Mensa, the High IQ Society, will offer the Mensa Admissions Tests in Traverse City at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 1, at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, Room 202, Scholars Hall (former Science Building, near the library). Cost is $30. Call 231-275-6735 to preregister.

Approximately 1 in 50 Americans qualifies for admission, potentially 10,000 people just in Northern Michigan. Mensa is growing rapidly in Northern Michigan. The local group has almost 100 members in an area from Ludington northward to Sault Ste. Marie. Members range in age from the teens into retirement, and have a wide variety of professions and interests. Activities are scheduled three times a month in Traverse City.

Mensa membership is available to all who score at or above 98 percent of the general population on a Mensa Admissions Test or a number of other standardized intelligence tests. For more information on testing, contact Dr. John D. Schultz, Proctor Coordinator, at 231-275-6735 or nwoodpc@chartermi.net.

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SPORTS

Dupuis named finalist for prestigious award

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Charlevoix High School senior Mike Dupuis recently found out he's got the athletic ability and brain power to compete with the brightest and best student-athletes across the state.

Dupuis, a standout soccer player who carries a 3.98 grade point average, was named among a group of 120 Michigan students that were finalists for the sought after 2003-2004 Michigan High School Athletic Association's $1,000 Scholar-Athlete Award.

Only 26 of these scholarships are given away each year and the applicant pool is huge. This year 2,525 applicants from 428 schools tried for the honor.

Dupuis, 18, heard about the scholarship opportunity through high school athletic director Jim Kanine, did some research on the Internet and got to work on the challenging application. Four other Charlevoix High School seniors tried to make the cut too, but Dupuis was the only one to get to the finals.

His application included glowing recommendations from his soccer coaches, Josh Block and Marvin Witthoeft, and a 500 word essay on the importance of sportsmanship.

"This process made me reflect on how I and others conducted ourselves and showed me how important sportsmanship is in all sports and how you recognize good sports over poor sports. They stand out," he said.

The scholarship winners were announced at the Class C boys basketball state finals March 27 when Charlevoix faced Saginaw Buena Vista at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

Dupuis was there to cheer the Rayders on and to watch at halftime as about 25 percent of the finalists made their way to center court to be recognized with the scholarship.

Even though his name wasn't called and he didn't win, he was a good sport and clapped for those that did.

"I was excited to make it as far as I did, but I obviously wish I would have won," he said.

Dupuis is the son of Mark and Molly Dupuis of Charlevoix. He plans to attend the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Ind., this fall where he plans to play soccer and possibly pursue a degree in business administration or pre-law.

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Mike Dupuis drives for the goal in a past game with the Charlevoix High School varsity soccer team. Dupuis was a finalist for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award.

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Bunny fun

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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League • April 5, 2004

	W	L
Top Rank Disposal	39	21
Mark White Paint & Stain	36	24
B Vanloo & Sons	33	27
Cemex Cement	29	31
State Farm Insurance	29	31
Kerr's Racing	27	33
Bayshore Steel	25	35
Central Drug Store	22	38

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Wayne Fries	245	
Jon Kiernan	647	227
Brian Dixon	609	
Shawn Putman		224
Carlo D'Angelo	604	

Tuesday Night Ladies • April 6, 2004

	W	L
Hayes Legal Crew	37.5	22.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	35	25
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	30.5	29.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	29	31
Top Rank Disposal	27	33
Grey Gables Inn	24	36
Central Drug Store	21.5	38.5
Don's IGA	19.5	40.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cindy Brooks		229
Leanna Mosoryak	554	209
Cathy Sullivan	536	201
Janice Thanasiu	518	

Young at Hearts League
April 8, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	35	17
Misfits	31	21
Sparetime	29	23
Twilighters	25	27
Alley Cats	24	28
Has Beens	23	29
Irish Rollers	22	30
Past Timers	19	33

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Art Ruis	494	195
Ken Schoenheit	494	181
Bob Black		170
Ralph Kitson	480	
Zettie Kitson	519	207
Maxine Ruis		161
Else Joyce	403	
Mary Lakies	400	146

Church League • April 7, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	464	236
Ferguson & Chamberlain	391	309
Townhouse Bar	336	312
R & C Roofing	321	364
Martincheks	307	393
State Farm Insurance	306	394
St. Mary's	307	393
Lutherans	287	413

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Larry Darrah	590	246
Jim Henson	631	214
Randy DeYoung	616	225

Monday Madness • April 5, 2004

	W	L
Buzy Bees	404	246
Flight Deck Top Guns	381	269
Friske Farm Market	371	279
Villager Pub	366	284
Strike Seekers	334	316
Laural & Co. Hair Design	327	323
Paul Bunyan Lanes	325	325
Team One	0	260

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Debi Grass	627	203
Jeanne Rankl	679	199
Vicki Mosoryak		200
Carol Burry	645	

Gutter Gals League • April 8, 2004

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	157	103
Express Yourself	131	129
Burger King Charlevoix	127	133
Paul Bunyan Lanes	105	155

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	517	184
Dianne Clifford	462	169
Mary Keem		158
Diana Speigl	433	

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THE CHARLEVOIX American Legion is asking for help. We need: 1) Names of Charlevoix area military personnel currently deployed. 2) Units for the Memorial Day Parade (marching, mounted & military vehicles). 3) Oldest and youngest Veterans from the Charlevoix erea. Call 547-9203 with information.

(3-31-tf-076)

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(4-7-2-086)

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX is accepting applications for summer positions for park maintenance worker and Cemetery maintenance. Applicants must be 16. Applications are available at the City Manager's Office, 109 Mason Street (old Post Office building) 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI or at www.cityofcharlevoix.org. Applications must be received before 5 p.m. on April 16, 2004. EOE

(3-31-3-086)

MISC. FOR SALE 134

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(4-14-3-160)

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BID 209

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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Each proposel shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid amount, payable to the Charlevoix Township as security for acceptance of the contract.

No Bidder may withdraw his proposal within 90 days after the actual date of the Bid Opening.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Charlevoix Township Hall, 12491 Waller Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720; Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc., 1280 Business Park Drive, Traverse City, Michigan 49686.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc., 1280 Business Park Drive, Traverse City, Michigan 49686. A non-refundable deposit of $50.00 ($55.00 if mailed) in the form of a check payable to Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences Inc., will be required for each set of Contract Documents.

Charlevoix Township reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any irregularities in any proposal.

Charlevoix Township
Carol Martin, Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Marlene A. McGinn e single woman, Mortgagor, to Benchmark Mortgage Corporation a Michigen corporetion, Mortgagee, dated the 8th day of April, A.D., 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of April, A.D., 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix the 19th day of April, A.D., 1999, in Liber 361 on Pages 696-702.

WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage as of the date of this notice is the sum of Fifty-six thousand three hundred seventeen and 47/100 dollars, ($56,317.47), for principal and interest and,

WHEREAS, no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, and default having been made whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday the 7th day of May, 2004, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed at a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the east door of the main lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with the interest thereon at seven and one quarter percent (7.25%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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Charles A. Forrest, Jr.
Attorney for Benchmark Mortgage Corp.
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Telephone: (810) 238-4030

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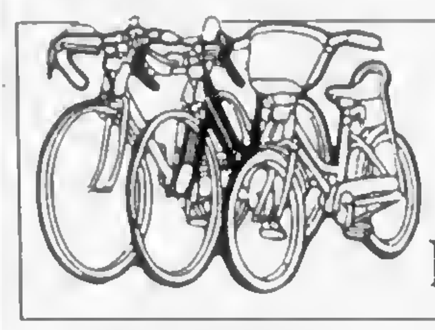

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Nutrition class

A Healthy Lifestyle Nutrition Class will be presented by Dr. Marvin Coy, for four weeks from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursdays, starting April 22, at the American Legion Building located at 106 East Garfield.

The topic encourages vegetarian cooking. Come taste for yourself the healthy, easy, and delicious vegetarian cooking

A $25 registration fee includes a cookbook and meal each evening. To pre-register call 547-6735.

It is sponsored by Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meets in Charlevoix at 7:30 p.m., every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. Narcotics Anonymous also meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in East Jordan at the Community Health Center. For further information call 237-9249.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry who services within the Charlevoix School District is open from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday and Thursday mornings at the First Congregational Church on State Street in Charlevoix. For more information please call 547-9122 and please leave a message if you are calling after these hours.

DARE fund-raiser

The 15th Annual Boyne City Police and Charlevoix County Sheriff Department's Benefit Golf Outing and Dinner in conjunction with the 10th Annual Dinner for DARE Association starts with golf tee off at 12 p.m., Thursday, May 6, at Boyne Mountain Alpine Golf Course and dinner beginning at 5 p.m. in the Boyne Mountain Civic Center.

Boyne Mountain is located in Boyne Falls and is a division of Boyne USA. For more information call 582-6611.

Scholarship

Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) is again offering two $500 scholarships to any accredited trade or vocation education school or program.

Students need to obtain information from their high school counselor and apply by April 15.

The recipients will be selected by the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel Scholarship Committee by May 1. This Committee includes a representative from each of the four Charlevoix County High Schools. Students will be informed by May 15.

The Early Family Memorial Scholarship will contribute additional funds.

Grange week

Barnard Grange 689 will celebrate Grange Week on Thursday, April 22. Beginning with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a program. A community citizen award will be given. Everyone is welcome.

Reunion

Charlevoix High School's Class of 1964 will host its fortieth reunion at 7:30 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The cost is $20 per person. Reservations should be directed to Leslie (Lyons) Cunningham at 06530 Brown Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2145, or Betty (Reynolds) Martin at 12347 Waller Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2089, by June 1. Anyone able to provide contact information for class members can call or e-mail Ms. Cunningham at lcunning@freeway.net.

Trophy case

Charlevoix High School is in the process of finishing its new trophy display cases in the commons area outside the gymnasium. The trophy area is near completion, and now the school is asking for community assistance to complete the next phase.

A Hall of Fame for All-state athletes is being constructed along the North/South hallway, opposite the gymnasium. All athletes, who achieved all-state status in their sports at Charlevoix High School, are asked to send a 2-inch-by-3-inch senior picture along with the year(s) All-state status was accomplished, the sport(s) and a correct spelling of their name. Additionally, if an athlete was a state champion, please send a 5-inch-by-7-inch picture. Only one picture is needed even if All-state status was achieved in more than one sport. Please include a contact person and phone number if there is a question about the information sent.

Please send the photo and information to the following address: Attn: Ken Plude, Project Coordinator, Hall of Fame, Charlevoix High School, 5200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church at State and Clinton streets.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

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SCRAPBOOK

Tales from the 1930s and 1940s in Charlevoix

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

When I was a child, I lived at 207 West Hurlbut Street (now, 209) on top of the south hill.

This period encompassed the years from my birth, in 1933, until I married at age 18. What a great many characters we had around the neighborhood at that time. It was the 1930s and 1940s, and a wonderful time to be a kid.

I always felt I had a great childhood, living where we did. Just over the hill and across Antrim street was the jail, where my Grandpa and Grandma Ikens lived during the 22 years he was Charlevoix County Sheriff. I was down there every day, and it was an exciting time to be able to watch the activities at the jail, with all sorts of people being incarcerated. Next door was the courthouse, and I knew all the fellows who worked there - Pete Bulow, County Clerk; Charlie Marshall, the fire chief; Mike Bice, Prosecuting Attorney and others. They dropped in every day to have coffee in Grandma's kitchen..

There was always something interesting going on. It was a great time for a little girl.

On the corner of Grant and Mason streets in Charlevoix, where the middle and high school was located, were several houses which were moved to other lots when the school was built in 1927. Two of them were relocated to 306 Mason, where Lola Lewis and her children, Russell, Maxine, Lorna, Beth and Jim lived. Lorna was my best friend, and so I would go over the hill and down to her house in my teen years. The house next door, also relocated at that time, to 308 Mason, and was owned by Fenton "Pete" Bulow, wife and friends. One more of these houses was hauled up Dodge's (Grand Street) Hill, and placed on a lot on the south corner of Grant and Hurlbut. Harold "Ike" Byers lived there for years.

The late Mel Plumm told Dale about this move up the hill, which was quite a feat at the time. Dale lived near the end of Mason Street, and that is how I met him when I was 13. Many of the kids in the Mason-Clinton street blocks played "Stone Roller" every night. These streets were my neighborhood.

Bernice Wexstaff said some of the old-timers who lived here in the 1900s, and some of them were the most unusual personalities to be found anywhere. There was an old man by the name of Bisbee who lived in a hole on Mason Street. This was the same lot which later was occupied by Mrs. Lewis. Mr. Bisbee built a boat in the packing-box breezeway between his packing-box shanty and the equally jerry-built barn where he kept his horse. This boat was plastered both inside and out with ordinary household plaster. Everybody knew about it, but wouldn't ruin the old man's hopes, and congratulated him, with tongue in cheek. The local firemen even offered to help him launch it as part of a Fourth of July celebration. The fire department transported the boat to Round Lake and cut the ropes. The boat floated about one minute until the plaster dissolved, whereupon it plunged ignominiously to the bottom, where it still lies as far as known.

There was a man called Pete-the-sewer-digger, whose last name was Benson. Pete installed the first flush commode in the building where Harold Cartier's father, Fred Cartier, had a tailor shop. This was located where the Harbor Barber and Howard's Optical Shop are today. Pete was the only man at that early date who could do it, because he was the only man in Charlevoix who knew where the sewer lines or cess pools were located. Bernice also told of Milly Swatish and his simple son, Harry Smart. Milly died one day, and poor Harry was left to fend for himself. However, everybody knew of his incapacity and he was always treated with kindness, although sometimes people did amuse themselves with his childish lack of logic.

One of the outstanding personalities in the past was Martha Ayers. She lived down the street from me at the corner of State and Hurlbut in a huge three story house, with a large cupola on top, making it four stories. This is where volunteers in town used to look for enemy planes during World War II. Standing there on the hill, it was the highest spot in downtown. I don't remember Martha, but the tales that were told about her were most interesting. Joseph R. Guild lived in the house when I was a little girl, and one day he invited me in to see a trunk full of Martha's clothes. They had been left there, but I understand that the rest of her belongings were auctioned off when she lost the house in 1925, due to financial troubles. Also, there was a locked room in the house which Mr. Guild wouldn't let me see. This added to the sinister reputation that the house was "haunted." Mr. Harold Cartier recalled that in his memory Martha resembled the Wicked Witch of the West in the Wizard of Oz. King Saunders recalled that she wore funny hats. Others thought she was tall and prim. No one seemed to know if she was a Miss or Missus, but she was reputed to be very wealthy and had a Milquetoast type of secretary named Mr. Barber, who followed her around like a faithful cocker spaniel. Mr. Barber lived in the house with Martha and the townspeople deduced that the couple was not married. There was much gossip until finally some of the good housewives called at her home protesting to the couple that they were "living in sin." With much dignity, Martha took them to the dining room where she pointed dramatically to a cot in each corner of the room: "Barber sleeps here," she said succinctly! "I sleep over there!" She pointed to the other cot. "Anyway it's none of your damned business!"

Martha probably never intended to settle in Charlevoix. She came north on a sailing vessel and got off at Charlevoix to nurse a severe attack of sea sickness. She recovered her health and never left. Martha had a hobby of buying old houses, and checks arrived every month from some unknown source which enabled her to do this. She didn't maintain the houses and it wasn't long until they were useless as homes, and they stood empty with peeling paint. Two of her old houses were located on Mason Street and were renewed and used as the Baptist parsonage, at 208 Mason, and 210 Mason where a former Courier editor, Harold Totten, lived for years. The Baptist parsonage was eventually torn down to make room for the present county court house parking lot. Martha also owned a three story business building on Main Street which was torn down after her death. This was located near Neff's store, and was razed to make room for East Park.

When Martha first came to Charlevoix, her house on Hurlbut and State was owned by Mr. John Upright. She was reportedly in love with him, but he didn't reciprocate and sold her his home and left town. The house eventually detonated, as most of Martha's belongings did, and it acquired the reputation of being "haunted," because it was such an old dilapidated building.

I remember many times going by the dark, old house on my way down the hill, and at night, most of the kids in the neighborhood ran as fast as they could to get by it. Eventually the old house was torn down, and replaced with two modern homes.

One little item that I heard, was that Bill Byers, the town auctioneer, would always wait to begin his auction sales until Martha arrived. She was a prolific buyer.

Charlevoix has always been a most interesting town to live in, with something always going on. I remember fellow graduates coming home and asking me "What do you do in this little town, anyway? It must be very dull." I replied that there is very little dull time here. We always have controversy and each one comes and goes as we wait for the next one.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Appletree coming down

Disassembling of the rock face of the Appletree off Bridge Street started this week. Charlevoix's Home Works, which is owned by Sally Koerber, is doing the work for Stephen and Ann Marie Roby. The Robys plan to use the materials to recreate a smaller version of the building on their property at 101 Auld Street. Construction of the new building started in January. Home Works has until Thursday to finish recovering materials from the historic Bridge Street site that used to be the real estate office of famed builder Earl Young. Then, a three story retail and residential structure will be built in its place. Here, John Cannon Jr. works on removing some of the stone face.

YOUR CHAMBER MONTHLY

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Business Briefs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, SCOVIES!

Scovies Gourmet is celebrating its 1-year anniversary April 16-17. Join owners Scott and Vi Forreider for free cake, coffee and soda. Scovies is located at 111 Bridge Street, downtown Charlevoix. Congratulations on this milestone!

COME SEE WHAT DR. VOCI HAS FOR YOU!

You are invited to visit Dr. Voci's offices the week of April 19 for their Spring Open House. Charlevoix office hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9am-5pm, and East Jordan office hours are Mon., Tues. & Thurs 9am-5pm. Have a snack and register for door prizes. Meet Dr. Voci and his team while learning about new eye care and treatments during this special week.

EXPLORE RAVIN HILL DISCOVERY CENTER

Raven Hill is pleased to announce the opening of the Raven Ridge Nature Preserve offering trail systems, a boardwalk and an overlook platform. Raven Hill is working on implementing a second outdoor exhibit on ancient civilizations, including a Stonehenge, cave paintings and more. For more information visit www.ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org, or call 231-536-3369.

BUSY BOATERS IN 2003

As reported from Hal Evans, there were 1,570 boats in our Harbor with 4,490 boat days in Charlevoix. This generated $1.5 million for local businesses. We are looking forward to an even better year in 2004.

SHANE COLE TO HEAD PAINT DEPARTMENT AT ACE HARDWARE

Mark Greyerbiehl, owner of the Ace Hardware of Charlevoix, has announced the hiring of Shane Cole to head their Paint Department. Shane has an established relationship with local contractors. The store will stock a larger variety of paints and stains, as well as contractor tools.

"A TASTE OF CHARLEVOIX" IS ACCEPTING VENDORS

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! To sign up to be a vendor for "A Taste of Charlevoix," which will be held Saturday, June 19, 2004, from 11am-4pm in East Park. We already have 9 restaurant vendors participating, but have room for more. For more information please contact committee chair, Maura A. Snabes at 547-5220.

KUDOS TO POINTS NORTH INN!

The Chamber staff would like to thank Stewart Boal, owner of Pointes North Inn, and manager, Candy Bishaw, for inviting us to spend a complimentary night at the hotel. The purpose of the stay was to familiarize us with the establishment first hand so that we are better equipped to answer questions regarding the hotel. Thank you for your generous offer. We had a great time!

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHAMBER? THREE TIPS FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS:

- Networking opportunities through Business After Hours, First Friday Business Breakfast, and other Chamber events.
- Subscription to "Focus on Business," the Chamber's newsletter.
- Exclusive opportunity to advertise in the official Chamber of Commerce Community Profile & Visitor's Guide, and on the Chamber website.

CHAMBER SEMINARS SERIES

1 of 3 - May 6: "How to Compete with Mass Merchandisers & Supercenters." The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a seminar on mass merchandisers to give strategies and actions for businesses to compete with them. The seminar will take place from 9:00am to Noon. The location will be announced in the near future.

CHARLEVOIX LADIES TOUR COFFEE SPECIAL

Sweet Sam's Java Joint blended a wonderful coffee for the Charlevoix Ladies Tour. There is still coffee available at the discounted price of $5 at the Chamber office.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

April 15 - Pros & Cons of Wal-Mart in Charlevoix, 547-2101.
April 16 - American Red Cross Everyday Heroes Breakfast, 348-7666.
April 17 - Knights of Columbus annual Cash Party, 547-3589.
May 2 - Bergmann Center Dinner Dance & Live Auction 547-2979.
May 2 - 12th Annual Spring Open House 1-4pm Raven Hill 536-3369.
May 4 - Historical Society Smelt Runs 547-0373.
May 9 - Mother's Day Brunch/Fashion Show - Charlevoix Country Club.
May 11 - 'Community Reads' Public Library 547-2651.
May 11-12 - Char-Em: Non-Traditional Girls Career Expo at Raven Hill, 536-3369.

Business After Hours

The next Business After Hours is April 29, sponsored by Charlevoix Yacht Club, Scovie's Gourmet, Charlevoix Courier, Petoskey News-Review and the PhoneGuide, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club, 209 Ferry Ave.

Business Breakfast

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is Friday, May 7, 2004 at 7:30am at Grey Gables. Speaker will be Jeffrey Roski with Spectrus, Inc.

Retail Meeting

The next Retail Meeting will be April 15, 2004 at 8:45am at Scovies Gourmet restaurant.

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Inside...

Wal-Mart postponed

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

> *"This is the first time we have done anything this big."*
>
> **Nancy Rajewski**, Charlevoix Township Planning Commission Chair

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission meeting on a proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter planned for next week has been postponed once again for at least 30 days.

According to Charlevoix Township attorney Mike Corcoran, Wal-Mart did not have all of the items in, that Planning Chair Nancy Rajewski needed to certify it. Once it is certified, a formal site plan review is scheduled to take place in 30 days.

As stated in the township zoning code, a proposal must have all of the paperwork asked for by ordinance before it is certified complete. Only then can a meeting on the matter be scheduled.

Rajewski said she thought the ordinance meant that once Wal-Mart had its "original" documents in, she could certify it and a meeting could be scheduled, which is how the township decided to pick April 28. But, she has since learned she is wrong.

Rajewski said she is making sure everything is going according to law with this plan.

"This is the first time we have done anything this big. And we are working under the new ordinance," she said.

Corcoran said the plan that was submitted by Wal-Mart will need a few more amendments added to it before it can be certified by Rajewski. He expects Wal-Mart to have those amendments in within seven days and

See WAL-MART, page 21

Appletree building torn down

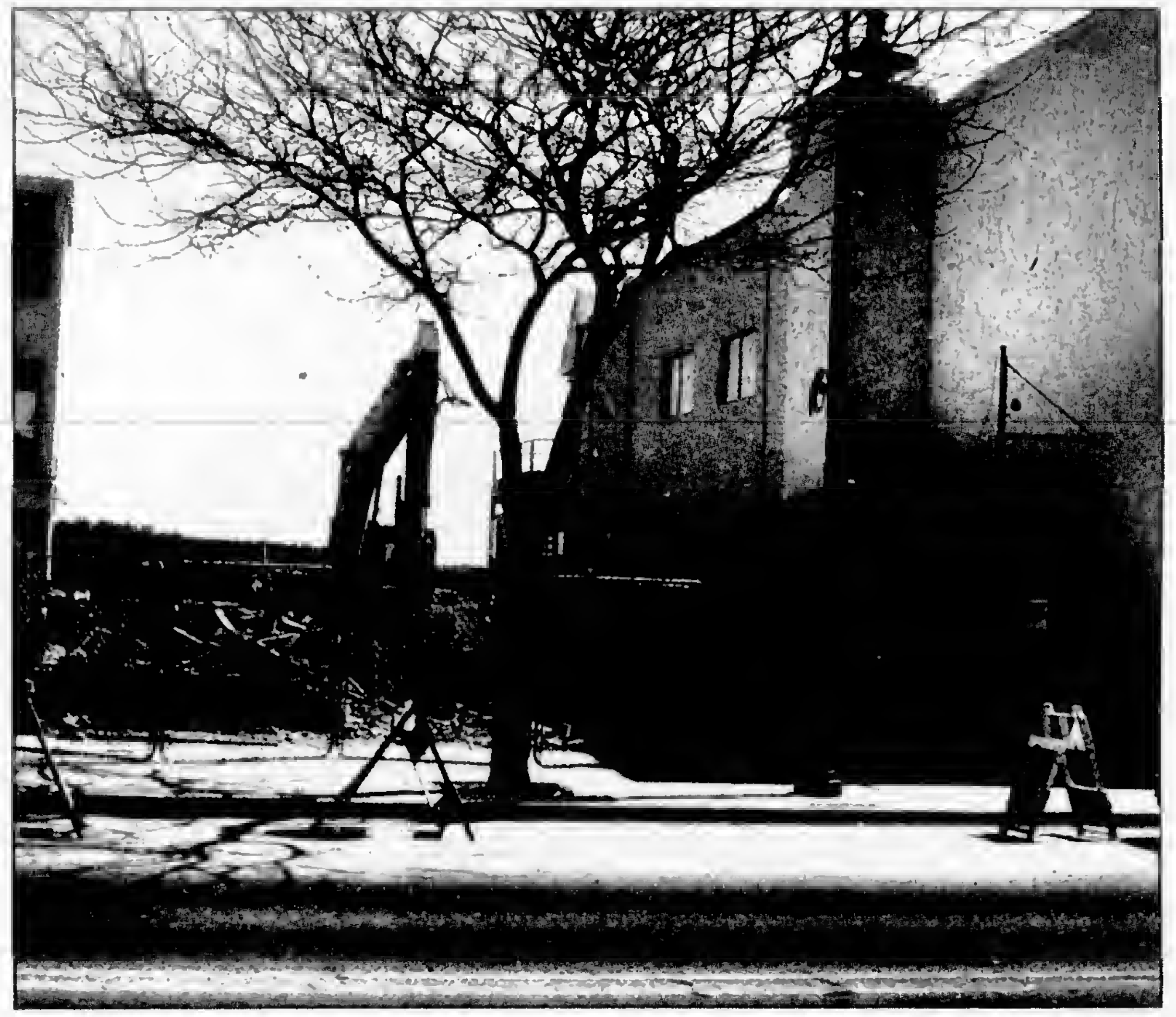

Photo by Jeremy McBain

A downtown Charlevoix landmark and Earl Young's former office, the Appletree building, was torn down last week to make way for a three story retail/residential building on Bridge Street. The actual Appletree business has moved next door in a vacant store front.

Gibson gets paid back for attorney

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A decision by Charlevoix's City Council was challenged by one of its own.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson made a request at council's April 19 meeting to have attorney fees she incurred during a zoning debate with city staff reimbursed.

"It has nothing to do with the RV situation now. The point is I had to hire an attorney to get a straight answer, just like the planning commission felt they had to do," Gibson said.

The incident occurred in the Spring of 2002 when Gibson asked city zoning administrator Dianne Manore to interpret the city's zoning ordinance with regard to her neighbor parking a boat on their front lawn.

"You could barely see the house," Gibson said of the obstruction.

Manore found the parking of recreational vehicles on the front lawn of a residence is a violation

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Casimir Michael Toton, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Leia Anne Toorman, 17, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Todd Christopher Houtman, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Nicole Lea Belfy, 18, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Carol Lynn Sanche, 23, Alanson. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Roger Max Chesebro, 57, Ellsworth. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $850 in fines and costs.

Tara Lyn Marsh, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; $300 in fines and costs.

Aaron Michael Robinson, 19, East Jordan. Trespassing. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Andrea Lee Baughman, 24, Petoskey. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; attend substance abuse counseling; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 62 days held in abeyance; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Patrick Joseph Kulka, 40, Lewiston. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Christina Marie Moore, 24, Grand Rapids. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Scott Kraemer, 21, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Michael John Rostar, 25, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired; failure to report an accident. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 62 days held in abeyance; $4,775 in fines and costs.

Roger James Berry II, 30, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance; $860 in fines and costs.

Robert Lester Dennis, 54, East Jordan. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; attend substance abuse counseling; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance; $1,155 in fines and costs.

Randal Domingo Jimenez, 36, Saint Charles. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Craig Andrew Hindman, 23, Mt. Morris. Check — non-sufficient funds under $100. Fines and costs totaling $352.10.

Sonya Marie Walden, 31, Charlevoix. Forgery; uttering and publishing; and fraud — welfare over $500. Bound over to circuit court.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

TOPS, 526 North Lake Street, Boyne City, by Donald R. Persons

Points North Stump Grinding and Cabin Care, 01529 Mountain Road, East Jordan, by Gary L. Albring

Fresh Air Photography, 206 East Hurlbut, Charlevoix, by Pamela J. Patterson

Brooks Upholstery, ,01557 Wheeler Road, Boyne City, by Brett A. Brooks

Marriage

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Randell Bret Wilkinson, 46, Charlevoix and Colleen Kay Janousek, 39, Charlevoix

Births

Grace Audrey Lentz was born Friday, April 2, at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City. She was 9 pounds, 8 ounces. Her parents are Diana and Jim Lentz of Charlevoix. She has a brother, Benjamin, 2. Her grandparents are Marlene and Richard Hongisto of Wakefield and Rita and Jim Lentz of Roseville.

Garrett Luke, weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Matthew and Lana Oliver of East Jordan on April 13, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Diego Richard, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, was born to Antonio and Jamie Perez of Charlevoix on April 13, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has one sister, Layla, 2. Grandparents are Richard and Debra Baker of Charlevoix.

Alexandria Deanna, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce, was born to Gregory and Kimberlee Fleming of Boyne City on April 16, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Deanna Fleming, Valerie and Randy Fiel and James Blaha, Jr.

Xander Cage, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Emily Blackford of Charlevoix on April 16, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Hunter Michael, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to Ryan and Karianne Paquette of Boyne City on April 16, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are John and Dianne Bennett of East Jordan, Richard Paquette of Traverse City, Darla Pawson of East Jordan.

Camryn Michael, weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces, was born to Christian Vrondran and Caytee Scott of Charlevoix on April 16, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. There is one sibling, Chasyn. Grandparents are Winfield and Catherine Scott of Charlevoix, Jerry and Julie Vrondran of East Jordan.

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Kimble picked to help make cool cities

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix High School senior Danielle Kimble (left) and high school government teacher AnnMarie Conway (right) were at Grand Valley State University last week for a Cool Cities forum. They met and heard from Gov. Jennifer Granholm at the meeting.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Charlevoix High School senior Danielle Kimble recently worked with Gov. Jennifer Granholm on a project aimed at making Michigan hip.

Kimble was picked by Granholm's staff to participate in a town hall forum to promote the governor's cool cities initiative.

The drive to create cool is a reaction to a mass exodus of more than 33,000 young adults ages 25-34 that left metro Detroit between 2000 and 2002. According to census reports it was the biggest loss of that age group in the country.

This reality sparked concerns about a possible negative long-term economic impact and forced Granholm to look at ways to stop the trend. At the core of her work is the "cool cities" initiative that has gained momentum over the last year. Through this project Granholm has encouraged cities to develop residential and entertainment projects to keep Michigan's young talent in the state.

In June, Granholm will announce 12 Michigan cities that will get special grants to help revitalize neighborhoods and downtown areas in the hope that a cool hot spot will be created.

Last week Granholm hosted forums across the state to get more input into the cool mindset.

To gather her brain bank of about 200 participants Granholm posted an on-line survey and accepted a pool of respondents. Charlevoix High School government teacher AnnMarie Conway had her senior students fill it out and Kimble was the only one to receive an e-mail inviting her to attend a forum.

"The fact that Danielle got to go was neat," Conway said.

Kimble, a 17-year-old artist who is looking at moving to Detroit after graduation to attend the Center for Creative Studies, accepted the invite for the April 14 gathering at Grand Valley State University just outside

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Correction

In a story on page 14 of the April 14 edition of the Charlevoix Courier due to a reporting error it was incorrectly stated that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education gave conditional approval for use of property by the skate park group. They requested a detailed proposal that will be reviewed by the board's building and grounds committee.

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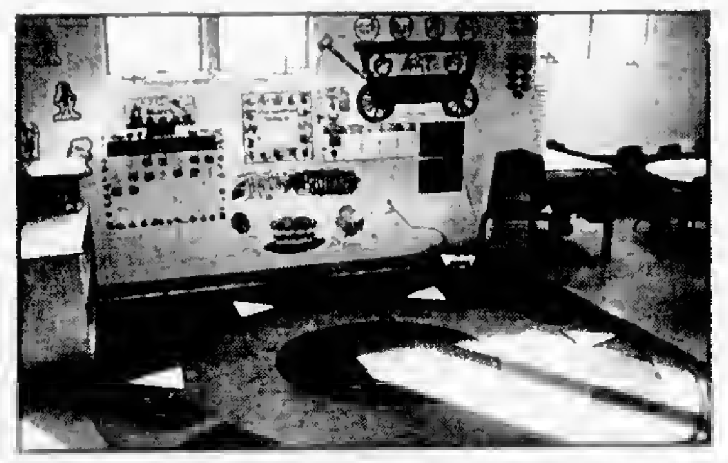

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The dye dumper should come forward

EDITORIAL

The people of Charlevoix should be embarrassed and outraged.

They should be embarrassed because of the veil of secrecy that has been set over this green dye that was dumped in the Pine River Channel during the St. Patrick's Day pub crawl, hosted by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. And they should be outraged that something was poured into this beloved watersource, even though organizers of the pub crawl were told more than once that they could not do it.

Yes, that is correct — more than once. Back when the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce was planning this first annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl — which is still a good idea — organizers wanted to dump a green dye into the Pine River Channel, just like they do in Chicago for their St. Patrick's Day festivities.

But, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality said no. However the organizers did not want to take this and appealed to State Senator Jason Allen, who also called the MDEQ. And the MDEQ told him no. Then they tried to get the United States Coast Guard to approve it, but when the Coast Guard called the MDEQ, they were also told no. So, you think that the organizers would have figured out this means they could not dye the river? Well, for some reason, someone went and dyed it anyway on St. Patrick's Day. Of course, the chamber denies any knowledge.

To make matters worse, while the dye was dumped in broad daylight near the Weathervane Restaurant, which was packed with pub crawlers — including the organizers of the pub crawl — according to the MDEQ, no one is really being cooperative with what they saw. This makes Charlevoix look like we are a bunch of people who do not like to follow rules. Plus, it makes us look like we have something to hide. We should be embarrassed that this happened and embarrassed that the person that did this has not fessed up.

The person that did this needs to come forward to save Charlevoix's image. Plus, since the pub crawl was the chamber's responsibility, this organization should be apologizing for it and helping to find the perpetrators.

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Letters to the editor

Help library plan

Editor:

Recently, I read an article written by George Weeks, a syndicated columnist for the *Detroit News*, called "Battling the Spread of School Sprawl," in which he says Michigan is building ever-bigger schools ever farther out-of-town at a faster rate than other states.

Edge-ucation: The compulsion to build schools in the middle of nowhere is sapping the vitality of existing neighborhoods and exacerbating urban sprawl.

In a report to the Michigan Land Use Institute, Governor Jennifer Granholm says, "The kind of Michigan our grandchildren will know is based on how and where we decide to educate our children today. Building schools in our existing towns and neighborhoods will help feed our families. Harbor Springs is to be praised for unifying the community behind its decision to renovate their 88-year-old high school. Charlevoix is denounced for its decision to erect a new building far from town, arrived at by only a handfull of school leaders, just barely approved by the voters and thus encouraging urban sprawl. A development that could soon threaten downtown stores."

The report says that annual expenditures in the nation for school construction has doubled since 1992. In Michigan they tripled - in large part because schools relocate, not renovate.

At the present time, the city is confronted with a new problem; namely, shall we assist in helping the library board acquire the old junior high school property and building, so that our public library can be conveniently located in the center of the city. Hopefully, Charlevoix will not repeat the mistake they made when they tore down Andrew Carnegie Library which stood on State Street across from the Methodist Church!

Lyla M. Arvilla
Charlevoix

Wal-Mart questions

Editor:

As a summer resident and subscriber to the Courier, I've been reading with interest the articles debating the pros and cons of a Wal-Mart Super Center in Charlevoix. There are good points of view for each position.

A couple of issues I don't recall seeing addressed are:

1) How much business from price sensitive customers is now leaving Charlevoix and going to stores such as Wal-Mart in Petoskey or Meijers in Traverse City. Also how much of that business can be expected to return to Charlevoix if there is a Wal-Mart? It seems to me that the business now leaving Charlevoix for tires, batteries, clothing, food and others could be substantial.

2) If the decision is made to not allow a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix, where will they build the next one near Charlevoix, sort of bracketing Charlevoix. It is hard to believe that this won't happen. What impact on business in Charlevoix will this have? It doesn't seem to me that the no vote is the end of the issue.

Bob Chapman
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

(Editor's note: The March 24 edition of the Charlevoix Courier may help you. In it economists say the negative economic impact from a Wal-Mart's will be mainly on the towns outside of the one with the Wal-Mart — such as East Jordan. Furthermore — as stated in the article — this proposed Wal-Mart is expected to make about $40 million a year in sales. According to some economists, a majority of that will come from existing dollars spent in the community rather than the dollars spent outside of the community. However, others disagree.)

Don't let this tear apart community

Editor:

For some time now the community has been embroiled in ongoing discussion, debate, and disagreement over the possible placement of a Wal-Mart supercenter in Charlevoix.

In the midst of this there has been a great deal of talk about change, both good and bad. It seems as though there are some who would like to freeze Charlevoix the way it as, like a fly in amber. It is either a matter of personal preference ("I like it just this way") or an evaluation of what will happen in the future ("People won't come if we change").

Those who vehemently oppose the coming of Wal-Mart have called themselves, "This Is Our Town." However, it seems obvious to me that it is just as much "our town" to those who want a Wal-Mart or to those who really do not have a strong opinion one way or the other. It also seems obvious to me from reading some of the Letters to the Editor in the Courier that there has been significant changes to Charlevoix in the past. People have come and gone — by birth and death, and by moving in one direction or another.

Businesses have started, businesses have closed, and businesses have moved. In the 4-and-a-half years that I have been here, if I just look at the church scene I have noticed a number of changes. Bethany Lutheran moved out of town. There has been additions and renovation to St. Mary's, First Congregational and my own parish, Christ Church. Pretty much constant change was implied in an old saying that went, "Nothing is sure but death and taxes."

Actually, I would like to say that nothing is sure but the love and care of God. Therein lies my concern. Let me make very clear that this article carries no opinion, pro or con, about the planned Wal-Mart. It does carry the opinion that we need to be careful about how we proceed as a community. The present situation is starting to resemble that of the placement of the high school. Accusations and lawsuits were flying around and the community was polarized. I gather that there were friendships that were irreparably damaged by the way in which the disagreements were stated and pursued. I think that God would be more interested in the emotional and spiritual atmosphere of Charlevoix than in the physical landscape. The presence or absence of a mall perhaps is a matter of aesthetics and economics, of eyes and checkbooks.

The way in which issues are aired and settled is a matter of concern, compassion, and even love — and those are of far more lasting concern. I leave you with this question: Would more potential residents or visitors be turned away by a mall or by a rancorous attitude among the inhabitants of our community?

Fr. Jim Gunn,
Rector,
Christ Church

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Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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Store will close

Editor:

The Wal-Mart company, according to its 2003 Annual Report, sells about $300 of retail merchandise and services for each square foot of retail space it owns. The proposed Charlevoix supercenter will be required to sell over $52 million (175,00 square feet times $300) each year in order to meet company standards and stay in business. This means that every man, woman and child in Charlevoix County (26,500) would have to spend almost $2,000 each year at the Charlevoix Wal-Mart.

The most recent government information shows that retail sales in Charlevoix County are about $8,500 per person per year. (Antrim County the next obvious market is even less at around $5,000 per person). Wal-Mart is expecting to take more than one out of every $4 (2,000/8,000 =1/4) spent on retail purchases in the western Charlevoix County/northern Antrim County market.

To bring these figures home, multiply the number of persons living in your house by $2,000 and then ask yourself two questions: 1) Do you think you will spend this amount (in my household of 5 the amount would be $10,000) each year at Wal-Mart? And 2) if you did spend this considerable dollar amount in one store (Wal-Mart) where would you cut back your spending with other retailers of goods and services? If you agree that you cannot support Wal-Mart by spending $2,000 each year for each member of your family ($10,000 in my house — and very honestly I do not have that kind of money to spend) then Wal-Mart will close the store. They are not in Charlevoix to invest money on a store that does not make at least as much money as the rest of its stores. The problem is that both Wal-Mart company and those of us in the western Charlevoix County/northern Antrim County market will try to make the store successful if it is built. But we will fail because of the answers to the two questions above: 1) we do not have $2,000 from each and every man, woman and child to spend at Wal-Mart and 2) we are not willing to spend one of every $4 we budget for retail spending at Wal-Mart. Both of these things must take place for the store to remain open and they just are not going to happen. The store will close.

Wal-Mart will be gone, one more small community will have been drastically changed (remember that we all will have tried to make it work and that means that we will have quit spending money on retail purchases elsewhere, altered our driving patterns, allowed increased crime into our community, accepted low wages, helped pour asphalt over acres of land, shifted our tax base, encouraged our children to move elsewhere for jobs) and all because we were unwilling or unable to spend one of every four of our retail dollars which equals over $2,000 a year for every man, women and child reading this letter, at their store.

This is not planning for our future, it is planning for inevitable, irrational destruction of our environmental, human and capital resources and that is just plain wrong.

Charles Jadwin
Charlevoix

Wal-Mart needs to be stopped

Editor

There have been numerous letters in your paper regarding Wal-Mart's invasion into our small township. While there are hundreds and thousands of documents on the Internet, in newspapers and private publications regarding Wal-Mart's destruction of small towns and small town businesses. Low wages, non-union, discrimination, unfair labor practices, unfair business practices, law suits, sale of foreign products (under the label "made in America") are but a few articles.

This letter is not about their low-handed business practices, even though it will decimate this town and others.

This letter is directed to the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission members and members of surrounding planning commissions. The Township Zoning Ordinance has a list of standards that must be followed during their Development Plan review process. This list of standards also includes nine subjective standards, which must also be met during this review process. These standards deal with traffic impacts, environmental impacts, impacts to the character of the neighborhood and compatibility with similar business.

The planning commission must remember that they are part of this community and sit on the commission to serve the residents of this community, not Wal-Mart. Do not be afraid of the big corporate giant. The members of this community will be here to help you stop Wal-Mart and support you in every way possible.

If we do not stop this pervasive invasion into our community and quality of life, it will not just stop with Wal-Mart. What happens the next time and next time. Do you want Charlevoix to be another Garfield Township? Charlevoix the Beautiful will be only a memory. Where will the tourism go to when Charlevoix has lost it's uniqueness?

Picture summer gridlock along US-31, all trying to get through and out of Charlevoix's big box shopping strips. How long will it take before tourists detour through East Jordan or Ironton? Comparing public services expended for Kmart cannot be compared to a Wal-Mart supercenter with 750 parking spaces. Who do you think will pay for these additional services? Your tax dollars. I say to all developers of large oversized inappropriate development, "Go someplace else!"

If we need more stores, why do we have so many empty stores in the city of Charlevoix and surrounding townships? If we need more housing development, why are there so many vacant and houses for sale in the same area? Preserve what we have. Stay out.

After living in two large cities, I moved home to enjoy the benefits of small town living. Now my quality and choice of life style is being threatened by Wal-Mart and all other big box corporations. If you have never lived in a large city, ask someone who has, and then think very carefully about the information they give to you. They have been there, they have seen the devastation.

Perhaps; more property owners should look to the Land Conservancy to save our way of life.

Charlie Van Pelt
Charlevoix Township

Thank you

Editor:

On behalf of the Hospice of Northwest Michigan (formerly Charlevoix County Hospice, Inc.) Board of Directors I want to personally thank each and every volunteer of our program for making it possible for those with a life limiting illness, and their caregivers, the opportunity to spend the rest of their days in the comfort of their homes.

National Volunteer Week begins April 18 and your service to our communities is appreciated by this organization, and especially by the families you serve.

Thank you for caring enough to share your lives with others!

Patricia A. Johnson
Volunteer Coordinator

Help needed

Editor:

Today the members of the Class of 2004 are less than two months from the high school graduation and with graduation, their last hurrah, the all night Senior Party. A dedicated group of parents has been working hard to plan this party. Our primary goal for the Senior Party is to host a safe and memorable event, one they will talk about and have vivid memories of forever.

For the past 14 years the party was on one of the Beaver Island boats and at Paul Bunyan Lanes. We owe them and all supporters of the past parties a great round of applause for helping to keep our kids safe.

For this year's party, the committee felt it was time for a change so we have chosen a theme of "The Magical Mystery Tour" where we expect to move about the area focusing on the "tour" event.

Planning an event of this magnitude for a class of 100 seniors takes a lot of time and also a lot of money. The committee would like to acknowledge the generosity of local businesses, service clubs and individuals who have donated money to help us put on this year's party.

Unfortunately, our fund-raising job is not over as we have not yet reached our goal. We are in need of and would welcome any and all donations, to help us meet our financial commitments for this event. Sponsorship opportunities are available for all levels of donations so you can be sure that your generosity will be recognized.

Please send any donations to the "Senior Party Committee" at Charlevoix High School. Call Marty or Bill Trubilowicz with questions or comments at 547-6662.

Marty Trubilowicz
2004 Senior Party Fundraising Chair

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Dear Friends and Neighbors of the Charlevoix Community:

Thank you so much for all the loving support, concern, well wishes, prayers, flowers and thoughtfulness shown our entire family during Steve's illness.

Special thanks to Dr. Dennis Joy, Dr. Jim Stewart and especially Dr. Melodie Brown for their excellent medical care, the ambulance crew who transported Steve to Charlevoix Area Hospital and then to Munson, and the physical therapy staff at Charlevoix Area Hospital who labored so hard for so many days to help relieve his pain.

Steve contracted a staph infection (non-contagious) which unfortunately resulted in an abscess/cyst which lodged between two vertebra in his neck. Eventually it ruptured and flooded through his spinal chord, invading his entire body, blood and bones.

He is currently at Munson Hospital and will be for some time. Cards and visitors will be much appreciated. Cards/letters may be sent to Steve Paterka, c/o Munson Medical Center, 1105 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684.

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Keep yourself safe from sexual assault

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) is dedicated to increasing awareness about this important issue.

Sexual assault is something we hear about in the news, but many of us still think rape only happens to other people in other communities. Increasing awareness is the first step in ending any type of violence.

The majority of sexual assault victims are young women between the ages of 16 and 19, and the perpetrators are almost always men, in many situations an acquaintance of the victim. Only a small percentage of men in our society commit sexually violent crimes, but it can be difficult to tell the "good guys" from the "bad guys."

Here are a few things that we can all do to help prevent rape from happening:

- Be aware of language. We live in a society where words are often used to de-humanize or put women down. If females are seen as less than human, it becomes much easier to disrespect and mistreat them. Do not use degrading language and correct someone when they do in your presence.
- Communicate. It is important to know your sexual limits, to be able to tell your partner your sexual limits, and to understand and respect their sexual limits. One must always get consent (permission) from their partner before engaging in any sexual activity.
- Speak up! When you see or hear attitudes that degrade women, speak out against it. Do not tell degrading jokes or laugh when others do. By putting women down, you support violence against them. Do not support politicians who aim to limit women's rights.
- Contribute your time and money. Volunteer your time or donate money to organizations that work to end violence against women. You can make a difference.
- Talk about it. It is important that men and women are able to talk about sexual assault. Find out how the risk of being raped affects a woman's life. Find out how you can be supportive of someone who has been sexually assaulted. Talk to others about how sexual violence can affect them and what they can do to be part of the solution.

Rape is a choice that is made to use sex as a weapon of control. In order to end sexual assault, men must be conscious to make different choices. Men play a vital role in raising awareness about sexual assault. To learn more about sexual assault, our educational program can be brought to schools for students and parent groups, and to area churches and community organizations. For more information, call (231) 347-0067; its 24-hour crisis and information line is (800) 275-1995.

Club seeking applications for Mary Feindt scholarship

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its second annual Mary Feindt Memorial Scholarship, which awards a $500 scholarship to one female high school senior who will be attending college following graduation, and who plans to pursue a math or science-related major in college.

The scholarship recipient will be chosen based on financial need and her involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields not on her GPA or academic record.

In order to be considered for the scholarship, the student must complete the Mary Feindt Scholarship application, submit a written essay and provide two letters of recommendation from a math or science instructor which confirms the students involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields. This is excluding the fields of medical science and computer science.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County High Schools or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snabes at (231) 547-9969.

The deadline for receiving applications is May 10, 2004 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club, c/o Joan Buday, Scholarship Committee Chairwoman, 104 St. Mary's Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in May.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

Bergmann Center dance

Bergmann Center, Inc. will be having its second annual "Starlight" dinner, dance and live Auction fund-raising event starting at 12:30 p.m. on May 2 at Castle Farms.

A buffet dinner will be catered by BJ's of Gaylord, Chris Dominic of Charlevoix will be providing entertainment and Sam Kosc of Boyne Falls will be auctioneering.

Tickets can be purchased at a cost of $25 each from Bergmann Center, Inc. at 08855 Martin Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or call (231)547-2979 for more information about this event or if you would be interested in donating an auction item.

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Zonta club to award its $400 scholarship

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, which awards $400 to an outstanding young woman living in Charlevoix County currently studying business at the undergraduate level.

Applicants must have completed 2-3 years in an accredited undergraduate program, demonstrate outstanding academic credentials, identify the relevance of the applicant's academic program to the business field and outline the applicant's professional and career goals as they relate to advancing women in the field of business.

Applications are available at the Petoskey and Traverse City college campuses or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snahes at (231) 547-9969. The deadline for receiving applications is May 14, 2004 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura A. Snahes, P.O. Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in early June.

The recipient of the local award will also have her application forwarded to the District, which awards an additional $400 to the District Winner.

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship was established to encourage undergraduate women to enter careers and seek leadership positions in business-related fields.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

Forum on No Child Left Behind Act to be April 29

A community forum on the No Child Left Behind law is set for 7 p.m., Thursday, April 29, at the Charlevoix Middle School with a panel discussion and a question-and-answer session. The No Child Left Behind Act was signed into law by President George W. Bush in January 2002.

Parents and other community members are invited to attend this timely forum to relate their experiences with the law and to hear how school administrators and teachers are attempting to meet the requirements of the law.

Jane Bailey, director of Teaching and Learning at Petoskey Public Schools, will lead the panel and present a power point demonstration. Other speakers will be Dianne Litzenburger of the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and several teachers.

Under No Child Left Behind, states and schools are limited to using test scores as a determination of success. The National Education Association proposes to allow states to use growth models that acknowledge progress in student achievement both over time and within the school year.

The forum is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel. It is organized by the Charlevoix County Democratic Party.

Anniversary

Jim and Gloria Wilhelm

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilhelm of Charlevoix are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on April 24, 2004.

Jim and Gloria were married on April 24, 1954 at Grace Lutheran Church in Redford Township. They moved to the Norwood area in 1974. They have six children and 17 grandchildren.

Jim is a retired builder of 45 years and Gloria retired from Charlevoix Area Hospital after 15 years.

The two will be celebrating their anniversary with their children and their families.

The children are: Tim (Kim) Wilhelm of Milford, Terry (Dawn) Wilhelm, Jeff (Glenda) Wilhelm, Tom (Chris) Wilhelm all of Charlevoix, Christ (Duey) Cyr of Belleview Fla., and Colleen (Jeff) Greene of Charlevoix.

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Yvonne M. Archambault: July 15, 1932 - March 23, 2004

Yvonne M. Archamhault, 71, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at the Seven Rivers Hospital in Crystal River, Fla.

A memorial mass will be 10 a.m.Wednesday, April 28, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Thomas Neis will officiate and interment will take place in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Yvonne was born July 15, 1932, in Manitowoc, Wisc., the daughter of William F. and Loretta A. (Stoutinger) Boeckman. She was a long time resident of Charlevoix and spent her winters in Homosassa Springs, Fla.

Yvonne married Kenneth Archambault in 1967 and he preceded her in death in 1996. She worked in several area businesses as a secretary and for Northern Michigan Hospital's ambulatory department.

Yvonne was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, and a member of the Lion's Club in Florida. She enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loved to play bingo and cards with her friends.

Yvonne is survived by her children, Deborah (Jim) Ackley of Manitowoc, Mary McClanaghan of Petoskey, Jeff Thuss of Aurora, Colo., and Jon (Jennifer) Archambault of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Michelle (Barry) VanDeGrift of Manitowoc, Kevin and Nicolas Archambault of Charlevoix; two great-grandchildren; sister Audrey (Bill) McElligott of Cape Coral, Fla.; brother, William Beckman of Manitowoc. Her son Kevin also preceded her in death.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

James J. Marshall: Oct. 10, 1923 - April 18, 2004

James J. Marshall, 80, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Oxford, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at his home in Charlevoix. Funeral will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix.

The Rev. Todd Thompson will officiate.

James was born Oct. 10, 1923, in Iberia, Ohio, the son of James W. and Doris (Garfield) Marshall. He graduated from Marengo High School in Marengo, Ohio, and then attended Blackburn College in Carlinville, Ill.

He obtained bachelor of science and a master of science degrees in education from Wayne State University. James taught industrial arts for 25 years at Mumford High School in Detroit and Baker Middle School in Troy. He retired in 1984.

James was a member of the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix, and formerly of the United Methodist Church in Oxford. He was a life member of the Oxford Lodge F&AM 84, and was a member of the Charlevoix Chapter OES 72. He was also a member of the Charlevoix County and Michigan Association of Retired Teachers.

James married the former Ethyle M. Granger on Dec. 18, 1943, in Grand Blanc, and she survives.

He is also survived by his son, Michael L. (Mary J.) Marshall of Hudson, Ohio; daughter, Sandra S. (G. Edward) Macy of Clarkston; grandchildren, Kristen (Michael) Loszewski of Ann Arbor, Elizabeth A. Marshall of Hudson, Ohio; great-grandson, Jude Michael Loszewski; brother, Merlin (Virgie) Marshall of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

His brother Samuel preceded him in death.

Interment will take place at the Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston under the auspices of the Oxford Lodge F&AM 84 at 2 p.m., Thursday, April 22. Prior to the burial friends may call at the Bossardet Chapel Lynch & Sons in Oxford from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to NWMCH-Hospice or to the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix.

Herman E. Miller: Oct. 2, 1916 - April 17, 2004

Herman E. Miller, 87, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Saginaw, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A memorial service will be this summer in Saginaw.

Herman was horn Oct. 2, 1916, the son of John and Katherine (Feuerstine) Miller. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a mess Sergeant. He owned and operated Miller's Super Service Stations at the M-81 and I-75 exits and in downtown Saginaw for over 35 years.

Herman loved to fish and enjoyed working in his yard and home. He especially loved to spend time with his grandchildren.

Herman is survived by his daughter Sue (Bruce) Bartlett of Charlevoix; sons, Tim (Laura) Miller of Royal Palm Beach, Fla., and Dennis (Connie) Miller of Soldotna, Alaska; grandchildren, Nathan Bartlett, Michelle (Ben) Higgins, Derek, Carly and Adam Miller, Andrew and Sara Miller; sisters, Emma Cushman of Saginaw, Elsie Koch of St. Charles; and special neighbors, Mr. And Mrs. Lloyd Honsinger of Saginaw.

The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Travis Carl Towsley: June 27, 1980 - April 17, 2004

Travis Carl Towsley, 23, of Oxford, and formerly of Charlevoix, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, in Oxford.

A funeral will he at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where friends may meet the family from 1 p.m., until the time of the service. The Pastor Philip Starks of the Family of Faith Ministries in Charlevoix will officiate and cremation will follow.

Travis was born June 27, 1980, in Charlevoix. He attended Charlevoix schools. Travis loved animals and enjoyed caring for them, orphaned or injured or lost.

He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making people laugh. He was employed at the Cottage Inn Pizza in Oxford.

Travis is survived by his mother, Chris (Jones) Hamp of Oxford; father Carl Towsley of Manton; brothers, Eric Hamp of Wichita Falls, Tex., Joshua Hamp of Owosso, and Jacob Willis of Oxford; paternal grandparents, MonaRaye and Eugene Towsley of Charlevoix; maternal grandmother Janice (Robert) Ernst of Charlevoix; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Ragamuffins travel to Florida to help teens

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The Ragamuffins perform with students from House of Hope in Florida.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A group of Charlevoix area students arrived in Florida on March 24 ready to tackle a spring break project that forever changed their lives and the lives of a group of troubled teens.

"God can use ordinary people to do something extraordinary. None of us are professionals in the therapeutic world. But we took what we have to offer and broke down the intimidation and the walls and impacted kids. I was amazed at this team," Tyvin Whittaker, a parent coordinator for the group, said.

Ten local students, who are all members of Charlevoix's Ragamuffin Theatre Group, traveled to House of Hope in Orlando to teach the troubled teens who live there about performing arts and Christianity.

"We were there to bring light into darkness," Brian Cornett, 22, of Charlevoix said.

House of Hope provides teenagers, ages 12 to 18, a refuge from the problems in their lives and gives them the tools to reintegrate into society through education, Christian counseling and spiritual guidance. There are 43 of these facilities across the United States.

The founder and president of House of Hope, Sara Trollinger, contacted Ragamuffin director Kathleen Whittaker this fall after seeing the students perform in Traverse City and asked that they go to Orlando to work with the kids there.

They agreed and Kathleen got together a group of Christian Ragamuffins to make the trip.

"We had no idea what we were getting into," Kathleen said.

When they arrived they weren't welcomed with open arms. The House of Hope students were resistant and not comfortable expressing themselves. But after almost 10 days of intensive training and interaction with the Ragamuffins, friendships were forged and the they began to open up.

"There was a dramatic change in the kids' attitudes. They could see we really cared about them," Cornett said. "It was really powerful."

The program started at around 1 p.m. each day and didn't end until 10 p.m.

"These kids have had so many times in their lives when someone has given up on them — we didn't," Will Barrett, 18, of Charlevoix, said.

They worked on everything from musical skills and acting to dance and sports. The effort culminated in a per-

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Theater group takes part in outreach effort

RAGAMUFFIN

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formance on April 4 that the Ragamuffin and House of Hope groups did together.

According to Kathleen, the encouragement her team gave the students was the key to their mission's success.

"They (House of Hope staff) had never seen a group come in and connect with these kids like we did. The whole atmosphere on the campus changed. They were laughing," she said.

The Ragamuffin students said they owe their success to God.

Jessica Hoover, 13, of Elk Rapids, said, "You could see God working and moving in them. Every one of them stepped out of the box where they were at the beginning of the week."

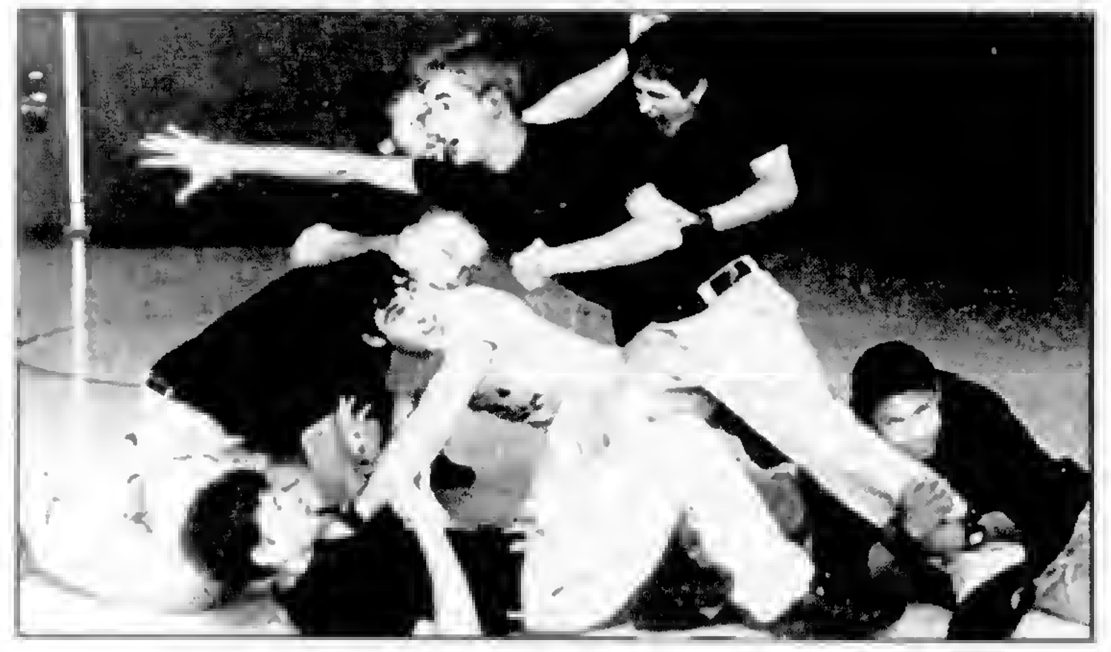
Cornett said the progress gave the students back what had been taken from them or lost — imagination and a piece of their childhood.

As for the Ragamuffin group, they said they learned how fragile their lives are and how to be humble servants.

"We need to sacrifice our own time to reach out to others. It was valuable to me to realize the impact you can make in a short time," parent coordinator Shari Bonar said.

Before they left, the Charlevoix group wrote notes of encouragement to each of the House of Hope students and exchanged e-mail addresses to keep up correspondence. They plan to return next spring for another mission trip with the students.

Kathleen said she would like to do more outreach efforts like this with her 48-member Ragamuffin group. For more information about the group or for donation information visit www.ragamuffintheatre.com.



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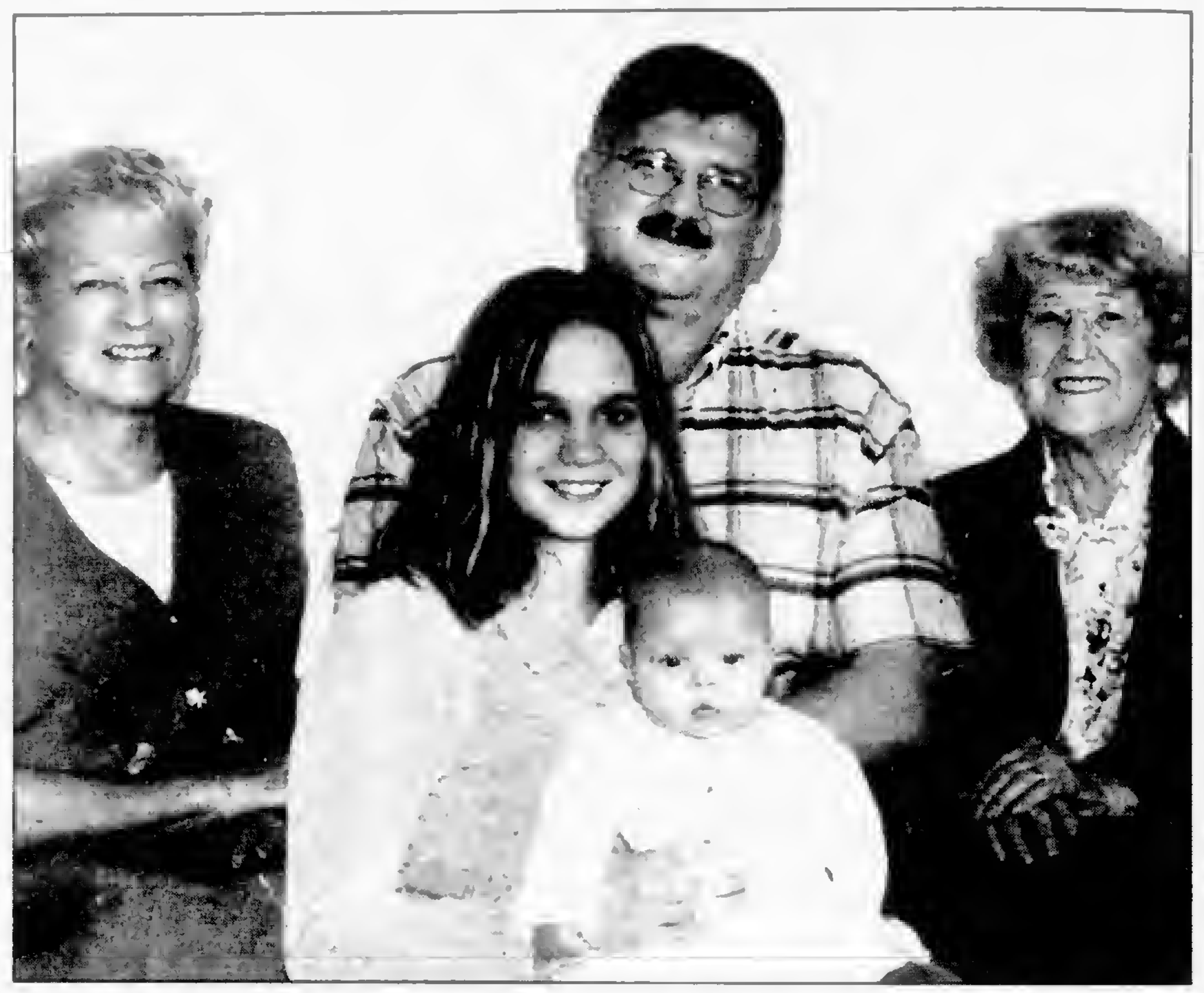
A group of 10 Ragamuffin Theatre students from the Charlevoix area traveled to the House of Hope in Orlando, Fla. over spring break for a mission trip.



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Five generations

Five generations recently met for a photo. They are (back, from left) great grandmother Marilyn Ferweda of Ellsworth, grandfather Keith Heeres of Quincy, Ill., Great-great grandmother Lillian Sitzema of Charlevoix, (front) Chantel Heeres, the mother, holding her daughter Jaidyn Heeres-Davis, both of Quincy, Ill.

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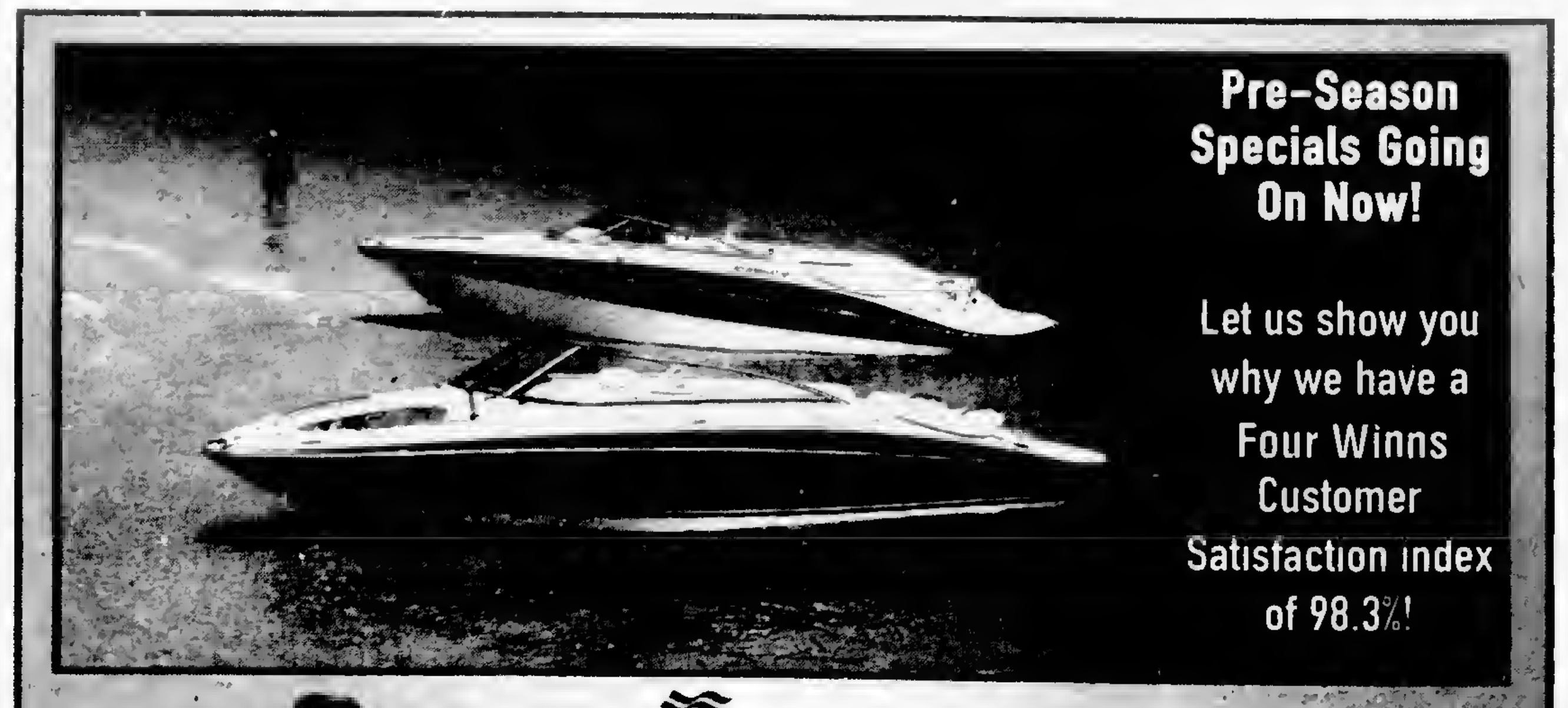

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District considering all-day Kindergarten

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Parents of Charlevoix's youngest students may soon have more options as to how their kids are educated.

The Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education is considering starting an all-day Kindergarten program for the 2004-2005 school year at Charlevoix Elementary School.

"I think it's something that is becoming more and more popular with parents and schools," elementary school principal Dick Swenor said.

If the board votes in May to adopt the new program, it would be a change from its current half-day program.

Right now, three teachers cover six morning and afternoon Kindergarten sessions at the school that run just over three hours each, five days a week. The full day program would follow the regular school schedule that lasts for about seven hours.

Swenor said if it is approved the school will likely treat the option as a pilot program and offer one class starting next fall to test the waters with other half-day sessions still handling the bulk of students.

The decision as to how many full-day classes will be open depends on demand for the program. The school will be able to better gauge interest after Kindergarten Roundup which will take place at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., April 26 and 27.

The current kindergarten class has just under 100 students. Swenor said he is expecting about the same amount of kids to enroll next year.

Swenor said this change is being considered in response to inquiries from parents and teachers who say the students are ready.

He explained that students won't be asked to do more, they'll just have more time to learn through a more in-depth approach to the curriculum. Proponents of this approach argue it better prepares them for first grade.

Swenor said the biggest gains from this type of program have been seen in at-risk children who show higher achievement. Other benefits include less attendance problems and fewer transitions for children with attention disorders who have problems switching from a daycare environment, to school and back to daycare.

Concerns parents have raised address fatigue and whether kids that are 5 and 6 years old can handle the full day.

Swenor said another potential problem is increased cost for the school district which may have to bring on another teacher to meet the demand. The goal is to keep the classrooms under 20 students.

This year the elementary school lost some incoming kindergartners to St. Mary School where they initiated an all day Kindergarten program.

St. Mary Kindergarten teacher, Renée Golovich-Keie, said the program has been very successful.

"I was hesitant at first — starting something new there is always that fear of the unknown. But it's gone miraculously," she said.

She said it took about seven weeks for everyone to get into the swing of things and fatigue was a factor for her students. To address the fatigue issue Golovich-Keie created an after lunch "brain break." During this half hour students nap or read and just kick back.

"It helps and they look forward to it," she said.

In the classroom, Golovich-Keie teaches core academics in the morning followed by interactive learning after lunch. With the split, students who are not ready for an all day program can still take advantage of the half day.

When asked how parents should make this full or part time program decision, Golovich-Keie said the most important thing for them to do is to evaluate each individual child. She said for those that go the all day route, parents need to ensure that their kids have the fuel they need and that means eating a balanced diet and getting between 12 and 13 hours of sleep a day.

St. Mary School accepts up to 15 students for its Kindergarten classroom. Registration is taking place right now for this program. For more information call St. Mary School at 547-9441.

For information about the Charlevoix Elementary School program call the school at 547-3215 or attend the Roundup sessions next week where Swenor will make a presentation about it.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Kindergarten Round Up for the 2004-2005 school year will take place April 26 and 27 at Charlevoix Elementary School. Parents may have the option of enrolling their student in an all-day Kindergarten class. Here Jessica Martin teaches the current group of Kindergarten students; there are about 100 total in the class split up into six sections.

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Synopsis - April 14, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. on March 24, 2004 in Charlevoix. Commissioner Snyder was absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the March 24, 2004 meeting.

Sheriff Lasater handed out copies of his 2003 Annual Report.

Lt. Ken Mills presented the 2003 Annual Report of Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement.

Motion approved Resolution #04-025, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #04-026, P.A.S.T. Grant, authorizing the Chairman to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #04-027, State of Michigan Computer Cabling.

Motion approved Resolution #04-028, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Building Fee Increases. Rates to be effective May 1, 2004.

Motion approved Resolution #04-029, Amended Bank Depositories for 2004.

Building Inspection office hours will be changed to 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. effective May 1, 2004.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

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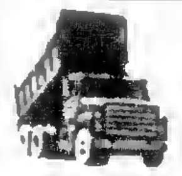

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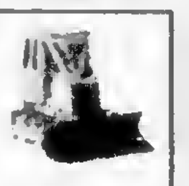

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Commissioners question need for another paved trail

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Some members of the Charlevoix County Commission question whether the county should support further development of non-motorized trails with maintenance costs falling in their lap and county roads falling apart.

County Planner Larry Sullivan spent two years working to bring the Charlevoix County portion of the Little Traverse Wheelway, which runs from Waller Road to the county line in Bay Shore, to fruition.

The $3 million project became a reality without a local contribution. But part of the construction agreement, which was funded in large part by the Michigan Department of Transportation, was that maintenance costs would fall on the county.

Now, The Top of Michigan Trails Council is working to raise funds to run another leg of the trail from Boyne City to Charlevoix along Boyne City-Charlevoix Road. They are hoping to complete this leg by 2009. It will cost an estimated $2 million. Sullivan is anticipating a need to come up with about 30 percent locally, which is about $450,000, most of which he anticipates will be raised by the trails council.

But this second phase may not get an endorsement from all the county commissioners.

At the commission's April 14 meeting, Sullivan discussed the project and preliminary engineering. The engineering is kicked off with aerial photography of the route. The county is having aerial photography done of other areas this week and he thought since the road commission is planning to redo Boyne City-Charlevoix Road in the next few years it would be a cost savings to have the pictures taken now to be used by both the commission and the trail group.

The county commission did not vote whether or not to support this because the road commission had told Sullivan they didn't have the funds to pay for the aerial photography. But commissioners did make comments about more non-motorized trail development.

Sixth district representative Shirley Roloff told Sullivan the timing is not good for this second project.

She explained that when the Waller Road stretch was built she had calls from concerned residents who wanted to know why a $3 million trail was being built when local roads are a mess.

Third district representative Ron Reinhardt and county commission chairman Vic Patrick also voiced concerns.

"We have more than enough trails; we need money for roads," Patrick said.

Patrick said with all the road problems the county is facing, including major repair needs on Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, he thinks the state grant money paying for trails should be paying for road work.

Sullivan explained that state and federal grant money used to fund these non-motorized trails is earmarked for that use and can't be used for roads.

Roloff extended her trail concerns to maintenance issues and asked whether the county wants to saddle itself with upkeep costs of another stretch of trail. She said she doesn't want to see the county commit to another leg of the trail until maintenance costs are better understood with the current trail.

Sullivan said that thus far the Charlevoix County portion of the Wheelway, which has been open since October of 2002, has cost the county under $260 in repairs.

He anticipates it being about 20 years before the trail requires extensive reworking. At that time he said one of three things can happen, the county can foot the bill, the county can pursue grants or the trail can close.

Sullivan added that the benefits of this type of non-motorized route far outweigh the cost.

He said safety is the number one benefit, followed by increased health and wellness opportunities of area residents and visitors, a reduction in automobile traffic and a boost for the local economy.

"I don't believe we are creating a lot of long-term expense for the county; it's a public safety issue as well as a recreation issue," he said.

Sullivan was surprised to see some hesitation by the commission which has historically supported this type of development.

"I think the commissioners are getting some flack about why the money can't be spent on roads. There is concern county-wide about the roads," he said.

"I certainly don't dispute that and think we need to deal with it. But do we have a less than great road (Boyne City-Charlevoix Road) with people riding bicycles down it and walking on the shoulder or do we have a less than great road with a paved trail running alongside it. There's a lot to be said for separating that traffic."

The county commissioners referred this issue to the Charlevoix County Parks Committee for further discussion.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Golf season opens

Edward Vetting, of Charlevoix, swings a club for the first time this season after a long winter at the city-owned Charlevoix Golf Club. Engineering is being done for a new well at the course to increase its watering capabilities.

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Singles

- First team — Nate Turner won 6-1, 6-0.
- Second team — Josh Fassett lost 4-6, 1-6.
- Third team — Matt Novotny lost 4-6, 6-7.
- Fourth team — Ben Scheelk lost 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Doubles

- First team — Matt Nitchman and Taylor Martin won 6-2, 6-4.
- Second team — Adam Wager and Cody Wheat won 6-1, 6-1.
- Third team — Mitch Klooster and Andrew Mailloux won 6-0, 6-0.
- Fourth team — Josh Saur and Dan Swenor won 6-0, 6-0.

In an exhibition match, the team of Annakate Truhilowicz and Lauren Eldredge won 6-0, 6-0.

Hospice needs volunteers

Hospice of Northwest Michigan (formerly the Charlevoix County Hospice), in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, which serves Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties is looking for caring and compassionate individuals who would like to join its family of hospice volunteers.

Hospice will be conducting a volunteer training program starting on Tuesday, May 4. The sessions will run for four weeks, meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. The classes will be conducted at the Greensky Hill United Methodist Church, Charlevoix.

Hospice volunteers provide a variety of services, including respite care to the terminally ill and their family.

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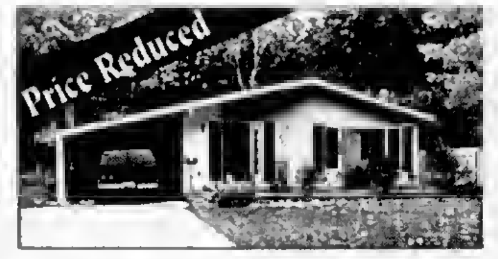

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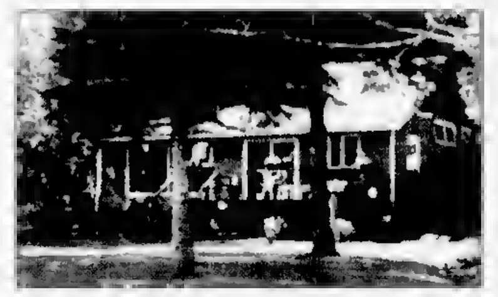

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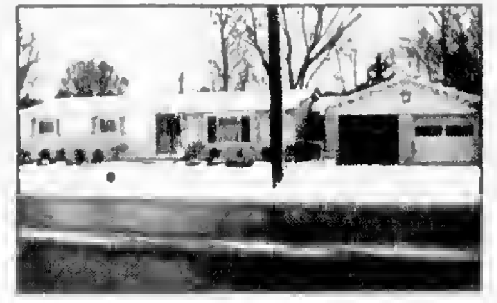

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SPORTS

Track teams take first at Gaylord meet

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Both the Charlevoix High School boys' and girls' track teams took first place in the April 15 conference meet at Grayling.

Charlevoix faced Grayling, Boyne City and Elk Rapids at the meet.

The boys' team took first with 119 points. Boyne City was in second with 59 points.

The girls' team took first with 94 points. Boyne City was in second with 72 points.

Girls' coach Mary Plude said, "This is the first conference meet we have won in four years. I have a terrific group of multi-purpose girls. This will be an exciting group of girls to coach."

Individual results for the girls' team were:

- 3200 meter relay — The team of Michelle Rowe, Theresa Martin, Caitlin Taylor and Emily Westenbroek took first with a time of 11 minutes, 29.4 seconds.
- 100 meter hurdles — Emily Heffling took second with a time of 19.45 seconds.
- 100 meter dash -- Jasmine Witthoeft took second with a time of 14.41 seconds.
- 800 meter relay — The team of Witthoeft, Shannon Dibble, Amy Drew and Liz Madison took first with a time of 1 minute, 59.1 seconds.
- 1600 meter run — Westenbroek took second with a time of 6 minutes, 31 seconds; Mia Matchett took third with a time of 6 minutes, 32 seconds.
- 400 meter relay — The team of Witthoeft, Dibble, Drew and Heffling took first with a time of 55.88 seconds.
- 400 meter dash — Madison took first with a time of 69.6 seconds; Drew took second with a time of 69.7 seconds; Betsey Dennis took third with a time of 70 seconds and Christine Bradley took fourth with a time of 73 seconds.
- 300 meter hurdles — Heffling took first with a time of 56.12 seconds.
- 800 meter run — Lindi Edger took first with a time of 2 minutes, 37.1 seconds; Matchett took fourth with a time of 2 minutes, 58.9 seconds.
- 200 meter dash — Caitlin Ernst took first with a time of 30.17 seconds; Madison took third with a time of 30.8 seconds; Drew took fourth with a time of 30.9 seconds.
- 3200 meter run — Edger took first with a time of 13 minutes, 10 seconds.
- 1600 meter relay — The team of Rowe, Martin, Dennis and Dibble took first with a time of 4 minutes, 41.4 seconds.
- High jump — Brittany Ward took first with a height of 4 feet, 6 inches.
- Shot put — Brooke Blanchard took second with a distance of 26 feet, 5 inches.
- Discuss — Caitlin Cole took third with a distance of 72 feet, 11 inches; Blanchard took fourth with a distance of 69 feet, 4 inches.

Individual results for the boys' team:

- 3200 relay — The team of Mike Dimartino, Brandon Stevens, Brian Christianson, Tom Aepelbacher finished first with a time of 9 minutes, 32 seconds.
- High hurdles — Brandon Johnston was in first with a time of 16.32 seconds; Kyle Kramer was in second with a time of 16.92 seconds.
- 100 meter dash — Jeff Urban was in first with a time of 11.61 seconds; Rusty Walters in third with a time of 12.29 seconds.
- 1600 run — Brandon Stevens in first with a time of 5 minutes, 4 seconds; Scott Plude in second with a time of 5 minutes, 6 seconds.
- 400 meter relay — The team of Ryan Seelye, Urban, Johnstone and Kramer finished first with a time of 46.24 seconds.
- Discus — Kramer in first with a distance of 125 feet; Jeff Golovich in third with a distance of 101 feet.
- Long jump — Seelye in second with a distance of 20 feet, 3.5 inches; Urban in third with a distance of 19 feet.
- 400 meter dash — Dan Elliot in second with a time of 56.91 seconds.
- 300 meter hurdles — Johnstone in second place with a time of 44.79 seconds; Brian Christenson in third with a time of 46.41 seconds.
- 800 meter run — Stevens in third with a time of 2 minutes, 17.1 seconds.
- 200 meter dash — Urban in first with a time of 24.47 seconds.
- High jump — Phil Steen in first with a height of 6 feet; Mike Dimartino in second with a height of 5 feet, 4 inches.
- Pole Vault — Christansen in second with a height of 8 feet, 6 inches.
- 3200 meter run — Plude in second with a time of 11 minutes, 6 seconds; Zach Scharenbroek in third with a time of 11 minutes, 32 seconds.

Rayders lose to Elk Rapids

Elk Rapids beat the Charlevoix High School varsity girls' soccer team, 4-2, last week.

The young Rayders bounced back from their opening loss with a strong effort against an experienced Elk Rapids Team.

Charlevoix had much the better of play in the first half, taking the half-time lead when Senior tri-captain Shayna Drost scored off an assist by freshman Zita Anderson.

The Elks tied the game early in the second then went ahead 2-1 until the Rayders' other senior tri-captain Alyssia McDonough, tied the match off a corner kick from Sophomore Stevie Murray.

The Elks went ahead 3-2 on a nice head ball goal. Charlevoix had a couple good opportunities to tie again but fell just short.

The Elks finished up the scoring late in the game for the 4-2 victory.

Charlevoix's sophomore keeper Laura Nitchman recorded 15 saves in the goal with another stellar performance. Junior tri-captain Sarah Cross and sophomore Lisa Kuebler anchored the Rayders defense.

Player of the game was awarded to McDonough for her strong midfield play.

"We began to play Charlevoix soccer tonight. We fell a bit short, but improved dramatically over the Petoskey game. We need to win more balls in the air to beat a team like Elk Rapids," coach Carol Madison said.

The Rayders fall to 0-2, 0-1 conference and travel to East Jordan on Monday.

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Wal-Mart basis of new city sewer policy for developments

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Developers building outside the city of Charlevoix who want to hook into city utilities won't necessarily be given the OK.

The proposed Wal-Mart supercenter that may be built on Charlevoix Township's south side prompted discussion from council about denying the facility utilities.

The Wal-Mart proposal includes hookups to the city's sewer and electrical system. It shows water being provided by Charlevoix Township.

But council as a whole doesn't support the development, claiming it will have a negative impact on the city's economy.

At the April 19 council meeting three different policies for water, electric and sewer service outside the city limits, were unanimously adopted. They require developers who want to hook up to undergo an economic impact study at the developer's expense.

City attorney Jim Young explained that the policies that were adopted do not mean that anyone will be denied anything. He said what they do is offer council standards for reviewing a project and deciding whether it makes sense to extend services for a project.

The only difference between the three is that under the electric policy city manager Mike Wiesner gives final approval for electrical extension to a project.

Mayor Gabe Campbell and third ward council member Shirley Gibson think council should have the ultimate say on all three. But Gibson said she was willing to be flexible at the meeting to get the policy on the books. She plans to work to change the approval requirement in the future.

"This should have happened a long time ago. It could have even stopped that school (Charlevoix High School) from being built in the middle of a corn field," Gibson said.

Wiesner does not agree that council should deny Wal-Mart electricity. He said the company will get it from somewhere else and once Consumer's Energy or Great Lakes Energy runs service to that area they will likely also get other new business that is developed there.

"You have the potential to greatly damage the electric system in the future. You are losing growth potential," Wiesner said. "It is in the best interest of the system as it is with any business, to grow."

But Mayor Campbell said the city stands to lose a lot of money if Wal-Mart is built because it will run out of town other utility customers they currently service.

First ward councilman Bob Timms, second ward councilman Bill Bellows and third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain agreed that denying electrical service wouldn't be a stopper for the Wal-Mart project and may hurt the city.

"I can't see cutting off our nose to spite our face. I don't think we would be accomplishing anything by denying electric service outside the city," Timms said.

While Wal-Mart may be given city electricity, sewer service might not come easily with this new policy in place.

Council's adoption of the policies was a small victory for the anti Wal-Mart group, This is Our Town.

John Winn, a member of the group, said, "We want to cover all the bases and do everything we can. We'll take the sewer (service rejection) if that's the way it comes down."

Winn isn't convinced Wal-Mart will meet the requirements for an on-site septic system in that area.

While This is Our Town members are happy to see council taking steps to restrict its utility extensions, Charlevoix Township resident Chuck Scherping disagreed with the new policies.

Scherping said they are a way of discriminating against a business council may not like, and that's wrong.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League • April 12, 2004

	W	L
Top Rank Disposal	41	23
Mark White Paint & Stain	38	26
B Vanloo & Sons	35	29
Cemex Cement	31	33
Kerr's Racing	30	34
State Farm Insurance	30	34
Bayshore Steel	26	38
Central Drug Store	25	39

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Chuck Pop	586	234
Ray Kerr		232
Ken Schoenheit	581	
Thomas Kerr		231
Shawn Putman	581	

Tuesday Night Ladies • April 13, 2004

	W	L
Hayes Legal Crew	39.5	24.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	37	27
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	33.5	30.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	30	34
Top Rank Disposal	28	36
Grey Gables Inn	27	37
Central Drug Store	22.5	41.5
Don's IGA	22.5	41.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Linda Lake	576	226
Janice Thanasiu		206
Jane Holm	522	
Cathy Sullivan		204
Marlene Evans	503	

Young at Hearts League
April 15, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	39	17
Sparetime	32	24
Misfits	32	24
Alley Cats	27	29
Twilighters	26	30
Has Beens	26	30
Irish Rollers	23	33
Past Timers	19	37

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Maury Dixon	523	197
Ken Schoenheit	527	182
Art Ruis		166
Ralph Kitson	457	
Zettie Kitson	507	187
Mary Lakies		168
Nancy Bambach	417	
Sue Lochner		156
Theola Elzinga	398	

Church League • April 14, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	490	260
Ferguson & Chamberlain	437	313
Townhouse Bar	408	342
R & C Roofing	366	384
Martincheks	349	401
St. Mary's	328	422
Lutherans	311	439
State Farm Insurance	311	439

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Randy DeYoung	626	222
Gary Grapp		219
Jim Potter	600	
Larry Potter		213
John Fiedorek	597	

Monday Madness • April 12, 2004

	W	L
Buzy Bees	436	264
Flight Deck Top Guns	415	285
Friske Farm Market	389	311
Villager Pub	384	316
Strike Seekers	368	332
Paul Bunyan Lanes	357	343
Laural & Co. Hair Design	343	357
Team One	0	280

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Debi Grass	705	201
Jeanne Rankl	736	200
Kris Dixon	649	190

Gutter Gals League • April 15, 2004

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	171	109
Express Yourself	136	144
Burger King Charlevoix	133	147
Paul Bunyan Lanes	120	160

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	567	222
Diana Speigl	467	181
Connie Pischner	422	174

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Theater troupe to perform in May

Ragamuffin Children's Theatre and Choir will be presenting their second annual presentation of "Primetime Pantomime!"

All ages are invited to come and experience music in motion as the 60 member troupe perform lyrical mime pieces on a variety of themes, which include humor, drama and dance.

Director Kathleen Whittaker formed the theatrical troupe over three years ago, and has seen incredible progress in the group's ability to perform at a professional level.

"We will be doing some wonderful new pieces," Whittaker said.

Members of Ragamuffin receive weekly instruction in all areas of the performing arts including, dance, vocal lessons, mime and acting. Their performances usually involve many different forms of creative expression allowing them to touch people in unexpected ways, said Whittaker.

"The program we are currently working on calls for audience participation making it fun for the whole family, as well as improvisational acting which is always highly entertaining," she said.

Primetime Pantomime will be performed at 7 p.m., May 1; at 4 p.m., May 2; at 7 p.m., May 2 at the Charlevoix's Knights of Columbus Hall.

General admission for all shows is $4 for adults and children 12 and under $2. For more information, visit Ragamuffintheatre.com, or call 237-9686.

Meningitis case found in Antrim

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency received a report recently confirming bacterial meningitis in one child in Antrim County.

"The risk of anyone else becoming infected with bacterial meningitis is low," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. "These types of cases are generally isolated; however, communicable disease staff from the health department are closely monitoring the situation."

Meyerson is asking people to watch for signs and symptoms, see a doctor as soon as possible if they suspect meningitis and use good hygiene practices, especially thorough handwashing.

Meningitis is an infection of the tissues and sometimes the fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord. It can be caused by a virus or bacteria.

The symptoms of viral meningitis and bacterial meningitis can be similar. Medical tests to determine what is causing symptoms are necessary because treatment for bacterial meningitis can be different than treatment for viral meningitis.

The symptoms of meningitis may not be the same for every person. More common symptoms are sudden onset of fever, severe headache and stiff neck. Individuals may also suffer intolerance to light, nausea, vomiting and occasionally even seizures.

The most effective way to prevent contracting bacterial meningitis is hand washing, thoroughly and often, especially after using the bathroom and before preparing or eating food. Personal items such as drinking cups or bottles and food utensils should not be shared.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties.

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Hope for Charlevoix as cool city

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of Grand Rapids.

"The opportunity to go there was amazing. I enjoyed it," she said.

At the two hour forum Kimble answered questions using electronic survey equipment about what would make her want to live in a community. She said the most common responses from participants were jobs, a mass transit system, walkable streets, arts and culture, neighborhoods and gathering places.

Kimble was surprised to find Michigan is one of the only states in the country without a major transportation system.

While Charlevoix will not likely have or need a mass transit system both Kimble and Conway said there is still cool city hope for this town.

Conway said Charlevoix already has cool city attributes.

"We have local businesses and walkable streets," she said. "Diversity and culture will come in time."

Kimble said to bring a little more cool to town, Charlevoix needs more professional jobs for 20 and 30 somethings and entertainment options.

One of the highlights of the trip for Kimble and Conway was meeting Granholm.

Kimble said she was "funny, engaging, very bright and on her toes all the time."

"She was everything you would want our governor to be," she added.

Courtesy photo

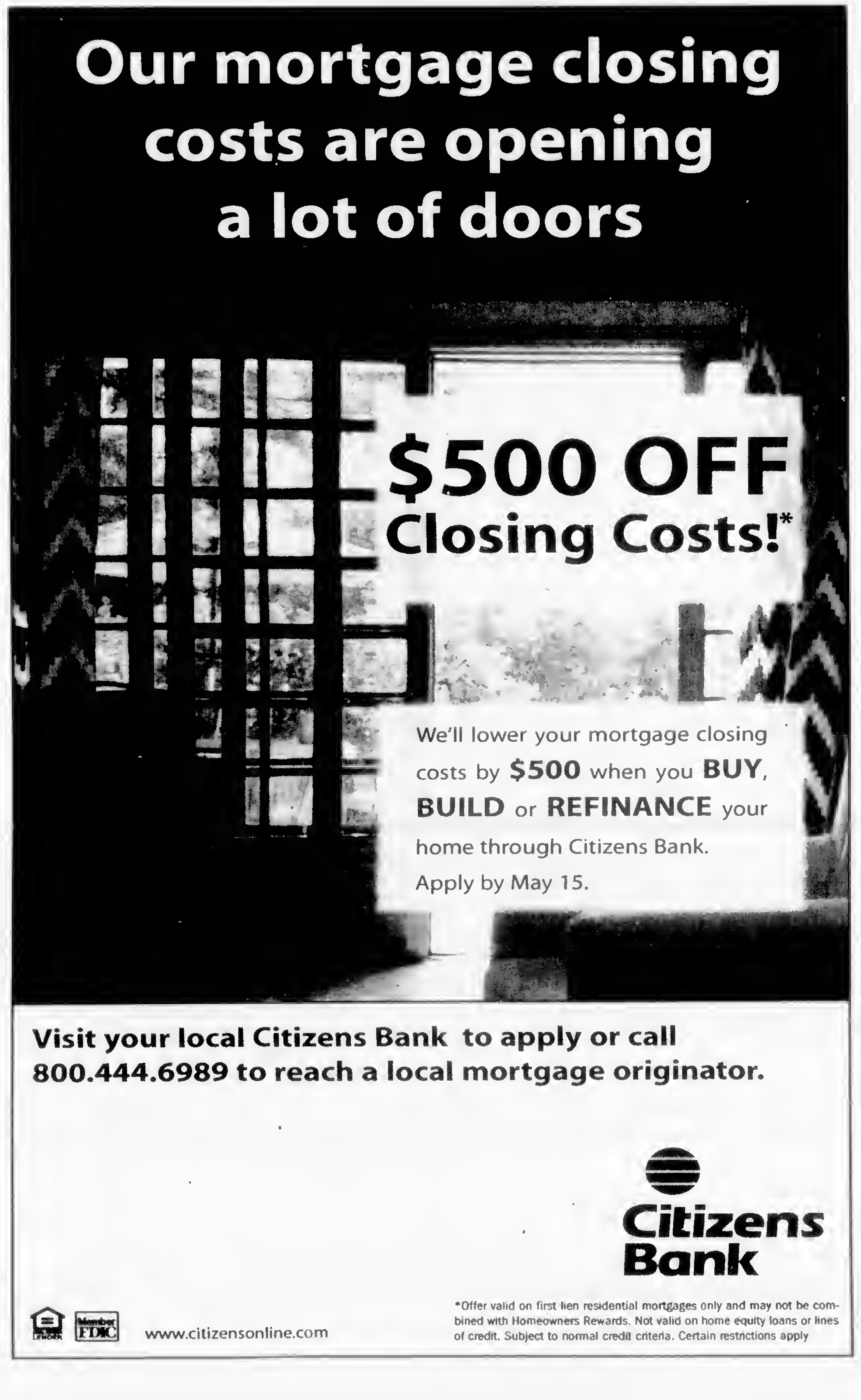
Four generations

Four generations recently met for a picture. They are: (from left) mother Valerie Reiter of Charlevoix, great-grandmother Madlyn Heise of Charlevoix, daughter Kimberly Marie Simpson, Grandmother Marlo Stoneham of Charlevoix.

Police log

The information contained in this report has been compiled from the Charlevoix Police Department's log book, which is open to public inspection under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Because some officers are still working on their reports, and they were not available before press time, not all of the reports from this period are listed. If you have any information on these reports, please contact the Charlevoix Police Department at 547-3258.

- A 21-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested around 10 p.m., April 15 near the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Mercer Boulevard for driving without insurance.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 12:30 p.m., April 10 near the intersection of Bridge and Clinton streets. No injuries were reported.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 11 a.m., April 9 near the intersection of Upright and State streets. No injuries were reported.
- A 42-year-old Beaver Island man was arrested for drunk driving around 2:30 a.m., April 9 near the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Burns Street.
- A 19-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested around 12 a.m., April 5 for being a minor in possession of alcohol near the intersection of Bridge and Carpenter streets.
- A 28-year-old East Jordan man was arrested around 11:30 p.m., April 4 near the intersection of Bridge and Green streets for drunk driving.
- A 21-year-old Charlevoix woman was arrested around 12 a.m., April 4 near the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Mercer Boulevard for driving while her license was suspended.
- Sometime between 1 and 5:30 p.m. on April 1 a motor home was keyed at a residence on the 200 block of Nichols Street.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 5:30 p.m., April 1 near the intersection of Bridge and Carpenter streets. No injuries were reported.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 10:30 a.m., April 1 near the intersection of Bridge and Garfield streets. One injury was reported.
- A 56-year-old Paw Paw man was cited and released around 2 p.m., March 29 near the intersection of Garfield and State streets for carrying a concealed weapon. The man did have a concealed weapons permit, but failed to notify the officer that he had the weapon on him.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WAL-MART

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a formal site plan meeting being scheduled for mid-to late-May.

In a letter to Rajewski, one of the items Corcoran said Wal-Mart is missing is a narrative on how it meets the nine requirements called for before a plan is approved. Corcoran also said the site plan needs property appraisal statements, a public/safety impact statement, a tree survey and the project plans have not been sealed by a professional engineer.

According to the plans submitted in late March, Wal-Mart would like to build a 155,800 square foot supercenter on 24 acres of property located off US-31, near Marion Center Road and Stover Road.

The plans say the store will face Marion Center Road, where the entrance and exit to the site will be.

For a right-turn only entrance on US-31, the company said it will need to get a partial vacation of Stover Road and has applied to the Charlevoix County Road Commission for this. The company also stated it will need a lighted signal at the intersection of US-31 and Marion Center Road, as well as the construction of left and right turning lanes on Marion Center Road and bypass lanes for through traffic.

Site plans also state the company needs sewer service from the city of Charlevoix. They are proposing a sewer line that will be extended from a manhole west of the intersection of Stover Road and Marion Center Road. Wal-Mart has said it will pay for all costs associated with this extension.

Plans state the supercenter will generate about 4,230 gallons of sanitary waste a day.

Company officials have previously said they want to have the store open in 2005.

Telephone calls seeking comment were not returned by Wal-Mart officials.

Keepin' It Local...

Wal-Mart negatives focus of forum

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

According to author and Wal-Mart fighter Al Norman and the local group This Is Our Town, the only problem with the Charlevoix Township proposal for a supercenter is it is the wrong size and in the wrong location.

Norman and This Is Our Town brought a slew of information about the mega-retailer and its potential impact on Charlevoix to a large crowd Thursday at a forum on Wal-Mart at Charlevoix High School. Norman went over the corporation's business practices and the Charlevoix Township Master Plan and zoning ordinance in an attempt to show Wal-Mart will hurt the Charlevoix area.

"I think he (Norman) knew what he was talking about," said Ralph Ware, a Charlevoix resident, after the meeting. "I think the point is well taken that this is too large of a facility."

Ware said he was previously in support of a Wal-Mart and originally thought the local government bodies, such as the DDA, that came out against the supercenter were just trying to impose their will on the rest of the community to support downtown merchants. He said now he does not think that.

Ware added, "I regret that the Wal-Mart firm did not try to come and rebut him (Norman)."

Kimberly Korp, 18, of Charlevoix, also said she enjoyed the meeting.

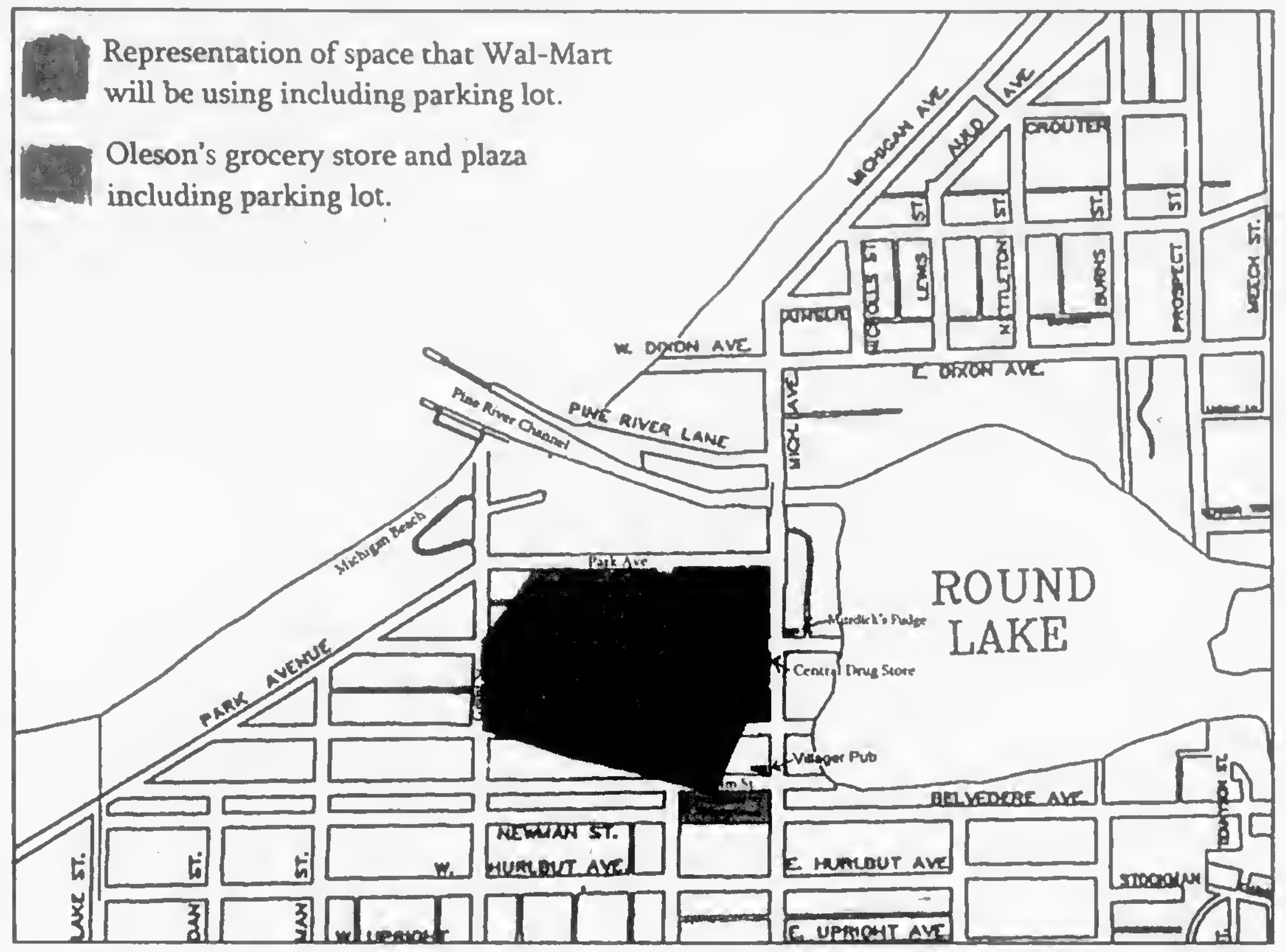

Photo by Jeremy McBain

This map, created by the group This Is Our Town, shows the size of the proposed Wal-Mart supercenter in relation to downtown Charlevoix and Oleson's Market.

"It was incredible. It was great information and it was very honest," she said.

Norman said it is wrong to think that Charlevoix Township's planning commission cannot stop a Wal-Mart supercenter from coming. In looking at the Charlevoix Township zoning ordinance, Norman said the retail/grocery store will violate several of the nine requirements a proposed development must have before being approved.

Norman said, according to the ordinance a development must conserve the surrounding property val-

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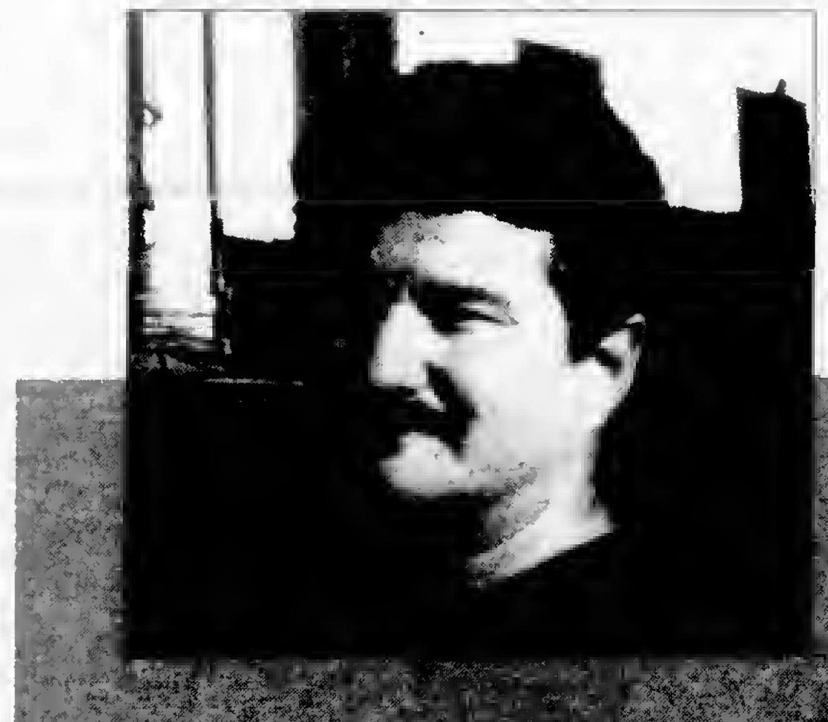
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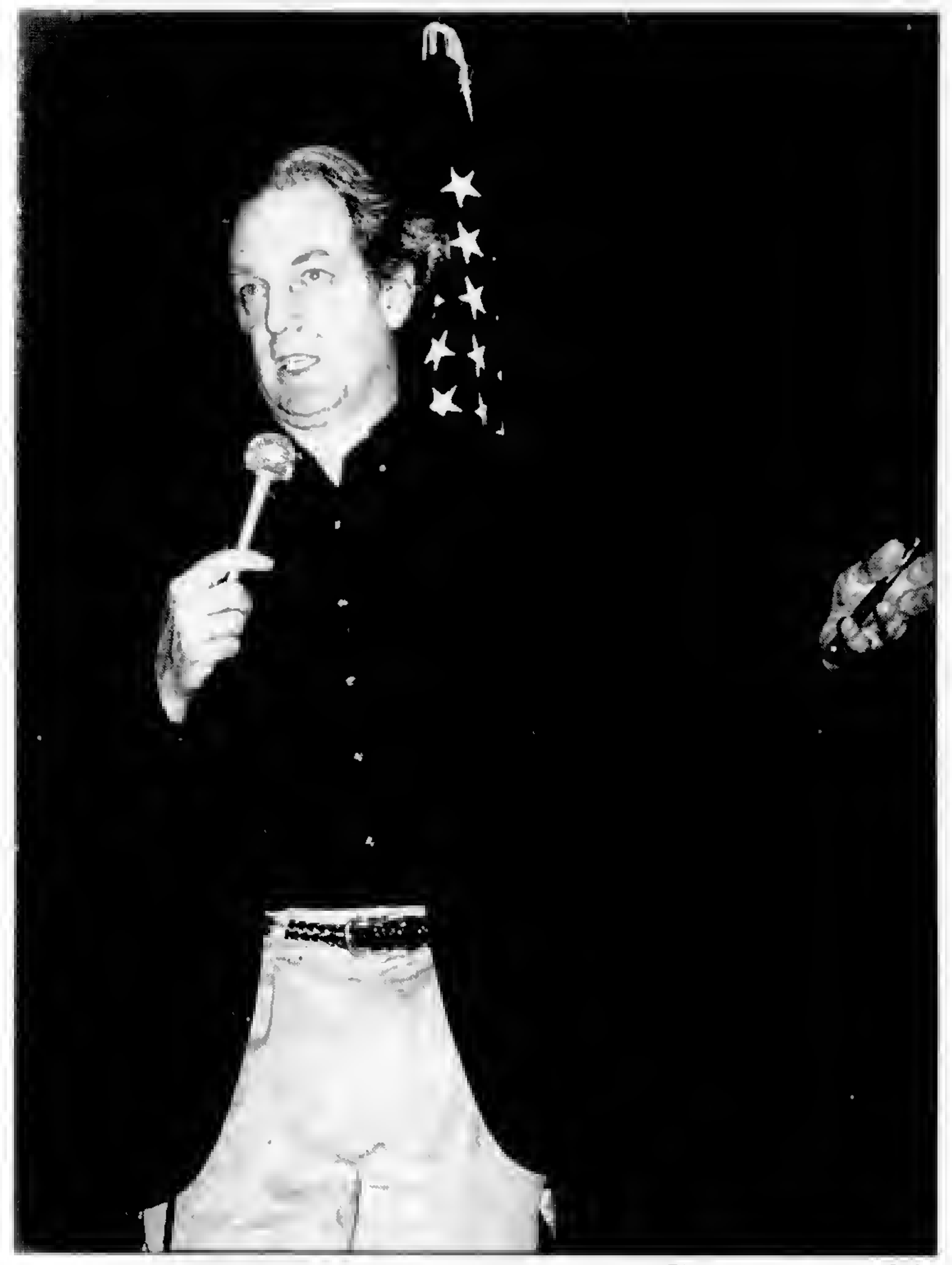

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Author and Wal-Mart fighter Al Norman talks to a large crowd Thursday at the Charlevoix High School on Marion Center Road.

NORMAN

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ues, conserve economic stability, conserve a given character the surrounding.community, lesson congestion on the streets and be compatible with surrounding developments.

The Wal-Mart supercenter plan that was submitted fails all of those, he said.

He said surrounding property values will probably go down, the area's economy will be negatively impacted, the "big box" plan is out of character with the community of Charlevoix and unlike any of the surrounding developments.

As for traffic, Norman pointed out the site really has only one entrance and one exit and that is on Marion Center Road. Another entrance on US-31 is for right turn only traffic. This means all of the traffic that is coming out of the center, including large truck traffic, will spill out onto Marion Center Road.

Norman also said Wal-Mart's proposal violates the township master plan. He pointed out the township master plan says, "large scale community development will pose the most serious problem."

He added the master plan also states the township should maintain its rural character, "encourage improvements and consolidation of existing business facilities" and "discourage strip developments."

As for some other points Norman made about Wal-Mart he said:

While Wal-Mart claims to create jobs in communities, Norman said this does not take into effect the number of jobs that are lost to bring in a Wal-Mart. He said a Massachusetts study on Wal-Mart's impact discovered a supercenter causes no net increase in jobs and could, in fact, reduce the number of jobs in a community.

He added a study by Congressman George Miller showed, "Workers cost taxpayers at a typical Wal-Mart with 200 workers $420,750 in tax supported subsidies."

Furthermore, Norman said Wal-Mart is horrible for the economy, not just locally, but in the nation.

"Wal-Mart has turned into not just a chain store, but a chain of exploitation," he said.

Last year, Norman said Wal-Mart imported $12 billion worth of goods from China, which represents 10 percent of our national trade deficit. Wal-Mart has also caused companies such as Levie Strauss, Fruit of the Loom and Master Lock to close down all of their American factories and move them overseas.

And, while the company claims low prices "always," Norman said an Arkansas court found "Wal-Mart raises prices as the competition does away."

After his presentation, Norman opened the floor to questions. While many supported him and This Is Our Town's actions, one woman said some people need a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix because they can't afford to shop in local stores and do not have a vehicle to drive to the Petoskey store.

In response, Norman said, "I choose to live in a beautiful place in the country. I could have choosen to live next to the malls. They choose to live in a beautiful northern Michigan resort town, knowing they were not on top of a mall."

Another person pointed out there are two grocery stores that are not locally owned, Glen's and Oleson's, like Wal-Mart would be.

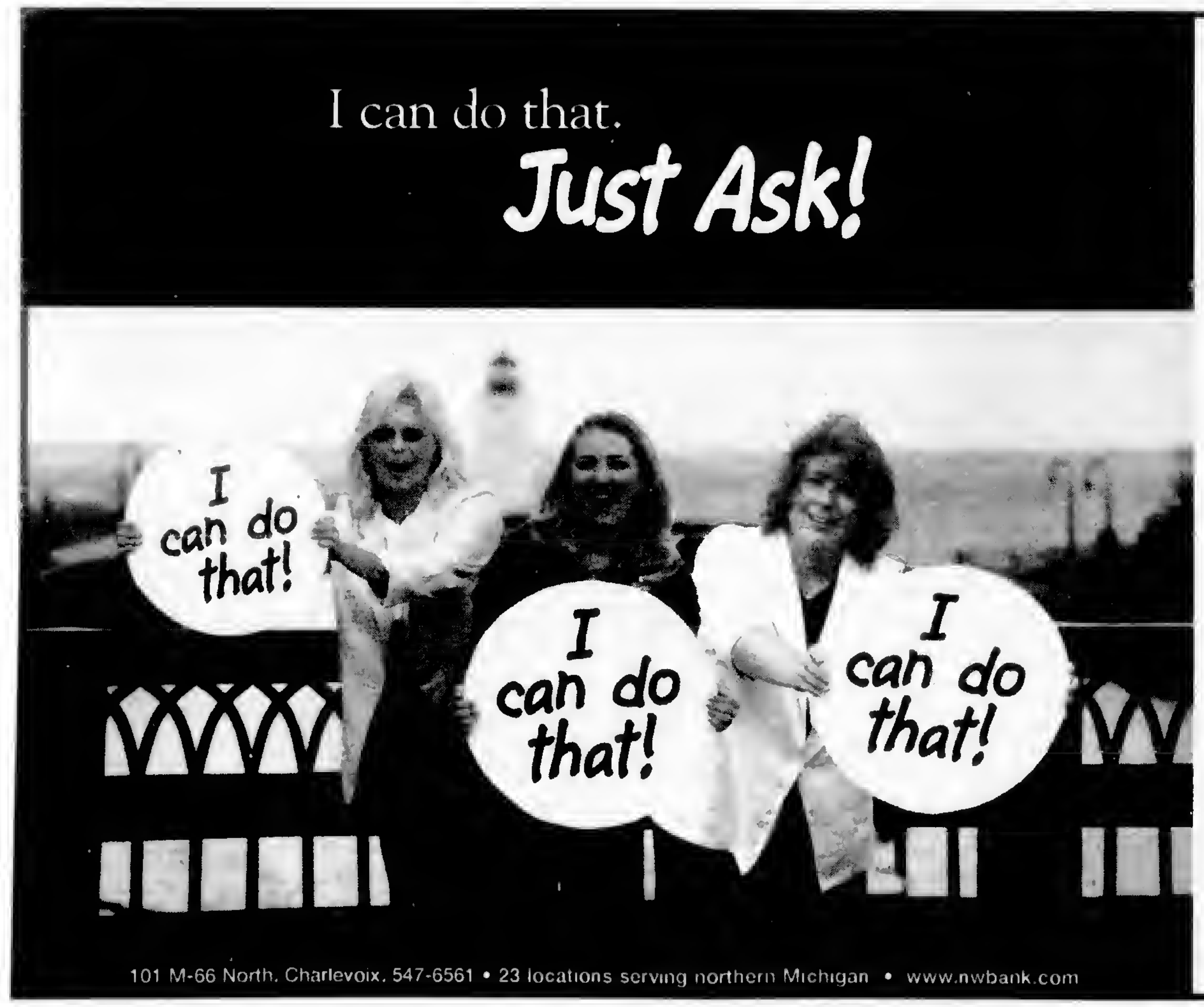
Norman said Oleson's is a family owned business based in Traverse City and Glen's is a chain based out of northern Michigan. He said these businesses are pretty much locally owned and spend their money in the area.

Bob Hoffman, president of This Is Our Town, pointed out a Wal-Mart supercenter will also impact the Don's IGA on Petoskey Avenue, which is owned by a Charlevoix resident. He added Wal-Mart will not just hurt downtown businesses, but businesses throughout Charlevoix.

Due to the submitted plan's not being complete, a meeting on the proposed Wal-Mart supercenter in Charlevoix Township has been postponed until mid to late-May.

The company wants to build a 155,800 square foot store on Marion Center Road; near US-31 and Stover Road. In the past, company officials said they want to have the store open in 2005.

Wal-Mart could not be reached for comment.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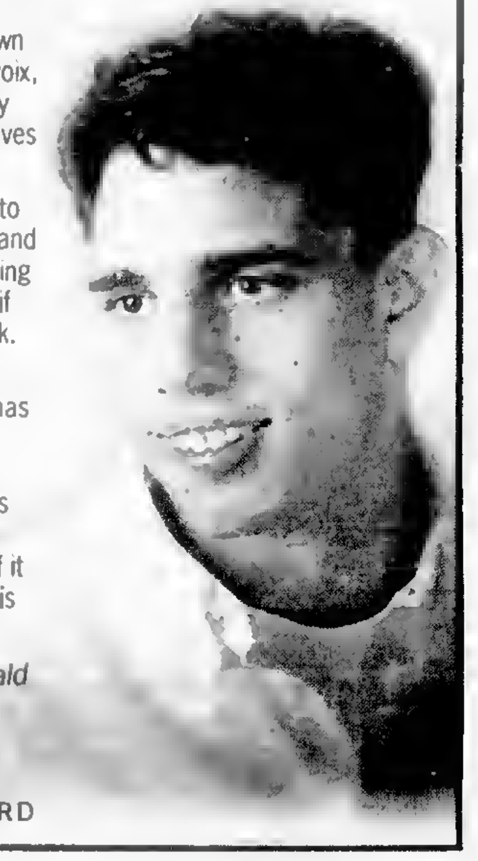

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In the matter of Troy Lee Parsel

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Date: April 14, 2004

Troy Lee Parsel
03080 Spayde Road
Charlevoix Michigan, 49720
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Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
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(231) 547-9941

Dated April 12, 2004

Mary M. Camarata
Successor Trustee
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Marlene A. McGinn a single woman, Mortgagor, to Benchmark Mortgage Corporation a Michigan corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 8th day of April, A.D., 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of April, A.D., 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix the 19th day of April, A.D., 1999, in Liber 361 on Pages 696-702.

WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage as of the date of this notice is the sum of Fifty-six thousand three hundred seventeen and 47/100 dollars ($56,317.47), for principal and interest and,

WHEREAS, no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, and default having been made whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday the 7th day of May, 2004, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed at a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the east door of the main lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with the interest thereon at seven and one quarter percent (7.25%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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Dated: March 24, 2004.

Benchmark Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee.
Charles A. Forrest, Jr.
Attorney for Benchmark Mortgage Corp.
703 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48503
Telephone: (810) 238-4030

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, THE TOWNSHIP OF CHARLEVOIX AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HAYES RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY

These Articles of Incorporation are adopted, signed, and acknowledged by the incorporating units for the purpose of forming a recreational authority under the provisions of Act No. 321, Public Acts of 2000 (the "Recreational Authorities Act").

ARTICLE I
NAME

This authority shall be known as the CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, TOWNSHIP OF HAYES, TOWNSHIP OF CHARLEVOIX RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY, hereafter referred to as the Authority.

ARTICLE II
PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES

The participating municipalities are the City of Charlevoix, a Michigan municipal corporation, the Township of Hayes, a Michigan municipal corporation and the Township of Charlevoix, a Michigan municipal corporation. They are hereafter referred to as the participating municipalities.

ARTICLE III
PURPOSE

The Authority is created to operate, fund, or contract for the operation of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool and to provide such other services and exercise such powers as are authorized by law.

ARTICLE IV
DURATION

The Authority shall be automatically dissolved within sixty (60) days from and after the election date if the electors of the Authority fail to approve a public recreation tax on all of the taxable property within the territory of the Authority by November, 2004. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the participating municipalities, acting through their respective governing bodies within such sixty (60) day period, elect to extend its duration, then the Authority shall continue for so long as then specified by the participating municipalities. If the electors so approve such tax, the Authority's duration shall continue for so long as an approved millage remains in effect or for as long as may be approved by the participating municipalities.

ARTICLE V
TERRITORY

The territory of the Authority shall be the corporate boundaries of the participating municipalities.

ARTICLE VI
POWERS AND DUTIES

Section 1

The Authority shall be an authority under Section 6 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963. It shall be a body corporate with power to sue and be sued in any court of the State of Michigan. It shall have the powers and duties as established by the Recreational Authorities Act (being MCL 123.1131) and incidental thereto.

Section 2

The Authority and the participating municipalities shall have the power to acquire and hold, by purchase, lease, option, grant, gift, devise, land contract, installment purchase contract, bequest, or other legal means, real and personal property inside or outside the territory of the Authority. The property may include franchises, easements, or rights of way on, under, or above any property. The Authority may pay for the property from, or pledge for the payment of the property, revenue of the Authority.

Section 3

The Authority shall have the power to donate, sell, lease or otherwise transfer its property or any part thereof or interest therein to one or both participating municipalities or to any other person or entity upon approval of the participating municipalities.

Section 4

The Authority shall have the power to apply for and accept grants and contributions from individuals, the federal government or any of its agencies, the State of Michigan, a municipality, or other public or private agencies to be used for any of the purposes of the Authority.

Section 5

Before a proposal for a tax to fund the activities of the Authority is placed before the electors, the proposed ballot wording shall be approved by a majority of the Authority's governing body who are appointed and serving.

Section 6

The Authority shall operate on a July 1 - June 30 fiscal year and the annual operating budgets shall be submitted to the participating municipalities for review and approval.

Section 7

The Authority shall have the power to hire full-time or part-time employees and retain professional services.

Section 8

The Authority shall have the power to provide for the maintenance of all of the real and personal property of the Authority.

Section 9

The Authority shall have the power to assess and collect fees for services provided by and expenses incurred by the Authority.

Section 10

The Authority shall have the power to receive revenue as appropriated by the legislature of the State of Michigan or a participating municipality.

Section 11

The Authority shall have the power to enter into contracts incidental to or necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes of the Authority.

Section 12

The Authority's operation of public facilities shall be limited to only those public facilities and lands that it has acquired or that have been transferred to the Authority by a participating municipality. Nothing in these Articles shall obligate a participating municipality to transfer any park, recreation center, or any land or interest therein to the Authority.

ARTICLE VII
GOVERNING BODY-OFFICERS

Section 1

The Authority shall be directed and governed by a board of directors of seven members known as the "Board", three members to be appointed by the City Council, two members each, appointed by the Township Boards.

Section 2

Members of the legislative body of a participating municipality are eligible for membership or appointment to the Board. At least one (1) member of each participating municipality's legislative body shall be appointed to the Board. Each member of the Board shall be a resident of the participating municipality that appoints that member.

Section 3

The terms of the directors shall be three years. The initial term of the directors constituting the first Board shall be staggered as follows:

a. For the three directors appointed by the City of Charlevoix:
One director shall serve a one-year term.
One director shall serve a two-year term.
One director shall serve a three-year term.

b. For the two directors appointed by the Townships of Charlevoix and Hayes:
One director shall serve a two-year term.
One director shall serve a three-year term.

Section 4

The Board shall designate one of the directors as Chairperson, another of the directors as Secretary, and another as Treasurer.

Section 5

The Board shall adopt and amend by-laws including rules of procedure consistent with the provisions of the Recreational Authorities Act. The by-laws shall provide for regular meetings of the Board, not less frequent than quarterly.

Section 6

The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Board and may sign and execute all Authority-authorized bonds, contracts, and other obligation in the name of the Authority. The Chairperson shall do and perform such other duties as may be fixed by the by-laws and from time to time assigned to the Board.

Section 7

The Secretary shall perform all the duties fixed by the by-laws. The Secretary shall preside at meetings of the Board in the absence of the Chairperson.

Section 8

The Treasurer shall perform all duties fixed by the by-laws. The Treasurer shall be bonded for the faithful discharge of the duties as Treasurer, the bond to be of such character, form, and in such amount as the Board may require.

Section 9

No member of the Board shall receive compensation for services as a member of the Board but is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses, including expenses for travel authorized by the Board incurred in the discharge of the directors' duties.

Section 10

Vacancies occurring in the office of director shall be filled by the participating municipality or other entity having appointed and vacated director position. Vacancies shall be filled within 30 days of the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 11

A director may be removed from office as provided by and in accordance with the Recreational Authorities Act.

ARTICLE VIII
PUBLIC BODY

The Authority is a public body and shall comply with the requirements of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, and the Freedom of Information Act, Act 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

ARTICLE IX
PUBLICATION

A copy of these Articles of Incorporation shall be published once in the Charlevoix Courier and the Petoskey News-Review, being a newspaper circulated within the participating municipalities prior to adoption by the participating municipalities.

ARTICLE X
ADDITION OR WITHDRAWAL OF PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES

Section 1

A municipality may become a participating municipality in the Authority only upon an affirmative vote of the legislative bodies of the existing participating municipalities and the proposed participating municipality. If the Authority has been authorized to levy a tax, the addition of another participating municipality shall be contingent upon approval by the electors of the proposed municipality of a tax equivalent to that which the Authority has been authorized to levy.

Section 2

Subject to the restriction which prohibits withdrawal while an authorized tax is in effect, a participating municipality may withdraw from the Authority at any time. However, in no event shall a participating municipality withdraw from the Authority during the period for which the Authority has been authorized to levy a tax by the electors of the Authority within the municipality which wishes to withdraw.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENT

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be made only as authorized by the Recreational Authorities Act. Amendments shall be published in the Charlevoix Courier and the Petoskey News-Review before adoption.

ARTICLE XII
EFFECTIVE DATE

These Articles of Incorporation shall become effective and be in full force and effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the participating municipalities have adopted and authorized to be executed these Articles of Incorporation, in behalf of the City of Charlevoix, by the Mayor and the City Clerk, the Township of Hayes, by the Supervisor and the Township Clerk, and the Township of Charlevoix by the Supervisor and the Township Clerk.

City of Charlevoix
a Michigan municipal corporation.
Gabriel Campbell, Mayor
Elizabeth Gooch, City Clerk
Township of Hayes
a Michigan municipal corporation.
Timothy Boyko, Supervisor
Ethel Knepp, Township Clerk
Township of Charlevoix
a Michigan municipal corporation.
Dale H. Glass, Supervisor
Carol Martin, Township Clerk

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open on Monday and Thursday every week from 10 a.m. until noon at the First Congregational Church on State Street in Charlevoix. They are there to help persons who live in the Charlevoix School District who need emergency food help.

Single people and couples receive two bags of food and families receive four bags of food, plus each get a voucher for fresh foods from Oleson's, which the Food Pantry pays for. Each household may come to the food pantry once each month.

For more information call 547-9122 and please leave a message.

Nutrition class

A Healthy Lifestyle Nutrition Class will be presented by Dr. Marvin Coy, for four weeks from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursdays, starting April 22, at the American Legion Building located at 106 East Garfield.

The topic encourages vegetarian cooking.

A $25 registration fee includes a cookhook and meal each evening. To pre-register call 547-6735.

It is sponsored by Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Buddhism meeting

There is a SGI-USA (Nichiren Daishonin Buddhism) meeting scheduled in Charlevoix at 11 a.m., on April 25. For more information please call Jeanne at 547-5593 or Donna at 536-7023. You can also visit the weh site sgi-usa.org.

Pop Warner

Charlevoix Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading registration is from 6 to 8 p.m., April 26 and 27 at the Middle School. If you have any questions regarding registration contact Kelly Jones at 547-9481 or Tim LaBlanc at 547-0122.

Slo-pitch

The meeting for Men's and Women's Slo-pitch Leagues will be at 7 p.m., April 27 at Mt. McSauha. A team fee of $135 which includes ASA fees are due by May 7. Call 547-3253 or 881-2544 for more information.

Democrats to meet

The Charlevoix County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m., on Monday, May 3, at the Boyne District Library. Candidates for precinct delegates are reminded to turn in their affidavits to the County Clerk hy May 11. For more information contact Kay Chase at 547-5147 or Janis Dietrich at 547-6856.

Senior Center birthday

Everyone is invited to the Charlevoix Senior Center Birthday Celebration from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 5, at 06906 Norwood Road. Take US-31 to Carpenter and make a left at the end of the street. Donations will be accepted and may be anonymous. For more information call 547-5361.

Golf outing

The 15th Annual Boyne City Police and Charlevoix County Sheriff Department's Benefit Golf Outing and Dinner in conjunction with the 10th Annual Dinner for DARE Association starts with golf tee off at 12 p.m., Thursday, May 6, at Boyne Mountain Alpine Golf Course and dinner beginning at 5 p.m. in the Boyne Mountain Civic Center.

Boyne Mountain is located in Boyne Falls and is a division of Boyne USA. For more information call 582-6611.

Grange week

Barnard Grange 689 will celebrate Grange Week on Thursday, April 22. Beginning with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a program. A community citizen award will be given. Everyone is welcome.

Reunion

Charlevoix High School's Class of 1964 will host its fortieth reunion at 7:30 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The cost is $20 per person. Reservations should he directed to Leslic (Lyons) Cunningham at 06530 Brown Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2145, or Betty (Reynolds) Martin at 12347 Waller Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2089, by June 1. Anyone able to provide contact information for class members can call or e-mail Ms. Cunningham at lcunning@freeway.net.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meets in Charlevoix at 7:30 p.m., every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. Narcotics Anonymous also meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in East Jordan at the Community Health Center. For further information call 237-9249.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Flap Jack Resturant.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-1388.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

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Historical society to preserve photos with digital technology

By B. JON GOHS
Special to the Courier

Some cultures believe being photographed is akin to having your soul stolen, but in Charlevoix photographs as much as 135 years old are about to be preserved forever using the latest in computer technology.

This spring, Dave Miles, co-director of the Harsha House Museum in Charlevoix and his assistants, will begin the hearty task of preserving Charlevoix's photographic history. Some 9,000 photos, which will take nearly four years to scan into a computer and be saved to disk, range from historic homes and boats to people and their pets.

Miles said, "We're getting ready to begin the second year of an approximate four year project. The last year we spent planning and fundraising. Now we are preparing to do a massive digitization of the photo collection."

The oldest picture to be preserved, Miles said is, "A team of horses and men whose job it was to cut a path through the wooded area which is now the channel which leads from Round Lake to Lake Charlevoix."

Up until now, the Harsha House has scanned pictures as needed for visitors to the museum, but even new technology can have negative effects on photographs. This fact has prompted the museum to address the issue once and for all.

"The more you scan a photograph, the more the photo degrades. So instead of simply scanning a photo each time it is required, we can scan it into the computer at high resolution once in order to maintain its integrity forever," he said.

Miles estimates the completion of this overwhelming project will yield 70 CDs and that is just the current photo collection.

Miles said, "The computer software is called PastPerfect and has been specifically designed for museums." This software allows for a certain amount of cleaning and repair of photographs.

It seems Charlevoix's history is a family affair, as not only were Miles' mother and father on the museum board of directors, but Miles' father, Robert, generously donated many of the pictures which were used to create the Bob Miles Books I and II.

Priceless photos include the first settlers to Charlevoix, Medad and Phoehe Thompson in 1854. Early 1900s ice caves, which used to form on the beaches of Lake Michigan. Also Dan McSauba, the only Indian Chief ever to work for the U.S. Post Office, and Elliot Ness, who spoke about civil defense at the Belvedere Casino.

Miles said, "We will he putting the photos on disc at high resolution for two main reasons. This way people can find and print photos any time they wish and the second reason is we will have a permanent record."

He added, for those interested in prolonging the life of their photos, but are unable to have access to a scanner is to, "place them into high grade poly sleeves and avoid touching them."

The team of museum workers isn't worried about keeping track of the photos.

"We have devised a nine digit system of cataloguing photos and negatives to make for easier location and retrieval once in the computer system," he added.

The committee formed to preserve the photographs meets every Tuesday, they choose which photos are best for historical preservation. There are generally three or four people on the committee for the culling process.

"Each picture to be digitally preserved is then documented with a description. The photo is then classified into its corresponding category, tagged with the name of the photographer (when known) and labeled with search terms," Miles said.

Search terms describe all items of significance in the photo. This process ensures someone looking for something seemingly unimportant will be able to find it with ease.

"The museum collects photos of anything pertaining to the history of Charlevoix," said Miles. "We are extremely lucky all of this was saved."

The people of Charlevoix are to thank for the photographic collections given to the museum.

"This photo collection is almost entirely from donations, as well as the computer equipment and labor," Miles said.

Anyone who is interested in donating pictures to the museum can contact Dave Miles at the Harsha House museum.

He added, "If you are uncertain about any photos you may have or considering disposing of, please let the museum have a look at them. Even if you posses a seemingly worthless photograph, you may have something important."

This is evident by the photo of a small girl from the early 1900s.

Her name is unknown, but the old opera house, once located near the bridge, can be seen over her shoulder.

This is the only known photo from this particular angle, which makes it one of a kind.

Collectors need not despair, for donating priceless family heirlooms no longer means losing them.

"The museum can now borrow a collection, scan it and return it. You would be helping to preserve the history of Charlevoix," Miles said.

The safekeeping of Charlevoix's photographs is paramount if future generations are to learn the town history.

"Our most precious assets are our photographic records since they are the basis of our history," he said.

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New light

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Gibson needed attorney to prove ordinance wrong

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of the city's ordinance and wrote the resident a letter requesting that the boat and trailer be moved.

Then in September the incident happened again. This time city planner Gerry Harsch and city manager Mike Wiesner interpreted the ordinance and found it was within the neighbors' rights to park a boat there.

Gibson's attorney, Karen Ferguson with the Traverse City law firm Olson and Bzdok, claims the separate interpretation by Harsch and Wiesner does not respect the separation of powers of city boards and officials established in the City and Village Zoning Act.

She said if city staff wanted further interpretation they should have asked the city zoning board of appeals for its interpretation.

"What they (Harsch and Wiesner) did was illegal; I had no choice but to hire an attorney. I wasn't going to get a straight answer from anyone down there (at city hall)," Gibson said.

Ferguson added that the incident should be a wake up call for city staff that there is a problem with the city's ordinance. This problem is being addressed now as the city begins the process to revise its ordinance and master plan.

While Gibson is happy to see the gray areas of the ordinance are being clarified she said she incurred an $1,800 bill from Ferguson's firm to try and get a straight answer. And she feels that bill is the responsibility of the city.

Gibson said when city council voted in early March to reimburse the attorney fees of five planning commissioners who were being dismissed by Mayor Gabe Campbell they set a dangerous precedent that she is now challenging.

The commissioners hired the Grand Rapids law firm Warner, Norcross and Judd, to defend them and racked up a $5,450.31 bill to that firm for charges the commissioners incurred in defending their position.

Gibson's request was addressed at council's April 19 meeting. City attorney Jim Young said council could do what they want. Second ward council member Karen Campbell made a motion to pay the fees; she was seconded by first ward councilman Bob Timms and was only rejected by second ward councilman Bill Bellows.

Bellows voted in favor of paying the planning commissioners fees.

Gibson said she is pleased with council's decision and hopes that a policy on this reimbursement issue is adopted.

"I don't think any of it's (reimbursement) right but you can't play favorites. It's not the money with me, it's the principle. I think people should be treated fair and square and the way I was treated by the city manager and the planner wasn't fair at all," Gibson said.

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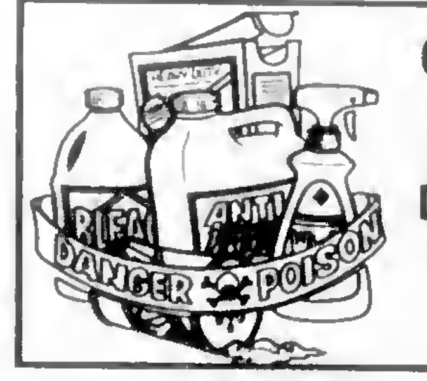

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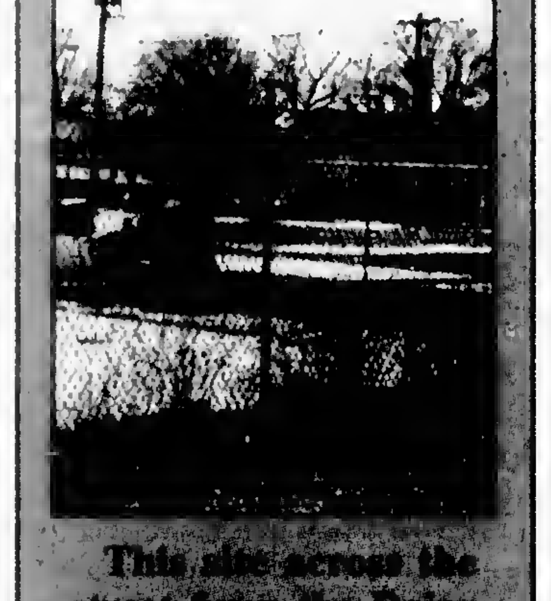

This site across the street from the Dairy Queen was just one of the sites being considered for a skate park.
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Kur running

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Dye could cost chamber

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

If those responsible for dumping green dye into the Pine River Channel on St. Patrick's Day don't fess up soon the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce could face civil charges and a $25,000 fine.

"Nobody has come forward and said they know who it was or they saw them do it. Everyone we have talked to is lying or not telling us the whole story. They just won't live up to what they did. It's ridiculous," Richard Shoemaker, the Senior Environmental Quality Analyst with the Surface Water Quality Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), said.

The incident Shoemaker and Charlevoix city police chief Dennis Halverson are investigating happened on March 17, during the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce's first annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl. While revelers celebrated the holiday inside the Weathervane Restaurant, someone dyed the Pine River Channel green in spite of the chamber repeatedly being told by the MDEQ that it wasn't allowed.

Shoemaker said the department does allow tracer dyes to be used for legitimate water resource man-

> *"Everybody we have talked to is lying or not telling the whole story. They just won't live up to what they did. It's ridiculous."*
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> **Richard Shoemaker**, of the MDEQ on the St. Patrick's dye investigation

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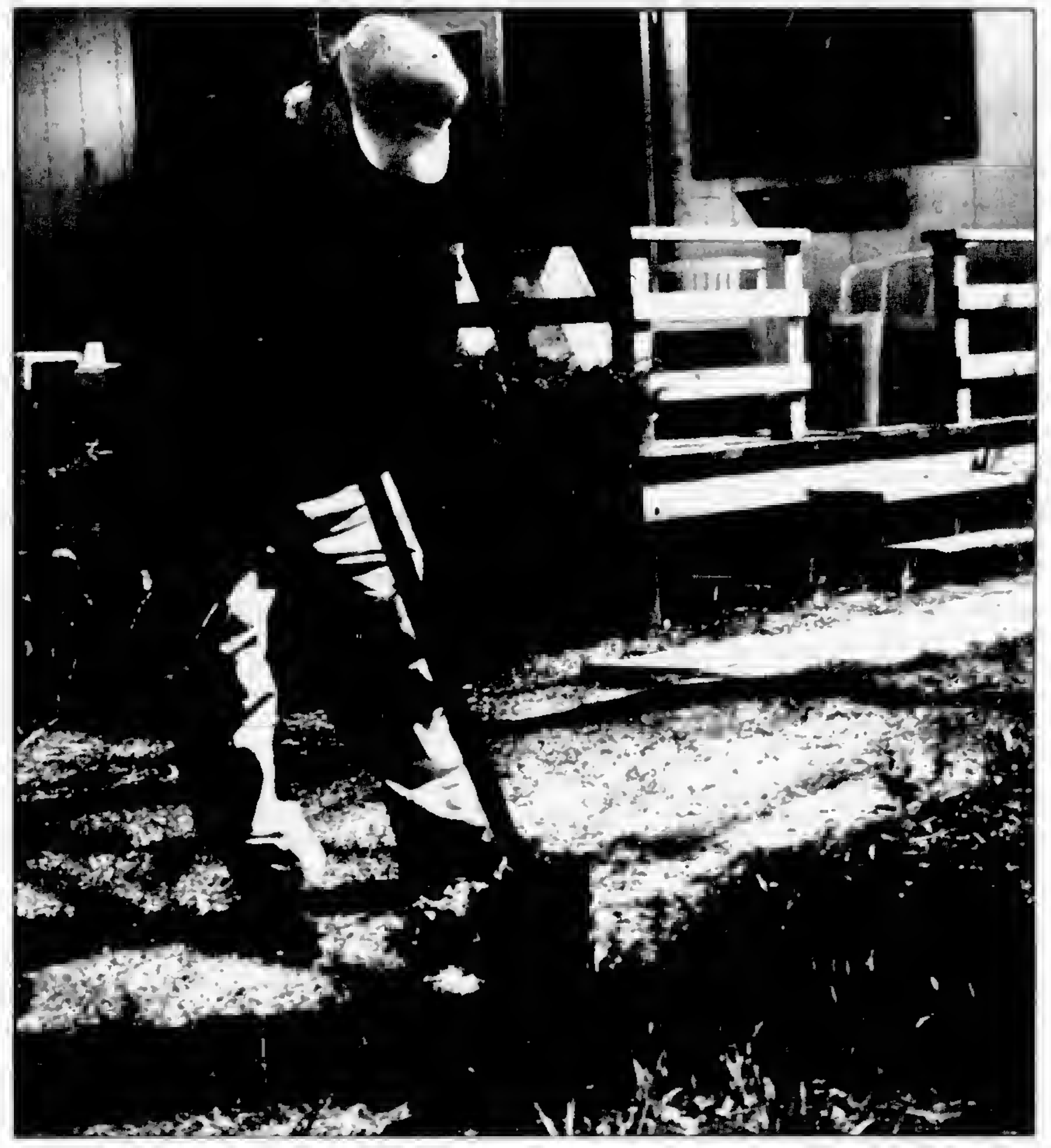

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Phil Kluczynski of Charlevoix clears flower beds at his home on a sunny afternoon last week. Flowers that opened in town including daffodils and hyacinths have taken a beating from high winds and snow flurries that fell in the early morning hours of April 27.

Big fines could be in city's future

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The city of Charlevoix could face hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines if the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) levies maximum penalties for discharge permit violations that happened at Charlevoix's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The possible fines are related to an investigation the MDEQ started in January at the plant after receiving information from city staff that things over there just weren't adding up.

According to a letter written by Dustin Ordway, a city attorney, to Barry Selden, chief of the MDEQ's Cadillac enforcement unit, this winter city staff discovered what appeared to be violations reaching back over a three year period due to employee problems.

After getting the word from the city, the MDEQ brought in its investigative team, including Vince Woods, a detective with the MDEQ's office of criminal investigation.

The department's findings were recorded in a March report given to city manager Mike Wiesner. The report included 31 chlorine limit exceedences and false reports for 15 phosphorus results and 32 fecal coliform results. The report also noted there were 27 days when monitoring did

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Timothy Lee Noirot, 37, Charlevoix. Drunk and disorderly person. Jail for six days with credit for three days; $250 in fines and costs.

Daniel Christopher Ripley, 24, East Jordan. Motor vehicle driver transporting open intoxicant; possession of a driver's license revoked/suspended/altered/false id. Jail for six days with credit for three days.

Terry Wayne Jewell, 23, Topinabee. Driving while license suspended — second or subsequent offense. Jail for 20 days with credit for three days, serve 17 days.

Stephen Duval, 17, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

John Wesley Curtis, 17, Charlevoix. Domestic violence; minor in possession of alcohol. One year probation; substance abuse counseling; 93 days in jail with credit for 27 days, serve 33 days, 33 days held in abeyance; $700 in fines and costs.

Joshua Linn Chamberlain, 21, Charlevoix. Minor operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content. Six months probation; eight days of community service work; $610 in fines and costs.

Sandra Rose O'Brien, 42, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. Six months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $960 in fines and costs.

Jessica Sue Skop, 25, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 45 days on electronic monitor, 77 days held in abeyance; $1,155 in fines and costs.

Marsha Fae Cravens, 44, Charlevoix. Receiving/concealing stolen property over $200, under $1,000. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 333 days held in abeyance; $1,265.24 in fines and costs.

Robert Charles Starback, 50, Charlevoix. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 70 days held in abeyance; $1,515 in fines and costs.

Mary Kathryn Pike, 47, Boyne City. Retail fraud — third degree. One year probation; 93 days in jail, serve 12 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 71 days held in abeyance; $350 in fines and costs.

Mark William Shaltz, 51, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Dennis Michael Delves, 32, Atlanta. Non-sufficient funds under $100. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Jennifer Lynn Carson, 33, Boyne City. Non-sufficient funds under $50. Fines and costs totaling $673.28.

Tiffany Lynn Wilcox, 22, Wolverine. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Meri Lynn Bennett, 55, Charlevoix. Driving while intoxicated. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $800 in fines and costs.

Terry Allen Burt, 36, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Jeffery Allen Hosmer, 40, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. Eighteen months probation; substance abuse counseling; vehicle immobilized 180 days; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 22 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 40 days on electronic monitor, 60 days held in abeyance; $1,100 in fines and costs.

Charles Edward Kalbfleisch, 51, Petoskey. Contractor — fraudulent use of building funds. Bound over to circuit court.

John Wesley Curtis, 17, Charlevoix. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing of marijuana. Bound over to circuit court.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Raymond Lloyd Swadling, 43, Boyne Falls. Probation violation — driving while under the influence of alcohol — third offense. Seven months in jail with credit for 101 days, serve seven months.

Nicole Marie Mills, 21, Cheboygan. Controlled substance — maintaining a drug house. Conviction reportable to the secretary of state; licensing sanction reportable to the state police; 120 days in jail with credit for 32 days, serve 120 days.

Brenton Allen Rake, 21, East Jordan. Attempted failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in serious impairment or death. Six months in jail with credit for six days, serve six months; $120 in fines and costs.

Debra Ann Orlarey, 40, Boyne City. Larceny in a building. Two years probation; rehabilitative mental health treatment as recommendation by the probation department; six months in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days; $2,052.86.

Wayne Royal Verellen, 38, East Jordan. Driving while under the influence of alcohol — third offense. Prison for a minimum of 18 months and maximum of five years with credit for 16 days. Controlled substance — use of narcotic cocaine/methamphetamine/ecstacy. Prison for a minimum and maximum of 12 months with credit for 16 days.

Assumed Names

.The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

B.B. Digging & Excavating, 04906 Camp Daggett Road, Boyne City, by Lyle E. Barkley and Kimberly A. Barkley

G.E. Legato, 03500 Hickcox Road, East Jordan, by Gary Edward Legato and Kari Louise Legato

Daniels Lawn Care, 00310 East Clute Road, Boyne City, by Melissa Daniels

Magee Handyman Services, 1113 Water Street, East Jordan, by Daniel D. Magee

Dayspring Enterprises, 03300 Barnard Road, Charlevoix, by James Green and Terri Green

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Josh Stutzman's Roofing, 2283 Center Street, Boyne Falls, by Josh Stutzman

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Harry T Riley, 54, East Jordan and Judy Ann Lewis, 40, Petoskey

Zachary Michael Pajtas, 28, East Jordan and Denise Kay Brown, 31, East Jordan

Joseph Thomas Testorelli, 32, Boyne Falls and Cynthia Louise Laeder, 32, Boyne Falls

Divorces

The following people have been granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

William Brian Daubenspeck vs. Michelle Dawn Daubenspeck

Cathy S. Miller vs. Harold E. Miller, Jr.

Robert Kenney vs. Erika Kenney

Joseph Arquette vs. Karen Arquette

Births

Revasue Janis, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces, was born to Shawn and Katrina Norton of East Jordan on April 23, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. There are three siblings: Angela, Kaleb and Nickolas. Grandparents are Jake and Billie Grody, Claude and Roselyn Cutler, all of East Jordan, and Gene Norton of Boyne City and Janis Norton of Nevada.

Clarification

City Manager Mike Wiesner rebuts claims made by third ward council member Shirley Gibson that a separate opinion given by he and planner Gerry Harsch on a zoning issue was a violation of the City and Village Zoning Act. He said city attorney Jim Young confirmed Harsch's opinion that boats and trailers are allowed to be parked in the front yards of residences in the city.

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Dispute between Boss, Maynard heating up

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A dispute between two members of the Norwood Township Board continues to heat up.

On March 31 Norwood Township Supervisor Wayne Boss wrote a letter to board trustee Mark Maynard requesting that he resign.

The letter was included in the board agenda distributed to about 100 people that was considered at the April 19 meeting. Boss said it was township clerk Doris Pearl's decision to include the letter in the agenda.

Maynard feels this decision was made to punish and publicly embarrass him because it's not the board's general procedure to include an entire letter in an agenda.

"It put pressure on me to throw up my hands and give up. But what it did was put a bunch of people behind me to say don't give up. It also strengthened my resolve. I'm not going to stand by and let people trample on my rights," Maynard said.

In the letter Boss said he thinks Maynard is a threat to the township and is intentionally disruptive. To support these claims he pointed to a lawsuit Maynard filed against Pearl regarding alleged Freedom of Information Act violations and also to "threats" he has made related to suing the township.

"You don't sue the township when you're a board member," Boss said. "This whole thing has been detrimental to the township. The actions he is taking are costing the township money and they are not in the best interest of the township."

Boss further cited e-mails and other correspondence from Maynard to his fellow board members and planning commissioners that he said were inappropriate and support his resignation request. He claims that in those letters, Maynard verbally attacked officials and made insinuations of wrongdoing.

"Everything he's implying could have been addressed person-to-person more reasonably," Boss said.

At the board's April 19 meeting Maynard refused to resign and fired back at Boss.

Maynard said the letters Boss alluded to included information and requests for information he sent as a Norwood Township resident, not a board member. He further explained that the letters were written in connection with a lengthy zoning dispute with his neighbors, Frank and Barb Hamilton, who own and operate Auntie Barb's Country Kennel on their property.

The dispute started with Maynard wanting screening on the Hamilton property and less noise. Maynard said when the township didn't respond to his concerns he started digging and found violations of the township's zoning ordinance.

In November of 2003 this dispute resulted in a decision by the Norwood Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to overturn permits former zoning administrator Lynn Smolenyak issued the Hamiltons for a fencing modification and a shed addition for their kennel operation.

The board then asked that the Hamiltons reapply for their special use permit under the new zoning ordinance to operate the kennel. The Hamiltons have since filed a lawsuit against the township fighting this requirement. The Maynards were recently granted an intervention by Emmet County 57th Circuit Court Judge Charles Johnson naming them a defendant in the suit.

The one e-mail Maynard said he sent his fellow planning commissioners in his official capacity as commission chairman was in regard to a garage the Hamiltons needed a permit to build. In that letter he suggests the commission enter into an agreement with the Hamiltons to approve the garage if other areas of the property that he felt didn't conform to the ordinance were addressed.

In December of 2003 it was this e-mail that prompted Boss to decide not to re-appoint Maynard to the planning commission. Boss said Maynard was unable to separate his personal issue with the Hamiltons from his role as a planning commissioner.

But, Boss said he thinks Maynard has done a good job separating his personal beef with the Hamiltons from his business as township trustee.

Maynard feels he has done nothing wrong by filing a lawsuit against Pearl and continuing to interact with other township officials as a citizen in regard to his issue with the Hamiltons.

"Just because I'm a township official doesn't minimize my rights as a citizen," he said.

Boss said Pearl, the township's Freedom of Information Act coordinator, was not aware of proper procedure associated with the Freedom of Information Act request and that is why Maynard received incomplete responses to his requests. He added that the situation could have been addressed more constructively if Maynard would have discussed the problem with Pearl.

Maynard said he e-mailed Pearl two times and his attorney, Karen Ferguson, of the Traverse City firm Olson and Bzdok, contacted township attorney Bryan Graham in regards to this issue before the suit was filed.

Maynard said his actions have been in the township's best interest.

"(I've acted in the best interest of the township) by standing up for what's right and standing up for the law. By demanding that the law be enforced equally for everyone," Maynard said. "When I stand up for my rights, I'm standing up for everyone's rights."

Maynard said he plans to continue to do what he has been doing and may also challenge Boss, who plans to run again, in the November election. He said his decision is dependent on how many people run.

"The quality of government depends on the people who are in there. The more people you have (running) the higher caliber will rise to the top," he said.

The election is for a four-year term and all seats will be on the ballot. These seats include two trustees, the clerk, the supervisor and the treasurer. Those interested in running can pick up a partisan nominating petition from Pearl or the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office. Those petitions have to be turned in to Pearl by 4 p.m., May 11. For information call Pearl at 547-9096.

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City doesn't ignore a problem, it faces it

EDITORIAL

Thanks to the efforts of current Charlevoix City staff, the city of Charlevoix may be able to avoid a massive fine being levied against it for violations at the wastewater treatment plant.

According to a story in today's *Charlevoix Courier*, the city of Charlevoix could face several thousand dollars in fines for discharge permit violations that happened at the wastewater treatment plant.

These are related to an investigation conducted by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality after it received information from city staff that things may be wrong at the plant.

Their investigation, and the city's own investigation, found violations at the plant that reached back over a three-year period.

Basically the MDEQ discovered that a plant employee was falsifying reports of treated water and the plant was pumping extra amounts of chlorine into Lake Michigan with the treated water.

There is no harm to the area's drinking water though, as the chlorine dissolved within minutes of reaching the lake.

But, the city may be able to avoid massive fines from this, thanks to quick actions by city staff and City Manager Mike Wiesner.

After finding out about the problem, Wiesner immediately started looking into the matter, contacted the MDEQ and started trying to find ways to correct the violations.

The MDEQ was impressed and said it was encouraged the city did not try to hide or ignore the problem, and is trying to do something about it.

Good job Wiesner.

Your efforts serve as a great example to other organizations in the community. Sometimes the problems are minimized if you face them right away.

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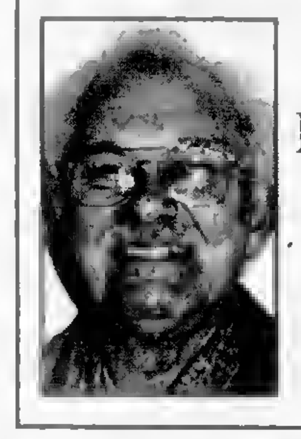
Writer has a solution to help fund Medicare — raise taxes



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

According to a recent *Detroit News* report, Michigan will soon be unable to pay its share of Medicaid costs for its neediest citizens.

Unlike Medicare which is totally paid for by federal government funds, the cost of Medicaid is paid equally by federal and state moneys. Medicaid pays health care cost for poor children and poor pregnant women, for state welfare recipients, and aged, blind and disabled people who receive federal Social Security income. States have some discretion about what medical costs are covered under the program. Citizens eligible for such aid number more than one million three hundred thousand in Michigan this year.

To help pay the soaring costs of the Medicaid program the state of Michigan has cut funding to higher education by 14 percent within the last two years and state payments to local governments have been reduced by 15 percent. State agencies that are charged with the oversight of child day care and adult foster care have reduced staff as have many other state regulatory agencies.

The state of Michigan has 8,000 fewer employees that it had in 2,000, and not all of those 8,000 were worthless bureaucrats feeding at the public trough. At least some of them were doing worthwhile, even valuable things that now are not getting done.

I have a suggestion to solve the state's fiscal problems: We should raise taxes.

I know that during the past 15 years or so reducing taxes has been the main agenda of congress and most legislatures, and that any politician calling for raising taxes is likely to be defeated in the next election by someone who promises to reduce taxes and give you back more of your own money. But do we really want to deprive the poorest of our citizens of necessary health care in order to have lower taxes? Do we really want to reduce spending for education and important state regulatory oversight in order to have lower taxes? I am sure there is some level of fraud and waste in such programs, but it is a small fraction of the overall expense. Nearly everyone receiving Medicaid help deserves it.

Reducing taxes will always be popular, but it is not always nor necessarily wise. Would you rather have legislators who court popularity or legislators who act wisely in the public interest? In many cases they cannot be both wise and popular. I would choose wisdom.

State governments have a different problem than the federal government. As the economy fluctuates, the federal government can borrow endlessly and can even print more money. Michigan can do neither of those things.

When Michigan's economy fluctuates downward, we have greater costs associated with continuing programs for those citizens near the bottom of the economic ladder. Our present Michigan governor believes we have an obligation to protect the vulnerable citizens of our state. If that is an obligation the state has to be willing to pay for it.

Taxes are the price we citizens pay for living in complex, well supplied and reasonably safe communities. If our goal is to deprive our poorest citizens of health care, then we should simply say that and eliminate programs like Medicaid.

If government in a democracy has any obligations to all the citizens, then we should be willing to pay for those obligations. That, it seems to me is a conservative position. If a democratic government has no such obligations, then we do not have a society, a community or a civilization.

Certainly waste and fraud should be kept to a minimum, but some waste and fraud can hardly be a reason for avoiding the obligations.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letters to the editor

Wal-Mart will help business

Editor:

Here I am again writing about the Wal-Mart issue. Has anyone of you that belong to "This is our Town" committee read the *Petoskey News-Review* lately? Business owners in Petoskey have expanded their businesses to accommodate different walks of life to compete with Wal-Mart.

Most of them have said, their business is still flourishing, and sales are up. Charlevoix says they want to keep the small town atmosphere. How can you, when you keep building condominiums and boatslips.

To the people of "This is Our Town," this is not your town, this is everyone's town that lives here, including the rich and poor. Why

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don't you interview people that are for Wal-Mart? Did you ever think that maybe that there are more people that want it, then don't? Do you think you should worry about our contaminated drinking water supply, instead of Wal-Mart? I don't see anyone getting too upset over that, knowing it can cause sickness. However, I still have not figured out why this town thinks it's above, and beyond the laws, rules, and regulations that govern this city.

As you can see, it is now paying the price for a possibly contaminated water supply. Just as the old saying goes "once you deceive, oh what a web you weave." Just a few points to ponder.

Michelle Brock
Charlevoix

(Editor's note: The writer is referring to the Charlevoix City Wastewater Treatment plant's troubles in her last paragraph. According to the MDEQ, there is no threat of contaminated drinking water from this issue.)

Trails are valuable

Editor:

At a recent Charlevoix County Commissioners meeting, several commissioners raised the question of whether more trails are needed in Charlevoix County.

Reasons for their concern included building trails while roads were in bad condition, maintenance costs of trails and negative feedback from constituents about the money spent on the new trail by US-31. As an officer of the Top of Michigan Trails Council and co-chair of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail Committee (currently pursuing grants for the engineering of that trail), I feel that certain items need to be clarified with the public.

First, funds for trail development and construction come from a different source than funds for road construction. By law one cannot use federal and state funds earmarked for trails for roads. The Federal Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA-21) funds are designated specifically for trails, streetscapes and others. If the money available each year is not spent in this area, these funds will be spent elsewhere in the state. It is not possible to swap trail money (to be used locally for trails) with road money (to be used elsewhere in the state), as suggested by one of the commissioners.

Second, maintenance of the new trail in the County has been performed by volunteer labor, primarily a County employee (on personal time) and me. The cost to the county has been limited to purchasing new screws to replace those that sheared off on the boardwalk and a few pieces of lumber to repair damage from trees falling on some boardwalk railings during storms. The total cost for these items was under $270.

Third, Charlevoix County received a linear park (portion of the Little Traverse Wheelway) valued at almost $3 million from the state at no cost to the County and its taxpayers — it was funded with the TEA-21 grants mentioned earlier. Usage of this trail by locals and visitors has been tremendous.

The Top of Michigan Trails Council, an all-volunteer organization, advocates and facilitates the development of safe, year round trails in the eight northern counties of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. It has been active in fundraising and working with state and local agencies to develop trails in this and other counties.

Also, the Charlevoix County Recreation Plan, first adopted in 1984, calls for trails connecting the cities in the County in addition to the recently completed trail by US-31.

If the residents of Charlevoix County would like more trails, please contact your elected County Commissioners to let them know your wishes: Valerie Snyder 547-2122, Randy Frykberg 582-3160, Ron Reinhardt 582-7912, Vic Patrick 536-0212, Denny Jason 547-6759 and Shirley Roloff 547-6169. You may also contact the Top of Michigan Trails Council at 348-8280 or tomtc@freeway.net.

Jerry Corley
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

"How wonderful it is that nobody wait a single moment before starting to improve the world," Anne Frank.

The many volunteers at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) have graciously improved the world for the northern Michigan community in a variety of ways. Exactly 2,423 hours of volunteer service were donated in fiscal 2002-03.

Our volunteer staff ring up sales at the Gold Mine Resale Shop, assist with agency mailings, serve on the Board of Directors, support families at the Safe Home, and answer the 24-hour crisis phone line, do facility upkeep and maintenance, style hair and provide makeovers at the Safe Home and other important tasks.

National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, offers a unique opportunity for the Women's Resource Center and the community to express sincere appreciation to all those individuals who so generously give of themselves to improve the world for others. Volunteers have always played an important role in the success of Women's Resource Center programs and have directly supported thousands of service recipients over the past 27 years. This added support ultimately benefits the many families served by the WRC in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Thank you to all the WRC volunteers who have shared your skills with our agency and community over the years. Your compassion and hard work continue to improve the lives of many individuals and families in Northern Michigan.

Jamie Winters
Safe Home Coordinator

Point made, now what to do with money?

Editor:

It must be nice to have one's personal interests served and paid for when one is a member of the Charlevoix City Council. Case in point, Shirley Gibson's beef with her neighbor whose boat gave her the willies when she looked out her front window.

One can only imagine how disturbing and inconvenient it must be for Ms. Gibson to gaze upon such an abomination day in and day out. So outrageous, in fact, that she paid an attorney almost two grand to interpret a city ordinance to her satisfaction in order to arm herself with the facts so that she could confront her neighbor.

What makes this personal tragedy worse is that she submitted her attorney's bill to the city for us ignorant taxpayers to reimburse her because of the principle of the thing. A dangerous precedent had been set by the counsel's decision to reimburse the planning commissioners' lawyer fees, and she had a point to make.

Well, Ms. Gibson, you made your point. So now what are your going to do with your $1,800? Since money was never the issue, perhaps a charitable contribution to the City of Charlevoix would be in order.

Kristene Wright
Charlevoix

Fight Wal-Mart

Editor:

What a great article Jeremy McBain wrote. He is so right. Hang in there all you people who are fighting to "Keep Charlevoix Beautiful." How dare any company the size of Wal-Mart come and take over a town that they aren't even welcome in.

As far as the letter complaining about preemie's needs, would you want a monster like Wal-Mart to come in just to supply babies who will only need these special sizes for a couple months?

Petoskey is only 15 miles away. How difficult is that?

Just keep fighting. As far as the other small towns around Charlevoix they will certainly be Ghost Towns. Fight. Fight. Fight.

Jeanne Gainer
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Beaver Island to host dinner theater May 8

Mother's Day is being celebrated in high style at the very first Beaver Island Dinner Theater event, "An Evening with Stephen Sondheim," on May 8, at Holy Cross hall.

At 5:30 p.m. dinner ticket holders will gather for cocktails (beer and wine available at the bar), with the buffet served at 6 p.m.

Chef Deborah Harwood will serve a roasted pork loin, Mediterranean chicken, roasted new potatoes, wild rice and apple salad, mixed green salad, muffins and seasonal vegetables. Coffee and tea are included with the meal. After the performance, slated to begin at 8 p.m., guests will enjoy a Venetian dessert table featuring assorted pastries and pies.

The cast for the musical production has been in rehearsal since January. Production numbers and solos that spotlight Sondheim's work include songs from: Sweeny Todd, A Little Night Music and Into the Woods. Sondheim is noted for his syncopated music and witty lyrics in productions like "West Side Story," "Gypsy" and "Anyone Can Whistle."

Pinky Harmon will serve as narrator. Mike Scripps, Judi Meister and Brenda LeFevre will act as accompanists for the event.

LeFevre and Elaine West co-directed the show. The cast includes: Jayne Bailey, Melissa Bailey, Phil Becker, Bill Detwiler, Shirley Detwiler, Susie Fisher, Bob Hamil, Brenda LeFevre, Chris McMullen, Judi Meister, Don Meister, Elaine West and Kirby Volz. Volz, a friend and fellow civic theater performer of LeFevre and West is joining the cast from his home in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Lighting, sound and stage design is being handled by Bob Hamel. Shirley Detwiler is stage manager for the production.

In addition to the cast and crew, students at the Lighthouse School on the island have been involved in the show. Harwood assembled a group of volunteers from the community to assist her with the Beaver Island Music Fund, which was established by Harwood and opera singer Martha Guth to promote musical events on Beaver Island.

Tickets are still available for the dinner theater. They are $30 per person. Checks my be made out to: Brenda LeFevre-Dinner Theatre, and mailed to: P.O. Box 26, Beaver Island, MI 49782. Reservations must be received by March 31.

Courtesy photo

Sweeny Todd, played by Bill Detwiler, gives islander Don Meister a close shave with death in this scene from the musical "Sweeny Todd."

Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Honored

Allen Brooks, of Charlevoix, was honored by the University of Detroit Mercy with a scholarship certificate award recently. This is given to students who have a GPA of 3.75 or higher and do not qualify for the scholarship key award.

LSSU dean's list

Natashia Kleiber, of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list of Lake Superior State University for the fall semester. Lake Superior State University is located in Sault Ste. Marie.

Harbor contribution

Harbor Industries, Inc. raised over $21,476 in employee contributions during this year's United Way campaign. This amount exceeded their earlier goal of $12,000. The employees enjoyed a breakfast celebration for this effort.

WMU graduates

Several Charlevoix students graduated from Western Michigan University recently. They are: Thomas R. Cunningham, with a bachelor of science in psychology; Courtney E. Pace with a bachelor of arts in journalism and English; Mark A. Yager, with a bachelor of arts in public law; and Thomas John Yaroch, with a bachelor of arts in telecommunications management.

Studying abroad

Megan Richards, of Charlevoix, in one of several Central Michigan University students who will study abroad this summer. Richards, a sophomore in society studies, will be studying history and literature in Dublin, Ireland.

Beemon, Cherry honored

Two honors students from Northwestern Michigan College from Charlevoix have been named to the All-Michigan Academic Team for 2004. They are Sally Beemon and Clara Cherry. They were recently honored at a luncheon in Lansing, with Beemon receiving the top scores in the State.

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Chamber orchestra to present concert

The Great lakes Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Matthew Hazelwood, will present a concert featuring Julie Schleif, horn, in Mozart's Horn Concerto number three.

The orchestra will also perform Beethoven's First Symphony, and the "Peterboro Letters Suite" by Lynn Palmer Warren.

Schleif, who teaches horn at Interlochen Arts Academy, is recognized internationally as a soloist in Europe, South America and India. She graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College, earned her Master of Music Degree at Michigan State University and has continued her doctoral studies at Arizona State University.

The Peterboro Letters Suite, composed by Lynn Palmer Warren, is a tone poem inspired by a set of lithographs by Betty Beebe. Beebe discovered the letters in a Traverse area barn and was captivated by the unfolding story of a mother and her long-lost son.

Beebe, a well-known artist and illustrator, created the nine lithographs, incorporating portions of the letters. Warren composed the suite in 1987 and the work's premiere performances were given by the Northland Chamber Orchestra in Traverse City and Petoskey in 1988.

Warren is a professional musician living near Lansing where she serves as music director for Riverwalk Theatre and performs as an accompanist for soloists and choirs. Her latest compositions are sacred works for solo voice and for chorus.

The Peterboro Letters lithographs will be on display at the Crooked Tree Art Center's Edith Gilbert Gallery opening May 13.

Beethoven's First Symphony was introduced in April 1800. His use of wind instruments and the dynamic energy he created far exceeded his predecessors, Haydn and Mozart.

Concerts will be given at 7:30 p.m., May 1 at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs, and at 4 p.m., May 2, at the Cross in the Woods in Indian River.

Tickets are $12 for adults and $ 8 for students and are available at the Crooked Tree Arts Center, local bookstores and at the door.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Fill'er up

The CEMEX cement plant cargo ship, Challenger, stopped at the plant for its scheduled pick up of product last week. The Challenger ships CEMEX cement to various ports along the Great Lakes.

Final Construction on the Charlevoix Airport Parking Lot will begin **Monday, May 3, 2004!**
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Norwood man arrested

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office has arrested a 44-year old Norwood Township man for multiple crimes related to the abuse of a vulnerable adult and embezzlement from the victim, who was an elderly resident of Hudson Township.

The arrest culminated a six month long investigation by the sheriff's office.

Ralph Edward Lahr has been charged in a three-count complaint/warrant authorized by Antrim County Prosecutor Charles Koop, who was assigned the case, with Embezzlement by and Agent/Trustee over $20,000, Embezzlement from a Vulnerable Adult over $20,000 and Vulnerable Adult Abuse - Fourth Degree. Both of the embezzlement charges are 10-year felonies.

Lahr has been released from jail on bond and is awaiting his next appearance in 90th District Court in Charlevoix.

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Loeb Road project causes concerns about aquifer

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The rezoning process that could make way for a dense housing development off Loeb Road is back on track.

In the fall of 2003, Charlevoix resident Wayne Boss and his family members who are partners in Legacy Development Group, LLC, filed a request with the Marion Township Board to rezone land they own from agricultural to R-1, single family residential, to make way for 85 "affordable" home sites.

The request applies to two parcels totaling 53 acres, both fronting on Loeb Road around where it intersects with Veenstra Road. The development plan for the site includes lots that would be a minimum of 20,000 square feet. Boss said he is aiming to keep prices under $120,000.

In November, the Marion Township Board delayed that rezoning request when it hired a consultant to evaluate soil and water suitability at the site

Last week, the tests that were done by Performance Engineers of Charlevoix, were completed. The findings were presented by engineers, Aaron Nordman and Jim Malewitz, to the Marion Township Planning Commission Monday night, April 26.

The information they reviewed with the commission showed that they found an adequate supply of water for individual wells to be drilled to service the homes.

The soil study, which looks at whether the land can support on-site septic systems for each individual home, came away with different results for the two parcels. The engineers found that soil on the north site is better suited for higher density development like what Boss is proposing. On the south site, they found more variation in the soil which would make it less suitable for this type of development in some areas.

The engineering report states, "Although both sites could reasonably be rezoned to the R-1 district, the township would then be relying on the local health department to limit development on the south site through approval of the individual septic and well sites. This course of action would most likely result in a lower density than what is shown on the plan presented for the south site by the Legacy Development Group, but places the responsibility for the protection of the environment and public health on the health department, instead of controlling development density with zoning."

At the meeting, Boss concurred with this report. He told the commission that the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the local health department, and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality would never approve an on-site septic system where the soil is questionable and he doesn't plan to use those areas.

One concern the report highlights is a shallow well that is about 50 feet deep located across the street from the proposed development which could be polluted if that high density of septic systems was permitted.

A second evaluation of the report, which was done by Ball Environmental Associates of Traverse City, suggests the shallow well be monitored for nitrates or deepened to ensure a long-term, high quality water supply.

The shallow well discussion prompted three other residents who live near the proposed development to also claim shallow wells.

Bob Wojan, whose four-acre parcel abuts the proposed development, said his well is about 54 feet deep and he's worried about what the project could do to his drinking water.

"If they come in and put all those septic tanks in, without knowing what it will do to the aquifer, it will be too late. Once they do it and the problem is there it's too late. I want to keep them to what the land can handle," he said.

The engineering group plans to further investigate the possibility of shallow wells in the surrounding area and bring this information back to the commission at its May 25 meeting.

Charlevoix County Planner Larry Sullivan plans to submit a report based on the information the engineering group found and the rezoning request. The Planning Commission will use this information and the additional well information from the engineers to help make its decision as to whether or not to recommend approval of the request to the township board.

Commission chairman Tim Matchett said they are planning to make that recommendation at the next meeting scheduled to take place at 7 p.m., May 25 at the township hall off Marion Center Road.

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission will then review the request and make its recommendation. And then the township board will review it and make the final decision.

Wojan and other project opponents, which he estimated to include about 100 people, plan to stress the septic tank limitations for that area that are outlined in the township's land use plan. He claims the area they plan to develop has a high vulnerability to be contaminated if multiple on-site septic systems are installed.

"I'm not fighting it (the development). There is a need for affordable places to buy in this area. We are in a resort area — everything is high dollar. So we're not against them developing their land — it's just the density," he said. "I rely on this water. Don't come in and pollute the aquifer and take the money and leave. Once that aquifer is destroyed it will take a long time to repair itself."

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Red hats

Members of the Red Hat Society of Charlevoix gathered Sunday at Bridge Street Books in downtown Charlevoix to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the group and the release of the book "The Red Hat Society: Fun and Friendship After Fifty." (From left) Linda Richardson, Ginny Carey and Sandy Boss have some fun.

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City may provide land for skate park

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The undeniable draw of children to ice cream will likely be the deal breaker for the Charlevoix Community Skate Park group and Charlevoix Public Schools, but there is still hope for the group.

The group approached the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education April 12 requesting the use of a fenced in area the school owns adjacent to Charlevoix Middle School as a temporary location for a skate park.

The board asked that the group present a written proposal complete with liability insurance information to the board's building and grounds committee for their review.

At the Charlevoix City Council meeting April 19, council gave the group their support and voted to include them under the city's liability insurance.

The building and grounds committee met April 21 to review the details of the request. The proposal included the skate park group cleaning up the site and staffing the facility.

While all the skate park group's ducks were in a row as to what would happen within the fenced in area, the building and grounds committee wasn't convinced the site's proximity to Dairy Queen would be safe.

"It would be a recipe for disaster there. The site is centered around an obvious draw on the other side of the highway," school board president and build and grounds committee member Dennis Halverson said. "The overriding issue is it had the ability to compromise the safety of our young people and with that in mind we weren't prepared to recommend that location to the board."

The board will review the committee's recommendation and make the final call on the issue at its meeting May 10.

Other locations the building and grounds committee suggested in-

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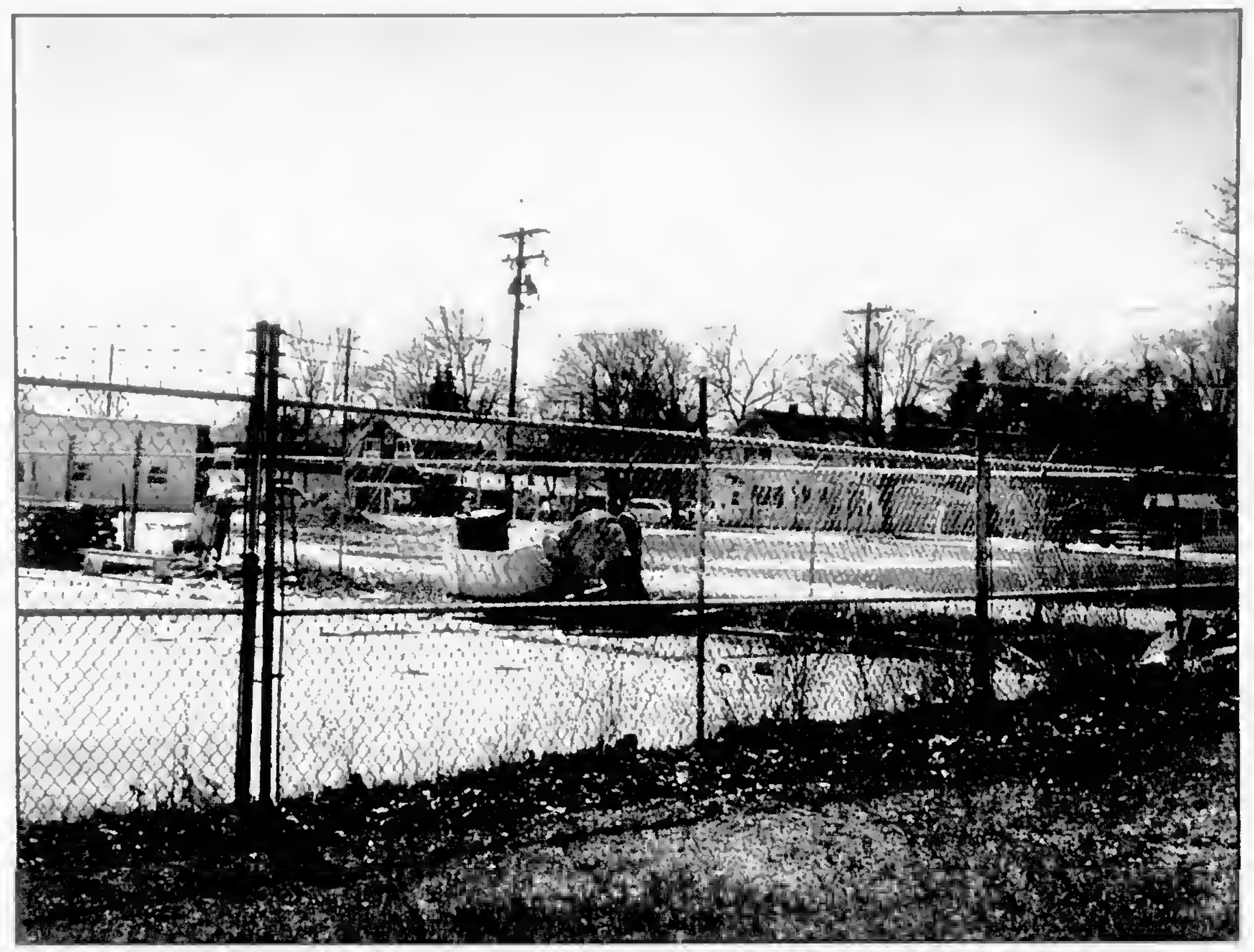

Photo by Julie Withoeft

This site was being considered as the temporary home for a skate park. It's proximity to Dairy Queen will likely nix the plan. But a site at the former Charlevoix Middle School is being considered.

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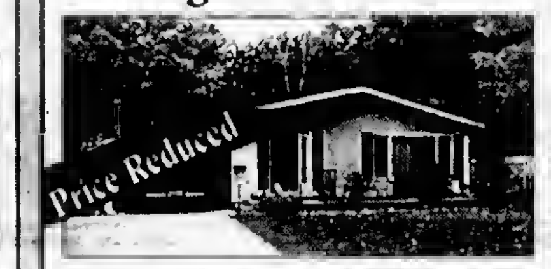

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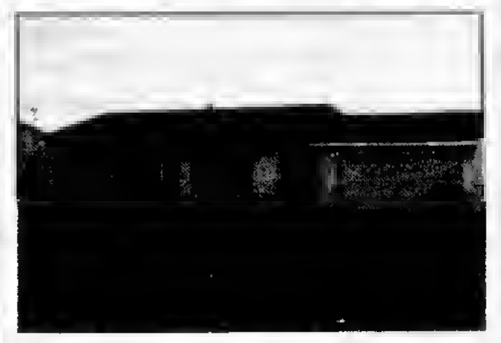

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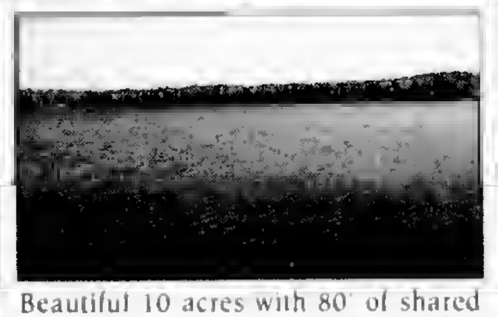

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Orlowski honored

Rita Orlowski (center), with 80 people in attendance, recently received this year's Community Citizen Award from Barnard Grange 689. This award is given in conjunction with National Grange Week to a citizen who has contributed to the happiness and betterment of the community. Rita was noted for her hard work and dedication with the St. Mary's Altar Society, The Rainbow Shoppe, Charlevoix Senior Center, the Barnard Grange and the support she gives all her friends and neighbors.
Pictured with Rita is Charles Dhaseleer, Master of Barnard Grange (on right) and Darlene Dhaseleer.

Site could be by old middle school

SKATE

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clude the Mount McSauba area, the former middle school property and the old skate board area at Shanahan Field in Charlevoix Township.

This line of thinking was shared by city manager Mike Wiesner who contacted parent coordinator Vicki Daman last week with good news.

Wiesner told Daman he doesn't envision the old middle school property off Grant Street as an ideal long-term location but is looking into it as a temporary site. The area being considered is off Mason Street where portable classrooms and concrete basketball courts are located.

"We're really excited. There were a lot of negatives to the other site — it was small and right across from Dairy Queen," Daman said.

Wiesner said final approval of this site is needed by city council which will consider the request at its meeting May 3.

Daman is hoping council will give them the go ahead and the facility will be up and running by June.

The city owns the former middle school property. They purchased it in 2003 to use it for marina overflow parking and to sell most of it to the Charlevoix Public Library.

The plan is for the library to buy 10 of the 13 lots there for $488,460 if voters pass the bond in June. From there the library project will renovate and expand the old middle school, where it plans to relocate.

Library director Valerie Meyerson said she doesn't see the temporary skate park as having any impact on the project.

While this temporary plan is moving forward the group has not forgotten its quest for a permanent home which they are hoping will be discovered in the city's upcoming Mount McSauba feasibility study.

For information on the Charlevoix group's drive to bring a skate park to town or to donate, visit www.planner.eskal8.org or call Daman at 547-8063.

ALICIA MOSHER JOINS VACATION PROPERTIES NETWORK

Vacation Properties Network is pleased to announce that Alicia Mosher has joined their office in Charlevoix as a Sales Associate. A Charlevoix resident of 25 years, Alicia has renewed her affiliation with Vacation Properties Network and brings her years of experience in Charlevoix and Northern Michigan to VPN's firm.

Alicia has raised her children and recently worked with her husband, Dr. Bill Mosher in his medical practice. She has served on the board of the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair, helped found the Char-Em Hockey organization, is a life member of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild, is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, participates as a member of the Charlevoix Women's Investment Club and allocated time to her love of gardening.

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American Legion hosts spring dinner

The American Legion and its Auxiliary, Leslie T. Shapton, Unit 226, of Charlevoix will host its annual spring salad and casserole benefit dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, at the American Legion Post Hall.

The hall is located at 106 East Garfield, in Charlevoix, and can be contacted by calling 547-9203.

The "All-You-Can-Eat-Dinner" will cost $6.50 for adults, $3.50 for children ages 5 to 12, and children 5 and under will eat free. Take-outs are available.

This fund-raiser, sponsored by the Legion and Auxiliary, is open to the public. Proceeds will assist with insurance, maintenance and repairs on the post home building.

The dinner will feature ham, chicken, tuna dishes, Polish sausage and sauerkraut, vegetable and meat casseroles, varieties of potatoes, beans, gelatin salads and all types of other salads, vegetables, relishes and great deserts.

All post and auxiliary members will be contacted for their contributions of food for the dinner. If you are a member and for some reason are not contacted, or if you can assist with the dinner, please contact dinner chairman Auxiliary President Katie Curtis at 547-6943 or first Vice President Rosalyn Goldstick at 547-2636.

Smeltania to be focus of speech

The history of Smeltania will be presented by the Charlevoix Historical Society.

This history is a part of the history of Charlevoix that many residents participated in though the 1930s and 1940s, until it ceased in the 1950s.

The Charlevoix Historical Society will be presenting Bob Morgridge at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 4, at the Historic Depot, at the end of East Dixon Avenue to talk about this time in history.

The public is invited to attend this program, at no charge to learn more of Charlevoix's history.

Just as the Depression hit in 1929, a unique sight sprang up every winter on the ice just outside Boyne City — a city composed of fish shanties, as many as 300, placed there to take advantage of the huge annual smelt run up the Boyne River. This temporary community on the frozen tip of Lake Charlevoix's north arm became known as Smeltania.

While many who traveled there for the fishing treated the assemblage with a great deal of levity and hyperbole, to many others it was a serious business because each smelt brought in one cent when gutted and frozen for shipment downstate. One hundred smelt, or one dollar per day, could feed a family during those rough years.

For additional information, please contact the Charlevoix Historical Society at 547-0373.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/ DDA MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, March 29, 2004 – 5:40 p.m.

109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present. All DDA members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- The Director of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce was present to present details of a request to acquire by lease the old post office. The City Attorney will draw up the terms as agreed by City Council and the final agreement will be brought before Council at a later date.

Council adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office), Charlevoix, Michigan.

Elizabeth A. Gooch, City Clerk
Gabe Campbell, Mayor

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone involved with our Open House. It was a great success! First we would like to thank all of those who donated the gifts and prizes to be given away. Second, we would like to thank everyone who signed up to win a gift or prize. Winners will be notified this week. Lastly, we would like to thank our staff, Michele and Pam for a lot of hard work. Those unable to attend this past week are welcome to visit the office anytime. Dr. Steven and Julie Voci.

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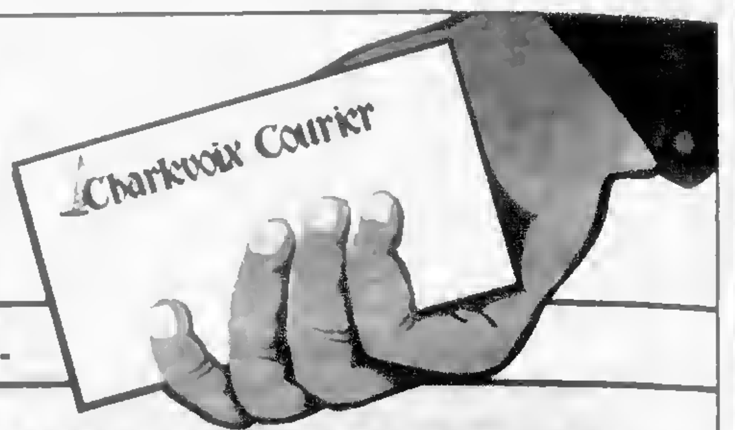

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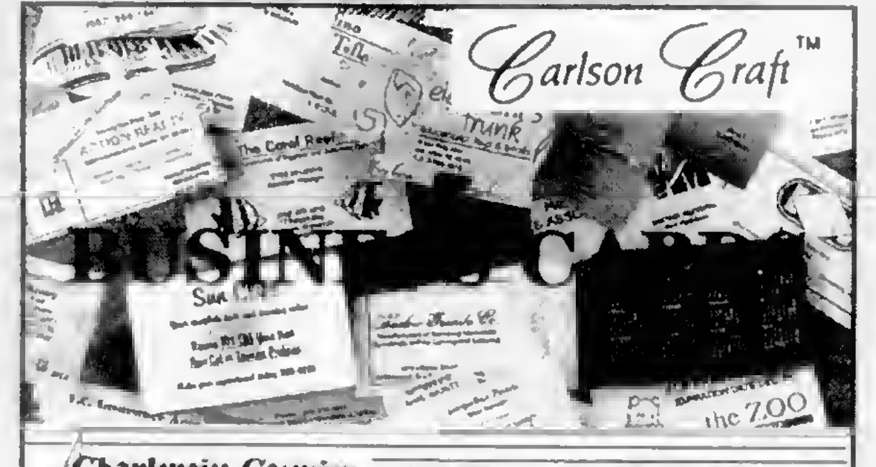

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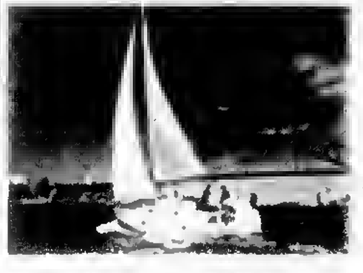

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Gerbers make sweet treats for area consumers

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Gerber family has found a way to get together and make some money with their homemade candy business.

The Gerber's, a Charlevoix family of five, make mostly chocolate-covered treats for sale out of a building on their property in Hayes Township. They run a state certified kitchen that cranks out seven different kinds of candies that are sold in area grocery stores.

They are not licensed to sell the candy out of their manufacturing facilities, which is their home.

According to Jerry Gerher, he and his wife, Laureen, wanted their children to stay home instead working in their teenage years.

"We thought we would do something here as a family," Laureen said.

Jerry and Laureen's children are: Serena, 17; Sovina, 17 and Samuel, 16. Each helps out with making the candy.

Jerry said it takes about three days to make the candy, including packaging and labeling the different kinds. The candies are sold in Don's IGA, Oleson's Market and Grullers Farm Supply in Charlevoix.

The varieties of candy are: Maple Peanut Clusters, Peanut Clusters, Pecan Clusters, Peanut Butter Patties, Cashew Crunch, Chocolate Covered Cashew Crunch and Coconut Mounds.

Jerry said the family is planning on eventually selling their goods in more stores in the area. He does not expect to explain their product line until this summer with some new types of candy.

Jerry also said they have considered making sugar free candies for people with diabetes.

"But, we haven't gotten that far yet," he said.

The Gerbers can be contacted by calling (231) 348-3743.

Phot o by Jeremy McBain

(From left) Serena Gerber, Laureen Gerber, Jerry Gerber, Samuel Gerber and Sovina Gerber with a fresh batch of candy.

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Mary Beth Kur announces candidacy

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix County Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur is officially throwing her hat in the ring for another term.

Mary Beth Kur

Kur, 41, announced her candidacy for re-election on the republican ticket last week. As of this time, she will face former Chief Assistant Prosecutor John Jarema, also a republican, for the seat.

Since both Kur and Jarema are running in the same party, this election could be decided in the August primary, if no other parties make a run for the seat.

Kur has been with the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's office since 1993. She has been the county prosecutor since 1995.

"Our goal in the prosecutor's office is to continue providing aggressive, but fair, prosecution of criminals, while staying within the budget set for us by the board of commissioners," Kur said in a press release announcing her candidacy.

In her tenure as county prosecutor, Kur has many successes to boast about.

During her time she has turned back over $134,000 in unused funds to the county's general fund and her office was one of only four in the sate chosen for a pilot project aimed at reducing domestic violence — the money obtained from this has resulted in the hiring of a Special Assistant Attorney General for Charlevoix county, Mike Findlay, who specializes in domestic violence prosecution.

Using grant money she has also been able to fund a child support unit, increased drug enforcement and a victims rights unit.

In her trial work, she has taken on a mix of high profile, complex felony cases. She added in her release she has never had a conviction reversed by an appeals court.

"Over the past 11 years, I have been a successful advocate in court for crime victims, for children who have been neglected or abused and for all the citizens of Charlevoix County," she said in her release. "I want to continue my service to the public because we make a difference. While we cannot undo the effects of violent crime, a conviction can give victims some peace of mind and allow them to move ahead with life. Being a part of that process is very gratifying To me."

However, Jarema has already been on the attack against Kur. He claims Kur and her office has misused county funds and she makes her assistant prosecutors handle most of the cases.

Kur said this is simply not true on either count.

On the misuse of funds charge, regardless of the fact that she turned in unused money to the county's general fund, Kur said, "Those are very serious allegations and if my opponent feels he has credible evidence of that going on in the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office, I would encourage him to take that to the proper authorities."

As for her taking on cases, Kur said the many trails she has been the lead prosecutor in are on public record.

"Anyone who is interested in verifying the validity of that claim can look at public records throughout my career," she said.

Kur said, while Jarema has been on the attack already, she does not intend to "go down that path."

Kur has a hachelors degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from the University of Detroit School of Law.

She lives in Charlevoix Township with her husband of 19 years, Steve, and their two teenage children. She is a member of the Lions club, the State Bar of Michigan, the Charlevoix Emmet Bar Association and she performs periodically with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra as a cellist.

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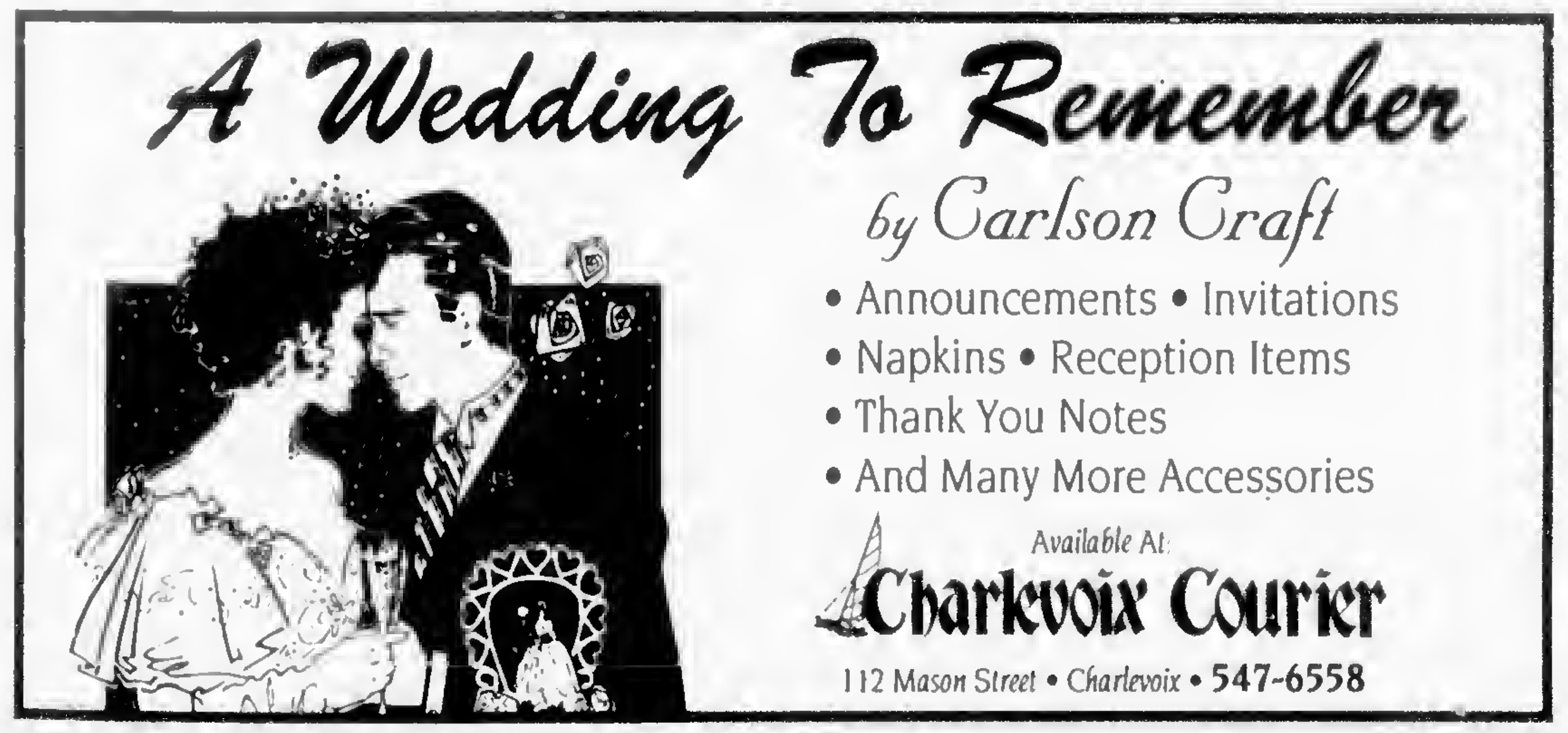

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Soccer team has competitive week of action

The Charlevoix Rayders girls soccer team easily handled East Jordan, fell to Harhor Springs and met their match at Big Rapids.

First, Charlevoix notched their first win of the young season with a convincing win over East Jordan shutting them out 10-0.

In the win against the Red Devils the Rayders managed 28 shots, 17 on East Jordan's keeper.

Six different Rayders scored in the contest. Senior Shayna Drost had four goals and two assists. Junior Jaime Pettis had two goals and two assists. Alyssia McDonough score a goal and an assist. And single goals were tallied by Meghan Lame, Madison McKenzie and freshman Zita Anderson. Other assists came from McKenzie, Sarah Cross and freshman Anna Farrell.

The Rayders player of the game was freshman Theresa Potter who played strong defense in her first start.

Then the Rayders faced a tough opponent, Harbor Springs.

The match took place April 22 at Charlevoix High School's new field. It was a windy day for a soccer match-up, but the Rams were able to control the first half of the game and held on for the 3-1 win over Charlevoix.

Harbor scored on a defensive miscue early before the Rayders regrouped and settled down. Then, Harbor scored again midway through the half. They finished their scoring for the night on another defensive miscue resulting in a indirect free kick right in front of the Charlevoix net. The Rams capitalized on a restart before the Rayders could get set.

The second half was a different story as Charlevoix began stepping up to the more experienced Harbor squad. After several chances, the Rayders finally scored with a minute remaining, breaking Harbor's shutout streak.

The score happened when McDonough won a ball in Harbor's end and sent a nice long ball up the right touchline to Drost. Drost took on two Harbor defenders and with her speed and two nice moves got into the open and drained the net past a lunging Harbor keeper.

Charlevoix received outstanding defensive efforts from Cross and sophomore Stevie Murray, who was awarded the Rayders Player of the Game ball. Sophomore keeper Laura Nitchman recovered from an uneasy start to record 16 saves, snatching several corner kicks out of the air.

"We learned in the second half what it takes to beat Harbor. We plan to see them again twice more this season," head coach Carol Madison said.

Then, Charlevoix traveled to Big Rapids April 24 for a non-conference game that was a close match for Charlevoix.

The Rayders tied the Big Rapids Cardinals 1-1 in a very physical match. Charlevoix out shot Big Rapids 14-8 but Big Rapids was able to capitalize first for the half-time lead.

But in the second half, Charlevoix did a better job controlling the midfield and working the ball up to the attackers. With 15 minutes left in the game Drost sent a cross to Madison Ramsey who faked out the goalkeeper to score. Cross did an outstanding job of winning 50/50 balls in the midfield to keep the Rayders attacking and was awarded Rayders Player of the Game. Freshman Laura Dupuis and Farrell contributed well and continue to show improvement in their play. Nitchman had five saves in goal.

Charlevoix is 1-2 in the conference. The Rayders traveled to Grayling for a conference game Monday. The results of that match-up werc not in by press time.

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Champs

The recreation league co-ed volleyball champions are: PSD Solutions. They are: (front, from left) Dave Taylor, Jason Page, (back) Laura Taylor, Mike Jones, Heidi Jones, Jerry Keie and Vera Keie.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, April 5, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.

109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Council members reviewed a memo regarding the City Clerk compensation and voted unanimously to approve the memo.
- A Public Hearing was held to review the Amended Application for Industrial Facility Certificate - Phase 2 for Harbor Industries.
- Council, by resolution approved the amended application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2001-449 for Harbor Industries, Inc.
- Council, by resolution, approved the final project costs for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2000-181 for Harbor Industries, Inc.
- Council, by resolution, recognized the Charlevoix School Enrichment Foundation as a nonprofit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.
- Council approved the establishment of a Recreational Authority and appointed three members.
- Council approved the engineering contract with Gosling Czubak to design, bid and provide construction engineering services for a golf course irrigation well for a price not to exceed $24,850.
- Council awarded the Power Line Construction labor and equipment contract to the low bidder, Matchinski Enterprises.
- Council awarded the Power Line Staking labor contract to GRP Engineering.
- Council, by resolution, established policy for extension of City Water, Sewer and Electric Service outside of City Limits.
- Don Seelye made a presentation on the importance of Charlevoix airport.
- Council approved increases in rates for T-Hangar rent.
- Council appointed Mary Lee Campbell to the Housing Commission.
- Council appointed Alida Klooster to position of Deputy City Clerk at the request of the City Clerk.
- Council accepted the resignation of City Clerk Liz Gooch.
- Council removed the $100 golf cart fee from the budget.
- Council denied the request to change the recommendation made to the Planning Commission to consider limiting the square footage of C-1 commercial buildings.
- Councilwoman Gibson requested her attorney fees relating to a zoning ordinance dispute be reimbursed. The item was tabled.
- Council discussed pending litigation issues in closed session.

Council adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office) Charlevoix, Michigan.

Stephanie C. Brown, Deputy City Clerk　　Gabe Campbell, Mayor

Girls' track team takes second in home meet

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix High School girls' track team finished second April 19 in their home conference meet with Harbor Springs, Boyne City and East Jordan.

Charlevoix's total score was 71. Harbor Springs took first with a score of 74.

"We had another fine day of races. We have a few missing people because of school related activities, but we still made it close with Harbor Springs," coach Mary Plude said. "Liz Madison had a great outing in the 400 meter, Michelle Rowe in the 800 meter and Shannon Dibble in the 200 meter. All three are setting their personal best."

Individual results were:

- 3200 meter relay — The team of Taylor Lamb, Mia Matchett and Emily Westenbroek finished third with a time of 11 minutes, 36.4 seconds.
- 100 meter hurdles — Emily Heffling finished second with a time of 19.12 seconds.
- 100 meter dash — Jasmine Witthoeft finished first with a time of 13.97 seconds. Shannon Dibble finished second with a time of 14 seconds.
- 800 meter relay — The team of Caitlin Ernst, Heffling, Dibble and Amy Drew finished third with a time of 1 minutes, 57.3 seconds.
- 1600 meter run — Lindi Edger finished first with a time of 5 minutes, 52.5 seconds. Brenna Bergmann finished third with a time of 6 minutes, 28.7 seconds.
- 400 meter relay — The team of Ernst, Heffling, Dibble and Sonya Plude finished first with a time of 57.05 seconds.
- 300 meter hurdles — Heffling finished second with a time of 55.82 seconds. Bergmann finished third with a time of 60.76 seconds.
- 800 meter run — Michelle Rowe finished second with a time of 2 minutes, 43.1 seconds.
- 200 meter dash — Dibble finished second with a time of 29.64 seconds.
- 1600 meter relay — The team of Rowe, Drew, Betsey Dennis and Liz Madison finished in second with a time of 4 minutes, 31.9 seconds.
- Long jump — Witthoeft finished in second with a distance of 14 feet, 8 inches. Dennis finished in third with a distance of 13 feet, 11 inches.
- Shot put — Brooke Blanchard finished in fourth with a distance of 25 feet, 11 inches.

Baseball team opens conference season with win

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders opened their Lake Michigan Conference schedule in impressive fashion, sweeping rival East Jordan, 2-1 and 6-2.

"It was some of the best baseball we've seen in Charlevoix in quite some time," coach Bryan Hawkins said. "We limited our mistakes and we were opportunistic offensively."

Good things happen when you put the ball in play and put pressure on the other team.

Matt Burtt led off the game with a single and Russell Williams followed with a two-run home run.

That would prove to be all Rayder pitcher Jake Teuscher would need as he scattered six hits in a six inning complete game. Teuscher walked two and struck out two.

Ezra Bakker also singled for the Rayders in the pitchers duel.

Tyler Bier picked up a complete game win of his own in game two, yielding only two hits and two walks while striking out four.

Eddie Waldron was the hitting hero with a three-for-three performance, a double, two stolen bases and three runs scored.

"It was a breakout game," said Hawkins.

Williams doubled and drove in a run. Burtt was one-for-two with a sacrifice fly and three RBIs. Michael Wojan singled and scored a run.

Charlevoix fell to Elk Rapids, 9-1 in a rain-shortened contest earlier this week.

"The pivotal moment was early in the game when (pitcher) Jake Teuscher took a line drive off the knee and played the rest of the way in pain," Hawkins said. "He wasn't quite the same after that and for the rest of the team, seeing one of our best players struggle and with the weather, they didn't mentally gut it out the way we'd like."

Teuscher took the pitching loss. Chris Waha pitched well in relief but the game was out of hand by the time he entered the game.

The Rayders (3-4 overall, 2-1 conference) hosted Ellsworth on Tuesday, April 27 hut results were unavailable at presstime. Charlevoix returns to conference action on Thursday, April 29 at Harbor Springs.

Forum on No Child Left Behind Act to be April 29 at high school

A community forum on the No Child Left Behind law is set for 7 p.m., Thursday, April 29, at the Charlevoix Middle School with a panel discussion and a question-and-answer session. The No Child Left Behind Act was signed into law by President George W. Bush in January 2002.

Parents and other community members are invited to attend this timely forum to relate their experiences with the law and to hear how school administrators and teachers are attempting to meet the requirements of the law.

Jane Bailey, director of Teaching and Learning at Petoskey Public Schools, will lead the panel and present a power point demonstration. Other speakers will be Dianne Litzenburger of the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and several teachers. Under No Child Left Behind, states and schools are limited to using test scores as a detemination of success. The National Education Association proposes to allow states to use growth models that acknowledge progress in student achievement both over time and within the school year.

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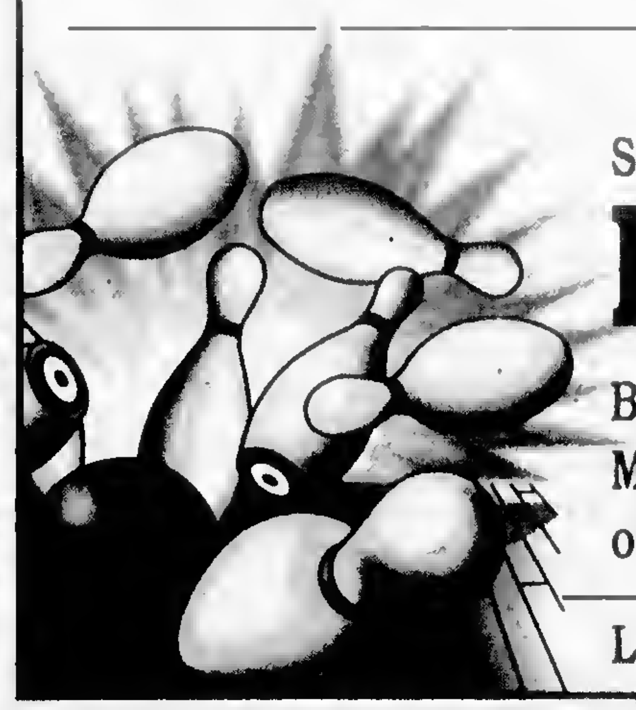

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SPORTS

Rayders Softball team loses double-header

By **ALLEN TELGENHOF**
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders softball team had a tough week on the diamond, losing both ends of a doubleheader to East Jordan, 10-0 and 7-3, and falling to Elk Rapids, 9-2 in a rain-shortened contest.

Nicole Higdon made her varsity pitching debut in the opener against the Red Devils and took the loss despite three strikeouts.

"Nicole did a tremendous job pitching," coach Liz Grunch said. "Unfortunately our defense let us down."

The offense also struggled as the Rayders were held hitless.

In the nightcap, Jessica Pettis had two hits as did Sally Haselschwardt, one of them a double. Brittany Niswander doubled and Amanda Boss, Gen Kochanny and Andrea Ruhlman all singled.

"We had opportunities," Grunch said. "We had the bases loaded twice but we just couldn't get the key hit."

Monica Cornell took the pitching loss.

Against Elk Rapids, Cornell and Pettis had the only Charlevoix hits and Cornell took the loss.

The Rayders (1-6 overall, 0-3 conference) play at Harbor Springs on Thursday, April 29.

Charlevoix tennis team improves to 4-0

The Charlevoix High School tennis team is on a winning streak.

The team improved its record last week to 4-0 with times over Grayling, 5-3, Elk Rapids, 5-3, and Boyne City, 4-0.

"Last week was a huge win for us. I am really happy with the way everyone is working hard," said coach Erik Lundteigen.

Individual results were:

Singles

- First — Nate Turner lost to Grayling, but he beat Elk Rapids and Boyne City.
- Second — Josh Fassett beat Grayling, lost to Elk Rapids and beat Boyne City.
- Third — Matt Novotny beat Grayling and Elk Rapids.
- Fourth — Mike Greyerbiehl lost to Grayling.
- Fourth — Ben Scheelk beat Elk Rapids.

Doubles

- First — Taylor Martin and Sparky Nitchman beat Grayling and lost to Elk Rapids.
- Second — Cody Wheat and Adam Wager beat Grayling and lost to Elk Rapids.
- Third — Mitch Klooster and Andrew Mailloux lost to Grayling, beat Elk Rapids and beat Boyne City.
- Fourth — Josh Saur and Dan Swenor beat Grayling, Elk Rapids and Boyne City.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, April 19, 2004, 7pm
109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Council discussed options for filling the position of City Clerk. More information will be provided at the next regular meeting.
- Council agreed to provide a letter of support to the Charlevoix Skatepark Committee and to include Skatepark operation under the City's liability policy.
- Council, by resolution, established a policy for extension of City Electric Services outside City limits.
- Council, by resolution, established a policy for extension of City Sewer Services outside City limits.
- Council denied the request to provide the City Treasurer and Police Chief with severance packages comparable to the package provided to the Fire Chief.
- Council, by resolution, approved the application to the Michigan Airport Loan program.
- Council approved reimbursement of Councilwoman Gibson's attorney fees related to a zoning ordinance dispute.
- Council determined that a policy should be written to address the reimbursement of attorney fees.
- Council discussed pending litigation issues in closed session.

Council adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office) Charlevoix, Michigan.

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Resolution service celebrating 15 years

Fifteen years ago, the state of Michigan enacted legislation that established the Citizen Dispute Resolution Program (CDRP).

The purpose of this program is to ease the court burden by providing mediation, an alternative means of resolving conflict. Mediation is a process in which the parties in disagreement come together to discuss their differences of opinion.

With the facilitation of a mediator, the parties come up with their own solution to the disagreement. Mediation is an economical, efficient and effective means of settling disputes.

The year 2004 marks the tenth anniversary of Northern Community Mediation (NCM), one of 21 Citizen Dispute Resolution Program centers in Michigan. In celebration of this event, the three previous executive directors of NCM met and reflected upon the changes in the organization since its inception.

Celia Partida, who served from 1994 to 1996, saw a natural fit between her commitment to conflict resolution, violence prevention and the goals of NCM. As the part-time executive director, she started with only a telephone and an answering machine.

She "never thought it would grow into what it has become."

In 1996, Kathy Lame agreed to serve as interim executive director. What was to be a three-month commitment turned into a three-year responsibility. Lame was able to add an "office the size of a closet" to the telephone and answering machine.

She was faced with "a huge educational piece in order to make a go of it" and "establishing that Northern Community Mediation was legitimate."

When Lame decided to become the Director of the Child Abuse and Neglect Program for NCM in 1999, Maartje Nolan took over as executive director. During her leadership, Nolan continued extending the services of NCM and expanded the office in general.

According to Nolan, "My challenge...was to maintain the integrity of the process and the quality of the service...as well as to increase the case load."

All three agreed that going from five phone calls a month in 1994 to handling approximately 330 cases in 2003 was "mind boggling." Partida attributed much of this growth to the fact that "our courts are top of the line and are willing to look at and invest in new ideas." Nolan added, "This is a testament to the quality of people who live in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties and their willingness to be proactive."

All three women envision mediation's becoming "more of a household word" and that Northern Community Mediation's ultimate purpose is to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

Lame summarized the tone of the meeting when she said, "It would be nice if people would think in terms of 'I am going to mediate you rather than I am going to sue you. Mediation would be the first place you would go to resolve a conflict rather than the last place."

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at (231) 487-1771.

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Celia Partida, Kathy Lame and Maartje Nolan, all former executive directors of Northern Michigan Mediation, are helping the organization celebrate 15 years of service.

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Federal grand jury indicts former housing employees

Two former employees of the now defunct Charlevoix-Emmet Housing Coalition (C-EHC) based in Walloon Lake Village were indicted on April 20, 2004 by a federal grand jury for the Western District of Michigan, according to Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater.

Yvonne M. Howery, 40, formerly of Boyne City was indicted for embezzlement of over $80,000 from the Charlevoix-Emmet Housing Coalition . Victoria A. Morgan, 38, of Alanson has also been indicted for aiding and abetting Howery in the same embezzlement scheme.

The Charlevoix-Emmet Housing Coalition received a majority of its funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Both of the above charges are felonies punishable by up to five years in federal prison and $250,000 fine plus restitution. The indictments came after a lengthy investigation by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and a special agent from the FBI Field Office in Traverse City.

Additional arrests/indictments are anticipated in this on-going investigation.

Morgan had previously been convicted in Charlevoix County Circuit Court in 2003 relating to multiple counts of embezzlement and check forgery also involving C-EHC money and materials.

Methodist church to host Linda Rice concert May 11

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church will host a concert by Linda Rice on Tuesday, May 11, at 7 p.m.

Linda Rice is the only female "Gospel" harpist in the world with a full-time touring schedule. She plays 100 concerts every year in churches and prisons (federal and state) throughout the United States.

Rice will play 60 concerts behind bars in 2004. She travels with her blue harp, electronic equipment, and her husband, Willis.

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Crooked Tree to host exhibit of Beeby's work

The Crooked Tree Arts Center's Visual Arts Series continues with the exhibition of the work of Betty Beeby in the Edith Gilbert Gallery.

The show opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 13 and runs through June 26.

Beeby graduated from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. She is a Booth Scholarship winner, and has won three Chicago Book Clinic awards for best in bookmaking art.

Throughout her career, Beeby has worked as a staff artist for Time Life Magazine, Sequoia Press, Bahlman Art Studio, and CBS television's Captain Kangaroo Show. She has illustrated numerous books including "Daisy: The Story of a Horse" by Louise Jean Walker, "Whistle Up the Bay," by Nancy Stone, and "The Silver Trumpet," by Owen Barfield. In 1974, Beeby was commissioned to paint a 50 foot mural of the Mackinac Bridge at Fort Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City.

A resident of Eastport Beeby has recently received recognition for her book, "Great Granny's Sturdy Stable Picnic Tables." The book will be available for purchase and booksigning at the opening.

The exhibit, titled "Above and Beyond" will include her early work, a dance series, 10 foot model of the Mackinac Bridge mural, winter watercolors and artwork created for the Captain Kangaroo show. Also in the exhibit will be Beeby's Peterboro lithographs, based upon a series of letters the artist discovered years ago.

A musical piece based upon Beeby's work and the story of the Peterboro letters was written by Lynn Palmer. The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will perform the Peterboro Suite at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 13, at Crooked Tree Arts Center. Tickets are $10.

Beeby has donated an etching to benefit the Crooked Tree Arts Center. The etching, titled "Magic" will be featured in a silent auction, beginning the evening of the opening reception, May 13 and closing at the performance by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra on June 13.

For more information, please contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. The arts center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey. The arts center receives annual support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Charlevoix Senior Center to celebrate its birthday

The Charlevoix Senior Center will be celebrating its birthday with a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 5.

This will be in conjunction with the center's breaking ground for a much needed and long awaited addition to the present kitchen facilities.

A capital campaign for funds to build the addition and furnish it completely has been implemented. It is estimated that the addition plus new cabinets, stoves, dishwashers, and others will cost approximately $100,000 and will enable the Charlevoix Senior Center to serve many more seniors.

The public is invited to the lunch. Cost is $3 for seniors over 60 and $4.50 for those under 60. Please bring a birthday card to help the center celebrate.

A monetary contribution (tax deductible) in the card will be appreciated. Contributions may be anonymous, if desired.

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Mental health group's first year

At its regular Meeting in Bellaire on Thursday, April 16, 2004, the local Community Mental Health Board celebrated its first year of operation as North Country Community Mental Health.

On April 1, 2003, Northern Michigan Community Mental Health and Antrim Kalkaska Community Mental Health merged and became North Country CMH. A new six-county Board was formed. North Country CMH serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

The Board announced the following officers, who were elected at the April 16 meeting: Chairman Allan Bentz (Otsego County), Vice-Chairman Kent Stoddard (Antrim County), and Secretary Terri Long (Kalkaska County). Other members of the 18 member board include: Antrim County – Betsy Brown and Laura Stanek; Charlevoix County – Randy Frykberg, Lou Hollow, and Don Smith; Cheboygan County – Mary Boyd-Hane, Edward Ginop, and Alice Mushlock; Emmet County – Ann Smith, Jane Kerich Sundmacher, and Roselyn Letzmann; Kalkaska County – Diana Needham and Sr. Augusta Stratz; Otsego County – Ron Chavey and Jane Dunaway.

Board meetings are at 4:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Please call the administrative office in Petoskey at 347-7890 for the location.

Firedrill performed at county jail

Sheriff George T. Lasater and Jail Administrator Babbette Meggison said on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 several local agencies were dispatched to the Charlevoix County Jail to execute a planned evacuation/fire drill.

Correction officers evacuated 25 inmates from three different cells to a secure location within the facility and supervised them for the duration of the drill. Two off-duty correction officers participated in the drill acting as unconscious, smoke-inhalation victims.

The Charlevoix City Police blocked off Grant Street to assist the fire department in setting up their equipment during the drill, and the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies assisted with security. The Charlevoix City Fire Department then rescued victims and suppressed the imitation fire. The EMS unit was on the scene in the event their services were required, and also to simulate treatment to the victims.

CCE Central Dispatch Authority dispatched the three different agencies and kept a record of the times.

Following the drill, a tour of the jail was arranged by the correction staff for everyone involved to provide the different agencies with a more thorough knowledge of the layout of the facility.

The drill was a resounding success, and Sheriff George T. Lasater would like to thank everyone involved, especially the efforts of the correction officers who planned and coordinated the training event.

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not take place and other instances when proper protocol wasn't followed.

The investigation uncovered bench sheets where initial readings of the treated water are recorded before the data is put into a computer system where a report for the state is generated. But the MDEQ crew saw that numbers on these bench sheets didn't match the report and in some cases the bench sheets had been doctored or erased.

"I just don't know why the operator felt it was necessary to falsify the report. I guess he was just trying to make the plant look good," Richard Shoemaker, the senior environmental quality analyst with the surface water quality division of the MDEQ said.

Shoemaker declined to name the operator he alluded to.

He said one problem at the plant was that unnamed staff members were overfeeding chlorine into the treatment process. In the contact tank the water needs to mix with chlorine for 30 minutes to kill the bacteria. Shoemaker said that instead of giving the water the time it needed, an unnamed person was just adding more chlorine.

"There was too much chlorine going out," he said.

He said the high concentration of chlorine that was discharged to Lake Michigan probably killed some zebra muscles around the discharge line but wouldn't have killed any fish. He said chlorine at that concentration dissolves in minutes and quickly breaks down once it is discharged out into the Lake Michigan.

"It certainly wouldn't have affected the drinking water plant (located just over one mile away)," he said.

He said aside from over treating with chlorine, the plant also had pump problems.

While these problems did exist and result in violations of the city's permit through the state, Shoemaker said there was no need for the city to be in the hot water it's in now.

"Had staff at the plant been forthright in the first place we would have worked with them. It wouldn't have escalated right away to this enforcement action," Shoemaker said.

But now the wheels of that civil enforcement action are turning and it could mean major money for the city. According to a letter from Selden to Wiesner written April 9, the city may be subject to a maximum penalty of $25,000 per violation per day and there are over 80 violations.

In a response letter from city counsel Ordway he requests that the MDEQ give the city more time to investigate and correct the problems.

"This will not only allow the city to demonstrate further its good intentions and ability to manage the WWTP (wastewater treatment plant) in a professional and compliant manner, but also will encourage all other entities to self-report and correct violations rather than attempt to hide or ignore them to avoid enforcement penalties," he wrote. "It is not in the public interest to burden the citizens of Charlevoix with additional costs, either for defense or in connection with fines or penalties."

The MDEQ has not responded as to whether it will give the city more time.

Early this month the city hired Tim Truax, a Traverse City based consultant, to identify problems at the plant and to make recommendations as to how to solve them. Wiesner said next month the city also plans to bring on John Adams an engineer from Ann Arbor.

"We don't want to just look at the DEQ's concerns and solve them. I want to look at the whole operation and put it under the microscope and give the community direction where it should go in the future," Wiesner said.

Future plans for the plant as things stand right now are for a $1.5 million expansion in 2006 that will give the city 200,000 gallons a day of greater capacity. Funding for the expansion will come from $3,000 tap in fees paid by customers outside the city.

But Wiesner said this may not even be the direction the city needs to take.

"With the irregularities we've become aware of it seemed like a good approach to relook at all the assumptions we've made and see if the facts we based our expansion plans on have to be revised and we have to change our direction," he said.

Wiesner said as far as he knows the plant is currently meeting the state discharge standards. The acting supervisor there is now Jim Caldwell.

Sam Creswell was the superintendent for both the water and wastewater treatment plants at the time the alleged falsification occurred. On March 17 Wiesner discussed suspending Creswell, the plant superintendent of almost 30 years. Wiesner would not comment as to the grounds for the proposed suspension because it is a personnel issue.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Charlevoix wastewater treatment plant.

Instead of that suspension becoming effective, Creswell opted to retire effective March 17. He gave his retirement notice to Wiesner's office on March 22.

According to Creswell the retirement was not related to the investigation. He said he recently turned 60 and it was time to leave the "high stress job."

A criminal investigation has also been conducted in this matter. Detective Woods has passed that information along to the state attorney general's office. Shoemaker said now it's up to the attorney general's office to pursue the issue through the courts. He said it could take months before charges are filed or it goes to court. If convicted for falsifying reports to the state, Shoemaker said the individuals being investigated could face jail time and fines.

He would not say specifically who was being investigated.

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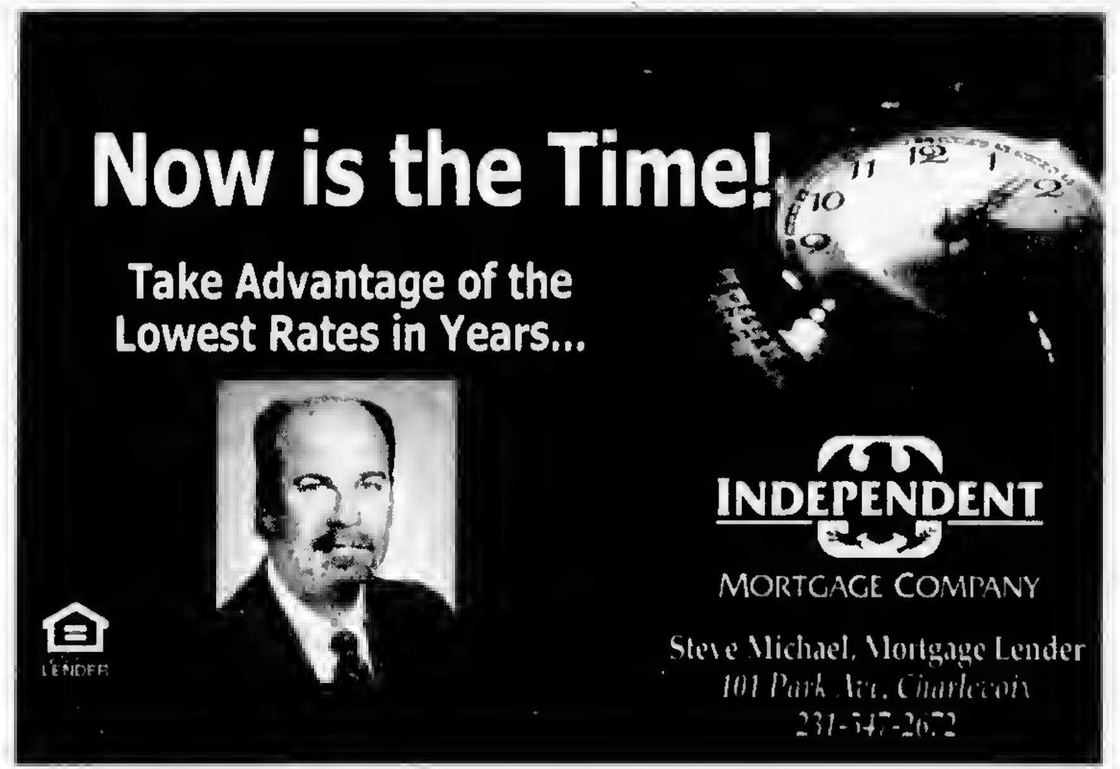
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Monday, March 29, 2004 - 5:30 p.m.

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Council approved the Letter of Commitment with Ayres Associate, Inc. for Aerial Photogrammetric Mapping of the GIS Orthophotography Project.

Council adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office), Charlevoix, Michigan.

Elizabeth A. Gooch, City Clerk
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(3-31-tf-076)

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(4-21-2-076)

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DUE DATE: **Until 11:00 A.M. Local Time on MAY 27, 2004**, the Owner will receive proposals for work as herein set forth in the offices of:

BID LOCATION: The Coast Guard Training Room in the Beaver Island Boat Company/U.S. Coast Guard Building, 103 Bridge Park Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Persons desiring to deliver their bid in person before the bid opening may leave their bid envelope, clearly marked, at the Beaver Island Boat Company's front desk.

PROPOSALS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING: "Proposed Mooring Facility Renovations for St. James Township on Beaver Island, Charlevoix County, Michigan." All bids shall be sealed in an opaque envelope, clearly labeled with the Bidder's name and address, and title of proposal enclosed.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING FOLLOWED BY A MANDATORY WALK-THROUGH INSPECTION: A mandatory pre-bid meeting followed by a mandatory walk-through inspection will be held at the **Project Site at St. James Township Municipal Mooring Facility In St. James, Beaver Island, Michigan 49782** with all contractors bidding the project and all other concerned parties on **May 19, 2004**, at **2:00 P.M. Local Time** prior to due date for bids. The purpose of this inspection is to answer questions and provide an inspection tour of the project. A prospective bidding company representative must be present at this pre-bid meeting and register on the sign-in sheet in order to be authorized to bid on this project.

BID GUARANTEE-The Bidder's Proposal shall be accompanied by either a certified check or cashier's check on an open, solvent bank or a bid bond with an authorized surety company, executed by the bidder and the surety company (the surety must be listed on the current U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570) in the amount of 5 percent of the base bid payable to St. James Township as a guarantee of good faith.

CONTRACT SECURITY - The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory performance bond, and labor and material payment bond in an amount each of one hundred percent (100%) of the accepted bid in accordance with P.A. 213 OF 1963 as amended by P.A. 351 of 1972.

BID REJECTION - St. James Township reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, and also reserves the right to award a Contract to a Bidder who St. James Township believes will perform in their best interests, and is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other Bid.

COPIES OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS may be obtained from the Office of United Design Associates, Inc., 111 North Main Street, Suite 3, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721, 231-627-2268 upon payment of a **NON-REFUNDABLE COST of $125.00** for each set of documents requested. Persons desiring copies to be sent by mail shall include an additional **Ten Dollars ($10.00)** per contract to cover the cost of mailing.

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BID 209

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All bids will be publicly opened Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

Bid documents will be available after Monday, May 3, 2004, for a refundable $100.00 deposit at The Christman Company, 308 State Street Suite 9, Petoskey, MI 49770.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2004 at 4 p.m. at the Existing High School cafeteria. Contact The Christman Company, Tom Tennessen at (231) 348-0001 for additional information.
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Service Inc., is the Regional Substance Abuse Service Coordinating Agency serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford counties. As part of its annual action planning process, the agency is accepting Public Comment on services for the 2004/2005 Fiscal Year.

Written comment will be received by email to heidi@nmsas.net or by mail through May 28, 2004 at:

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc.,
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Gaylord, MI 49734

In addition, Public Hearings will be held on May 11, 2004 in the lower level conference room at the offices of Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Service, located at 1165 Elkview, Gaylord, Michigan from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Individuals interested in attending the above meetings and requiring special services are asked to contact Heidi Serven at 989-732-1791 ext 18, three days prior to the scheduled meetings. Driving directions are available upon request.

Federal and State funding has been provided to support in the project costs.
L(4/28)

LEGAL 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
90th DISTRICT COURT
Case No. 04-124-SP
Honorable Richard W. May

Associates First Capital Corporation
Plaintiff,
v.
Michael H. Wekenman, Vickie J. Bellinger And The Port of St. James Association,
John A. Johnson, Agent
Defendants.
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ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE AND ORDER TO ANSWER OR TAKE OTHER ACTION AS TO DEFENDANT VICKIE J. BELLINGER

At a session of the 90th District Court, held in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan on April 15, 2004, Honorable Judge Richard W. May Presiding.

The Court having considered Plaintiff's Motion for Alternate Service in this land contract forfeiture action against Defendants for real estate situated in the Township of St. James, Charlevoix County, Michigan and more specifically described as:

Lot 295 of Port St. James Subdivision No. 6, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 156; Charlevoix County Records; Tax Item No. 15-013-706-295-00. Commonly known as 38160 Wilderness Court, Beaver Island, Michigan.

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants appear for trial on Plaintiff's Complaint on Tuesday June 8, 2004, at 1 p.m., or take other action to defend prior to that date;

It is further Ordered that this Order be published once per week for three consecutive weeks in the Legal News, and that a copy of this Order further be posted at the subject property and at the County Building prior to the last date of publication;

Failure by Defendants to appear or defend may result in entry of a judgment of possession in favor of Plaintiff, which said judgment would provide for issuance of an order of eviction after 90 days from entry of said judgment if Defendants, prior to that time, fail to cure all defaults in their performance under the subject land contract in existence at the time of entry of said judgment.

Richard W. May
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Blood drive

Charlevoix Area Hospital Red Cross blood drive is from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on April 29, in the lower level of the hospital. Please bring your donor card or a photo identification. For appointments call 547-8651.

Primetime Pantomine

Ragamuffin Children's Theatre and Choir will be presenting its second annual presentation of Primetime Pantomine! Primetime Pantomine will be performed at 7 p.m., May 1, and at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., May 2, at Charlevoix's Knights of Columbus Hall. General admission for all shows is $4 for adults and children 12 and under $2. For more information, visit Ragamuffintheatre.com, or call 237-9686. All ages are invited to come and experience the beauty and poetry of music in motion as the 60 member troupe perform lyrical mime pieces on a variety of themes which include humor, drama and dance.

Teen challenge

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church will be hosting the Lansing Teen Challenge at 10:30 a.m., on May 2, at the church's morning service. They are located at 05291 M66 North. The public is cordially invited to hear the wonderful testimonies of the people of this chapter of Teen Challenge.

Democrats to meet

The Charlevoix County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m., on Monday, May 3, at the Boyne District Library. Candidates for precinct delegates are reminded to turn in their affidavits to the County Clerk by May 11. For more information contact Kay Chase at 547-5147 or Janis Dietrich at 547-6856.

Band concert

The Charlevoix High School band concert is at 7:30 p.m., May 4, in the Charlevoix High School auditorium.

Board of health to meet

The Board of Health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency will meet at 10 a.m., May 4, at the agency's Charlevoix office. The Board of Health is the governing body for the local health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.

Two commissioners from each of these County Boards are appointed to the Board of Health. They meet at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Charlevoix. These are open meetings with time set aside for public comment. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information contact Gerry Chase, Health Officer at (231) 547-6523.

Golf outing

The 15th Annual Boyne City Police and Charlevoix County Sheriff Department's Benefit Golf Outing and Dinner in conjunction with the 10th Annual Dinner for DARE Association starts with golf tee off at 12 p.m., Thursday, May 6, at Boyne Mountain Alpine Golf Course and dinner beginning at 5 p.m. in the Boyne Mountain Civic Center.

Boyne Mountain is located in Boyne Falls and is a division of Boyne USA. For more information call 582-6611.

Mother's Day luncheon

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church will have a special Mother's Day luncheon at 12 p.m., May 9. The luncheon will be served by the men of the church. Vicki Hankins will share a short message entitled, "The Good Enough Mother." Ladies are cordially invited to join in the fun and meaningful time of celebration of motherhood.

If you have any questions, please call the church at 547-6430.

Middle school concert

The Middle School Band concert is at 7:30 p.m. on May 18, at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium.

Class reunion

Charlevoix High School's Class of 1964 will host its fortieth reunion at 7:30 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The cost is $20 per person. Reservations should be directed to Leslie (Lyons) Cunningham at 06530 Brown Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2145, or Betty (Reynolds) Martin at 12347 Waller Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2089, by June 1. Anyone able to provide contact information for class members can call or e-mail Ms. Cunningham at lcunning@freeway.net.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meets in Charlevoix at 7:30 p.m., every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. Narcotics Anonymous also meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in East Jordan at the Community Health Center. For further information call 237-9249.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open on Monday and Thursday every week from 10 a.m. until noon at the First Congregational Church on State Street in Charlevoix. They are there to help persons who live in the Charlevoix School District who need emergency food help.

Single people and couples receive two bags of food and families receive four bags of food, plus each get a voucher for fresh foods from Oleson's, which the Food Pantry pays for. Each household may come to the food pantry once each month. For more information call 547-9122 and please leave a message.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Flap Jack Resturant.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-1388.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

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SCRAPBOOK

A History of the Charlevoix School

Given before the Kiwanis Club by Mrs. Brayton Saltonstall, June 4th, 1940, at the request of M.A. Levinson

For information about the early history of the Charlevoix schools we are largely indebted to Mrs. M. F. Stockman, who came here with her husband in 1857. In 1911, at the request of the Charlevoix Historical Society, Mrs. Stockman prepared her "Reminiscences of Pioneer Life," in which the schools were described at length. (This source material is available at the City Library.)

The first school house in Charlevoix, or Pine River as it was then called, was erected in the fall of 1861. It was sixteen feet square and built of logs chinked with moss and mud. It had a shake roof (that means oak staves two feet long fastened down by saplings) and split logs of basswood, split side up, for the floor.

There were three windows, each with 6 lights of 8 by 10 glass. There were benches on three sides for the large scholars, and two small benches for the smaller children. This building was located in the vicinity of the present Belvedere Hotel site.

Mrs. Stockman became the first teacher at a salary of $1 per week. She also taught again in the summer of 1862. She says in her Reminiscences: "Number of scholars enrolled: Between 20 and 30...Ages from 3 to 20. Most of them had never been to school before, therefore did not know what school was except by name... Books of various kinds and dates were brought for use, books used by their fathers and mothers and some old enough to have been used by their grandparents...Parents thought the books they used were good enough for their children. There being no public money, each parent paid according to the number of children sent to school, the term being three months...Most of the parents paid me for their children's' schooling. Some promised to pay, moved away and are owing me yet."

A man named Crandall taught in the winter of 1862-3, but the school house was found to be too cold and open for winter use, and after that there was summer school only. Miss Celia Moses, Miss Greenman, Miss Newell and Miss Davis were among the summer teachers in the first school house. Miss Davis was only 14 years old when she taught.

By 1867 it was conceded the old long school house had had its day and should be replaced by a larger and better one. Mrs. Stockman says: "As the men were busy and not disposed to take it in hand, the ladies go together, appointed a committee and decided that we would hold a fair with supper as the best means to make a beginning."

The weather was unpropitious on the date set for the fair, but it was held just the same and the settlers came from far and near. Articles for sale were auctioned off. There was a grab-bag, 5 cents a grab, and a post office. Almost everyone received one or two letters at 5 cents each and the public reading of these missives caused much merriment. An oyster supper was served at $2 a couple and the affair ended with a dance.

Seventy-five dollars was realized and expended in the spring of 1868 toward a new school house, which was a frame building erected near the corner of State and Antrim streets. It was afterwards sold and made into a dwelling. (The house occupied by the Radle family at 403 Mason street is said to be the remodeled school building.)

That fall E. H.. Green was the first teacher in the building just mentioned. He had located here to practice law, but needed to piece out his income in other ways. He received $4 a week for his services, a portion of which was paid in flour and potatoes. Miss Lottie Ainsley and Bryon See were other teachers of this period.

In June, 1872, the district purchased the easterly six lots of the present school site, and the next year a third and larger school house was built with four rooms, two above and two below. At first only the lower rooms were used and A. R. Upright and F. W. Mayne were the teachers.

Both the Methodist and Congregational people used this building as a meeting place until their churches were erected. (This is the last mention of the schools in Mrs. Stockman's Reminiscences and brings the story down to 1885.)

While not a part of the public school system, it is of interest to know that a kindergarten was conducted in 1886 and 1887 by Mrs. George Guyles and Miss Rose M. Cody in a house on the south side of Park avenue near Bridge street.

The school house built in 1873 on the present site was burned down, probably in 1887. Until another building could be erected, the High School assembled in the court house and the grades were taught in various places, among which was the basement of the new Baptist church.

The fourth school house, erected in 1889, was built of white brick. It was first called Union School, but somewhere along the way the name was changed to Central Building. This is no longer used except for band practice and storage.

Nov. 28, 1899 (according to the Sentinel) a social was advertised to be held at the home of Myron Geer to raise money to buy a bell for the school. We do not know how successful this venture was, but we do know the first bell developed a crack and was replaced. About 10 years ago the second bell was removed as the old tower had become too weak to support it.

In the summer of 1895 the district purchased sites for the Washington school on the north side of Petoskey avenue, and the Lincoln school on the south side of Garfield avenue, and erected on them identical 2-room one-story buildings. These were used for school purposes until 1928, and have since been given over to the Health Unit and American Legion respectively.

In 1901 the building known as the McKinley High School was erected south of the Central Building and is still used as the high school.

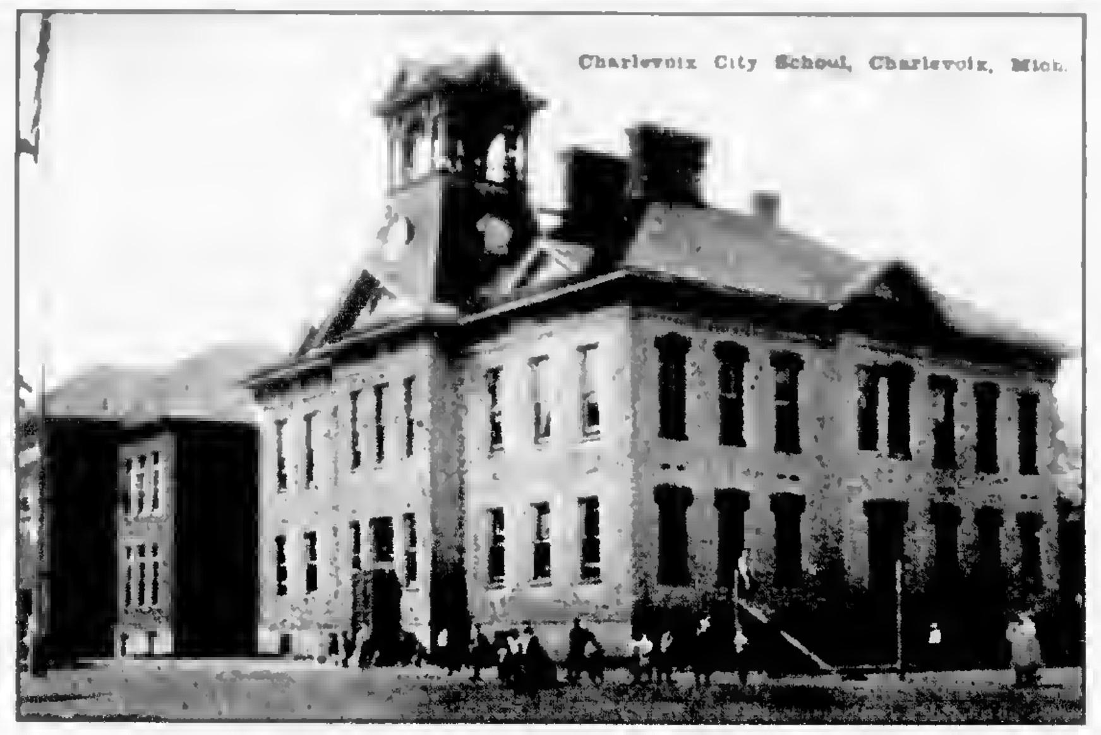
St. Mary's Parochial School was built in 1902, and provides secular and religious education for Catholic children from the first to eighth grades inclusive. It is supervised by the County School Commissioner.

Oct. 12, 1912, the athletic field adjacent to the Lincoln school site was purchased.

In the spring of 1920 the Board of Education began to acquire title to the six lots west of the valley school site. The last purchase was that of the Stewart property, made March 22, 1926. This gave the district 12 lots with frontage on Mason, Grant and Clinton streets.

The need for more room and especially a gymnasium and auditorium, had been apparent for several years, and it was by vote of the people at an school meeting that the additional ground was purchased with a building project in view, and the board was authorized to establish a sinking fund to be available when the time was ripe to build.

Two different building propositions were submitted and voted down in 1926, but finally on April 12, 1927, a bond issue for $125,000, payable over a period of 15 years, was authorized. There are still two payments to be met on the bonds, $10,500 on Jan. 1, 1941 and $10,500 on Jan. 1, 1942. A citizens committee worked with the board of Education to help crystalize public opinion. A grade building and combined gymnasium and auditorium had been agreed upon as best suited to the needs of the district. The Washington and Lincoln schools would be discontinued, and transportation furnished during the winter months for the pupils living in the outskirts.



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On the left, the McKinley High School and on the right, The Central Building. Story compiled by Cynthia Postmus on behalf of the Charlevoix Public Library.

The new building was completed in the spring of 1928, and dedication exercises were held May 3 and 4 under the joint auspices of the Board of Education and the Parent-Teacher Association. Webster H. Pearce, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was the speaker on the occassion.

The cost of the new building, exclusive of furniture, was about $165,000. The assessed valuation of the district at that time was $3,648,375.00. The present valuation is $2,731,716.00 almost a million dollars less.

The school enrollment when the new building was opened was 621 and 23 teachers were employed. The present enrollment is 592 and there are 19 teachers on the staff.

Charlevoix City and Township School District No. 1 is a graded school district. The first class of five graduated in 1888. This year's class numbered 48.

Many of the graduates through the years have gone on to higher institutions of learning, and Charlevoix High School has its full contingent of professional people out in the world.

Graduates of Charlevoix High are accepted without examination in the North Central Association of Colleges. An Examiner comes here every three years and checks up on the preparation and training of the teachers, also on the library, laboratory, and instructional equipment, and gives a certificate that the school is entitled to be on the accredited list.

For 30 years the Charlevoix County Normal Training School was a part of our school system. It opened Nov. 2, 1903, and was discontinued in 1933 when the state and county withdrew their support. There had come to be an over-supply of teachers in the state and a shortage of funds, so it was wise and necessary to discontinue some of the county normals. The state had been paying $3,000 per annum toward maintenance, and the county and district shared the balance equally, making the cost to the district light.

As County Normal credits were good toward a college degree, this training school gave the young people of this vicinity an opportunity for one year of higher education in addition to a certificate to teach. And about 30 of the elementary grade pupils were taught by the critic teacher, or under her supervision. Miss Pearl Bigge was principal, and Mrs. Gertrude Dick critic teacher for the last several years of the normal's existence. Mrs. Dick remained to take over the third grade, which she still teaches.

The Carnegie Library, built about 1910 is controlled by the Board of Education and serves both the schools and the public. Miss Minnie E. Payton has been librarian since 1917.

In the fall of 1926, the school band was organized with John TerWee as instructor. A. W. Rider, Robert Magor and Max Smith, who is now in charge, have in turn headed this department.

A Parent-Teacher Association was organized in April 1927, with Mrs. E. E. Cross as president. It did good work for a long-time, but ceased to function about four years ago when the president-elect failed to call a meeting in the fall.

It was in the winter of 1922-3 that a portion of the school grounds was first flooded for a skating rink for school children at the court house. The tennis courts were built in 1931.

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MDEQ upset over responses in investigation

DYE

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agement projects, like storm sewer testing and mixing zone studies, but a St. Patrick's Day celebration isn't a reason for the department to allow it.

In the 10 interviews Vince Woods, a detective with the MDEQ's office of criminal investigation, has done in Charlevoix in regards to the incident, no one has named the guilty party, but clues have cropped up.

So far, they have found that an unnamed member of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors bought 20, four-ounce canisters of fluorescent green dye on the Internet about three weeks before St. Patrick's Day.

Shoemaker said the dye used is caustic and too much could cause harm. He explained the MDEQ is concerned about two things, the nearby intake valve for the city of Charlevoix's drinking water and its impact on the fish.

They also know that on St. Patrick's Day the dye was in a box in the lower level dining room at the Weathervane Restaurant with a note attached. That day, Weathervane Restaurant manager Jeff Spreckseil found the box and contacted the Coast Guard who contacted Shoemaker and asked about dying the channel. The Coast Guard was told the dye was not to be put in the water.

Spreckseil then contacted Linda Mason, a chamber board member who coordinated the Pub Crawl, and asked that it be removed from the restaurant.

"After that we don't know who she gave it to or when," Shoemaker said.

Woods interviewed chamber president Jacqueline Merta on April 20. She gave him the minutes from the chamber board's February meeting when the Pub Crawl planning committee reported that the DEQ did not approve the dye request.

Merta told Woods and Shoemaker that as far as she knew, that was the end of it.

Shoemaker told Merta that if the final interview with Mason, which will take place this week, doesn't turn up an answer, the MDEQ has enough information to drop the criminal investigation and file civil charges against the chamber.

"We know the chamber of commerce wanted to do it, purchased the dye and members talked about it when it went in," he said.

The penalty that could face the chamber is up to $25,000 a day for violating the state's water resource law which deals with discharging substances into the water without a permit.

Mason did not return calls by press time.

Merta declined to comment on the possible penalty her organization may face. But did say that the chamber had "absolutely nothing to do with it."

Shoemaker said the issue can still be resolved if the person who pulled the prank comes forward. He said the likely outcome would be a littering ticket, which carries a maximum fine of $500.

Either way, he is adamant about someone being held responsible.

"If we don't do anything about it, the next time someone wants to dump something into the river they'll say the DEQ doesn't follow through with enforcement. So we're going to follow through," he said.

Shoemaker has asked that anyone with information about the incident call his office at (989) 705-3424 or call Halverson at 547-3258. Anonymous calls will be accepted.

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> **Richard Shoemaker**, of the MDEQ

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The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce could be in hot water over this dye prank on St. Patrick's Day.

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BASEBALL

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The varsity baseball team is: (front, from left) Jeremy Godfrey, Matt Teuscher, Nate Dube, Michael Wojan, Cody Crain, Ezra Bakker, (back) Assistant Coach Doug Waha, Taylor Fisher, Tyler Bier, Matt Burtt, Eddie Waldron, Jake Teuscher, Chris Waha, Will Kautz, Head Coach Bryan Hawkins. Not pictured: Russell Williams.

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The junior varsity baseball team is: (front, from left) Ray Kerr, Shannon Gilespie, Zach Scharenbrock, Kris Bartling, Travis Jakeway, Jeremy Yaldo, Billy Brodin, Zack Lake, (back) Assistant Coach Joe Niswander, Joseph Thorp, Travis VanNorman, Matt Heimbueh, Logan Niswander, Brady Way, Drew Klooster, Danny Waldron, Ray Jones and coach Allen Telgenhof.

Baseball team could could face tough year

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix High School varsity baseball coach Bryan Hawkins is facing a challenging year.

With only two returning seniors on the varsity team and having to bring up three sophomores and a freshman, Hawkins said his team is pretty inexperienced this year, but he expects them to work hard.

"They are youthful, but have a lot of enthusiasm. They have a lot of passion for baseball. They are re al bascball guys," he said. "That is something you can't coach."

The returning seniors this year are Matt Burtt, who is a catcher, pitcher and third base; and Taylor Fisher, who plays center field.

But there are some bright spots. One of them being pitching.

"It is encouraging because we have depth at pitching. We have eight players who are capable of pitching. That is pretty deep for a high school team," he said.

Hawkins said his other strong area is hitting.

"They are really aggressive at the plate," he said.

But, fielding is going to be a concern for him.

"Being a youthful and inexperienced group, they will have a lot of challeng in getting ready to play defense at this level," Hawkins said.

The teams to beat this year are Kalkaska and Boyne City. Hawkins added Harbor Springs is pretty decent and looking to "climb the ladder."

Hawkins added, "The bottom line is I want to make sure we are improving on things we have done in the past. I want to improve the whole thing, from top to bottom."

GO RAYDERS!

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SOFTBALL

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The varsity softball team is: (front, from left) Brittany Niswander, Sarah Featherly, Monica Cornell, Genevieve Kochanny, Sasha Spencley, Kali Delamater, (back) coach Liz Grunch, Nicole Higdon, Sally Haselschwardt, Denise Barta, Jessica Pettis, Amanda Boss and Andrea Ruhlman.

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The junior varsity softball team is: (front, from left) Kali Crain, Kara Ciesielczyk, Renne Drew, Janay Drost, (back) Charisse Rogers, Erin Christ, Chelsea Nemchak, Mike Sayward, Ashlie Bradley and coach Dean Spencley.

Rebuilding year for softball

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

According to Charlevoix High School varsity softball coach Liz Grunch, this will be a rebuilding year for the team.

"We are young. Just under half of the team are underclassmen," she said. "This year we will be learning the basics of play."

With 12 players on the team, Grunch has seven seniors, five of which are returners.

They are:

- Andrea Ruhlman at third base. Grunch said she has good power and a nice glove.
- Amanda Boss is shortstop. Grunch said she is the best line drive hitter on the team.
- Jessica Pettis is catcher. Grunch said she has a lot of speed and good footwork.
- Denise Barta at first base. Grunch said she has good pick up.
- Nicole Higdon, who Grunch said is learning to pitch.

Grunch will also be returning Monica Cornell, who has missed the last few seasons due to various sicknesses.

As for the team as a whole, Grunch said she has not had a lot of team practices due to the spring weather, therefore she has not seen the team really work together yet.

But she said, "They are a good bunch of girls that I think are willing to put in the effort. They are going to need to work hard in order to be successful."

She said the team's strength is that attitude.

Grunch added she also has a lot of players that have some good potential. Such as Sasha Spencley, who she brought up as a freshman, but believes has a great glove and will do nice things for the team.

Grunch also said Genevieve Kochanny will be a nice addition to the team, as she is a force in the outfield.

"We always want to win, but I am looking at the big picture and improving the team," she said. "We want to be competitive and play with the teams. I think right now every team will be a challenge for us."

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The boys' track team is: (front, from right) Chuck Green, Nate Gilmore, Zach Scharenbrach, Issac Matchett, Travis Tache, Spencer Hankins, Darron Munson, Ben Castiglone, Ben Knapp, (middle) Jacob Wimmer, Matt Kautz, Brandon Stevens, Andrew Tillotson, Jaimen Waha, Ryan Seelye, Cody Crain, Nate Sotoyo, (back) Kyle Kramer, Dan Elliott, Mike DiMartino, Scott Plude, Rob Shutler, Scott Sladek, Tom Wilhelm, Nurken Ashenov, Jeff Urban, Mitchell Klooster, Ben Bergmann and Phil Steen.

Plude to field well rounded squad

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

With strong leadership and good experience, both the boys' and girls' track teams are expecting good seasons this year.

Ken Plude, the boys' coach, said, "We are going to be a good well-rounded team. We should be contending for the conference and the regionals."

Ken said the tough team this year is Harbor Springs, but most of the teams the Rayders will face were "senior heavy" last year, meaning they lost a lot of experience to graduation.

"They are hurting big time. But, it will still be a back and forth battle," he said.

As for the team, Ken said he has some strong seniors taking leadership roles, especially Kyle Kramer and Jeff Urban, who have state finals experience from last year.

Other seniors are Brian Christiansen, Adam Richards, Ryan DeYoung, Rusty Walters — who is returning after taking a year off — York Smith and newcomer Scott Friske.

Ken said he has 45 participants on the squad. 11 of them are seniors, 11 are juniors, 12 are sophomores and nine are freshmen.

Ken said his pole vault is going to be strong with three or four

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The girls' track team is: (front, from right) Caitlin Ernst, Shannon Dibble, Emily Westenbroek, Emily Heflling, Justine Karnicke, Jasmine Witthoeft, Caitlin Taylor, Anna Taylor, Adrianna Holmes, (middle) Mallary Mahoney, Ellie Strong, Jennifer Bishaw, Sonya Plude, Michelle Lemond, Chantelle Dione, Mia Matchett, (back) Brooke Blanchard, Amy Drew, Brittany Ward, Michelle Rowe, Brenna Bergmann, Lindi Edger, Betsey Dennis, Caitlin Cole, Liz Madison, Christene Bradley and Brittney Lamb.

Girls' track team looking forward to great season

TRACK

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guys jumping around 11 feet. He added long jumps, high jumps and hurdles will be strong.

The top, Ken said, will be his sprint team, from which he expects great things.

However, with the good, comes the "needs work" and that would be his middle distance teams. Ken said this area has suffered due to injuries.

According to Mary Plude, the girls' coach, her team is looking "very good."

"It is just a very cohesive tight group. They have a lot of talent and depth," she said.

There are 28 girls on the team, with three seniors, 10 juniors, eight sophomores and seven freshmen.

The seniors are Brenna Bergmann, Brooke Blanchard and Michelle Rowe.

However, in addition to senior leadership, Mary also has runners with state finals experience.

Juniors Amy Drew, Liz Madison and Theresa Martin are returning this year after running in the mile relay at the state finals last year.

As for her other breakout competitors, Mary said she expects good things from Betsey Dennis, Sonya Plude, Jasmine Witthoeft, Shannon Dibble, Caitlin Ernst, Caitlin Cole, Lindi Edger and Emily Westenbroek.

She will need all this talent when the team faces a league with equal talent. Mary said Traverse City St. Francis is the team to watch this year due to a coaching change and Boyne City is always a power.

"We should be in there challenging for the conference and regional," she said.

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The tennis team is: (front, from left) Tavia Lanterman, Sarah Blanchard, Kaitlyn Wojan, Kim Rosen, Mallory Metzger, Sarah Hagen, Jill Loper, Brecklind Golovich-keie, Dan Buday, Geoff Baier, Gunnar Lundteigan, (middle) Lindsay Withrow, Ted Dilworth, Aaron Hagen, Elizabeth Jadwin, Benjamin Scheelk, Matt Novotny, Adam Wager, Cody Wheat, Annakate Trubiloxicz, Lauren Eldredge, Brittni Simonti, Kenny Anderson, (back) George BeBoe, Mitchell Klooster, Taylor Martin, Sparky Nitchman, Mike Greyerbiehl, Nate Turner, Josh Saur, Ethan Winchester, Josh Fassett, Tom Castiolione, John Wilkinson, Dan Swenor, Mitchelle Crandall, Tyler Haske, Billy Roloff, Chuck Mason, coach Erik Lundteigan. Not pictured: Brittany Pizzurro and Erik DeBoe.

Tennis team looking impressive at season start

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

With 47 students out for the Charlevoix High School Tennis team, and a solid core of experienced players to pick from, coach Erick Lundteigan is expecting a very good year.

"We have a lot of kids to choose from," he said. "Our strength is we have a core group of mostly juniors who have been playing for three years now. The key is to develop the others."

Lundteigan said he expects his doubles teams to be very strong this year, with a lot of depth. But, he added he is going to have to work on the singles.

The first doubles team is Sparky Nitchman and Taylor Martin. Lundteigan said they have improved quite a bit from last year.

The second team is made up of Adam Wager and Cody Wheat. The third team is Mitch Klooster and Andrew Mailloux. And the fourth team is Josh Saur and Dan Swenor.

However, Lundteigen said he can foresee the fourth team changing many times though the season. With so many talented kids on the team, there will be a lot of competition for that fourth spot on the varsity.

On the singles teams, Nate Turner is in the first spot while Josh Fassett will take the second spot.

The third slot is Matt Novotny and the fourth slot is Ben Shelk.

Lundteigen said like the doubles fourth team, the singles fourth team will see a lot of students competing for it.

"People are going to be challenging like crazy. Whoever is going to play number four will be looking over their shoulder all year," he said.

But competition for slots will create good players on the team. And the Rayders will need this as they face some stiff competition from other teams.

Lundteigan said the team to beat this year is Traverse City St. Francis. He added Harbor Springs is tough, as well as Elk Rapids.

"You can put all four of us in that category. It depends on how much we improve," he said.

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GIRLS SOCCER

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The girls' soccer team is: (front, from left) Anna Farrell, Lori Zimmerman, Lisa Kuebler, Stevie Murray, Zita Anderson, Teresa Potter, Laura Nitchman, (back) Coach Carol Madison, Jennifer Rich, Alyssia McDonough, Shayna Drost, Madison McKenzie, Sarah Cross, Jaime Pettis, Meghan Lame and assitant coach Tom Conlan. Not pictured: Madison Ramsey and Manager Kayla Gelderblom.

Soccer team expecting a good season

The Rayders, returning nine letter winners from 2003, look forward to their first season in the Lake Michigan Conference for soccer.

Leading the way will be tri-captains, seniors Shayna Drost and Alyssia McDonough and junior Sarah Cross along with sophomore goalkeeper Laura Nitchman.

Drost currently third on the all-time scoring list, has a chance to take over the number one spot with a solid senior season. At forward, she leads the offense with spirit as well as talent, making first team all conference, All District and All Region in 2003. She will team with junior Jaime Pettis, also All District last year, to make a formidable and speedy front line.

McDonough, honorable mention all conference in 2003, provides experience in the midfield. She will be helped by returning sophomore Madison Ramsey and junior Meghan Lame. They also have several freshmen vying for starting midfield spots, with Zita Anderson and Lori Zimmerman leading the way.

Defensively, the Rayders are confident that a year's experience will provide improvement to an already capable squad. Led by center back Cross, All District in 2003 and keeper Nitchman, All District, Region and honorable mention all state last year. Also starting defensively are sophomore Stevie Murray and Lisa Kuebler.

Madison McKenzie, All District in 2003, will start defensively but will also see some time in the midfield.

Head coach Carol Madison said, "As a team, we hope to maintain a long tradition of finishing Academic All State. As a team we have finished first in class C in 1999 and 2001, second in 2002 and third in 2003."

She added, "We are setting team goals to improve every day. We will emphasize the conference schedule in preparing for the District Tournament. This is a great group of girls, I'm confident we will be successful."

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Coach: Bryan Hawkins

April 29	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
May 1	Saturday	11:00 a.m.	HERE St. Ignace
May 3	Monday	4:30 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
May 6	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	HERE T.C. St. Francis
May 10	Monday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
May 13	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Glen Lake
May 15	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	HERE Suttons Bay
May 17	Monday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Grayling
May 18	Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	AT Cheboygan
May 20	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Mancelona OR League Make-up
May 21	Friday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Leland
May 25	Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Harbor Light
May 27	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Bellaire
June 1 & 4 or 5	Tue. & Fri. or Sat		DISTRICTS
June 12	Saturday	TBA	REGIONALS
June 15	Tuesday	TBA	QUARTER FINALS
June 18/19	Fri./Sat.	TBA	SEMI-FINALS/FINALS

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

Coach: Allen Telgenhof

April 30	Friday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs
May 5	Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
May 7	Friday	4:30 p.m.	AT T.C. St. Francis
May 11	Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	AT Boyne City
May 13	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Glen Lake
May 15	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Suttons Bay
May 18	Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Cheboygan
May 21	Friday	4:30 p.m.	AT Bellaire

TENNIS

Coach: Erik Lundteigen Asst. Coach Vinnie Klooster

April 28	Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	AT T.C. St. Francis
April 30	Friday	9:00 a.m.	AT Boyne City Invit.
May 5	Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids

TENNIS (cntd.)

May 7	Friday	4:30 p.m.	AT Grayling
May 10	Monday	4:00 p.m.	AT Petoskey (JV)
May 12	Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs w/Glen Lake
May 14	Friday	TBA	LMC Championship
May 20/21	Thu./Fri.	TBA	REGIONALS
June 4/5	Fri/Sat	TBA	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

GIRLS' SOCCER

Coach: Carol Madison Asst. Coach: Tom Conlan

April 30	Friday	4:00 p.m.	AT Glen Lake
May 3	Monday	5:00 p.m.	HERE T.C. St. Francis
May 6	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
May 10	Monday	5:00 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
May 12	Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	HERE Suttons Bay
May 13	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
May 17	Monday	5:00 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
May 20	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	HERE Grayling
May 22	Saturday	11:00 a.m.	HERE Big Rapids
May 24	Monday	5:00 p.m.	HERE Cheboygan
May 26	Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	AT Boyne City
May 27	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	AT T.C. St. Francis
June 1-5	Tues/Sat	TBA	DISTRICTS
June 8-12	Tues/Sat	TBA	REGIONALS
June 16	Wednesday	TBA	SEMI-FINALS
June 19	Saturday	TBA	FINALS

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Coach: Liz Grunch

April 29	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
May 1	Saturday	11:00 a.m.	HERE St. Ignace
May 3	Monday	4:30 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
May 6	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	HERE T.C. St. Francis
May 10	Monday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Boyne City

VARSITY SOFTBALL (cntd.)

May 13	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Glen Lake
May 15	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	HERE Suttons Bay
May 17	Monday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Grayling
May 18	Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	AT Cheboygan
May 20	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Mancelona OR League Make-up
May 21	Friday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Leland
May 25	Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Harbor Light
May 27	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Bellaire
June 1 & 4 or 5	Tue & Fri or Sat.		DISTRICTS
June 12	Saturday	TBA	REGIONALS
June 15	Tuesday	TBA	QUARTER-FINALS
June 18/19	Fri/Sat	TBA	SEMI-FINALS/FINALS

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

Coach: Dean Spencley

April 28	Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	AT Ellsworth
May 1	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Inland Lakes Invit.
May 5	Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
May 7	Friday	4:30 p.m.	AT T.C. St. Francis
May 11	Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	AT Boyne City
May 13	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Glen Lake
May 15	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Suttons Bay
May 17	Monday	4:30 p.m.	AT Petoskey
May 18	Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Cheboygan
May 21	Friday	4:30 p.m.	AT Bellaire

BOY'S/GIRL'S TRACK

Girls Coach: Mary Plude • Boys Coach: Ken Plude

April 30	Friday	3:00 p.m.	AT Clare Invit.
May 3	Monday	2:30 p.m.	AT Bellaire Heidi Steiner Invit.
May 7	Friday	12:00 p.m.	AT T.C. Central Invit.
May 10	Monday	4:30 p.m.	HERE w/Boyne City/ Kalkaska/T.C. St. Francis
May 13	Thursday	3:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan Invit.
May 15	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	AT Houghton Lake Invit.
May 18	Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	AT Petoskey (Relays)
May 22	Saturday	TBA	REGIONALS
May 26	Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan (LMC Championship)
May 29	Saturday	TBA	TEAM STATE Championship
June 1	Tuesday	3:30 p.m.	AT Cheboygan (Meet of Champions)
June 5	Saturday	TBA	STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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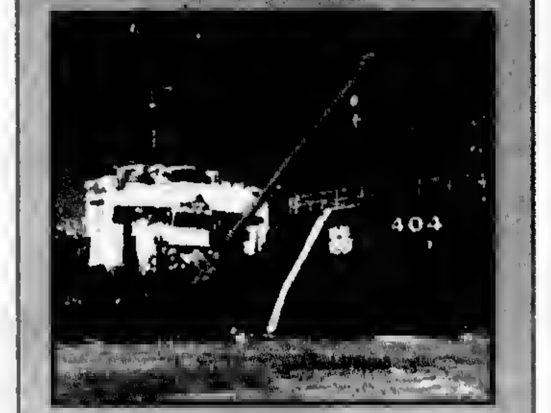

A United States Coast Guard Ship formerly stationed in Charlevoix has been retired — as many in the fleet will be.
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Assisted living agreement?

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

Charlevoix City Council signed a consent order at its meeting Monday night to try and resolve the lawsuit filed against the city by land owners and developers who want to build an assisted living complex on Charlevoix's north side.

Owners of Sunnybank Retirement Community, Diane Gillette and Ruth Bellisimo, had their sights set on developing an assisted living facility on a three-acre piece of land owned by Charlevoix residents Ed and Carol Amick located at 615 and 620 Petoskey Avenue on Charlevoix's north side.

The land is currently zoned R-2, medium density single family residential, which doesn't accommodate assisted living.

Charlevoix's planning commission recommended changes to the zoning ordinance to allow assisted living facilities in the R-1 and R-2 districts as a special use. But on Nov. 17, 2003 city council shot it down, foiling Sunnybank's plan.

"Now we are facing some of the consequences of that decision," city attorney Jim Young told council. "This is the risk the city ran by not enacting a zoning ordinance amendment to deal with this use."

Those consequences first surfaced in early February when Gillette, Bellisimo and the Amicks filed a lawsuit against the city.

Ed Engstrom, an attorney with the Charlevoix law office Barron and Golski, is representing the group. The lawsuit he filed claims the city's zoning ordinance is invalid because it excludes assisted living facilities, like Sunnybank.

In a previous interview, city planner Gerry Harsch said assisted living could conceivably be allowed in the R-4, multiple dwelling residential district, but not practically.

"For all practical purposes, there is no district within our zoning ordinance which is available to accommodate this project," Harsch said.

In recent settlement discussions the city and the Sunnybank group have agreed that the ordinance does not "on its face" allow assisted living facilities in the city and as it relates to this project is invalid.

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City trying to head off financial problems

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Communities across the state are facing serious budget woes and making tough decisions like cutting back on personnel, overlooking deteriorating public property and discontinuing leaf disposal service.

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi attended a Finance Officers Conference in late March where Mike Brady, a speaker from the Michigan Municipal League (MML), likened Michigan's economic situation to a life on a conveyor belt — "everyone is going to fall off, it's just a matter of when."

Brandi said Charlevoix will "fall off" in the next two to three years unless some changes are made.

"We don't have the revenue stream to support the level of services we are providing," city manager Mike Wiesner said.

Wiesner is preparing to assemble a citizen committee to pore over the many services the city provides and to decide where cuts will be made or how the way those services are provided will

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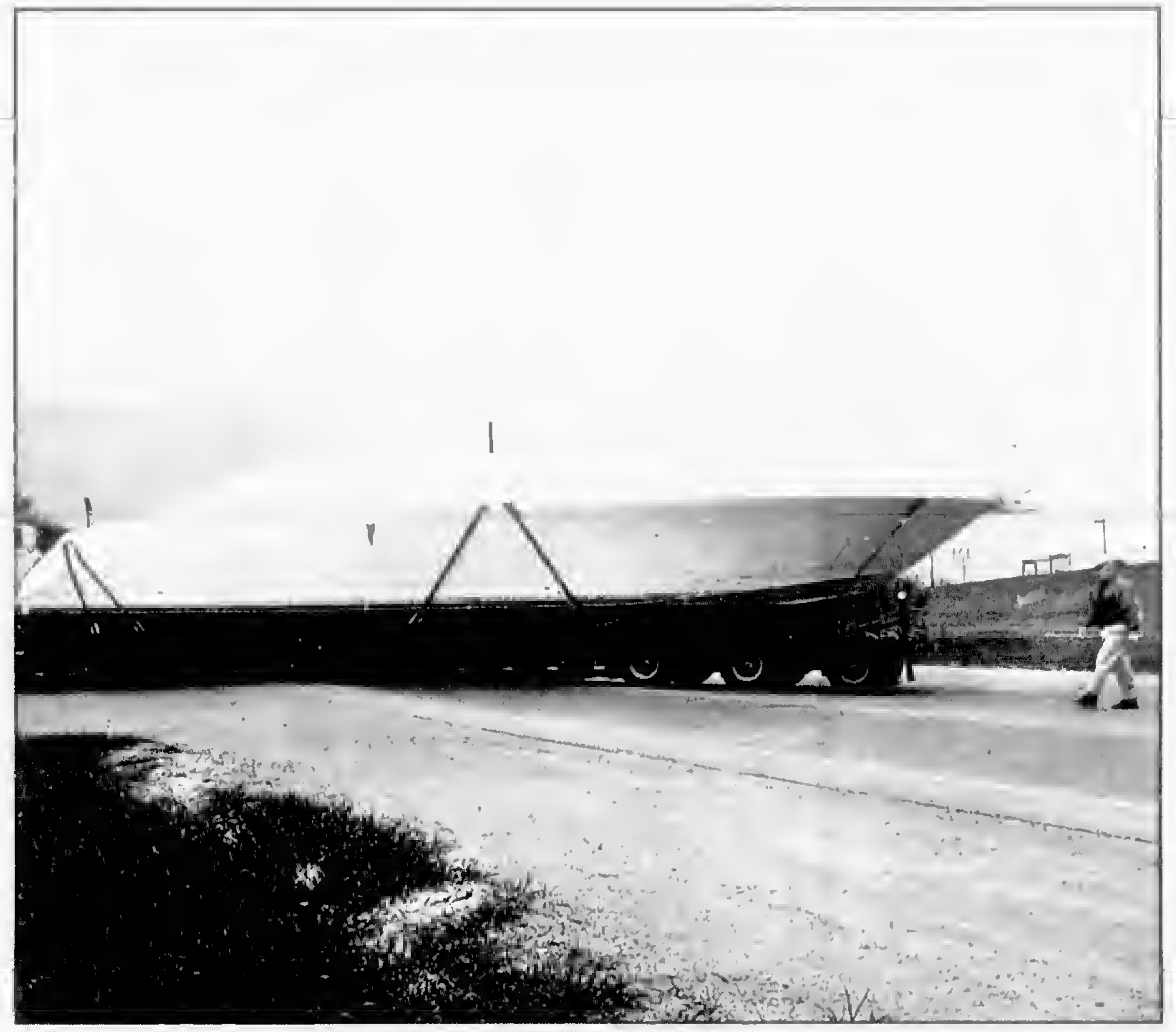

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Land yacht

A trucker hauling this large yacht found himself in trouble Tuesday morning after he attempted to turn into a drive on US-31, near M-66. His truck and the trailer got stuck on the road and drive, thus blocking off part of US-31 for a while until another hauler could pull him free. There was no damage to the boat.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Sherri Suzanne Andrews, 35, West Bloomfield. Motor vehicle driver transporting open intoxicant. Fines and costs totaling $350.

John David Wallace, 28, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Nicholas John Krueger, 22, Mount Pleasant. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Jesse Wayne Buchanan, 37, Flint. Driving while intoxicated; and motor vehicle driver transporting open intoxicant. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,110 in fines and costs.

Bruce Allan Kratt, 36, Grand Rapids. Driving while impaired. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 62 days held in abeyance; $960 in fines and costs.

David William Mittig, 40, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; attend substance abuse counseling; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 62 days held in abeyance; $920 in fines and costs.

Nicholas James Anthony, 25, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 67 days held in abeyance; $1,225 in fines and costs.

Randall M. Maclean-Kennedy, 40, Fishers, Ind. Weapons possession under the influence. Nine months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 75 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Gregory Carl Hutchison, 49, Flint. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Bound over to circuit court.

Edward Paul Hibbler, 49, Petoskey. Motor vehicle passenger transporting open intoxicant. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Jesse Samuel Williams, 26, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Nicholas Gordan Buckus, 21, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Michael Anthony Sinacola, 44, Plano, Texas. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Kyle Lee Symonds, 19, East Jordan. Accessory after the fact to a felony. Bound over to circuit court.

Douglas A. Matthies, 34, Lake Leelanau. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Sherry Elaine Sirmons, 42, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. One year probation; attend substance abuse counseling; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $970 in fines and costs.

Colin Patrick Watson, 20, St. Louis, Mo. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $770 in fines and costs.

Jonathan Anthony Surrell, 20, East Lansing. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $970 in fines and costs.

Jeremiah Leon Massey, 25, Boyne Falls. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; attend substance abuse counseling; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $970 in fines and costs.

Lisa Dori Rogers, 35, Chesaning. Two counts of non-sufficient funds under $100. Jail for 93 days with 93 days held in abeyance; $581.04 in fines and costs.

Kelly Robert Reagan, 37, Grand Rapids. Snowmobiles — driving while intoxicated. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $850 in fines and costs.

Jay Michael Potter, 46, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Driving while impaired. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $970 in fines and costs.

Abraham Seth Porter, 27, Kalamazoo. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $970 in fines and costs.

Joshua David Williams, 22, East Jordan. Breaking and entering — illegal entry without permission; and malicious destruction of property — gates/fences, under $200. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 72 days held in abeyance; $1,325 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses have

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Correction

In a story about Beaver Island in the winter on page 15 of the March 17 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, it should have said students from the Beaver Island Community School received a grant to travel to the mainland and enjoy arts or plays.

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filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

M & M Painting, 106 Riverra Drive, East Jordan, by Mary Cunningham

Sturgeon Valley Electric, 11521 Huffman Lake Road, Vanderbilt, by Kenneth E. Hitchcock II

Charlevoix Historical Review, 440 Winfield Drive, Harbor Springs, by Douglas McKinstry and Lawrence Flynn

East Jordan Historical Review, 440 Winfield Drive, Harbor Springs, by Douglas McKinstry and Lawrence Flynn

China One, 125 M-66 North, Charlevoix, by Young Sheng Dong

Stoney Acre Grill, 26420 Carlisle Road West, Beaver Island, by Marilyn Gillespie-Racine and William Racine

Vacations Up North, 202 South Lake Street, Boyne City, by Christine Wacholz

Johnson Logging, 00020 South Addis Road, Boyne City, by Karl W. Johnson

Drost Excavating, 13030 Phelps Road, Charlevoix, by Larry Drost

Jan's Corner Café, 101 Mill Street, East Jordan, by Jan M. Dean and Todd A. Dean

Marriage

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Charles Delbert Morrow, 60, Charlevoix and Jean Carol Seymour, 61, Charlevoix

City clerk position to be on ballot

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Another elected seat has been added to the November ballot for the city of Charlevoix.

The unexpected resignation of former city clerk Liz Gooch in April, a year and a half before her term expired, left city council wondering what they should do next.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson inquired about the elected position being put on the ballot.

City attorney Jim Young told her there is no law stopping council from putting the seat on the ballot. But he said when former city clerk Joanne Patrick resigned and Gooch was appointed in September of 2000 there was about the same amount of time left in Patrick's term.

He suggested that because a previous council went the appointment route, current council should consider following that path, too.

City resident and compensation commission member Ken Staley disagreed.

"What you are doing is appointing someone to fill three-quarters of the term. You've had ample time to take action on this — her resignation was submitted in March and dragging your feet is no excuse. You're making an appointment for an elected office and that should be a bare bones time limit," Staley said.

While some members of council said they concurred with Young's advice to appoint Gooch's replacement, all of council voted to let the people choose the new clerk at the general election Nov. 2.

City voters will be electing a person to fill the remainder of Gooch's term. That means the clerk will have to run again in November of 2005 for the regular two-year term.

The position requires recording minutes at meetings, including both city council and the board of review, and running elections. The clerk is compensated $34,000 a year for their work.

Interested candidates have to fill out a nominating petition, which is available at city hall off Mason Street, and file that petition by 4 p.m., May 11.

Council plans to propose an amendment to the charter that will be put on a future ballot to give a clear direction as to how city residents want this type of vacancy situation addressed.

Deputy Clerk Stephanie Brown is currently filling the vacancy. Brown does not plan to run for the clerk's seat because she lives outside the city and candidates must live in the city limits.

Because the new clerk won't take office until November council agreed to appoint an interim clerk. The city is currently accepting applications for the interim clerk who must also live in the city.

For more information call city manager Mike Wiesner's office at 547-3270.

Hospice to have annual auction at Castle

This year's Hospice of Northwest Michigan auction has two significant changes from those in the past.

The event has been in early June, but this year the date is Friday, July 30. Also, for many years, the auction has been held at Boyne Mountain, an organization that has been (and still is) very supportive of Hospice, but an opportunity became available to use Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The evening's activities start at 5:30 p.m. and, as in the past, will include both live and silent auctions. Scott MacKenzie and Rip Hayes will be the auctioneers.

Ticket prices will be $30 and $60 with corporate tables available at $90 per seat. A variety of hors d'oeuvres will be on hand as well as a cash bar. Two door prizes of $300 and $200 will be drawn during intervals in the program.

On June 1, tickets will be available at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City, Busy Bridge Antiques in East Jordan, The Clothing Company in Charlevoix, Orchard Hills LTD in Bellaire, Adam's Madams in Central Lake and the Hospice Office in East Jordan as well as at the door. Hospice of Northwest Michigan is in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency that provides the clinical component of the program - nursing, social work, home health aides, chaplain and therapists.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan provides the volunteer, bereavement and fund-raising component of the program.

Venetian Newsflash

The Venetian Board has implemented several changes to ensure that "Venetian" will only continue to "get better, rather than bigger." The Festival will "Kickoff at The Castle" on Venetian Tuesday, July 20, at the beautifully renovated Castle Farms, with a potpourri of "Rhythms of Venetian" music and other Venetian festivities. Although the length of the "Rhythms of Venetian Music Festival" in East Park will thus be shortened to four days, Wednesday through Saturday, July 21-24, the "Rhythms" will not fall short on talent or excitement, with the return of the MSU Spartan Marching Band and many other energized concert performances, including "Herman's Hermits" starring "Herman" himself, Peter Noone. Other Venetian traditions, old and new, will continue on, such as the week-long Venetian Games, the Queen's Coronation, Kid's Day, the Craft Courtyard, Heritage Day, the Street and Grand Electric Boat Parades and TWO evenings of stunning fireworks displays. Mark your homecoming calendars now, to celebrate Charlevoix with family and friends during the 74th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival, July 18-24, 2004.

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Some early traffic safety suggestions

EDITORIAL

You may have noticed that the calendar says that it is May.

This means, according to the calendar, we are well into spring and on our way to summer. However, the cold weather outside may say something different to our minds — it is still May and, yes, summer is on its way.

With summer, comes warm weather, lazy days on the beach and all the other joys of living in northern Michigan.

However, we are not the only ones to enjoy this beauty.

Summer also brings many people to Charlevoix who want to relax and check out the sights.

But, with more people, comes more traffic. With more traffic comes more danger on the roads. With that being said, perhaps it is time to review some basic traffic safety rules for drivers and pedestrians before summer hits us full force.

Let's start with vehicles:

- Do not tailgate — If the vehicle in front of you must come to a sudden stop, which happens frequently when traveling through a tourist-packed town, you may end up ramming it if you are following too closely.
- Slow down — Charlevoix is crowded in the summer. Traffic is bad. This means you must drive slower and more cautiously. Speeding through town is the fastest way to a ticket or the hospital.
- Enjoy the view — There is no use getting upset about the long wait to get through town. It only leads to high blood pressure, stress and general unhappiness. Look around, take in the scenery, smell the fresh air and just relax...you are not going anywhere anytime soon.

Pedestrians:

- Watch the traffic signals — If the little hand is lit up on the pedestrian traffic light, that means do not proceed across the intersection. It does not mean, run across or jog across in front of traffic. You may proceed across the intersection when the picture of the little person walking is lit up.
- Try and stick to the pedestrian crossings — Darting out between cars into heavy traffic is a sure fire way to become a stain on the road.

While it may only be May, we hope residents and visitors keep these little tidbits in mind as the summer season approaches.

Letters Policy

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What's in a name for businesses today?

Edith Gilbert

'Behind the news'

I don't know about you, but I have a "Window Butler," a "Grout Medic" a "Computer Doctor" plus a painter, who delightfully calls himself, "How About Bob?"

Still, whatever happened to the general handyman you may ask, that wonderful person who could clean and repair anything? Is my garage door stuck? Do the storm windows need to come down? Is the garbage disposal jammed? Is the lock broken? Does the smoke alarm need a new battery? Does the furnace need a new filter?

Occasionally we get help for our problems from the friendly owner of the local hardware store or paint store, but long gone is the shoe repairman and a seamstress today is hard to find. Nor do we have a locksmith in our town anymore.

I remember going down town to Novotny's plumbing shop, which was located in the parking lot next to the present library. While I waited, he worked over an open fire and made a tin container for me that I still use as a planter. He called himself a tinsmith. What do you think he would call himself today? A metal craft designer?

We are well aware that self-image is important. Postal employees and Federal Express people all wear handsome uniforms. Trucks carry decorative signs that advertise the business. So why not a creative name that signifies a person's expertise and talent?

It certainly easier to remember an inspired name than the appalling route banks have been going these days. For example that prestigious Old Kent State Bank is now calling itself that unpronounceable Fifth Third! What were they thinking? Or drinking? The original, old First National Bank and Trust has changed its name as frequently as the lake changes color from NBD of Petoskey, to NBD, to First Chicago NBD, and now finally to Bank One.

Long ago Shakespeare asked, "What's in a name?" My answer is, "More than we realize!"

Rest assured there's a good chance that he would heartily approve of today's ingenious Window Butler, Grout Medic and Computer Doctor.

Edith Gilbert is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Caurier. She is currently on sabbatical from the courier. She can be reached by e-mailing her at egilbert@freeway.net or visiting www.edithgilbert.com.

Letters to the editor

The cat is out

Editor:

I think the April 21 front page said a lot about the ongoing irony that is Charlevoix. The headlines state that "Wal-Mart postponed." It is said that it threatens the quaintness of this old resort town. The photograph on the front page shows the Appletree building has been torn down to make way for a new high rise.

Just as an experiment drive down US-31 South to, oh, let's say Manthei. Then turn around, drive slowly back to town with the eyes of someone who has never been to this community and raise your hand when you actually see what you would call Charlevoix the Beautiful. This works just as well coming into town the other directions.

I think the cat was let out of the bag a long time ago.

Mel Vance
Charlevoix

Article response

Editor:

After reading Julie Witthoeft's article on the "dispute" between Wayne Boss and Mark Maynard, some questions/comments are warranted.

- Since Boss "...thinks Maynard has done a good job separating his personal beef with the Hamiltons from his business as township trustee," why does he seek a resignation?
- Boss's response "...was not aware of proper procedure associated with the Freedom of Information Act...," borders on benign neglect since this FOIA has been the law since May 1977! In the oath of office that all public officers are mandated to swear to, they promise to be cognizant of and to uphold laws affecting their office and the citizens that they serve.
- Finally, Mr. Boss continually cites the fact that "...could have been addressed person-to-person..." and "... could have been addressed more constructively if...would have discussed the problem...," but when Wayne Boss was specifically asked a question by a township resident at the past five consecutive township board meetings, his response was, "I don't have the answer because I didn't have time." Five months to answer the one question asked and still no answer?

There have been very appropriate statements made in another newspaper that is food for thought:

"It's amazing how many public officials at many levels of government don't seem to understand that this is public business, not their business.

Public employees are responsible for how public money is spent and how public business is conducted, and it's good to see a sense of ownership for what is done and how.

But the public is the boss. They pay the taxes. They elect board members. Everything is their business."

(Excerpts from "Our View," *Traverse City Record-Eagle*, April 30, 2004).

Sadie Bartosik
Charlevoix

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Letters to the editor

School should start later

Editor:

I believe that the Charlevoix Middle School should start school one hour later. School starts at 7:44 a.m. I think that's too early, because of the following reasons.

First of all, students aren't getting enough sleep. I have to wake up at 5:40 a.m. to be ready for the bus at 6:40 a.m. I go to bed around 9:30 - 10 p.m. because of homework and sports activities, which leaves seven to eight hours of sleep.

Also in the morning we can accidentally forget our homework, lunch, and others. Because of all the homework we had to do the night before we're forgetting all about it the next morning. This can cause the teacher to get angry and send you to detention.

Another reason is that we have problems in school. We can't concentrate in class, which might cause our grades to drop. We also could be tardy for class because we are slow. Sometimes students will forget a supply that we needed for class.

Over all, please consider starting school later in the day. I really think that if we do start later, students would have a big improvement on our schoolwork and other activities.

Sarah Potter
Sixth Grade Student
Charlevoix Middle School

A sign needed

Editor:

One reason the Bridge Street-Park Avenue intersection becomes blocked in the summer is that drivers not familiar with Charlevoix traveling south on Bridge Street end up in the wrong lane. Presently there are no road signs to inform unfamiliar motorists that Bridge Street narrows to one lane at Park Avenue. A reasonable low cost solution to minimize this traffic problem would be to install three signs on Petoskey Avenue for southbound traffic. These signs should be placed between Prospect and Burns streets, Burns and Nettleton streets and Nettleton Street and Michigan Avenue. Consideration by city government and MDOT should not be why it should be done, but why not.

P.S. Since reviewing your March 3, article about new signs, "Signs that were supported by the group were those that direct people to places like city hall, parking lots, the Charlevoix County building, public restrooms, schools, The Harsha House and Charlevoix Public Library." I think the group should also support the additional road signs.

George K. Schultz
Charlevoix

Start school later

Editor:

Did you know that students who don't get enough sleep don't do as well in school? One reason is kids are tired in class. This is because we are waking up too early, so it's hard to pay attention.

Another reason is, we may not have time to eat breakfast. If we wake too late, then we would not have time. But we have to eat breakfast — it's the most important meal of the day. At our school you would have to wait four and a half hours until you can eat lunch.

We need at least nine to 10 hours of sleep. If we don't change the time school starts, in order to get that amount of sleep I need, I would be going to bed at 7 p.m.

Those are only a few reasons why I think school should start later.

Adam Travers
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Open an arcade

Editor:

Do you want your children on the street and possibly getting into trouble or danger? If you don't, then put in an arcade. An arcade will be good for the community.

My first reason is that an arcade would be safer for children. The children would not take their anger out on each other because they would all take it out on the Whack-a-Mole game, which is a stress reducer. This would also be a place for children to get off the streets and inside where it is safe.

Another reason we need an arcade, is that children would be happier. Children could buy prizes that they want with tickets they could win. They would also be happier for homework time because they just won a lot of prizes.

Furthermore, this is a reason that might apply to parents and teachers. If you put in an arcade the parents could, if they wanted to, make their children finish their homework before they are allowed to go to it. Also, the children could get free tokens for their good grades, which would make children do better in school for more fun.

In conclusion, I think it would be a good idea to put in an arcade, I hope that you feel the same way.

Jon Way
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Area postal workers to be collecting food

Postal workers throughout Northern Michigan will be collecting non-perishable food items for distribution to local food banks and charitable organizations.

The drive will be May 8. Patrons are asked to leave nonperishable food items in and around their mail receptacles on the morning of the drive, before the mail arrives. City and rural carriers will pick up the food as they deliver the mail. Local food banks will then transport the donated items to facilities for processing.

Post offices around northern Michigan that are participating include Alanson, Boyne City, Brutus, Cross Village, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Ellsworth, Harbor Springs, Indian River, Pellston, Petoskey, Traverse City, Walloon Lake and Wolverine.

The food drive is part of a national effort conducted by the National Association of Letter Carriers, the United States Postal Service, AFL-CIO and the Rural Carriers Union.

In Northern Michigan, the participation of rural carriers and their substitutes make it possible for the drive to cover a majority of delivery points.

"Without the rural carriers and their substitutes, the amount of area that we now cover would be greatly reduced," said Charles (Rocky) Curry, the director of the drive and local president of Branch 523 of the National Association of Letter Carriers. "It's a combined effort of all postal employees — we all pull together and make it happen. It makes you feel like you are a part of something very special. All we ask of our customers is to leave nonperishable food items in and around their mail receptacles and they will have become a part of this effort as well."

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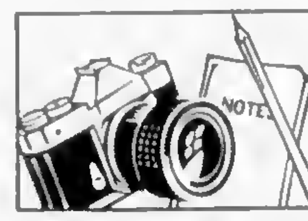

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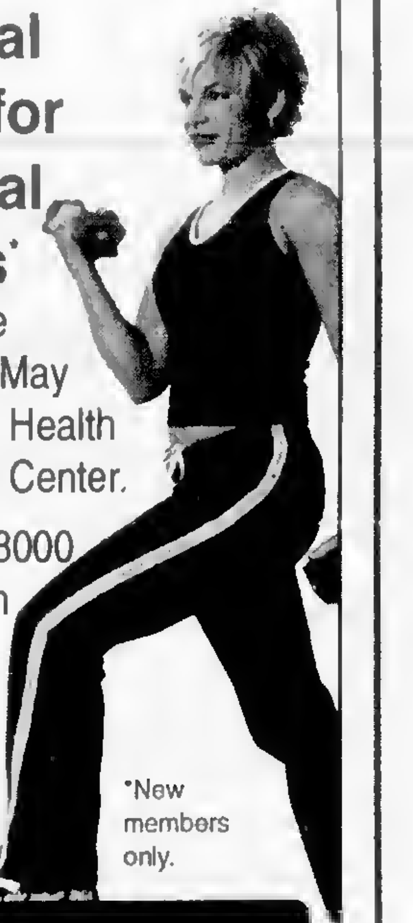
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Charlevoix High School band performs at yearly state festival

The Charlevoix High School band participated in the State Band Festival April 24 at Manistee after receiving a First Division rating at the district level.

This is the first time in four years the high school band has qualified to play at the state level and the students performed well, receiving a final Division II rating out of a possible five.

All of the Charlevoix Band students who participated in the District Solo and Ensemhle festival received a First Division Rating.

Participating students included:

- High School — Michelle Fritsch on flute, Geoff Baier on percussion.
- Middle School — Alina Dhaseleer on a flute solo, Alina Dhaseleer and Sarah Klooster on a flute duet, Elizaheth Kur on piano; Veronica Shull on trumpet; Ellise Smolenyak on saxophone

The following students qualified to play in the High School and Middle School MSBOA Honors Band: Denise Barta on flute, and Nick Wimmer on trombone, Elizabeth Kur on oboe and Alina Dhaseleer on flute.

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Middle school participants in the state band festival were: Alina Dhaseleer on a flute solo, Alina Dhaseleer and Sarah Klooster on a flute duet, Elizabeth Kur on piano; Veronica Shull on trumpet and Ellise Smolenyak on saxophone.

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New horn

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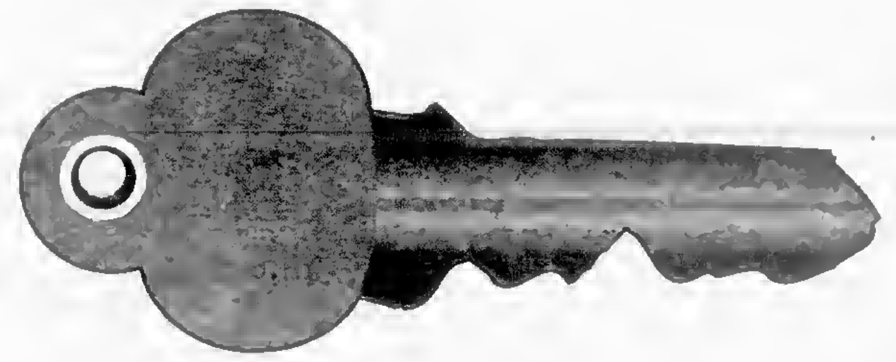

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Health agency to sponsor food safety course May 24

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is sponsoring a one-day "ServSafe" certification and recertification course for food service owners, operators, managers, and supervisors from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, May 24, at the Otsego Ski Club in Gaylord.

"ServSafe" covers serving food safely using materials developed by the National Restaurant Association, as well as requirements of Michigan's Food Law, Act 92 of the Public Acts of 2000. Participants will write the examination for certification or recertification at the end of the session.

Registration in advance is required. To request a registration form, visit www.nwhealth.org or contact Penney Massey, Food Service Supervisor, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at (989) 732-1794.

Return the registration form with required fees by May 10, as directed in the registration materials.

The fee to attend the course is $100 per registrant, which includes the textbook ServSafe Essentials or $70 for registrants who already own either ServSafe Essentials or ServeSafe Coursebook.

A textbook is required for the course.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to improving health and safety in the communities it serves.

For more information on the ServSafe course, contact Massey at (989) 732-1794

Entries being accepted for annual Charlevoix pool run

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will host the 10th Annual Spring Pool Run on Saturday, June 5 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

The Charlevoix Country Club is located at 9600 Clubhouse Dr., US-31 North, next to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool.

A 5K Run and a 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk will highlight the activities.

Both races will start at 9 a.m. Pre-Entry deadline is Friday, May 28 with a fee of $12.

Runners can register the morning of the race from 7:45-8:45 a.m. for $15.

All runners will receive an official race T-shirt.

Fun Run entry fee is only $5 if you don't want a shirt. Medals will be given to first, second and third places in each age group.

The age groups are 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-69 and 70 and older.

Medals will also be awarded for first and second place overall finishers for both men and women in the 5K race. All proceeds from the race will fund operations at the pool.

Race Directors are Justin Davis and Linda Jelinek of the pool staff. Call the pool at (231) 547-0982 for more information or to obtain a race form or to be a race sponsor.

Republicans plan annual Lincoln Day dinner

Charlevoix County Republicans had its annual County convention on April 27 at the Charlevoix County Building.

Elected as delegates to the State GOP convention, to be in Grand Rapids on May 21 and May 22, were Bob Drebenstedt, Susan Flanders, John and Phyllis Haggard, John Ramsey, Lindy Wertz and Gil Ziegler.

Alternates are John and Phyllis Elzinga, Brownie Flanders, Patti Jensen, Kyle Leese, Chuck Mason and Rick Wertz.

The annual Charlevoix County Lincoln Day Dinner will be at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 7 at Boyne Mountain.

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Pantomime

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Obituaries

Frederick L. Joles: 89 years old

Frederick L. Joles, 89, of Charlevoix has died.

Memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8 at St. Mary's Cemetery, Charlevoix. Pastor James Green of the Bible Baptist Church will officiate and burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Fred was born June 7, 1914, in Vanderbilt, the son of Arthur and Josephine (Weishan) Joles. He lived 25 years in the area until he went to find work in the Detroit area during the depression. He made the Detroit area his home until returning north five years ago.

Fred graduated from the eighth grade and went on to pursue technical schooling and became a successful businessman.

He was a member of the Bible Baptist Church at 05855 M-66 in Charlevoix.

Condolences may be sent through the church to the family.

On Nov. 27, 1940, Frederick married Helen C. (Mousseau) Joles in Mancelona, and she preceded his death on Aug. 29, 1977.

Frederick is survived by his daughter, Constance A. (Barry) Morang, of Dearborn, Mich.; grandchildren, Nathan Morang, and Matthew Morang; brothers-in-laws, Bernard "Bud" Mousseau, and Robert (Shirley) Mousseau, of Charlevoix. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Clarence Joles; brother-in-law, Norman Loucks and sisters in-laws, Audrey (Pardee) Mousseau and Phyllis (Mousseau) Loucks.

A memorial mass will be at a later date at St. Sebastian's Church in Dearborn.

David A. Klooster: May 21, 1962 - April 29, 2004

David A. Klooster, 41, of Boyne City, died Thursday, April 29, 2004, in Boyne City.

He was born May 21, 1962 in Charlevoix, the son of James and Dona (McFarland) Klooster.

Surviving are his parents, James and Dona Klooster; siblings Nathan (Joy) Klooster, Charles (Alida) Klooster, Karen Klooster and Mike Klooster, all of Charlevoix; one niece and three nephews.

Visitation was Sunday, May 2, at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth. A funeral was at 1 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix with the Rev. Paul Copeland officiating.

Burial was in Barnard Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix.

Roberta Young: Jan. 12, 1943 - April 9, 2004

Roberta Young passed away Friday, April 9, 2004 at Palomar Hospital in Escondido, Calif.

Roberta Young

She was 81 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Frederick Young, Jr. and her sister Evelyn Darrah of Petoskey, Michigan.

Mrs. Young was born on Jan. 12, 1923 in Charlevoix the daughter of Raymond and Lottie Seymour. On Oct. 31, 1943, Roberta married Lt. Frederick W. Young, Jr. while he was serving in the Army Dental Corps.

Following her husband's service in the Army, they lived in Charlevoix, San Clemente and Long Beach, Calif. before their retirement in 1981 in San Marcos, Calif.

Roberta was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Family was very important to Roberta and she often talked about how proud she was of her children and grandchildren.

Roberta is survived by her sons James Young and his wife Nancy of Westminster, Calif., Thomas Young and his wife Joanne of Soquel, Calif., stepdaughter Martha Rodger of Royal Oak, granddaughters Rebecca Laslie of Brighton, Stacey Wicke of Columbus, Ohio, Mindy White of San Francisco, Calif., Hillary young of Lafayette, Ind., Ashley Young of Broken Arrow, Okla., Caitlyn Young of Westminster, Calif. and grandson Duncan Rodger of Westland.

A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m., Saturday, June 5, at First Congregation Church of Escondido, 1800 North Broadway, Escondido, California. The family suggests donations to the charity of one's choice.

Roberta's ashes will be buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix with her mother and father as she requested.

Hilda M. Kerr: July 24, 1915 - March 24, 2004

Hilda M. Kerr

Hilda M. Kerr, 88, of Grand Blanc, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at Genesys Convalescent Center in Grand Blanc.

A graveside memorial service will be Saturday, May 8, 2004 at Barnard Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Rev. D. Michael Meurer will officiate. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Barnard United Methodist Church.

Kerr was born in Lacota on July 24, 1915, the daughter of James C. and Clara O. Harris. She married Keith Kerr on Aug. 14, 1937 in Charlevoix.

She was an active member of the Flint Kiwanis Women's Auxiliary and her church. She taught Sunday School, loved to play her organ and was a very good wife, homemaker, mother and grandmother.

Surviving are her husband, Keith of Grand Blanc; children, Bonny (Keith) Clark, Douglas (Sherri) Kerr, all of Indiana, and Bethany Reynolds of Alma; nine grandchildren, Bradley, Alison, Amy, Kyle, Katherine, Jennifer, Julie, Lindsay and Patti; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her son, Keith Jr.; grandson, Jason Bays, parents, brothers and sisters.

William Retherford: March 28, 1919 - April 16, 2004

William Stewart Retherford, 85, passed away on April 16, 2004.

William Retherford

He was born on March 28, 1919 in Muncie, Ind. and moved to Phoenix, Ariz. as a youth.

He was preceded in death by Elaine Higgins Retherford, his wife of 49 years and his son William Stewart Retherford Jr. "Stew" attended Phoenix Union High School, Asheville School for Boys and Yale University. He served as a First Lieutenant in the 8th Air Force, U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II

He was a resident of Paradise Valley, Arizona and Charlevoix.

He is survived by his children: Lee Higgins Retherford, Lynn Bleakney (Walter), Jessie Johnson (Ken), six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

His entrepreneurial career included marina owner in Pompano Beach, Fla.; owner of KBUZ radio station, Mesa, Ariz.; part owner and founder of the original Phoenix Roadrunners hockey franchise and Charolais cattle rancher/breeder, Hillside, Ariz. He was a member of the Paradise Valley Country Club and served on the boards of the Belvedere Club and the national Charolais Cattlemen's Association.

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Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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Plans for Charlevoix skate park moving along

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff writer

Plans for a temporary skate park have been officially set in motion.

On May 3 city council agreed to open a piece of the former middle school property off Grant, Clinton and Mason streets for use as a temporary home for the Charlevoix Community Skate Park. The approved site is off Mason Street where portable classrooms and concrete basketball courts are located.

"It (council's decision) blows me away. The support is out there We've been really, really lucky," Vickie Daman, a parent coordinator for the skate park group, said.

The group is hoping to have a grand opening at the site on June 15 and to stay open through the fall.

Before they can open the doors they need to level off the cement slab and move the fence to enclose the area. Inside there will likely be a half pipe, a fun box, a three-foot ramp, two 18-inch launch ramps and a three-foot spine.

To enter the supervised park, users will go through the east portable building which is located closest to the road. Inside the building there will be running water, bathrooms and concessions. They'll sign in there and enter the fenced-in skate park area. A liability form signed by a parent will have to be submitted.

The cost for skaters will be between $2.50 and $3 per day. Annual passes will be offered for about $75 to $80. Proceeds from food sales and user fees will go to pay for equipment and the park's permanent enclosed site.

The group's goal is to raise $300,000 for its permanent home. A second skate-a-thon and clinic is being planned for the week of the Venetian Festival to help meet this goal. The first fund-raiser brought in about $6,000.

City manager Mike Wiesner told Daman he doesn't envision the old middle school property as an ideal long-term location.

The city owns the former middle school property. They purchased it in 2003 to use it for marina overflow parking and to sell most of it to the Charlevoix Public Library.

The plan is for the library to buy 10 of the 13 lots there for $488,460 if voters pass the bond in June. From there the library project will renovate and expand the old middle school, where it plans to relocate.

Library director Valerie Meyerson said she doesn't see the temporary skate park as having any impact on the project.

While this temporary plan is set in stone the group has not forgotten its quest for a permanent home which they are hoping will be discovered in the city's upcoming Mount McSauba feasibility study. The group is currently selecting the designer and builder for the park. They have narrowed the field to three companies.

For information on the Charlevoix group's drive to bring a skate park to town or to donate, visit www.planner.eskal8.org or call Daman at 547-8063.

Police log

The information contained in this report has been compiled from the Charlevoix Police Department's log book, which is open to public inspection under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Because some officers are still working on their reports, and they were not available before press time, not all of the reports from this period are listed. If you have any information on these reports, please contact the Charlevoix Police Department at 547-3258.

- A 32-year-old Sandusky, Ohio man was arrested around 2:30 p.m., April 30 for assaulting someone at the Monte's Car Wash on Petoskey Avenue. According to police, the man had dropped his vehicle off at the business for detailing and did not like the results of that work when he returned, so he punched an employee in the face.
- A vehicle backed into another vehicle around 5 p.m., April 28 in Oleson's parking lot on Antrim Street.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 4 p.m., April 28 near the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Prospect Street. No injuries were reported.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 5 p.m., April 27, near the intersection of Hurlbut and State streets. No injuries were reported.
- A 57-year-old Charlevoix woman was arrested around 1 a.m., April 25 for drunk driving near the intersection of Nettleton Street and Petoskey Avenue.
- A 21-year-old Petoskey man was arrested around 11 a.m., April 24 near the intersection of Bridge and State streets for being in possession of marijuana.
- A 37-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested for disorderly conduct around 12 a.m., April 23 near the intersection of Hurlbut and Bridge streets. He was highly intoxicated and stumbling into the roadway.

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Students getting ready for annual art show

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The walls at Charlevoix Elementary School will be covered with color and imagination during the annual K-12 Art Show next week.

The show, which showcases the talents of students in the entire district, will take place May 13, 14 and 17 at the school located off Division Street in Charlevoix.

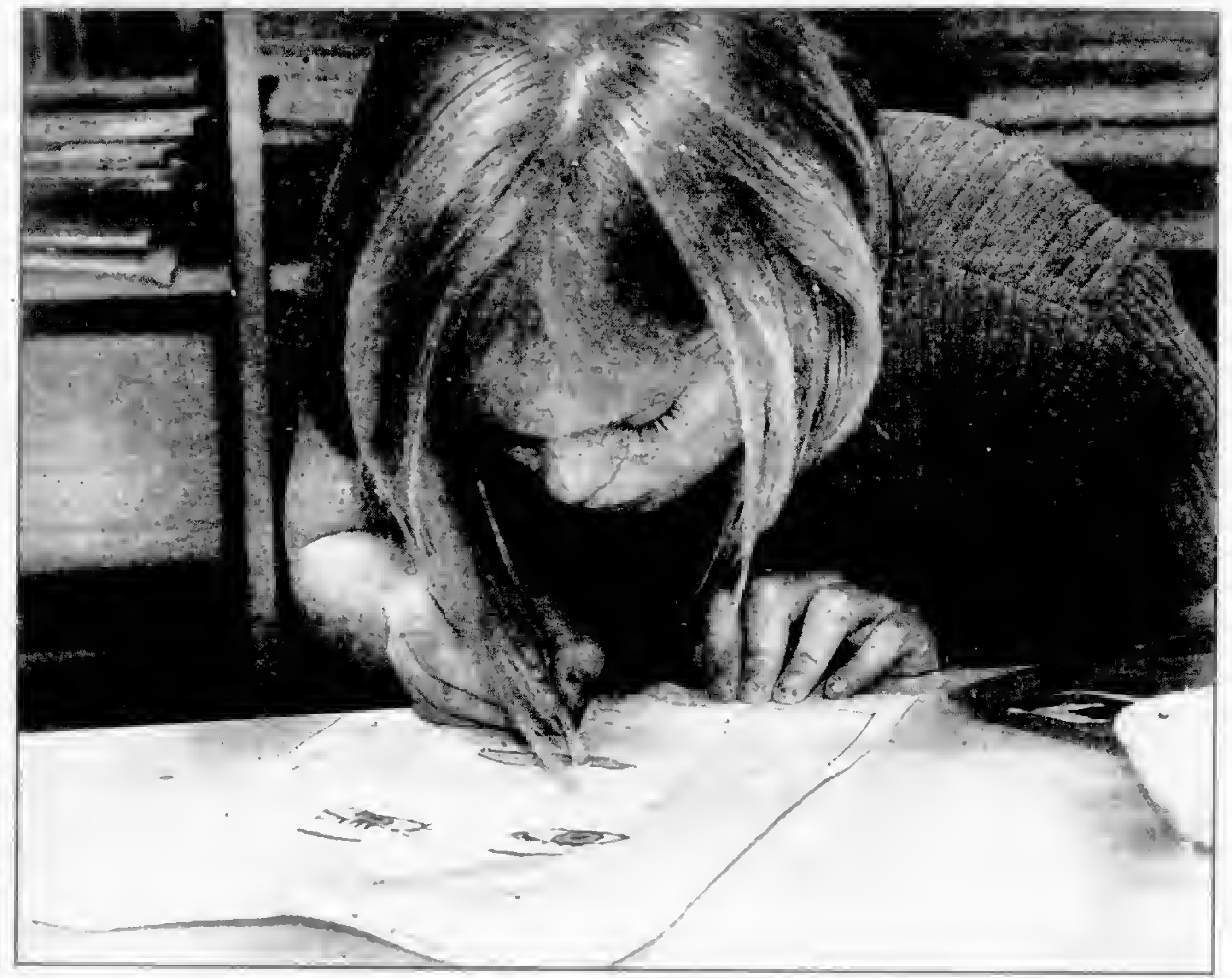
Mary Beth McGraw, the elementary school art teacher helping coordinate the event, said this exhibit is a unique opportunity for the community to see all the different projects the district's art students have tackled this year.

"I'm not sure of another event that takes that wide variety of students in the system," she said. "The arts have proven over and over again to be an integral part of any education. And beyond that it's a place where kids that may not be best in writing and reading can be really successful and really proud of what they do."

From 6:30 to 9 p.m. the first night of the show, May 13, a handful of student artists will be on site demonstrating their skills including glass bead making and face painting. Those who can't make opening night can visit from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 14 and 17.

Displays including everything from painted pictures and sculpture to jewelry, will be set up in the elementary school gym and throughout the halls.

Three pieces will be chosen from this collection, one from each school, to be framed and included in the Superintendent's Collection.



Photos by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Nicole Henderson, a fourth grade student at Charlevoix Elementary School works on art work in Mary Beth McGraw's class. A piece of Henderson's will be featured at the upcoming K-12 Art Show at the school. (Left) Makenzi Kage, 10, and Amber Schmidt, 10, work on a faces art project.

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Charlevoix women to publish guide to web sites

Three enterprising Charlevoix businesswomen have begun a new concept in advertising and marketing recently with the debut of WebBook, a directory of local web sites available on-line or in print.

WebBook partners are Laurie Lesser Hodgson, Linda Boss, and Patsy Ramsey. The trio brings years of experience to the effort in the areas of web site development, design, and marketing. Hodgson has extensive experience with web site development. She and Boss, a freelance graphic designer who has worked for numerous print and advertising businesses, conceived of the idea more than a year ago.

"We realized that the culture has transitioned to web site information gathering before picking up the telephone. So often, you never get a real person on the other end of the telephone line or you can't obtain the information you need. To make it easy for customers and businesses to find each other on the internet, we came up with the WebBook directories to provide a ready resource," Hodgson said.

Any area business can promote its web site for free in WebBook by signing on to www.WebBookUSA.com.

"The Northwest Michigan issue of WebBook brings local focus to area businesses struggling to compete with national chains on the worldwide web who can afford to pay a premium for 'high visibility' on the internet," Ramsey said, who joined the company in September to spearhead the Sales and Marketing effort.

The print directory will be free to the public and distributed throughout the 10 county area of coverage.

"Any business in the area can list its web site address for free in the directory, "Ramsey said . "What good is having a web site if no one knows about it?"

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"To our knowledge, there is no other company in the country like WebBook. We plan to take the concept nation-wide although the corporate office will always be in Charlevoix," Ramsey said.

To contact WebBook, visit the web site or call (231) 237-0801. Their office is located at 106 West Carpenter, next to the Flap Jack Restaurant.

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(Front) Patsy Ramsey, (back, from left) Laurie Lesser Hodgson and Linda Boss want to help your web site get noticed.

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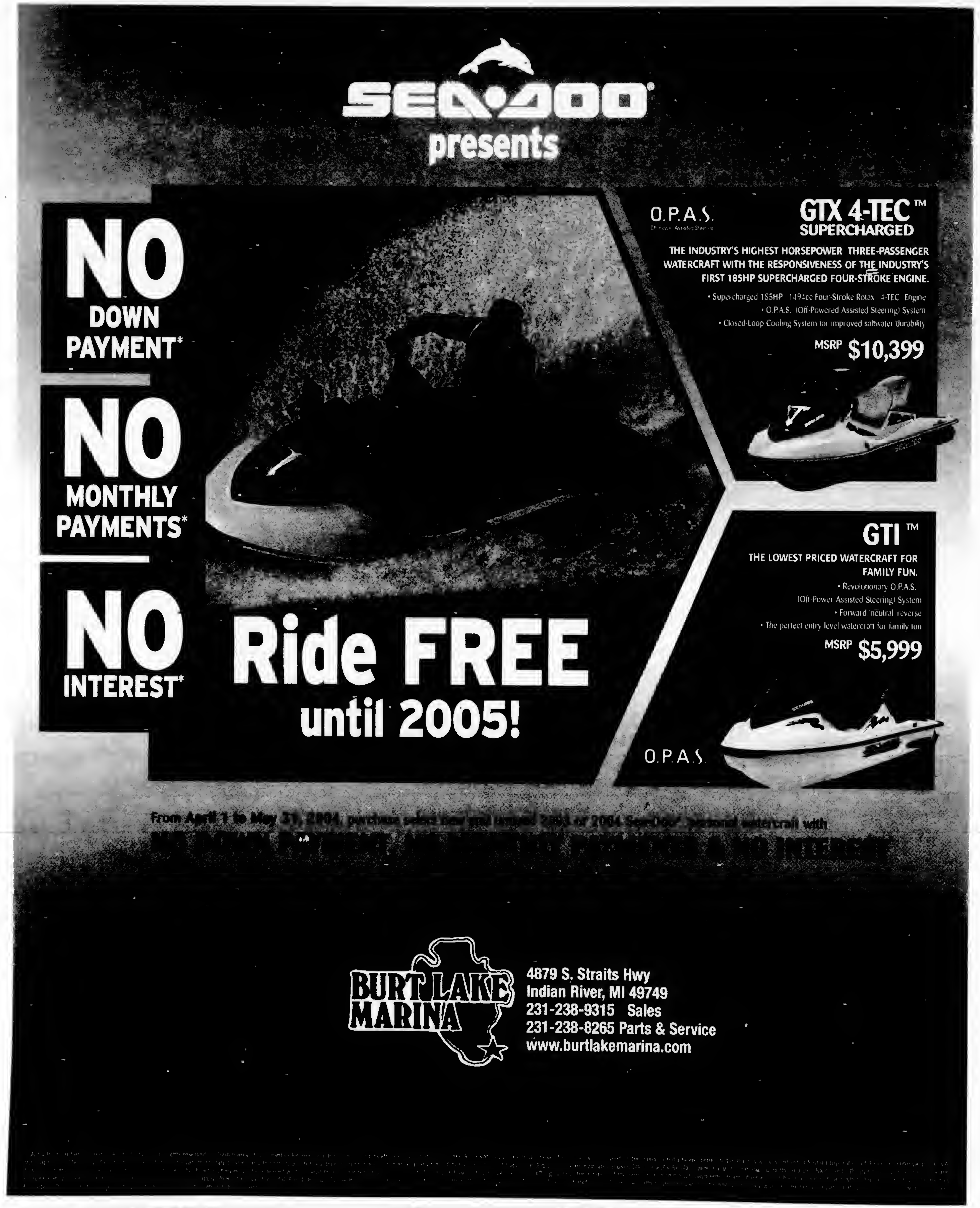
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High school students prepare for prom

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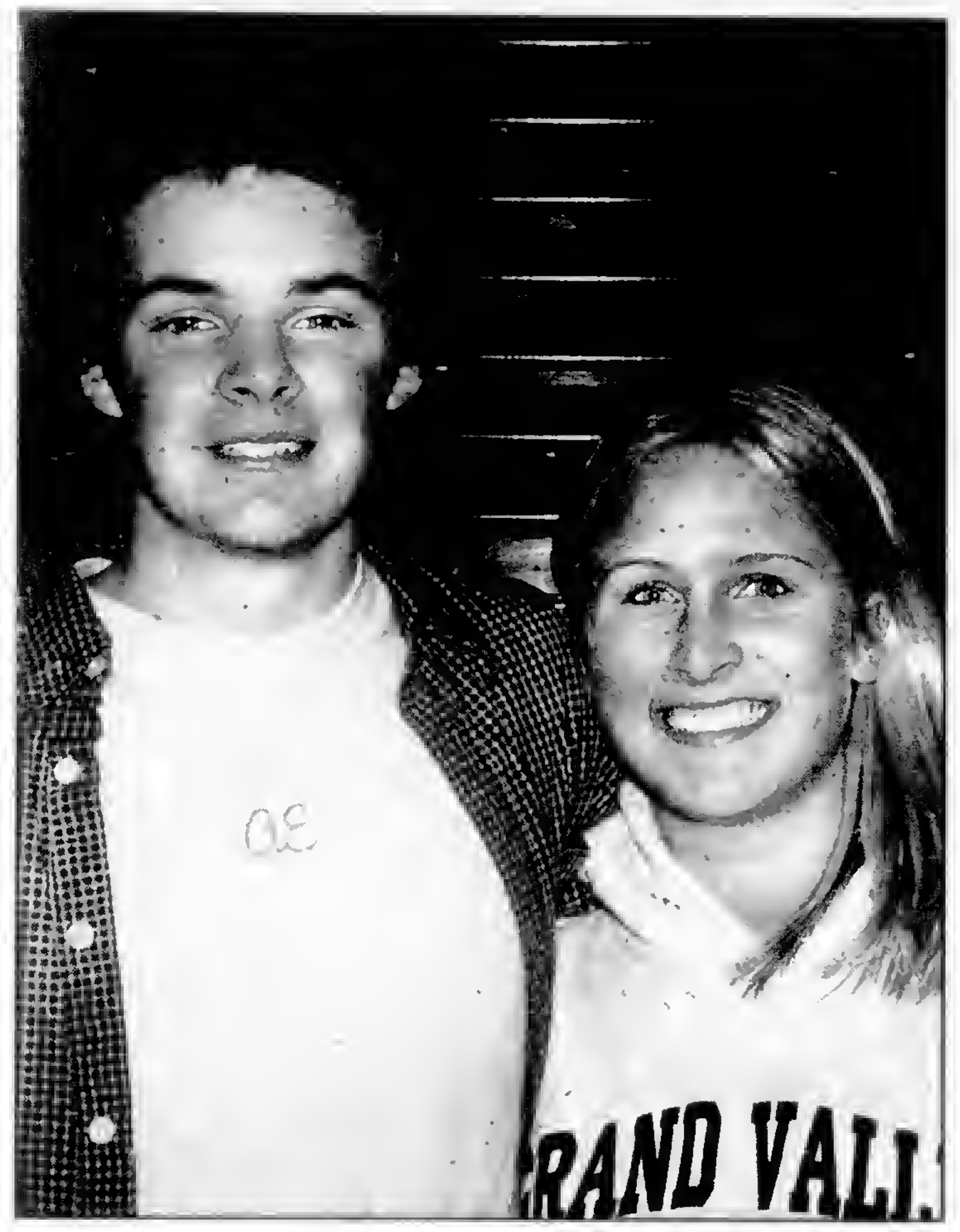
Staff writer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Jake Teuscher and Kari Way are juniors at Charlevoix High School. The friends, who both served on the prom planning committee are looking forward to attending the event this weekend.

Movies have been made about it, books have been written about it and everyone knows an urban legend or two that tell the tale of its mysterious draw.

This sacred event is the high school prom. And right now Charlevoix High School students that have been thinking about the mystical night since middle school are rushing around planning last minute details for the event.

"I remember always being excited when I was younger to stay out past my curfew — I thought that would be the best part of prom," Charlevoix High School junior Jake Teuscher said.

The big night of glitz, glamour and in some cases extended curfews, will happen May 8 at the Belvedere Club Casino in Charlevoix.

Teuscher, who is working on the prom committee, will have fellow committee member Kari Way on his arm.

The two are friends and decided since they both didn't have dates for the big event they would go together.

Way has spent the past couple of weeks tanning and planning. The prom frenzy had her thinking outside of the box when it came to her gown. To make sure her dress is the only one of its kind on the dance floor she asked a cousin from southern Michigan to lend her one.

That day Way said she will spend part of the afternoon at a beauty shop getting her hair done.

While girls have hair, makeup, skin and nails to perfect, Teuscher said their dates take the easy road, renting a tuxedo and making dinner reservations.

Way's mom, Kris, who owns Trademark in Charlevoix, even took some of the heat off by picking out Teuscher's ideal dapper duds for him.

After Teuscher gets dressed all that is left is his date.

"I get to pick her up," he said.

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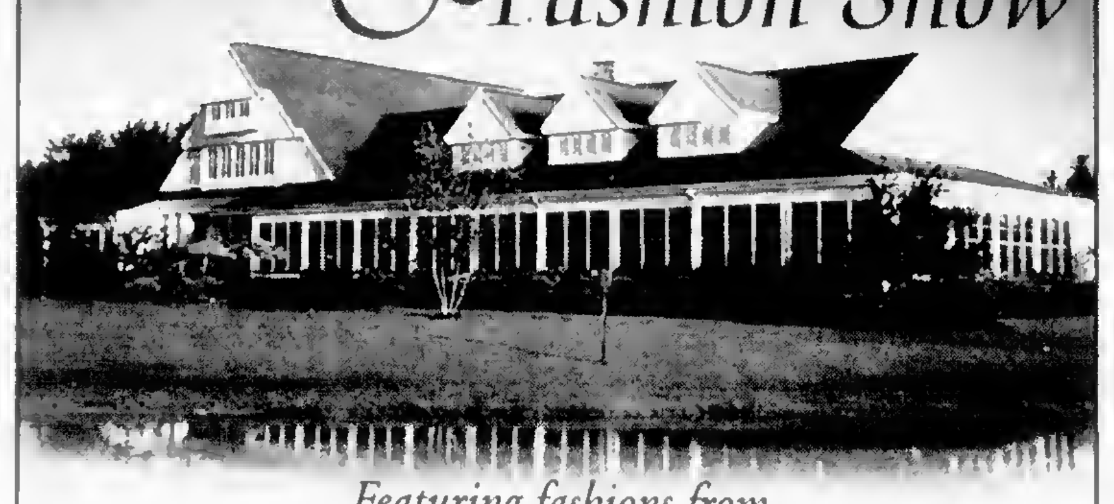

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School trys to make prom safe

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to tunes spun by DJs from Sound Productions of Traverse City.

The theme at this year's event is Heaven on Earth and they said when students get to the dance they'll be welcomed by a enchanted room dripping in silver, white and sky blue.

Like a Cinderella story the anticipated event will end promptly at midnight.

But instead of cars turning into pumpkins and dresses to rags, parents and teachers often worry about kids turning into law breakers.

Jim Rockwell, a motivational speaker from California talked to the student body April 22 about how when he was in high school drinking and driving resulted in a life changing car accident. The moral of his talk was to set high goals and have self-control on prom night.

High School principal Gary Grundman said they brought Rockwell in to remind students that expectations of them on prom night are the same as every other night.

While concerns of underage drinking and sexual activity have some parents awake on prom night anxiously biting their nails until the door opens and their child is home safely, Teuscher and Way and a high school teacher said the stigmas attached to prom aren't so much the reality.

Jill Erskine, a high school teacher helping coordinate the prom, said, "The last thing they are going to do on prom night is get themselves in trouble."

After prom a group of junior parents have coordinated "After Glow" an after hours party to take place from 12:30 to 4 a.m. at the high school. At the party there will be volleyball, dancing, a movie, an ice cream sundae bar and breakfast.

"It's a safe post prom activity," Sherrel Bergmann, a parent committee member for the after prom party, said.

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Bead jewelry

Brownie Troop 269 worked with junior Brownie troop 266 last week on a bridging project to earn their jewelry making badge. Here Allyson Pallagi concentrates on stringing beads.

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Coast Guard ship in Charlevoix still doubtful

By B. JON GOHS
Special to the Courier

Since the summer of 2002, when information was leaked regarding United States Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) Acacia's possible decommissioning, there has been speculation over the validity and outcome of this rumor.

"Acacia is scheduled for decommissioning no later than June 6, 2006," Executive Officer LT Dave Wilhelm of the USCGC Acacia said.

"The Acacia is aging. We are in need of a new ship like the 225-foot cutters, which are now being used. The newer ships are more appropriate for our use since our primary mission is working buoys."

"Working buoys," consists of pulling a buoy on deck and repairing as needed.

"The new cutters are more efficient and more effective," he said.

According to Wilhelm, as it stands right now the Acacia must use "the old fashioned way" of pulling buoys on deck using an awkward crane. Which takes more time than with a newer ship.

The Acacia was commissioned in 1944 and replacing old ships in the fleet is nothing new. According to Wilhelm, the Coast Guard has cut its number of larger ships by 12 over the last 10 to 12 years. Innovative technology allows them to perform better despite the decrease.

"Nothing will change with search and rescue because the coast guard station runs that," he said.

According to Wilhelm, although no new cutter is slated for Charlevoix, a new multi-mission icebreaker called the Mackinaw will be commissioned in 2005 out of Cheboygan, which will help cover, among others, the Charlevoix area.

In a town as small as Charlevoix the disappearance of 52 people and their families will be noticed economically, but the bright side is the crew of the Acacia won't be losing their jobs.

"They will be reassigned as necessary. Nothing will happen to their jobs," Wilhelm said.

According to BM1 Nicholas A. Gould XPO of the coast guard station on Round Lake, the search and rescue capability in this area will not be compromised with the decommissioning of the Acacia.

"We'll still do business the same way we have. We are two totally separate units," he said.

City officials seem to have a slightly different take on the decommissioning of Acacia.

City Manager Mike Wiesner said, "I've talked to the chamber of commerce about keeping a coast-guard cutter presence in Charlevoix."

The cutter Mackinaw would take roughly four hours to reach Charlevoix from Cheboygan, and according to Wiesner, from a safety standpoint there should be a ship available to service Lake Michigan in any scenario.

"I don't know the overall plan for the Acacia, but it seems like you would want a presence on a lake as large as Michigan from potential terrorist issues," Wiesner said.

The financial aspect of the Acacia's departing seems to be a recurrent theme among city officials.

"Looking at the impact on the community itself, there are 52 people who have families we'll be losing. In addition it's (the Acacia) a major tourist attraction which creates a setting on our harbor our visitors really enjoy," Wiesner said.

As disappointing as the Acacia's decommissioning may seem, the city leaders are just beginning to fight.

"Our first call will be to congressman Stupak's office. I think I can speak for the great majority of the people in town-they want to keep the ship here," he said.

Wiesner added, "The chamber of commerce and the city staff will work together."

Jackie Merta president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce said, "The chamber

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City still working to get replacement ship

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boards agenda at the April meeting will be taking the steps necessary to make it known we would like a coast guard cutter in Charlevoix and what we can do to keep the ship."

However, this is not the first time Merta has expressed interest in the Acacia. In early 2002, she and city manager Wiesner testified in Lansing with the hopes of retaining the Acacia.

She added, "The Acacia is definitely an asset to our community. It brings a lot of revenue. The personnel and their spouses are involved in the community."

The Acacia seems to symbolize civic pride in Charlevoix.

"There have been many cases where the Acacia has helped out, including the annual ghost ship, Easter egg hunt and tours of the ship during Venetian. The crew even donated the labor to help build bathrooms behind the band shell," Merta said.

"Everybody I talked to has asked 'how can we keep the ship,' or 'how can we get a new ship'?

"The COC has always been hoping and planning that when the Acacia was decommissioned we would get one of the new 225 footers."

It seems local city officials are not the only ones interested in keeping the Acacia in place.

Congressman Bart Stupak said he is not surprised at Charlevoix's desire to maintain the Acacia's presence.

He added, "The Acacia should stay in Charlevoix to protect the interests of the area."

According to Congressman Stupak, Charlevoix's intent may have a direct bearing on the Acacia's fate.

"I've seen them dry-docked or as floating museums. But, before the government will turn it over there must be a valid business plan on what the community wants to do with it and how they will support it," Stupak said.

According to Stupak, the earlier Charlevoix civil leaders get started introducing legislation, the better chance they have of keeping the Acacia.

"We'd be happy to help them out any way we can," Stupak said.

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Former Charlevoix ship 'Sundew' retired

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A ship that made Round Lake its home for over 20 years is set to retire and take its place in maritime history.

The Sundew, a 180-foot buoy tender currently stationed in Duluth, Minn., arrived in Charlevoix in the summer of 1958 from Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Charlevoix resident John Coppens, who is now 84, was one of about 40 crew members aboard the ship when it came into port and spent three years working on it here.

Coppens recalls the vessel as being "well built and capable" of its tough task, breaking ice on Lake Michigan during the unforgiving winter months and tending to buoys on lakes Michigan and Huron when the ice cleared.

He even shared a vivid memory from a cold November in 1958 when the Sundew crew had to tackle its third task, search and rescue. On that fall night, Lake Michigan's wrath was too much for the limestone freighter out of Rogers City called the Carl D. Bradley. The boat succumbed to the weather and waves, breaking in half and sending its 35 crew members into the cruel water.

A skeleton Sundew crew left the harbor immediately and about 12 hours after the incident occurred found the site and started turning up bodies. Coppens said two survivors were found, Elmer Fleming and Frank Mays.

Tough tasks like this with amazing success stories litter the Sundew's 22 years in town and 60 years of total active service. The boat was one of a fleet of similar vessels that were built in 1944, during World War II, by the Marine Iron and Ship Building Company out of Duluth, Minn.

Now, with decades of work under her belt, this aged vessel is set to retire at a ceremony May 27.

"This is the end of an era for the Great Lakes," Jeffrey Hall, the chief petty officer for the Coast Guard's Ninth District, said.

After the ceremony the Sundew will cruise for the last time, traveling about 400 yards to its permanent home outside the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. There it will be open for public tours.

The Sundew will be supplanted by the last of 14 replacement vessels — a 225-foot cutter called the Alder.

The Sundew bidding its final adieu is a reminder for Coppens that Charlevoix may soon have to say good-bye to the Sundew's sister ship, the Coast Guard cutter Acacia, which is currently in port here.

Hall said the current plan is for the Acacia to be decommissioned in 2006 with no replacement boat coming to Charlevoix. Three other ships stationed around the area are expected to pick up the slack.

Coppens said he hopes to see a change of plans from the Coast Guard.

"I would like to keep a Coast Guard vessel here. I think it's really important for this part of Lake Michigan," Coppens said.

But hope of a new vessel calling Charlevoix its home, is fading.

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This Coast Guard cutter, the Sundew has been dubbed a sister to Charlevoix's cutter the Acacia. It was stationed in Charlevoix for about 20 years and left in the 1980s. It is being decommissioned later this month and turned into a floating museum.

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Andrew: It helped me to be able to tell my story to other kids, . and to hear their stories, because we were in the same spot.

Hospice also provides information to schools to help chidren adjust back into their environment.

Jon: The first day back the principal came up to me and said, "I'm sorry about your dad." It helped me have a good year at school.

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay's Children's Program is also available to children whose lives are disrupted by a family member's serious illness, helping prepare them for the days to come. If you know of someone who could benefit from this free service, please call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

Pictured: Andrew (front), Mitchell (right) & Jon (left)

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Library teen group to set up programs

Two Teen Advisory Groups have recently formed at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Middle school students will meet every other month to offer ideas and help for teen programs at the library. They had their first meeting on National Youth Services Day, April 17.

They are doing their part to help the Charlevoix community by helping the library. Thirteen students planned the Teen Summer Reading Program and suggested the library have computer gaming nights next fall.

Linda Adams, volunteer coordinator for the group said, "These students came in with enthusiasm and gave us some great ideas on how to make the library a better place for teens."

Twenty students have joined the group.

Twenty-one Charlevoix High School students are taking part in an electronic teen advisory group for the library. This group will correspond with the library via monthly e-mails. Each month the library will ask the students for advice on library programs and materials.

Val Meyerson, library director, said, "It is our hope that these students can give us the information we need to make the current library the best it can be. We also want them to help us with plans for the teen space at the proposed new library."

The groups were formed with the cooperation of the Charlevoix Public Schools, Northwest Academy and the local homeschoolers group.

Amy Spegele, Youth Services Assistant is the library contact person for the groups. Participation in the group is always open; if you are a teen interested in one of the groups, please contact Amy at 547-2651.

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The Teen Advisory Group: (Back, from left) Autumn Atkins, Jonathon Boyko, Michael Heckendorn, Thomas Parrish, Amy Spegele, (middle) Katie Mays, Jordyn Fassett, Amber Trudeau, Katie Young, Megan Menosky, Bobbie Molter, (front) Scott Rhudy, Rebekah Mays and Bill Ivan. Members absent: Alina Dhaseller, Amy Waldron, David Mays, Elizabeth Kur, Jake Waterman, Meredith Rich and Samantha Reeves.

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Getting ready for planting

Charlevoix Street Department crews were out in force last week cleaning the flower beds that line the city streets to prepare for Operation Petunia, the annual community-wide flower planting effort set to take place May 27.

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How to compete with mass retailers

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Noted Iowa economist Ken Stone, who has studied the effects of Wal-Mart on communities for many years, will be visiting Charlevoix Thursday to discuss how local businesses can compete with "big box" stores.

Stone's visit is sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce as part of its seminar series.

Charlevoix Chamber President Jacqueline Merta said, "He will explain the impact of mass merchandisers and supercenters on the area, how they operate and what kind of impact they will have with competed businesses and our community and strategies existing businesses can take."

Some of the strategies he suggests are handling different merchandise and niche markets.

Stones figures on Wal-Mart and other mass merchandisers and seminars have been reported and quoted in publications throughout the United States, including a March story in the *Charlevoix Courier* about the economic impact a Wal-Mart could have on the area. His research has also been used by anti-sprawl author Al Norman, who visited Charlevoix recently for a forum on the mega-retailer.

The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, May 6 at Charlevoix High School. The cost for the seminar is $20 per person. Call the chamber at 547-2101 to make a reservation.

Stone has been a professor of economics and extension economist at Iowa State University for 27 years. He has recently retired.

His work is primarily in the areas of retail trade and business management. He was the first academic in the United States to conduct studies of the economic impacts of shopping malls, discount department stores and "big box" building materials stores.

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The Rotary Club invites all basement owners, garage owners, storage unit owners, parents or owners of just too much stuff, to save that stuff, little or large, for just a few weeks more, to donate to the World's Largest Rotary Club Garage Sale.

You may drop off items for our garage sale between 6-9 p.m., June 1-3, at the Charlevoix Middle School gymnasium, off of May Street, and receive a tax-deductible receipt. Items that we are looking for include good used furniture, children's clothing only, complete dish sets worth at least $5, as well as tools, toys and bikes, just to mention a few.

All items need to be clean and in acceptable condition.

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix is part of Rotary International, an international service organization that has worked worldwide with many projects, and for years to eliminate polio from the face of the earth; and locally, Rotary supports the youth of Charlevoix in a variety of ways, including:

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The Northwest Academy band performing at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

Northwest band gets high honors

Northwest Academy shined again at a recent music festival.

On May 1, the 27-member Northwest Academy Advanced Band traveled to Benzonia High School for the State Band and Orchestra Festival.

They performed three prepared numbers and two sight read pieces for several different judges, being held to the very high standards of the state festival.

The band once again received the highest possible ratings from all the judges. The full, rich sound of the band, in spite of its small size, was commended.

One judge wrote, "It is always a pleasure to hear your group perform and today was no exception. Your attention to every detail of performing music puts you in a very select group."

This is the fourth time the Northwest Academy Advanced Band has received first division ratings at the state festival.

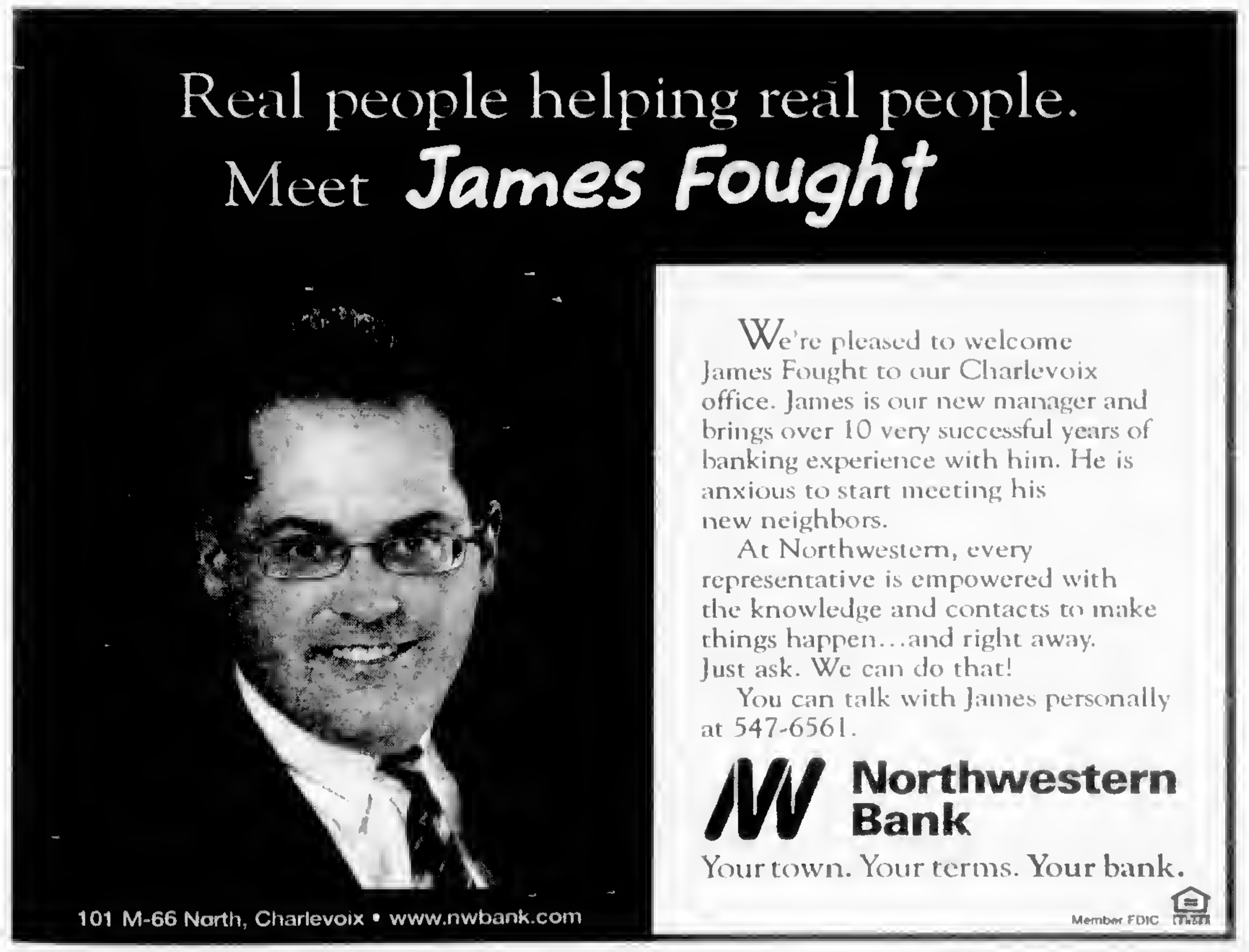
The advanced band began the calendar year being one of only 13 groups selected to perform at the Midwest Music Educators' Conference at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. After their performance in the recently renovated historic landmark, the band returned to earn straight First Division rankings at the District Band and Orchestra Festival, a feat which qualified them for the state festival this past weekend.

In addition to the full band performances, local students have the opportunity to compete at District and State Solo and Ensemble Festivals. In February, 17 of 23 soloists and small groups from Northwest Academy received ones at the district festival, qualifying them for the state competition. At the state level last month, the students went on to perform very well, earning four top honors and three 2s.

All of the activity in the many festivals plays a huge part in the overall success and abilities of each member of every band at Northwest Academy. The more performing the students do the better prepared they are for the next event.

The Northwest Academy Middle School band also recently capped a triumphant season with a First Division rating performance at the state festival last month. Their success as a whole followed a wonderful performance at the Solo and Ensemble Festival — 17 groups competed, 14 earning ones and three earning twos. The middle school students' success bodes well for the continued success of the Advanced Band.

You may hear many members of this band at 4 p.m., May 16 as the solo and ensemble groups, along with the school's new String Orchestra, perform at the First Congregational Church.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Track teams take top spots in Clare meet

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Both of the Charlevoix High School track teams performed well at the Clare Invitational Friday, with the boy's team taking second and the girls taking first.

According to Ken Plude, boys' team coach, Charlevoix was beaten out for first by Freeland. Freeland had 86 points, while Charlevoix had 49.

Girls' coach Mary Plude said their first place win was a surprise.

"We were trailing Freeland three-quarters of the way through the meet, until the 400 meter dash and the discus really put us over the top. Everyone pushed hard to get every point available," she said.

The girls finished with 62 points, while Freeland finished with 53 points.

Individual results for the boys' team were:

- 110 meter hurdles — Kyle Kramer finished third with a time of 17 seconds.
- 400 meter dash — Kramer finished third with a time of 53.6 seconds.
- 100 meter dash — Jeff Urban finished third with a time of 11.68 seconds.
- 300 meter hurdles — Ben Bergmann finished third with a time of 43.5 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' team were:

- 3200 meter relay — The team of Shannon Dibble, Theresa Martin, Michelle Rowe and Lindi Edger finished fourth with a time of 10 minutes, 27.3 seconds.
- 400 meter dash — Liz Madison finished third with a time of 65.1 seconds. Amy Drew finished fourth with a time of 66.5 seconds.
- 1600 meter relay — The team of Drew, Martin, Betsey Dennis and Madison finished third with a time of 4 minutes, 26.8 seconds.
- Long jump — Jasmine Witthoeft finished fourth with a distance of 14 feet, 3 inches.
- Discus — Brooke Blanchard finished third with a distance of 85 feet, 6 inches.

The girls' team also competed at the Boyne City Invitational on April 26. Charlevoix finished fourth out of eight teams. Harbor Springs took first.

Individual results were:

- 3200 meter relay — The team of Rowe, Martin, Caitlin Taylor and Emily Westenbroek finished fourth with a time of 11 minutes, 19.4 seconds.
- 100 meter hurdles — Emily Heffling finished third with a time of 19.65 seconds.
- 100 meter dash — Witthoeft finished third with a time of 13.91 seconds.
- 800 meter relay — The team of Sonya Plude, Caitlin Ernst, Drew and Madison finished third with a time of 1 minute, 58.67 seconds.
- 400 meter relay — The team of Witthoeft, Plude, Ernst and Dibble finished first with a time of 56.19 seconds.
- 400 meter dash — Dennis finished fourth with a time of 67.3 seconds.
- 3200 meter run — Westenbroek finished third with a time of 13.53 seconds.
- 1600 meter relay — The team of Drew, Rowe, Dennis and Madison finished second with a time of 4 minutes, 31.3 seconds.
- Long jump — Witthoeft finished second with a distance of 13 feet, 5 inches.

Girls' soccer team gets two close-outs

The Charlevoix Rayders soccer team tallied two close-outs last week.

On April 26 the Rayders evened their Lake Michigan Conference record at 2-2 with a 5-0 win over Grayling. Charlevoix dominated play, out shooting Grayling 30-2.

Sophomore keeper Laura Nitchman notched her second shutout of the young season.

Charlevoix goals were scored by freshman Lori Zimmerman, sophomore Madison Ramsey and senior tri-captain Shayna Drost. Assists were sent by Drost, Ramsey and Zimmerman.

Junior midfielder, Meghan Lame, earned Rayder Player of the Game honors with her best effort of the season. Also working hard for the Rayders were sophomore defender Lisa Kuebler and junior Madison McKenzie.

Head coach Carol Madison said, "It was a wet and cold field, but this game gave us the opportunity to work on passing and to provide playing time for all our team."

The Rayders traveled to Glen Lake for a non-conference match April 30.

There, they dominated play and evened their record at 3-3-1 beating the Lakers 9-0.

Charlevoix challenged had 40 shots on goal as compared to just two save opportunities for Nitchman who notched her third shutout of the season.

Drost took over Charlevoix's career scoring title with four goals and an assist in leading the Rayders offense. Junior forward Jaime Pettis added a goal and three assists. The remaining goals were scored by senior tri-captain Alyssia McDonough and freshman Jennifer Rich.

Assists came from sophomore Stevie Murray and freshmen Zita Anderson and Lori Zimmerman.

Rayders Player of the Game award went to Ramsey, a midfielder who controlled play and managed two goals and two assists.

Charlevoix faced Traverse City St. Francis Monday, May 3, in an important conference match. The results of that game were not available by press time.

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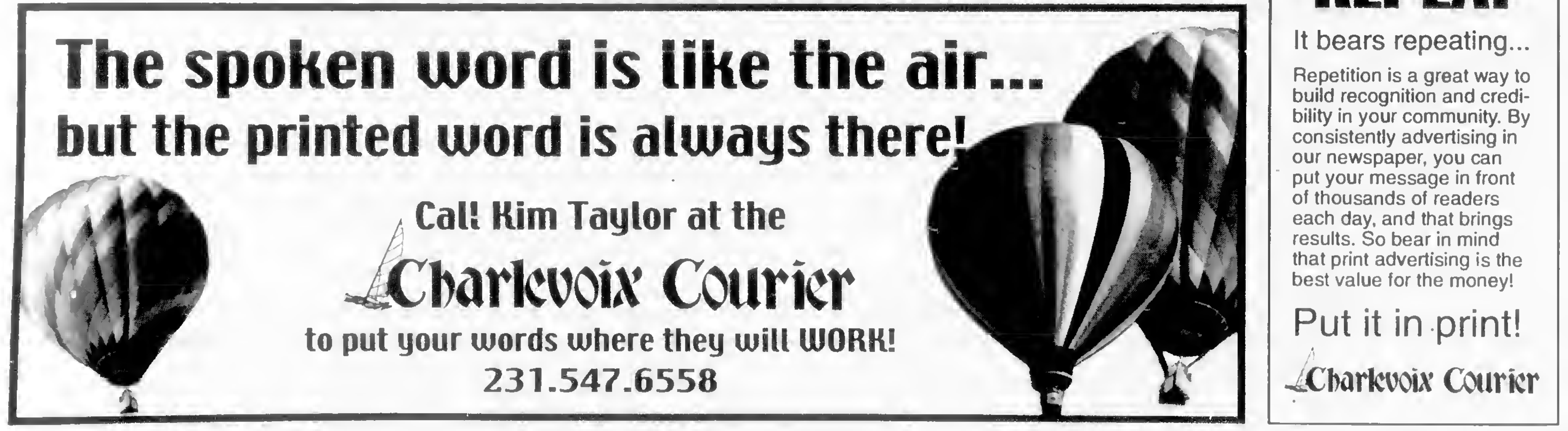
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Baseball team has good week with four wins

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders baseball squad reeled off four straight wins last week, sweeping Harbor Springs and St. Ignace before dropping two to conference leader Kalkaska.

The Rayders defeated the Rams 16-9, in seven innings, and 14-3. Game one was the first Charlevoix game involving the use of the international tiebreaker rule newly adopted by the Lake Michigan Conference this year. Each team begins the extra frame with a runner placed on second base.

Freshman Chris Waha was the hero against Harbor, picking up the pitching win in both ends of the doubleheader and going three for five with three RBI at the plate in game one.

In seven innings of work spanning the two games, Waha threw seven innings, allowed only three hits, struck out 12 and didn't walk a batter.

"The real gem of the day was the effort of Chris Waha," coach Bryan Hawkins said. "He came in under pressure and put out the fire in the first game and then dominated in game two. I thought he was superb, and as a freshman he did an outstanding job both on the mound and at the plate."

In the opener, Michael Wojan, Jake Teuscher, Eddie Waldron and Russell Williams each had two hits. Wojan also walked twice and scored four runs.

Charlevoix trailed 9-6 after five innings, but rallied with three runs in the sixth to tie the game and exploded for seven runs in the extra inning.

In game two the Rayders picked up where they left off, led by Matt Burtts 3 for 4, four run scoring performance. Ezra Bakker was 2 for 3 with a double, two runs scored and an RBI.

Teuscher hit a home run and two sacrifice flies to total four RBI. Williams and Wojan also each had hits.

"It was great to see our offense break out," Hawkins said. "We had some guys in a slump and we talked about being more selective at the plate, but in an aggressive mindset. It seemed to pay off."

Charlevoix then carried that momentum over into a home sweep of St. Ignace, winning 8-7 and 5-0.

Tyler Bier was the standout for the Rayders, getting the save in one perfect inning of work in the opener and then throwing a complete game three-hit shutout in game two. Bier helped himself by going 3 for 3 with a double and three RBI in the nightcap.

The Rayders overcame seven errors and nearly lost an 8-2 lead to hold on for the first game win.

Waldron was the winning pitcher. Burtt had two hits while Teuscher was 1 for 2 with three RBI. Waldron, Wojan, Williams, Waha and Taylor Fisher each had hits.

Wojan and Teuscher had two hits apiece in game two. Wojan drove in a run and scored two. Teuscher scored one and plated one. Burtt singled and scored two runs.

"We've been fortunate to overcome our poor defensive play and inexperience," Hawkins said. "However, we can't expect to give up five, seven or eight errors in a game and beat good teams. We've had great defensive games sprinkled in there too, so my hope is that we can become consistently better all around."

The Rayders fell to conference unbeaten Kalkaska by scores of 10-0 and 7-0. Details were unavailable at press time. Charlevoix (7-6 overall, 4-3 conference) hosts Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, May 6.

Softball team sweeps

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

It was an up and down week for the Charlevoix Rayders softball team as they swept non-conference foe St. Ignace in a home doubleheader, 15-0 and 18-3, but lost two on the road to Kalkaska, 12-2 and 10-0.

"Against St. Ignace, we played solid defense and kept the attack at the plate going throughout both games," coach Liz Grunch said.

In game one against the Saints, Jessica Pettis, Sally Haselschwardt, Andrea Ruhlman and Denise Barta had two hits apiece. Haselschwardt and Ruhlman each tripled.

Monica Cornell picked up the win in the mercy rule victory with relief assistance from freshman Sasha Spencley.

Gen Kochanny led the hitting in game two with a four-for-four performance at the plate. Haselschwardt again singled and tripled. Barta had two hits and Ruhlman hit another triple.

Spencley went the distance for the pitching victory.

"Sasha did a great job getting the ball over the plate," Grunch said.

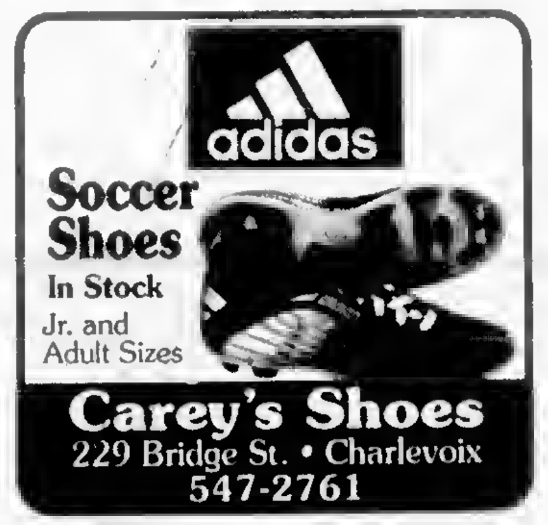
Charlevoix was only outhit 7-6 in game one against Kalkaska but a five-run Blazer second inning was too much for the Rayders to overcome.

Amanda Boss had two hits. Pettis, Ruhlman, Barta and Spencley each had one.

Cornell took the pitching loss, striking out six in five innings but giving up nine walks.

The Rayder bats were silenced in the nightcap, as the only Charlevoix hit was a double by Haselschwardt. Nicole Higdon took the loss.

Charlevoix (2-5 conference, 5-8 overall) hosts Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, May 6.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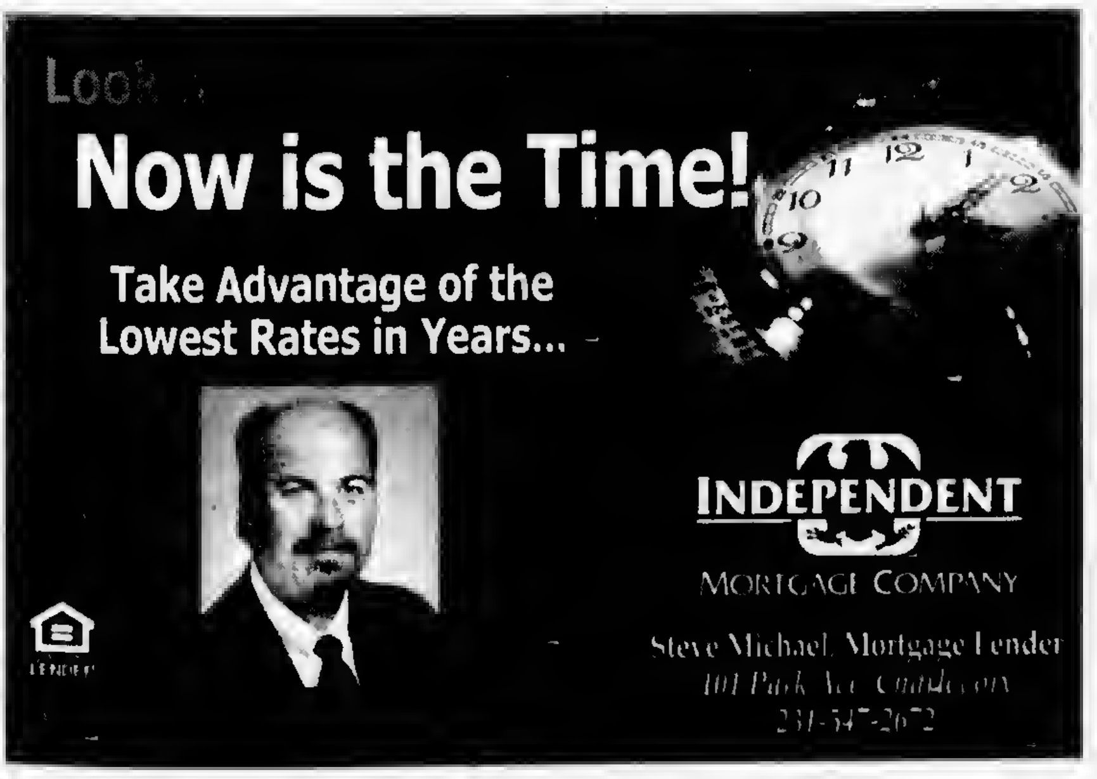
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Tennis team suffers tough week

The Charlevoix High School tennis team had it tough last week, losing on April 28 to Traverse City St. Francis, 5-3, and on April 26 to Harbor Springs, 6-2.

Individual results for the April 28 match were:

Singles

- First, Nate Turner lost, 1-6, 4-6.
- Second, Josh Fassett lost, 1-6, 2-6.
- Third, Matt Novotny lost, 0-6, 0-6.
- Fourth, Ben Sheelk lost, 0-6, 3-6.

Doubles

- First, the team of Adam Wager and Cody Wheat won, 6-2, 7-5.
- Second, the team of Taylor Martin and Sparky Nitchman won, 6-1, 6-1.
- Third, the team of Mitch Klooster and Andrew Mailloux won, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.
- Fourth, the team of Josh Saur and Dan Swenor lost, 6-1, 0-6, 1-6.

Individual results for the April 26 match were:

Singles

- First, Turner lost, 1-6, 1-6.
- Second, Fassett lost, 0-6, 0-6.
- Third, Novotny lost, 2-6, 2-6.
- Fourth, Scheelk lost, 3-6, 1-6.

Doubles

- First, the team of Wager and Wheat lost, 6-7, 7-5, 6-7.
- Second, the team of Nitchman and Martin won, 6-4, 6-3.
- Third, the team of Klooster and Mailloux lost, 6-3, 3-6, 6-7.
- Fourth, the team of Swenor and Saur won, 7-6, 2-6, 7-6.

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Citizens could help city find areas to cut

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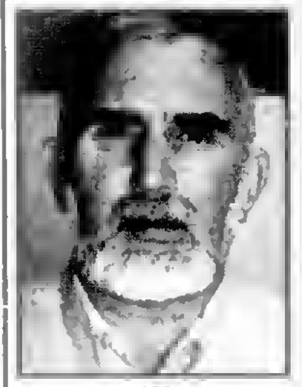
change in order to meet the demands of the budget. There is also $25,000 budgeted to have a consultant assist in this effort.

Rick Brandi


Mike Wiesner

The committee, working in conjunction with city council, will get to work in January of 2005 to see what can stay and what may have to go.

In the meantime, Brandi and Wiesner are gathering information to be considered.

Part of the data the group will review includes two studies, one done by the auditing firm Plante Moran called "System Failure: Michigan's Broken Municipal Finance Model" and another prepared by the MML called "Cities and Villages at the Crossroads: Fiscal Problems Facing Local Officials."

The other big piece of information will be a list of all the services the city currently provides, from police officers to Mount McSauba.

Wiesner explained Charlevoix's revenue squeeze has many factors that play into it including declining state revenue sharing and decreasing money from the state's gas and weight tax. But he said the two major problems are Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment that have tied the city's hands. Both are laws limiting the amount of taxes Michigan governments can collect.

Those limitations have serious implications for the city's revenue, 14 percent of which comes from property taxes.

The Headlee Amendment was adopted in 1978 and limits the total amount of taxes government agencies in Michigan can collect. Proposal A came into being in 1994 and keeps the growth of property values in check with the inflation rate.

In Charlevoix, there is just over $86 million in property value that can't be taxed because of these laws. That equates to about a $1 million loss in potential revenue for the city, which is 7 percent of the current budget. And this tax free property value continues to climb.

The Plante Moran study says these two tax relief measures are resulting in service cuts and the loss of residents from communities.

The report also says that communities with room to grow can increase their tax base when new homes are built and new businesses locate there. But in Charlevoix, where the city is bound by water and basically built out, there are few ways to increase revenue because there is little growth potential.

Wiesner and Brandi did not advocate changing the system but both said changes are inevitable in order to overcome the obstacles it has created.

One option other than making cuts is to ask residents for extra taxes — which is permitted by the Headlee Amendment. However, as Wiesner and Brandi pointed out, this is generally not met with open arms by residents. Of 17 communities that attempted it in the past two years only two were successful. The city's current millage rate is 12.1618 mills.

"And that (extra taxes) is only a temporary fix. It buys you time until it gets rolled back again (by Headlee)," Brandi said.

Whatever long-term fix the committee comes up with Wiesner said it will likely have an impact.

"We try to operate very efficiently. I don't think there are places you could reduce expenditures and not see it," he said.

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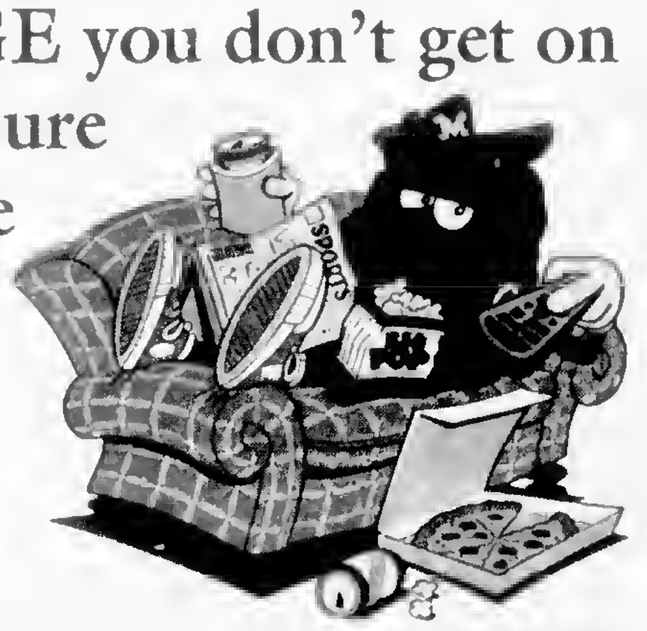

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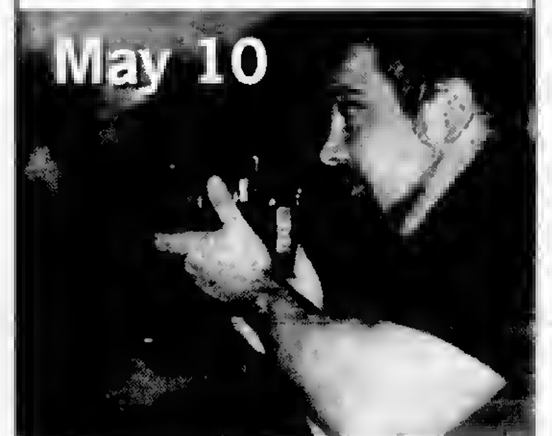

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RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

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CLASSIC/SPECIAL AUTOS 192

CENTRAL LAKE Collector Car Show. Sunday, June 13, 2004. 72 trophies, 33 categories. Prizes/raffle info: 231-675-0965 or jdshooks@torchlake.com. (5-5-6-192)

BOATS & MARINE EQUIP 203

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BID 209

THE CITY of Charlevoix will accept bids for the purchase of a 4X4 vehicle. Bids are to be submitted to the City Clerk's Office until bid opening on Monday May 10, 2004 at 11:00 A.M. Specifications can be obtained and all inquiries are to be directed to Fire Chief Paul Ivan at the City of Charlevoix Fire Department at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Telephone #231-547-3279.

The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.

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BID 209

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP
PROPOSED MOORING
FACILITY REPAIRS FOR
ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP
ON BEAVER ISLAND
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ENGINEER/ARCHITECT: UNITED DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC., 111 North Main Street, Suite 3, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721, 231-627-2268.

DUE DATE: Until 11:00 A.M. Local Time on MAY 27, 2004, the Owner will receive proposals for work as herein set forth in the offices of:

BID LOCATION: The Coast Guard Training Room in the Beaver Island Boat Company/ U.S. Coast Guard building, 103 Bridge Park Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Persons desiring to deliver their bid in person before the bid opening may leave their bid envelope, clearly marked, at the Beaver Island Boat Company's front desk.

PROPOSALS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING: "Proposed Mooring Facility Renovations for St. James Township on Beaver Island, Charlevoix County, Michigan." All bids shall be sealed in an opaque envelope, clearly labeled with the Bidder's name and address, and title of proposal enclosed.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING FOLLOWED BY A MANDATORY WALK-THROUGH INSPECTION: A mandatory pre-bid meeting followed by a mandatory walk-through inspection will be held at the **Project Site at St. James Township Municipal Mooring Facility in St. James, Beaver Island, Michigan 49782** with all contractors bidding the project and all other concerned parties on **May 19, 2004**, at **2:00 P.M. Local Time** prior to due date for bids. The purpose of this inspection is to answer questions and provide an inspection tour of the project. A prospective bidding company representative must be present at this pre-bid meeting and register on the sign-in sheet in order to be authorized to bid on this project.

BID GUARANTEE-The Bidder's Proposal shall be accompanied by either a certified check or cashier's check on an open, solvent bank or a bid bond with an authorized surety company, executed by the bidder and the surety company (the surety must be listed on the current U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570) in the amount of 5 percent of the base bid payable to St. James Township as a guarantee of good faith.

CONTRACT SECURITY - The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory performance bond, and labor and material payment bond in an amount each of one hundred percent (100%) of the accepted bid in accordance with P.A. 213 OF 1963 as amended by P.A. 351 of 1972.

BID REJECTION - St. James Township reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, and also reserves the right to award a Contract to a Bidder who St. James Township believes will perform in their best interests, and is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other Bid.

COPIES OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS may be obtained from the Office of United Design Associates, Inc., 111 North Main Street, Suite 3, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721, 231-627-2268 upon payment of a **NON-REFUNDABLE COST of $125.00** for each set of documents requested. Persons desiring copies to be sent by mail shall include an additional **Ten Dollars ($10.00)** per contract to cover the cost of mailing.

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STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION-The St. James Township hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status or because of a handicap that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position in consideration for an award.

Jean Palmer, Township Clerk
St. James Township
P.O. Box 85
Beaver Island, Michigan 49782

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
90th DISTRICT COURT
Case No. 04-124-SP
Honorable Richard W. May

Associates First Capital Corporation
Plaintiff,
v.
Michael H. Wekenman, Vickie J. Bellinger And The Port of St. James Association,
John A. Johnson, Agent
Defendants.

Marshall R. Isaas P41142
Allen J. Dyer P54857
Orlans & Associates, P.C.
Ronald J. Kirkpatrick P24887
Plunkett & Cooney
Attorneys for Plaintiff
123 W. Main St., Ste. 302
Gaylord, MI 49735
(989)732-6440

ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE AND ORDER TO ANSWER OR TAKE OTHER ACTION AS TO DEFENDANT VICKIE J. BELLINGER

At a session of the 90th District Court, held in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan on April 15, 2004, Honorable Judge Richard W. May Presiding.

The Court having considered Plaintiff's Motion for Alternate Service in this land contract forfeiture action against Defendants for real estate situated in the Township of St. James, Charlevoix County, Michigan and more specifically described as:

Lot 295 of Port St. James Subdivision No. 6, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 156; Charlevoix County Records; Tax Item No. 15-013-706-295-00. Commonly known as 38160 Wilderness Court, Beaver Island, Michigan.

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants appear for trial on Plaintiff's Complaint on Tuesday June 8, 2004, at 1 p.m., or take other action to defend prior to that date;

It is further Ordered that this Order be published one per week for three consecutive weeks in the Legal News, and that a copy of this Order further be posted at the subject property and at the County Building prior to the last date of publication;

Failure by Defendants to appear or defend may result in entry of a judgment of possession in favor of Plaintiff, which said judgment would provide for issuance of an order of eviction after 90 days from entry of said judgment if Defendants, prior to that time, fail to cure all defaults in their performance under the subject land contract in existence at the time on entry of said judgment.

Richard W. May
District Court Judge

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage dated August 5, 2002, given by Richard P. Carlson and Colleen Sue Carlson, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded August 12, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 481, Page 825, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE AND 29/100 DOLLARS ($87,169.29) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, June 11, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 180 and the S. 25 feet of Lot 173, Block V, Nicholl's and Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne, now the City of Boyne, according to the Plat thereof. City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: April 29, 2004

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No. 04-010670-DE

Estate of Doris Irene Matthews
Date of birth: 08/11/1916

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Doris Irene Matthews, who lived at 04387 Poplar Lane, Boyne City, Michigan died 07/21/2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary Anne Matthews, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 29, 2004

Mark M. Muniak, P.C. P34322
6460 Old US31 South
P.O. Box 563
Charlevoix, MI 49720-0563
(231) 547-5501

Mary Anne Matthews
04387 Poplar Lane
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231) 582-6411

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

CLAIMS NOTICE
Revocable Trust

In re: Doris I. Perish
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The decedent, Doris I. Perish, who lived at 115 E. Lincoln Street, Charlevoix, Michigan died October 9, 2003.

The decedent created the Dorish I. Perish Trust on September 28, 1988, as amended February 21, 1990, April 29, 1993 and December 17, 1996.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to Founders Trust Personal Bank, Trustee of the Doris I. Perish Trust within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the trust estate will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: April 29, 2004

Scott T. Beatty P24202
111 State Street, Suite 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-4059

Founders Trust Personal Bank
3600 Veterans Drive, Suite 2
Traverse City, MI 49684
(231) 995-3588

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010660-DE

Estate of Lawrence J. Cull
Date of Birth: July 25, 1926

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lawrence J. Cull, who, lived at 26285 Main Street, St. James Township, Michigan died March 9, 1999.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Anne Cull, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 4/26/04

Scott T. Beatty P24202
111 State Street, Suite 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-4059

Anne Cull
26285 Main Street
Beaver Island, MI 49782
(231) 488-2835

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010659 DE

Estate of THOMAS C. DORAIS
Date of Birth: January 25, 1921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, THOMAS C. DORAIS, who lived at 885 N. High Point Road, Beaver Island, Michigan died August 7, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary C. Dorais, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 23, 2004

Borre, Peterson, Fowler & Reens, P.C.
Michelle H. Anthes P55927
P.O. Box 1767
Grand Rapids, MI 49501
(616) 459-1971

Mary C. Dorais
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MAY 2004

CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Skate park needs volunteers

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with fundraising, grant writing, working at the skate park and to serve on special committees. A temporary site for the skate park has been located with a summer opening date targeted. Please contact Vickie Daman at 547-8063, Vicki Hankins at 675-0847, or e-mail vichankins@hotmail.com.

Golf outing

The 15th Annual Boyne City Police and Charlevoix County Sheriff Department's Benefit Golf Outing and Dinner in conjunction with the 10th Annual Dinner for DARE Association starts with golf tee off at 12 p.m., Thursday, May 6, at Boyne Mountain Alpine Golf Course and dinner beginning at 5 p.m. in the Boyne Mountain Civic Center.

Boyne Mountain is located in Boyne Falls and is a division of Boyne USA. For more information call 582-6611.

Spring carnival

The Annual Charlevoix Elementary School PTO Spring Carnival for all ages is from 5:30 to 8 p.m., May 7, at the school. The fun will include games, prizes and raffles. The school is located at 13513 Division Street in Charlevoix.

Slo-pitch leagues

The Charlevoix Recreation Department is still taking men's and women's slo-pitch teams. Men's teams sign up before May 7, and women's teams sign up before May 14.

New addition Co-ed Slo-Pitch League teams must sign up at the recreation department before May 21. Call 547-3253 for more information.

Pancake breakfast

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's monthly pancake breakfast is from 8 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 8, at the clubhouse, two miles north of the bridge on US-31, Charlevoix. This "All You Can Eat" breakfast features pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, bacon, sausage gravy with home-made biscuits, coffee, juice for $5 donation per person.

Mother's Day luncheon

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church will have a special Mother's Day luncheon at 12 p.m., May 9. The luncheon will be served by the men of the church. Vicki Hankins will share a short message entitled, "The Good Enough Mother." Ladies are cordially invited to join in the fun and meaningful time of celebration of motherhood.

If you have any questions, please call the church at 547-6430.

CPR, First Aid

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- Adult Heartsaver CPR from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, May 12 in Classroom B.
- Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, in Classroom B.
- Basic First Aid from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday , May 26, in Classroom B.

The cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association community-training center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive from 12 to 5:45 p.m., on May 13, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or just drop in. Remember to bring a picture identification or certified or legal identification.

Spring luncheon

The Charlevoix United Methodist Women are sponsoring its annual "Spring Buffet Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale" at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Friday, May 14. The cost is $7 for adults. The proceeds from the luncheon will benefit projects the group supports, including local, national and international missions. There will be a variety of salads, vegetables, meat dishes and pie for desert. Bazaar items and baked goods will be offered for sale as well. The church is located at 104 State Street in Charlevoix.

Band concert

The Middle School Band concert is at 7:30 p.m., on May 18, at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium.

Reunion

Charlevoix High School's Class of 1964 will host its fortieth reunion at 7:30 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The cost is $20 per person. Reservations should be directed to Leslie (Lyons) Cunningham at 06530 Brown Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2145, or Betty (Reynolds) Martin at 12347 Waller Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2089, by June 1. Anyone able to provide contact information for class members can call or e-mail Ms. Cunningham at lcunning@freeway.net.

food pantry

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open on Monday and Thursday every week from 10 a.m. until noon at the First Congregational Church on State Street in Charlevoix. They are there to help persons who live in the Charlevoix School District who need emergency food help.

Single people and couples receive two bags of food and families receive four bags of food, plus each get a voucher for fresh foods from Oleson's, which the Food Pantry pays for. Each household may come to the food pantry once each month.

For more information call 547-9122 and please leave a message.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Post's regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at its hall off East Garfield Street.

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Flap Jack Resturant.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-1388.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department in the lower level training room of the jail.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

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Judge to decide the fate of Sunnybank's plan

PLAN

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John Hess, a city planning commissioner and a resident that lives near the proposed Sunnybank site urged council not to sign the consent order and agree that the ordinance is invalid in relation to this site.

"It gives the other side leverage they really don't need," he said.

The Sunnybank group also has another strong trump card to play — in the consent order the city agrees that there is a demonstrated need for this type of facility.

According to Engstrom, this is a strength for the Sunnybank group because according to state statute a municipality can't exclude a use when it is proven to be needed.

Hess said as far as he knows no one has demonstrated this need.

But Young said testimony from Harsch supports that there is a need.

"Based on testimony on the record from our own witness, there are sufficient facts to show there is a need. A judge is going to find there is a demonstrated need," he said.

Harsch said he based his testimony on city demographic data he gathered when the planning commission was preparing its ordinance amendment.

This consent order will now be passed along to Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas who during an evidentiary hearing will decide whether the project is a reasonable use of the proposed site.

Pajtas said the standards by which he has to make this determination will come from the two sides. He will listen to testimony and review the site plan.

Within the next couple weeks, copies of the consent order will be given to all the property owners within 300 feet of the site. Those people will then have 14 days to request to intervene to represent their individual interests.

The city plans to have intervention forms available at city hall.

Charlevoix resident Bill Joy, who lives near the proposed site, said, "I'm sure I'm going to be there. Just because you sue someone doesn't mean you get to circumvent zoning."

Hess will also likely intervene. In an affidavit included in the suit, he states Sunnybank is a higher density project than is supported by the zoning ordinance, it would be a business use in a residential area, that its physical appearance doesn't mesh with the surrounding neighborhood and that parking and traffic problems would likely arise.

Engstrom will rebut that argument at the hearing.

"It's not going to harm their property values, it's not going to cause traffic. The people aren't going to cause noise. It's a good facility. The only issue remaining is whether its reasonable on that property," Engstrom said.

Students volunteer on island

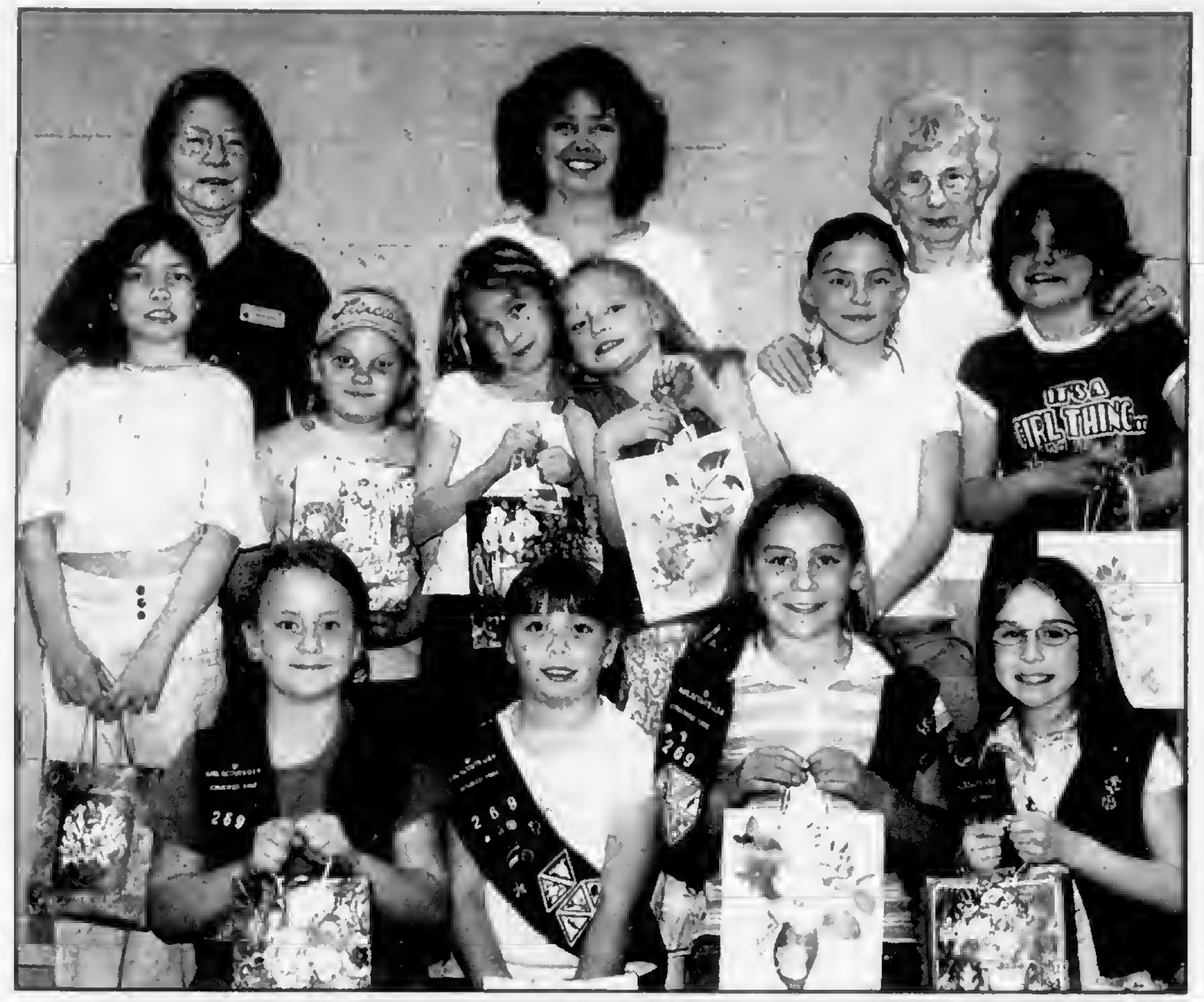
National Volunteer Week was the kick-off for the seventh and eighth grade "Honor our Local Heroes" campaign on Beaver Island.

Prior to this week, the students contacted the 32 volunteer organizations on Beaver Island, asking for a list of their volunteer members. Over 300 names appeared on these lists.

Next the students contacted local businesses asking for a donation of a small gift to be awarded to some of these volunteers.

The response was overwhelming. Gifts poured into the school during the week. Each day during the school week, names of volunteers were drawn randomly and awarded a gift from these businesses.

Also, signs were posted around the community listing the organization, its members and the statement "Recognizing Our Local Heroes."



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Sweet donation

Brownie troop 269 donated 30 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to Hospice of Northwest Michigan. The cookies were given to 10 families. Pictured are front from left, Kelsea Stevens, Abbie Romano, Bailee Stevens. Back from left, Pat Johnson with Hospice Melina Brown, Shelby Isaac, Megan Clees, Lexey Macks, Carolena Elowsky, Brittany Musser and Margaret Lasater with Hospice. Far back troop leader Stephanie Brown.

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VENETIAN BURGEE CLUB

The time honored Charlevoix tradition of "Venetian," and the overwhelming community support of Charlevoix's homecoming celebration, rolls into its 74th year! The labor of love shown each year, by the legions of volunteers who bring "Venetian" to life, remains a tribute to the Charlevoix spirit of community. "Venetian" would likewise not be possible without the support of those individuals, organizations and businesses which comprise the Venetian Burgee Club. Year in and year out, Burgee Club members generously contribute the funds, goods and services which make the Festival a financial reality. It is a pleasure to acknowledge and thank the members of the 2003 Venetian Burgee Club, who are reflected below.

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Volunteers and Burgee Club members are all invited to the "Spirit of Venetian" appreciation party on Friday evening, June 4, 2004 at the Belvedere Club Casino.

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Charlevoix Middle School students are trying to lure some colorful insects to Charlevoix.
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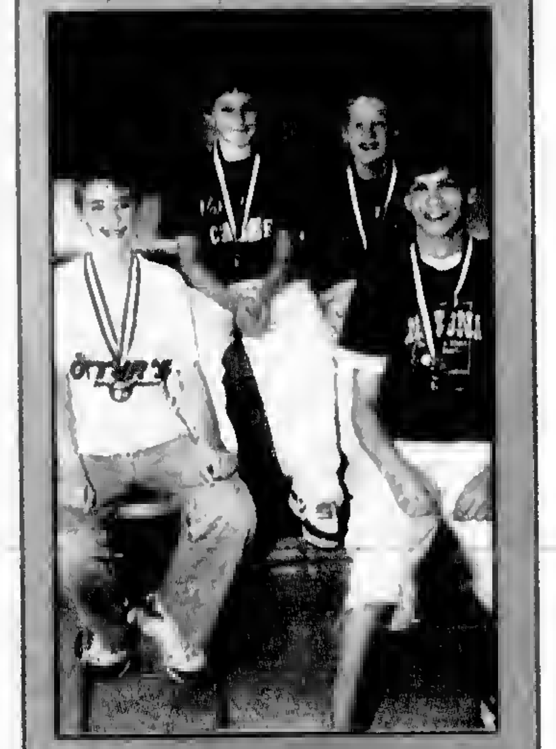

A group of Charlevoix students were awarded medals for their abilities at solving problems.
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Stone: You can survive Wal-Mart's presence

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Life in Charlevoix with or without a Wal-Mart Supercenter will have economic implications.

Ken Stone, an Iowa economist who has studied the effects of Wal-Mart on communities for many years, was in Charlevoix May 6 to discuss how local businesses can compete with "big box" stores.

The seminar, sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, is a reaction to Wal-Mart's plan to develop a 155,000 square foot supercenter on a piece of property near Marion Center and Stover roads in Charlevoix Township.

As the planning effort for this huge store has gained momentum over the past two years, so has the campaign to fight it.

Merchants in the local business community, the chamber and the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority have all come out against the project. They claim it threatens the vitality of local stores and Charlevoix's small town appeal.

At last week's seminar, Stone told a group of concerned Charlevoix area business members that while their fears of the mega-retailer are valid, a supercenter could have a greater economic impact if Wal-Mart drops its Charlevoix plan and locates to an outlying town, like East Jordan or Boyne City. Stone has dubbed this theory the "law of unintended consequences."

"When $1 million leaves Charlevoix, its more than $1 million. It turns over about five times before it peters out generating about $600,000 to $700,000 in ripple effect," he said.

He said if Wal-Mart is built in Charlevoix, it will

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Honoring heroes

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Fourth Annual Northwest Michigan Peace Officers Memorial Service was May 11 in East Park. Here a procession of police officers with the Charlevoix City Police Department, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police Petoskey Post, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indian Police, the Petoskey Department of Public Safety and the Emmet County Sheriff's Department traveled behind Jack Fellows, a Traverse City bag piper who played for the service.

School to offer all-day kindergarten

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A new all day kindergarten program will makes its debut at Charlevoix Elementary School in the fall of 2004.

The Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education approved the new program at its meeting Monday night.

"There are a lot of reasons to get behind this with regards to research. It will make us more competitive than we are now and there are pluses on the education end of things," school board president Dennis Halverson said.

He explained that the district has been losing students to other schools like St. Mary's, that have the full-day option. And other schools have decided to offer it because of its proven academic benefit. Proponents of this approach argue it better prepares students for first grade.

Elementary School principal Dick Swenor said the biggest gains from this type of program have been seen in at-risk children who show higher achievement. Other benefits include less attendance problems and fewer transitions for children with attention disorders who have problems switching from a daycare environment, to school and back to daycare.

While the program will help at-risk kids the most, they won't be the only ones in it. Swenor said the greatest benefit is seen in a mixed classroom with high, moderate and low achievers.

This new concept has been a hit with parents. In fact, it has generated so much interest that not all the parents who want their child in the program will get a spot.

Two all-day sessions will be offered to accommodate about

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Cass Norman Dolbow, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol — second offense. Nine months probation; attend substance abuse counseling; $400 in fines and costs.

Glen Reno Kendall, Jr., 20, Kalkaska. Fleeing and eluding a police-officer-third degree; and driving while license suspended. Six months probation; 180 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 12 days, 164 days held in abeyance; $1,150 in fines and costs.

Pamela Jean Bannick, 45, Grand Rapids. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $960 in fines and costs.

Stanley Richard Oleniacz, 35, East Jordan. Littering on private property. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Bethenie Lynn Hall, 19, Charlevoix. Two counts of uttering and publishing. Bound over to circuit court.

Isaac James Hoaglund, 18, Boyne City. Violation of a restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Lisa Marie Druer, 27, Allegan. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Russell Alan Koch, 25, Petoskey. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Hope Lyn Fuller, 24, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Nadia Nicole Hanna, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Jessica Mae Vallance, 18, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Marc Raymond Rosa, 34, Farmington Hills. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; 46 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,110 in fines and costs.

Paul Marc Deroche, 35, Commerce Township. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Christine Marie Karlskin, 42, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Bradley James Clegg, 52, Ada. Driving while impaired; and motor vehicle driver transporting open intoxicant. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,010 in fines and costs.

Jane Ann Doty, 42, Petoskey. Driving while intoxicated-second offense; and two counts of attempted resisting and obstructing of a police officer. One year probation; attend substance abuse counseling; 365 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 18 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 45 days on electronic monitor; 270 days held in abeyance; $3,230 in fines and costs.

Quintin Allen Walker II, 35, Charlevoix. Retail fraud-third degree. One year probation; attend substance abuse counseling; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 72 days held in abeyance; $358.68 in fines and costs.

Paula Michelle Hynes, 32, Daylsburg. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Mark Thomas Kline, 38, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Antonio Vega Andino, 58, Grand Rapids. Driving while license suspended-second degree or subsequent. Jail for 30 days with credit for three days.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

David Franklin Cheplicki, 19, East Jordan. Attempted sex offender failed to register. Jail for 30 days with credit for two days, serve 30 days.

Summer Dawn Watros, 31, Charlevoix. Driving while under the influence of alcohol-third offense. Two years probation; outpatient substance abuse treatment as recommended by the probation department; conviction reportable to the Secretary of State; license revoked; sanction reportable to the state police; 11 months in jail with credit for 53 days, serve 180 days; 480 hours of community service work; $1,020 in fines and costs.

Nancy Jeanne Danly, 51, Charlevoix. Controlled substance — maintaining a drug house. Eighteen months probation; attend outpatient substance abuse treatment as recommended by the probation department; conviction reportable the Secretary of State; license suspended; sanction reportable to the state police; 60 days in jail with credit for two days, serve two days; $520 in fines and costs.

Thomas Gordon Thorp, 46, Charlevoix. Five counts of criminal sexual conduct — first degree (person under 13). Court recommended sex offender therapy; life in prison with credit for 19 days; $600 in fines and costs; if the defendant is ever paroled he shall have no contact with any of the victims.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jordan Valley Family Dentistry, Main Street Center Suite 1, East Jordan, by Ralph Kooistra and Laurie Sherman

Just Sticks, 19009 Gennett Road, Charlevoix, by Ken Brill

Rebec's Racing and Logging, 4426 Boyne City-East Jordan Road, East Jordan, by Kevin Rebec

Brian Pinney's Logging and Firewood, 402 Williams Street, East Jordan, by Brian Pinney

Dave McKinnon Logging, 701 South Lake Street, East Jordan, by David McKinnon

Water's Edge Woodworking, 104 Auld Street, Charlevoix, by Aaron D. Gaffnay

Natural Embellishment of Charlevoix, 7776 Burgess Road, Charlevoix, by Chelsea Clark and Sharon L. Higby

Journey Works, 03006 Spayde Road, Charlevoix, by Kathryn Ann Mays

Cindy's Painting, Landscaping

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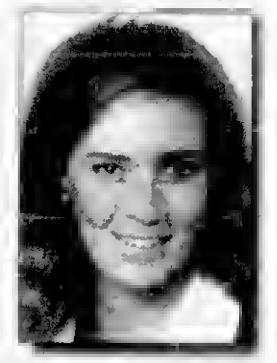
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Student project hopes to lure butterflies

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Butterflies will soon have a new landing pad in town.

Science students at Charlevoix Middle School and members of The Builders Club, an offshoot of Kiwanis International, are working with the Charlevoix Area Garden Club to craft a butterfly garden on school grounds.

"We thought it would be beautiful and something the children could really learn from and take so much pride in showing off," Mary Kengle, Charlevoix Area Garden Club chairperson for the butterfly garden, said.

Middle school counselor Kasie LaFramboise, who helps coordinate the group, said the local garden club approached the students with the idea, setting the plans in motion.

"It really fits with their (The Builders Club's) whole philosophy of building a better community and school," LaFramboise said.

The kids have since learned about butterfly migration and garden planning.

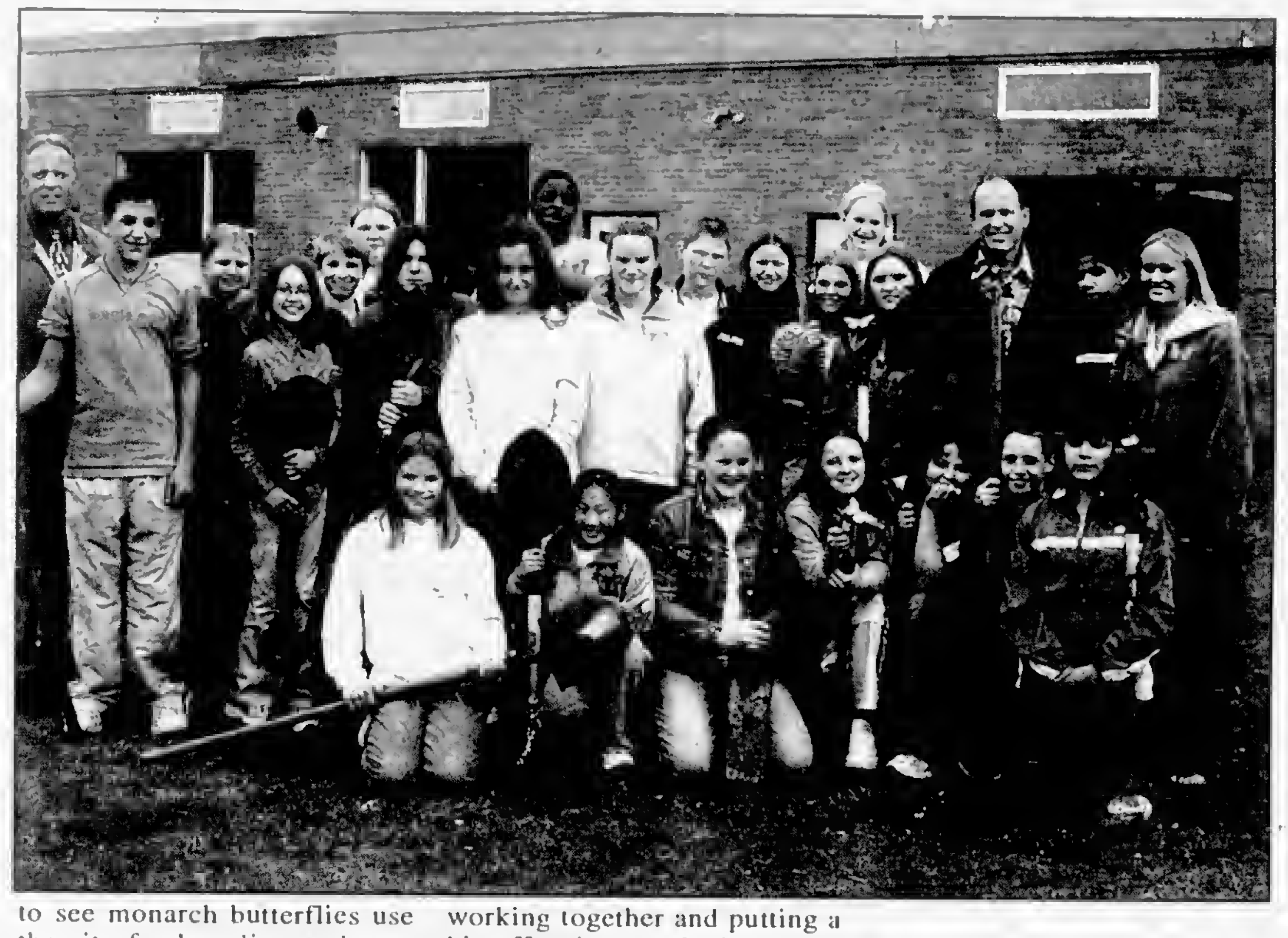
The site they chose is located off the science wing between the rear parking lot and track area. The final product will include a pond, shrubs and bright annual and perennial flowers that attract butterflies.

Erica Moses, The Builders Club's volunteer committee member, said they are hoping to see monarch butterflies use the site for breeding and as a summer migration destination.

The group of about 20 kids that have been involved in the project celebrated its official start on April 30 at a groundbreaking ceremony.

Once warm weather hits they'll start the planting effort. This summer the group plans to sign up on a garden maintenance schedule to make sure it stays in top shape.

"It's going to feel like a big accomplishment. We are all working together and putting a big effort in to make it one big garden," Chelsey Haske, the 12-year-old president of the Builders Club, said.



This group of Charlevoix Middle School students and teachers are working with the Charlevoix Area Garden club to build a butterfly garden at the school.

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Chelsey Haske, the 12-year-old president of the Builders Club, is helping coordinate the construction of a butterfly garden at Charlevoix Middle School.

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All-day Kindergarten an excellent addition

EDITORIAL

Charlevoix Community Schools has added more options for parents of young children with the addition of an all-day kindergarten.

The new program will make its début in the fall of 2004. It was approved by the school board Monday night.

According to the schools, the addition of an all-day kindergarten to its regular half-day program, will make the school district more competitive with others in the community and give those students that attend the program some academic benefits.

The district has said it is loosing some young students to schools, like St. Mary's, that already offer an all-day program.

Plus, while children in an all-day program do not necessarily learn more than their counterparts in a half-day program, they get more time to absorb the information that is being presented to them. This makes the program especially beneficial to "at-risk" children, which have shown the biggest gains in studies of all-day Kindergarten programs.

Other benefits include less attendance problems and fewer transitions for children with attention disorders who have problems switching from a daycare environment, to school and back to daycare.

And the program is already popular among Charlevoix parents. According to the school district out of the 89 students that registered for Kindergarten this year, 50 parents chose the full-day program.

However, while this is popular it creates problems for the school district, because the new program can only handle about 40 students. While it would be nice to open up another all-day class because of the interest, the school budget will not allow for this.

Therefore, parents must submit to a lottery and hopefully their children will get in.

This all-day program is a great idea for the children and parents of Charlevoix. It is a wonderful addition to our public schools. It is hoped that the district can find additional funds in the future to further fund the program and expand it to include all children whose parents would like to take part.

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Keep an eye open for area's overlooked flowers

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

This is the season when those of us who enjoy finding, or even photographing, the spring flowers are most pleased with the world.

The woods are full of new growth and flowers seem to be more abundant than in any other season. Maybe it is just that winter is finally over. Among the plants I especially enjoy looking for during this early spring season are some that almost always escape our collective notice.

Many years ago I saw an issue of Life Magazine that had a photo essay on what were called "belly plants." These were found in the southwest deserts after spring rains, and were only an inch or two high when they were finished with growth and flowering. They had to be small to manage their entire life cycle from seed to flowers and back to seed before the limited moisture of a desert spring was exhausted. It was years before I discovered that such plants were not found only in deserts, but were part of spring almost everywhere. Does Michigan have its share of these tiny, overlooked spring flowers? Yes indeed. There are at least a half-dozen different kinds to be found in Charlevoix.

Where should you look for our smallest spring flowers? Look in places were there isn't much grass, and where life is difficult for any sort of plant: desert-like places with extremely shallow soil, very little moisture, and a lot of light. If something is as small as these plants, a desert need not be more than a few feet across. Look for the smallest white flowers you have ever seen on plants that are an inch or so tall. One plant is a tiny Primrose with a single minute white flower on a inch high stalk. Another is a diminutive relative of the tall, yellow mustard plants. It also has white flowers, each in the form of a cross with four white petals open to the sun. And there are a whole bunch of what are called dwarf Chickweeds. Many of these are described as rare plants, but most of their apparent rarity is the product of small size and inconspicuous growth.

The entire growing season for these plants is about three weeks in April and early May. Each of them produces enough seed to almost assure that the same tiny plants will grow in the same place next year. None of the seeds will germinate until next spring, no matter how much it may rain in summer or fall. No one knows exactly how these minute plants and their tiny seeds manage to survive so well.

Life is rich and complicated, and while we may drive satisfaction from finding the largest blooms or the tallest plants, the smallest of them can be equally fascinating.

Next time you are out walking the dog or just wandering around Charlevoix, see if you can find some of our own home grown "belly plants."

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letters to the editor

Thank you

Editor:

In recognition of National EMS Week (May 16 - 22), I would like to invite the general public to take a moment to give a well deserved "Thank You" to their local EMS providers. In today's hectic environment, it's wonderful to know that these people have taken the time to complete the training required to provide this service to their communities.

EMS field providers face many challenges including threats to their safety, shift work, a high stress work environment, low salaries (many volunteer their time), and difficulty meeting the physical demands of a long career in EMS. It really is dedication in its truest form.

I encourage everyone to take a moment to make a phone call, or drop a note to your local agencies in support of their ongoing efforts to provide emergency medical service to your area.

Vickie L. Daman, R.N.
Medial Control Coordinator
Charlevoix County

Response to letter

Editor:

Writing a letter to the editor is a fine example of freedom of speech in this country and a sure fire way to get your opinion to the public; however if one uses this means to express an opinion it is a good idea to get your facts straight before attempting to discredit an individual in public. So, I am compelled to respond to Mrs. Wright's letter to the editor in the *Charlevoix Courier* of April 28, 2004 wherein she stated that I have used my position as an elected member of city council in order for the tax payers to reimburse attorney fees so that I could confront a neighbor.

The attorney was hired to analyze a zoning ordinance not to confront any neighbor about anything. City Council voted to reimburse my fees when four weeks prior they voted to reimburse the city planners for hiring an attorney, which set a dangerous precedent. A resolution has now been passed so that in the future any member of council or planning must receive prior approval from council for outside legal

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opinions.

So, thank you Ms. Wright for getting involved in local politics, I would suggest however, that you attend our meetings (first and third Monday of the month).

Shirley Gibson
Third Ward
City Councilmember

Do something about jobs

Editor:

Lets all forget about Wal-Mart for a moment. What are city leaders doing now to bring more full-time year-round jobs to Charlevoix?

How many new jobs will be created after building a $12 million marina and a $7 million library? Are they offering tax breaks and incentives to entice companies to relocate here or maybe expand their existing facilities? What are they doing to fill vacant buildings? The gas station at the corner of US-31 and M-66 has been empty for years, and now a new office building is planned to be built there. Will this create new high-end jobs for the future of Charlevoix? Not likely. What about the former site of Hoskins Industries, which has been closed for some time now. Are city leaders looking for another business to fill that space? And what of the businesses in and around the downtown? Some say that they can't stay open year-round because it would be too expensive. Then maybe those businesses should get a break on their lease or the city could offer an incentive for them to stay open year-round.

Then again it's probably easier to send people to Wal-Mart in Petoskey than to try to figure out what would keep people shopping in Charlevoix.

David Soto
Charlevoix

No smoking/drinking bowling needed

Editor:

Do you like bowling when you know that smokers/drinkers are around? Well, most childrent/parents don't like to bowl when smokers/drinkers are around. That's why I think that there should be a non-smoking/drinking bowling center.

First of all, most children/adults that bowl aren't likely to like the smell of smoke, when you come out of the bowling alley. Sometimes even after you wash your clothes they still smell like smoke and it doesn't smell very good. Also, people that smell like smoke might get addicted to the smell and start smoking.

We should also have a non-smoking/drinking bowling center for health reasons. People who inhale second-hand smoke can die or get serious diseases from second-hand smoke. When smoke gets into your body it can hurt you very badly, and affect your breathing. Smoke can also make your lungs black, even if it is second-hand smoke.

In addition, a lot of people don't want to worry about where to go because of smoking. Some people don't smoke or drink so it might feel awkward for them to go bowling, at the bowling center. People who have children probably don't want their kids being harmed by the smoke. Lastly, some people have allergic reactions to smoke, and might be injured.

In conclusion, I would like to say that we should have a non-smoking and drinking bowling center. Mostly people shouldn't have to worry about their health, because of smoking from bowling centers.

Madison Way
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Boss not doing his job

Editor:

To the residents of Norwood Township,

We are being poorly served by Township Supervisor Wayne Boss. For five months I have been requesting a plan from Mr. Boss for the future use of citizen tax moneys on the roads of Norwood Township and Mr. Boss has not complied with my requests and has said he didn't have such a report.

It makes one wonder how road decisions were made in the past, doesn't it, if there were not written plans or reports published to tax payers? We in the township will be asked to vote for a road millage in the fall. How can we make intelligent choices if we don't have information?

At the March Township Board meeting Mr. Boss told me he would have at least a three year plan available to me at the next meeting.

The April 19 meeting came and Mr. Boss did not have the report. He said he didn't have it. When I asked why he didn't have it he said "I didn't do it." I filed a Freedom of Information Act request on April 21 and the clerk sent it on to Mr. Boss as she did not have the information herself. The clerk sent me a message on May 1 stating that she does not have that document yet.

The clerk of Norwood Township has done her job, but Mr. Boss has not and it appears that he doesn't intend to after five months of requests.

I find it hard to believe his protestations that he is working hard for the township when he cannot produce this document after five months of requests. I think all of us in Norwood Township deserve better treatment than this.

We will be asked to vote for a road millage this year; at present, without some information on how our tax moneys will be spent, I think our response should be a resounding no vote on the proposed road millage.

Marion Shea-Light
Norwood

Golf camp to give scholarships once again

Several lucky youngsters that participated in the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association's 2003 summer program will be awarded scholarships to attend the prestigious golf camp at Ferris State University this summer.

Dean Davenport, executive director of the popular summer program, announced that the Association's Board members approved renewing the scholarship program with Ferris State University. Awards will be likely made to six deserving Juniors for scholarships enabling them to spend a week on the campus of Ferris State.

Applicants must have participated in more than half of the past summer's sessions and be at least 12 years of age to be eligible. Application packets were mailed recently to over 70 youngsters that qualified for consideration. Winners are selected because of their dedication and interest in golf, their potential and the manner in which they respond to the official application questions. During the past seven years 50 junior golfers from the Charlevoix area have been awarded scholarships.

Local PGA professional from the Belvedere Golf Club, Steve Braun again adds greatly to the camp scholarship fund by taking pledges for his "100 Holes in a Day" fund-raiser last fall.

Dennis LaCroix, board president, said, "Steve's effort is greatly appreciated by all of us connected to the program. His dedication and interest in young golfers is typical of the excellent cooperation we get from everyone including the courses that host our golfers'; Dunmaglas, Antrim Dells, the Belvedere, municipal and the Charlevoix Country Club."

Sam Supernaw, board treasurer, said, "Our major fund-raiser, the Supe Classic Golf Tournament, has helped fund this project through the years and last year we sent the most recipients ever to a wee's golf camp. It's been a great experience for them, not only to learn more about the game, but to do so at a great setting like a college campus."

More information regarding this year's program and the June 10 registration procedures will be announced soon.

Congregational church to host string orchestra Sunday

At 4 p.m. Sunday, May 16 at the First Congregational/UCC of Charlevoix, the Sunday,s at Four concert series will present a group of area musicians in the annual Young Artists Concert.

Appearing for the first time will be the newly formed Northwest Academy String Orchestra under the direction of guest conductor, Robert Dudd.

The instrumental soloists and ensembles will include a flute duet and quartet, a clarinet choir, sax quartet and trio, a brass sextet, as well as violin, piano and sax solos.

The soloists and ensembles will be performing works of J.S. Bach, Vivaldi, Handel, Mitushkin, Deviene, and J.C. Bach. The orchestra will play works by Frost, Nylhybel and Mauret-Leidig.

All of these young people received high praise from adjudicators at the state festival.

One comment was, "The musicians performed at a level that many students never realize, and the judges who listen to them are very impressed with their sensitivity to the music and the way they approach their craft."

Gary Stutzman is the director of bands and the orchestra at Northwest Academy.

Elizabeth Humphrey will accompany the soloists.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Nystrom a regional champion

For the third consecutive year, the Alma College Students in Free Enterprise team was named regional champion at the regional competition on March 30 in Chicago. Shannon Nystrom of Charlevoix is a member of this team.

Winery honored

A business called Kodiak Island Winery in Alaska, owned by 1959 graduates of Charlevoix High School, John and Judy Lucas, was selected as Manufacturer of the Year by Made In Alaska Program recently. The winery produces about 10,000 bottles of wines and champagnes a year.

Crinnon gets All American Award

John Crinnon, local agent for Farm Bureau Insurance and a 1980 Charlevoix High School graduate, was honored at a recent sales convention in Traverse City. Crinnon was given the 2003 All American Award, was top in achievement for sales and service to clients in new issued and retained life policies and is a member of the elite Multi-Line Sales Council.

Irish Boat Shop empoyees certified

Irish Boat Shop of Charlevoix has announced Dan Lasky and Mick Belfy recently completed the Electrical Certification Program offered by the American Boat and Yacht Council. The council is responsible for developing, writing and updating the voluntary safety standards for boatbuilding and repair in the United States. The Marine Technician's Certification Program is the only national program of its kind to offer standards-based, continuing technical education.

Re/Max Awards

Realtors with Re/Max of Charlevoix were recently honored by the Re/Max Real Estate System for outstanding sales and service in 2003.

They received their awards at the Re/Max of Michigan Annual Regional Conference in February at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City.

Steve Andreae achieved the distinguished Lifetime Award. This is a sales award for those individuals who have seven years of consecutive service with Re/Max and have attained the Re/Max Hall of Fame Award.

Greg Bryan was inducted into the Re/Max Hall of Fame. Only 1,563 individuals among the 88,500 Re/Max membership were inducted last year. The award is earned by members who during their careers with Re/Max, have helped at least 350 families buy or sell homes.

Andreae, Dave Campbell, Judy Petkewicz and Joe Vogelheim were honored with the esteemed 100 percent Club Award. This award is based on sales production for the year. In 2003, 342 Associates affiliated with the Re/Max of Michigan Region qualified for the 100 percent Club Award.

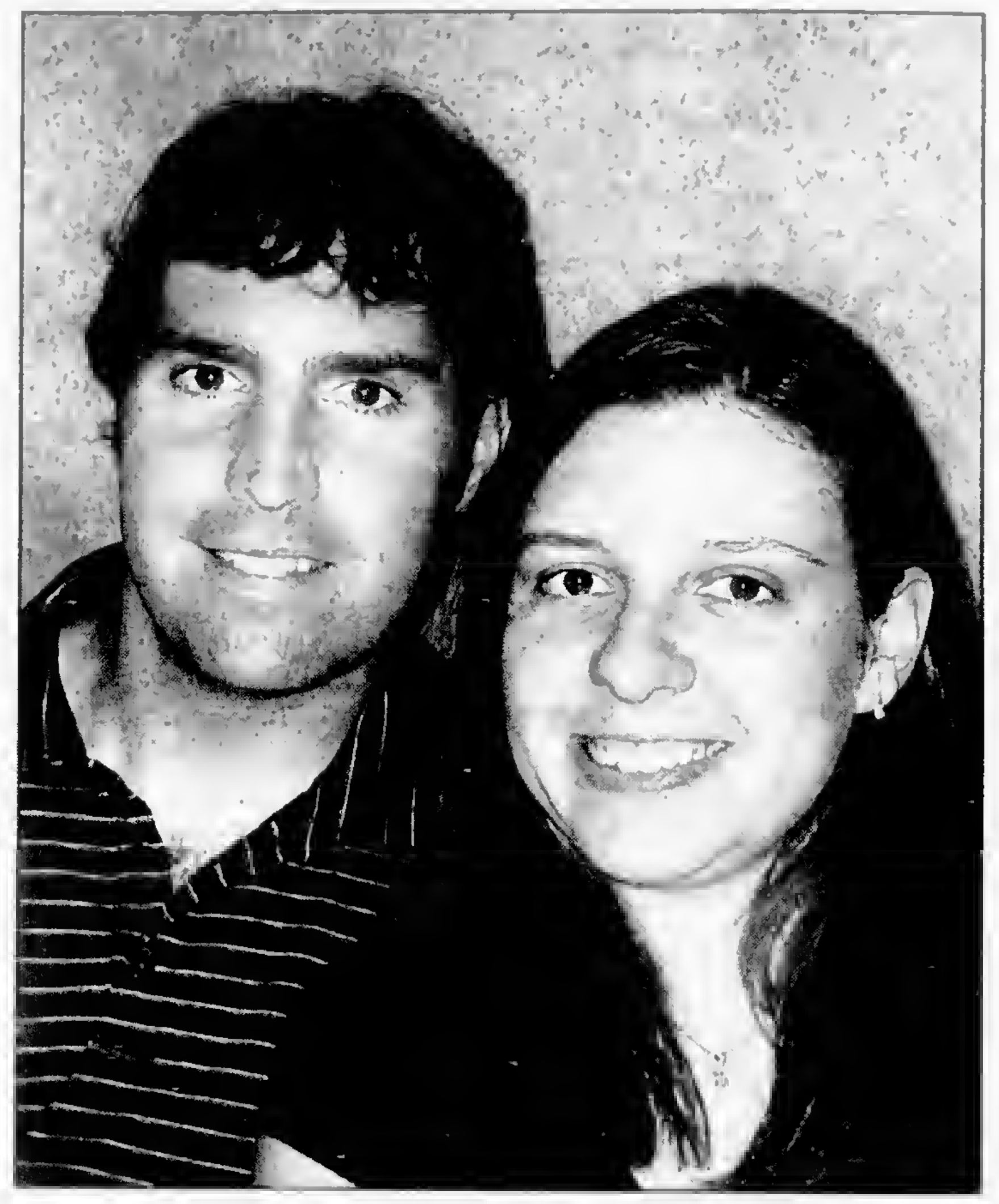
Bryan and Kevin Heard were awarded Executive Club honors. In 2003, 119 Sales Associates affiliated with Re/Max of Michigan Region qualified for this club level. This award is hased on sales production for the year.

Beemon selected as chair of board

Jo Anne Bier Beemon was selected to serve as Northern District Chair on the Executive Board of the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners. Beemon is the Drain Commissioner of Charlevoix County. She represents the 21 northern counties of the lower peninsula of Michigan. Beemon was the first Green Party candidate elected in Michigan.

Engagement

Schairbaum — Dolan



Anne Christina Schairhaum, of Columbus, Ind. and Patrick Francis Dolan, of Indianapolis, Ind. are engaged to be married.

Anne is the daughter of The Rev. Philip Shairbaum and Virginia Shairbaum of Downers Grove, Ill. and formerly of Charlevoix. Patrick is the son of Francis and Dorthy Dolan and the late Maureen Dolan of Crawfordsville, Ind.

A wedding is being planned for Sept. 4, 2004 at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul in Indianapolis, Ind.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Charlevoix High School and Hope College in Holland. She is currently the director of First Call for Help, United Way of Bartholomew County Indiana and is pursuing a masters in social work at the University of Indiana.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Jonathan Law High School in Milford, Conn. and Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. Currently he is the marketing communications manager for Made 2 Manage Systems in Indianapolis, Ind.

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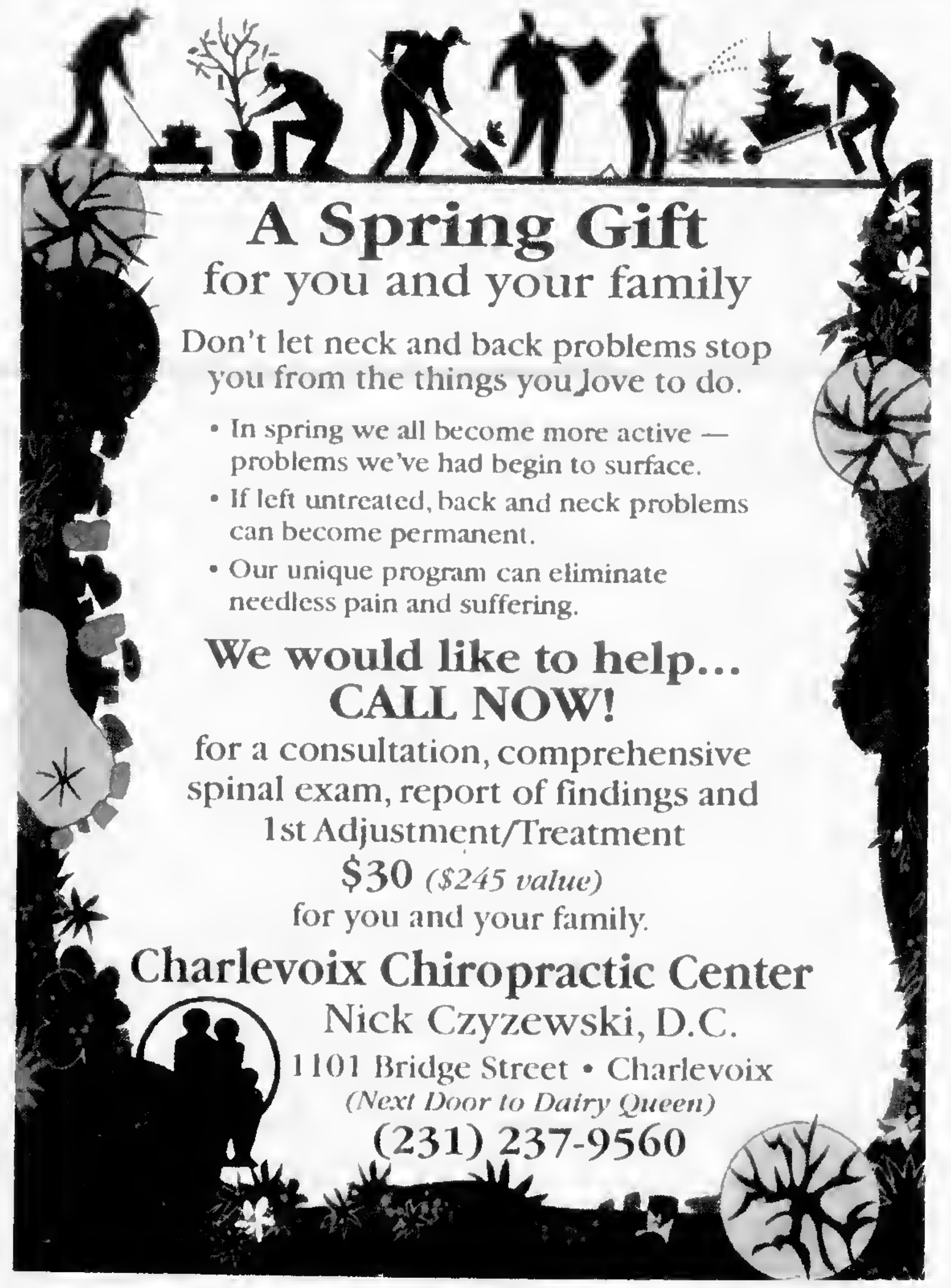
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Charlevoix Senior Center begins expansion

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Senior Center is expanding.

The center provides meals to hundreds of people every week. But what regulars who go there to socialize and fill up on reasonably priced, hot, homemade dishes may not realize, is the kitchen staff is working elbow to elbow to make it come together.

"We are getting more and more clients and customers all the time. We've got to add on to the kitchen. There just isn't enough space," Earl Muma, director of the Charlevoix Senior Center, said.

Head cook at the center, Janet Dobrowloski, said, "Everything is lacking in the kitchen. It's crowded, we don't have enough counter space, the oven and butcher block are both too small, we need a commercial dishwasher and we have refrigeration problems."

Since 2002, Muma has been working to expand the current kitchen to make way for these improvements and to give the cooks more room to work in.

Last week, on May 5, Muma's efforts came to fruition at a groundbreaking ceremony. The project will build a 800 square foot addition at the back of the center.

"If you ever lived in a sardine can and all of a sudden you get a cracker box, that's what this is going to feel like," Muma said.

Former Charlevoix Township Supervisor Oscar Stroud was an honorary guest at the groundbreaking because he was in office in 1988 when the township deeded its old hall to the center.

"I'm for anything they can do to make it bigger and better to serve the people here. As long as they don't give it away," Stroud joked.

The addition and renovation project will not only add space, it will also update the space and appliances. A double oven and larger range will be installed, a walk-in refrigerator and freezer will be added and cabinets will be installed.

The project will cost the center about $100,000. The fund-raising effort has reached the $50,000 mark through the generosity of contributors and grants. Muma is crossing his fingers that more donations come in and grants come through.

The addition project is expected to be complete this fall. Muma is hoping if the center has to close during construction it will only be for about a week and he may request use of the kitchen at the Charlevoix County Jail to cover the center's Meals on Wheels program.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(From left) Richard Tunison, Dick Mayhew, Rosalyn Goldstick, Earl Muma, members of the Charlevoix Senior Center Board of DIrectors stand with Oscar Stroud (seated), the supervisor for Charlevoix Township when the center was deeded to the seniors on May 5. They were there for a groundbreaking ceremony kicking off construction of an addition to the center.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

On May 5 the Charlevoix Senior Center celebrated its birthday. Here Earl Muma serves ice cream to Joe Powell at the lunch celebration. After those who attended ate they went outside to break ground on a new addition to the center.

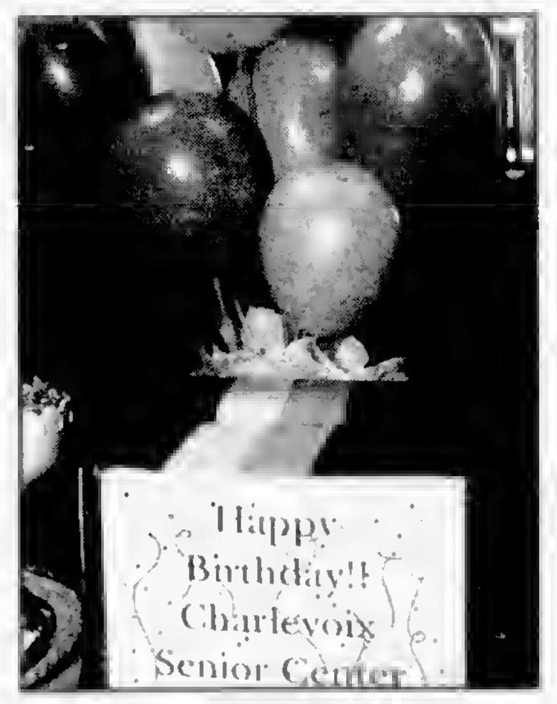

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

This birthday box was filled with cards and donations for the new addition on the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Official Notice

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Northside-Thursday, May 27th
Southside - Friday, May 28th

Trash must be at curb by 7:00 a.m.

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Immunizations needed for a healthy lifestyle

As a polio survivor, Paul Van Wagoner, of Petoskey, encourages parents of infants to fully immunize their children.

Immunizations prevent many infectious diseases that disabled or killed children in our grandparents' day.

Van Wagoner contracted polio as an infant, paralyzing his shoulder His parents chose therapies to keep as much movement as possible through his shoulder and arm.

"My parents encouraged me to knit, to play the saxophone, and to exercise, anything to keep improving dexterity," he said. "My dad was a physical education teacher and I could see the benefits of exercise."

It paid off. Van Wagoner went on to play basketball at the college level and devoted a career to teaching and coaching. But still, he says there are prices to pay for the polio he contracted so many years ago. He finds his body is continually making adjustments to the problems in his shoulder. He has lower back pain.

"It's something I have to deal with every day," he said.

"Immunizations are safe and protect our families and community," said Patricia Fralick, director of Family Health of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. "They are one of our most successful and cost-effective public health strategies."

Immunizations not only protect vaccinated individuals from developing potentially serious diseases, they also help protect entire communities by preventing and reducing the spread of infectious agents.

Outstanding progress has been made in immunization rates for children younger than 2 years old. Nationwide, immunization levels are high for most vaccines and most vaccine-preventable deaths have been reduced by more than 99 percent since the introduction of vaccines.

Vaccines not only save lives, they save money. Infant Immunization is a simple and inexpensive way to protect children from 11 potentially deadly infectious diseases. For example, our nation saves $14.50 in direct and indirect costs for each dollar invested in giving the Hepatitis B vaccine to infants at birth and two months of age. Each dollar spent on the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine generates about $23 in total savings or about $9 billion each year.

In the four-county district served by the health department, childhood immunization rates match state and national rates.

"We must keep working to ensure all of our children have all of the vaccines needed to protect their health," said Fralick.

For additional information regarding infant immunizations, contact your child's health care provider or your local health department office.

Obituaries

Dorothy B. Rothschild: Died May 9, 2004

Dorothy B. Rothschild, long time Charlevoix summer resident on 415 Michigan Avenue, passed away on May 9 in Chicago.

A private family service will be on Friday. Dorothy Rothschild was the wife of the late Frank Rothschild, adored mother of Lee J. Strauss, A. Frank Rothschild Jr., Holly Rothschild, and David Rothschild. Loving grandmother of Nathan, Julian and Gabriel.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Dorothy B. Rothschild Memorial Garden Fund c/o Chicago Botanical Garden 1000 Lake Cook. Rd. Glencoe, Ill., 60022.

Courtesy photo

Wolf badges given

Charlevoix Cub Scouts, Pack 11 recently awarded the Wolf Badge to the following Cub Scouts from Den 1, Christopher Snabes leader. (From Left to Right) Logan Eckhardt, Austin Edger, Desmond Hunter, Parker LaVanway and Shane Sutherland.

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Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church..........547-6430

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Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer..........536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher..........547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green..........547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Pioneer Clubs	6:45 p.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson ....547-2654 or -5168

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Father Jim Gunn..........547-6322

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore..........547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.

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Pastor: Mike Mitchell..........237-0800

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Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen..........347-3899

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Pastor: Geri Litchfield..........582-9262

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael C. Smith..........547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse..........599-2321

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Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

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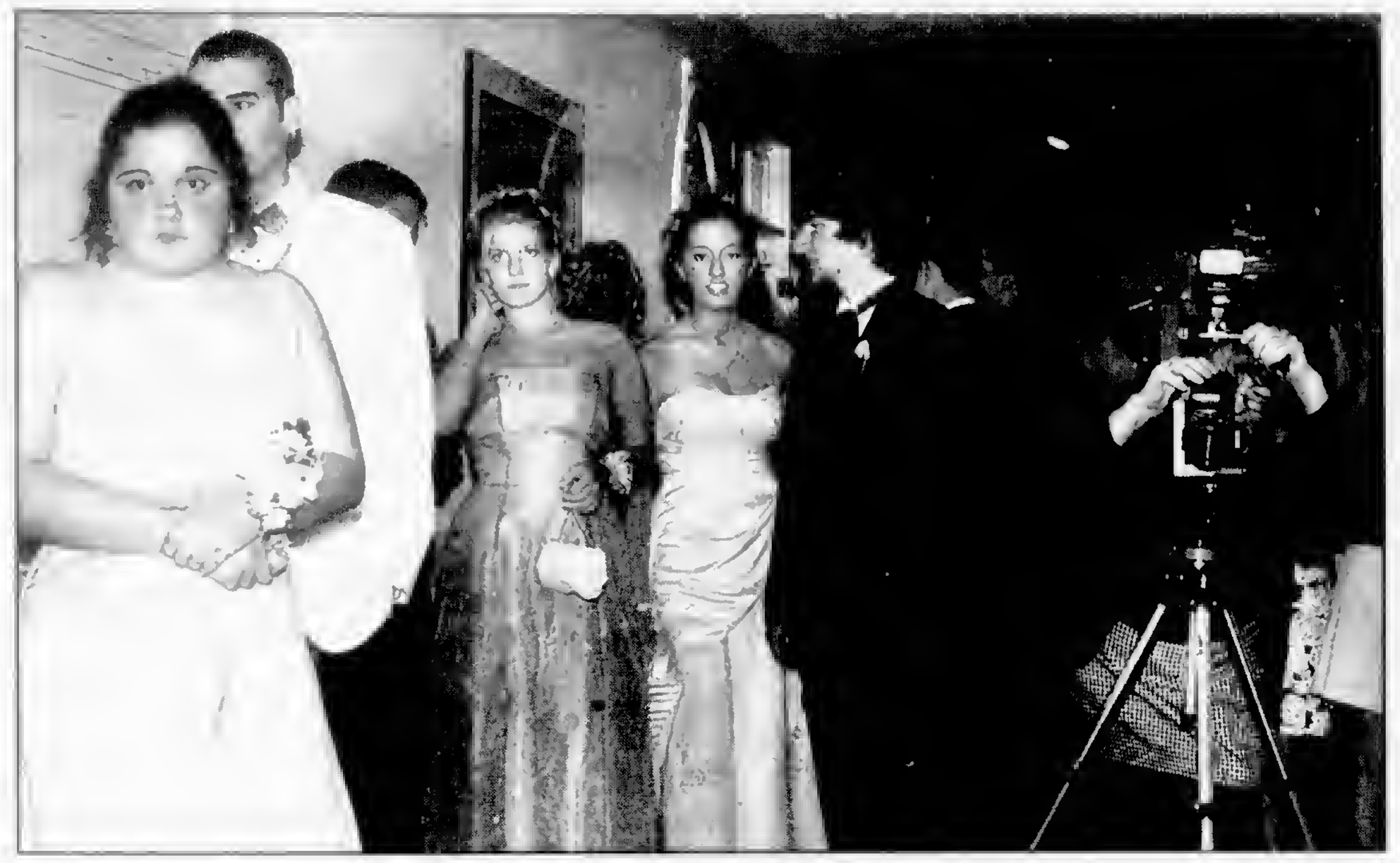
The Charlevoix High School Prom was well attended on May 8 at the Belvedere Club Casino. (Below) Maria Hall and Ashley Lamp relax by the fireplace.



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(Above) This group of Charlevoix High School prom goers wait for their turn in front of the flash. Charlevoix Camera owner Merrel Staffel was at the event taking pictures. (Left) Pastel dresses and black tuxedos were all the rage at the Charlevoix High School Prom May 8 at the Belvedere Club Casino. Here prom goers Matt Burtt, Chris Wyniawskyj, Madison Ramsey and Caitlin Ernst enjoy their big event.

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Brooke Blanchard and Jed Daman took a time out from the dance floor.

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BUSINESS

Mother, daughter team up with business venture

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Kris Way and her daughter Kelly Way are teaming up to satisfy the caffeine needs of Charlevoix residents and visitors.

The mother-daughter combo are the new owners of The Coffee Shop, formerly Black Bear Coffee, in downtown Charlevoix on Bridge Street.

Kris said she decided to purchase the business because she loves Charlevoix's downtown.

"I love being downtown. I love coming downtown," she said. "I just decided I would rather work for myself."

With this new team behind the counter, customers will see a few changes at The Coffee Shop.

Kris said she has redesigned many of the recipes of foods and drinks sold at the business and has made a lot of cosmetic changes. She added The Coffee Shop also has halted selling lunches and has decided to stick to coffee and baked goods.

She said they have also added a line of rustic-style bird houses and paintings.

While The Coffee Shop can offer its customers a variety of coffee flavors and bulk coffee, it also has tea, baked goods, espresso drinks, candy and nut products, hot chocolate and steamers. Plus, those who enjoy technology can make use of The Coffee Shop's wireless Internet connection — customers must provide their own laptop computer though — and there is a television that patrons can enjoy.

As for baked goods, Kris said she sells pies from the Grand Traverse Pie Company, Johan's bagels and products from Friske's Orchard and Farm Market in Atwood.

The Coffee Shop is open during the winter from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday. She said as it gets closer to summer and more people are in town, she will increase her hours on Friday and Saturday.

During the summer, The Coffee Shop's hours will be 6 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week.

They can be contacted by calling (231) 547-9663.

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Kris (left) and Kelly Way hope their new business will ease your coffee cravings.

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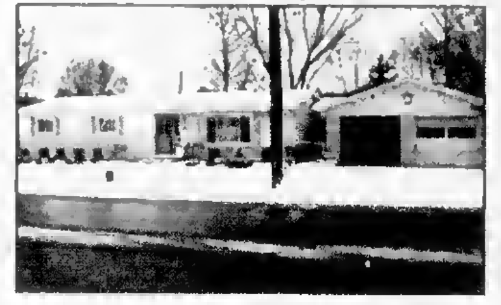

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Annual carnival welcomes spring weather

(Below) Charlevoix Elementary School counselor Kristen Beach, rolls a sticky pink cotton candy snack for a gym load of students at the annual Charlevoix Elementary School Spring Carnival May 7 in the school gym.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

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(Above) Taylor Erndt of Charlevoix tosses a whiffle ball into an oddly shaped square hoping to see it fall to take home a prize.

(Below) Eugene Waffle, 11, of Charlevoix aims for the hole-in-one at the annual Charlevoix Elementary School Spring Carnival.

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Charlevoix students take medals for problem solving

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

A group of four seventh grade boys at Charlevoix Middle School have proven that together, they can solve the problems of the future.

The boys, Michael Heckendorn, Collin McDonough, Thomas Parrish and Weston Bryan were awarded a fourth place finish for presentation of best solution in the Michigan Future Problem Solving Program Bowl March 27 at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

The Future Problem Solvers program, which was developed in 1973 at the University of Georgia, challenges students to creatively seek, attack and solve problems that may arise in the future. Nationwide there are about 200,000 students from the United States and foreign countries participating, 8,000-10,000 of those are in the state of Michigan.

The four boys were the only one's to make the state competition out of seven Charlevoix Middle School groups to submit a qualifying packet.

Pat Miller, the program coach and middle school science teacher, said the fact that each boy brings a unique skill to the problem solving table is what set them apart from the rest.

She said Weston is the academic, Parrish is the level headed one, Heckendorn is the supervisor and McDonough provides writing skills and comic relief.

"The uniqueness of this team has made them successful. They are four different boys pulling their strength from four different areas. Plus, they are all friends and respect each other," Miller said.

At the bowl, the boys were given a problem — "How to fix a media monopoly." Then, they went into an isolated room for two hours and worked on a set of 16 problems and solutions related to the fictitions media debacle.

As their time wound down the Charlevoix group picked their best scenario and presented it to a panel of judges and other problem solvers using a set of props that included tin foil and paper plates.

It was this presentation that earned them a fourth place finish among 10 teams.

They said the exciting finish has their gears turning for next year's bowl. Their goal is to place first in the world at the international competition. They said meeting this goal will take more training and research.

While they look forward to more challenges and the thrill of competition, Miller said what they are taking away will last longer than the weekend bowl.

She said the program's emphasis on higher thinking and problem solving skills benefit the students in the classroom and in life.

"The skills they learn here they use in everyday life — in school, on the playing field — it's a six-step (problem solving) process that helps you make meaningful decisions," Miller said.

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These boys made it to the state competition for the Charlevoix Middle School's Future Problem Solvers program. They are (from left) Thomas Parrish, Weston Bryan, Collin McDonough and Michael Heckendorn.

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Chilly speech

Johnathan Rand, author of the children's series Michigan Chillers and national series American Chillers was at Charlevoix Elementary School recently. Rand is a motivational speaker.

City gets grants for land use planning

Coastal Zone and PAL Grants are in place for Charlevoix Planning Area Multi-Jurisdictional Smart Growth Land Use Planning Initiative.

The Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program has provided a grant to the City of Charlevoix.

The People and Land Program, sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, has provided a matching grant to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The grants are to support a smart growth land use planning initiative which is designed to involve the citizens of Charlevoix, Marion, Hayes, Eveline and Norwood townships and the City of Charlevoix in an area wide land use planning initiative to be undertaken this spring and summer.

This initiative is intended to address, on a coordinated basis, the issues of accommodation of future land use needs, inadvertent sprawl, maintenance of open space and rural character, loss of farmland, etc.

The planning initiative will be initiated with a meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18 at the Charlevoix Township Hall. This event will be keynoted by Brian Warner a member of the Michigan Land Use Leadership Council.

A subsequent visioning session will be on May 25. With a vision for the area developed in these two sessions, a planning charrette will be held beginning on the evening of Thursday, June 24, continuing through Saturday, June 26.

A charrette is a collaborative planning process that harnesses the talents and energies of all interested parties to create and support a buildable smart growth plan. The citizen stakeholders from the five townships and the City are encouraged to attend and participate in this initiative.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Gerry Harsh, city planner for the City of Charlevoix, at 547-3254.

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Keeping in shape

Students at St. Mary School participated in the national day of exercise at the school last week. (Below) Irah Dhaseleer tries to keep on her feet while negotiating the balance beam.

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(Above) Amanda Raven tries out the hoola-hoop. (Below) Jenna Tropman skips over the rope.

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(Above) A group of students shoot hoops as part of a day of exercise at St. Mary School.

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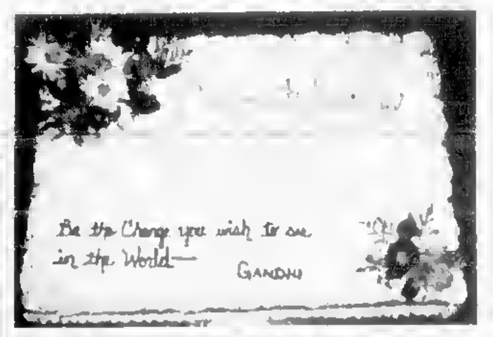

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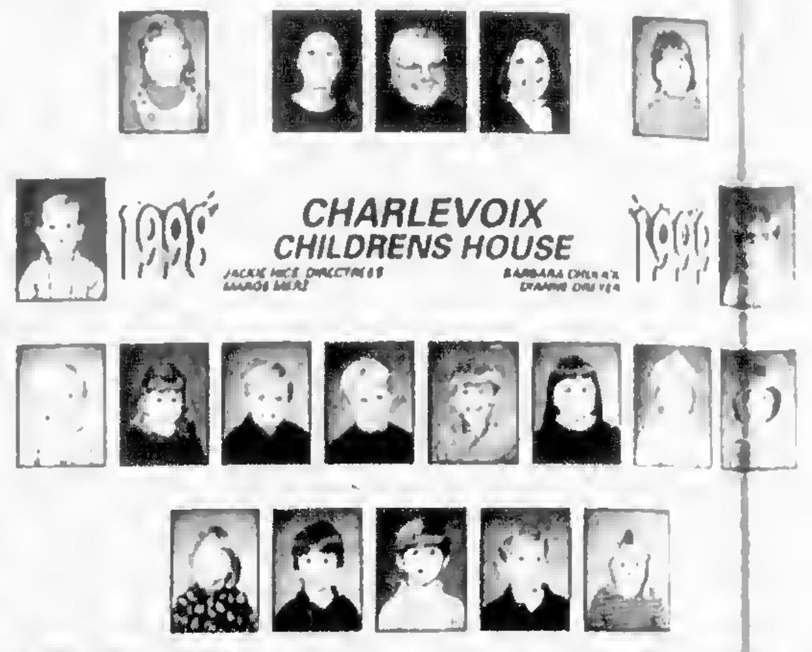

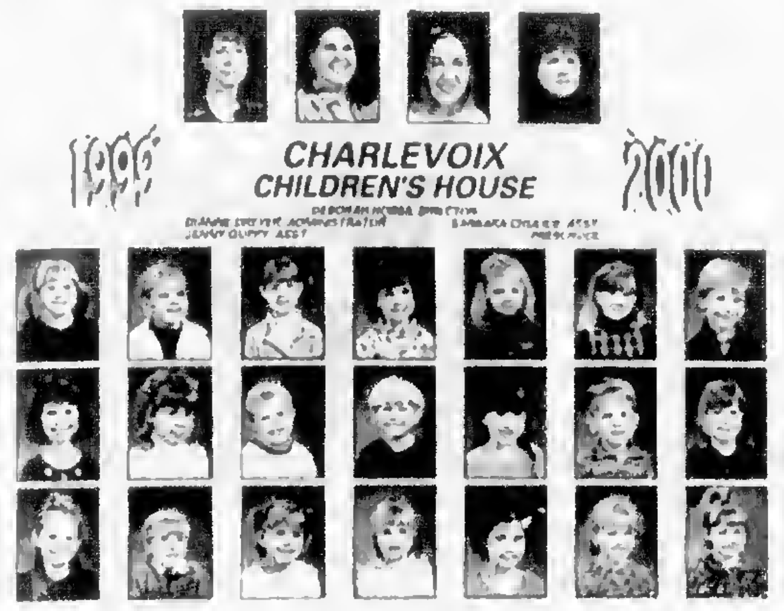

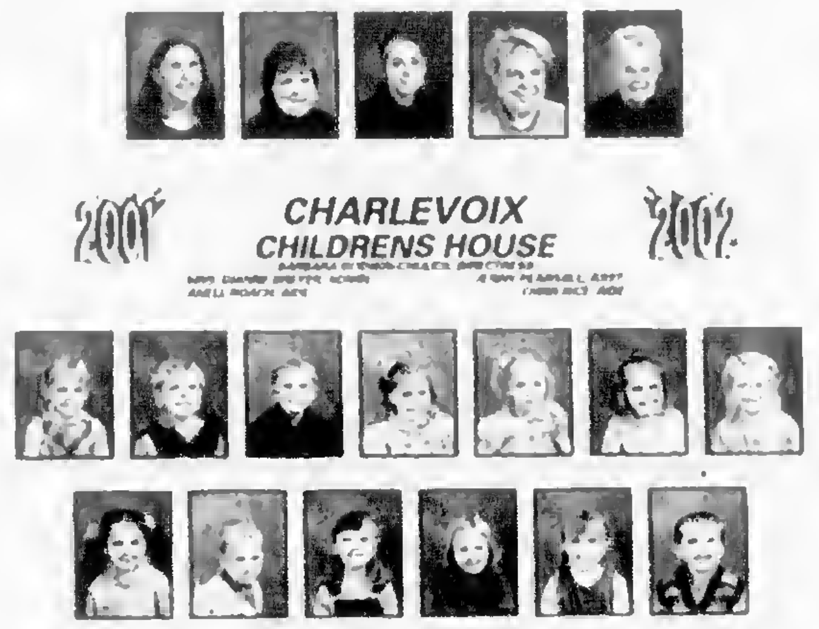

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Beaver Island 'citizens of the year' named

Hospice of Helping Hands and Connie Wojan were honored by the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce as citizens of the year at a recent banquet.

Chamber of Commerce President Kathy Speck spoke at the April 24 event saying there has been amazing growth of interest shown in the prestigious award. This is the third year the island chamber has given out the award.

Speck said, "This year alone we received over 30 nominations and two of those nominations were signed by over 50 people."

Speck announced all of the nominees in both award categories and included comments from the written nominations received by the chamber.

This year's Citizen of the Year organization was Hospice & Helping Hands.

Speck said this group, originally organized by Joyce Runberg and Pat Rowley, has volunteers in place year-round to assist anyone with a need for their services.

The 19 Hospice and Helping Hands volunteers are: Joyce Runberg, Sandy LoDico, Karen Whitecraft, Penny Young, Jane Dwyer, Mary Kay Dorais, Di Shoop, Lois Rich, Helen Pike, Pat Rowley, Lois Williams, Pinky Harmon, Margaret Bass, Sue Welke, Floss Frank, Kay McElwain, Shirley Sowa, Nancy Cull and Eula Thomas.

Harmon formally accepted the award.

"It's been a rare privilege to serve with these guys," said Harmon, who invited anyone interested in helping those in need to join the organization. Hospice and Helping Hands volunteer Sandy LoDico said the group plans to display their award at the new Health Center.

The individual Citizen of the Year was Connie Wojan.

Speck said Wojan has served the community with countless volunteer hours over the years in a variety of capacities, including 12 years on the school board, where as president she saw the school through difficult mileage votes and accomplished the construction of the new gym and addition. Wojan also volunteers her time at the Beaver Island Library conducting "Story Hour" for the children, as well as volunteering at Holy Cross Church, scheduling all the servers at mass and singing in the choir.

Wojan currently serves as the president of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board, a special contribution for her as she continues the legacy of her mother's (Laurene Adams) dedication to the Health Center.

Wojan said she would like to share the award with all members of the Health Center Board of Directors — past and present — who have worked so tirelessly to bring quality health care to Beaver Island.

This year's "Citizen of the Year" award winners received a framed photo of a harbor scene. The photograph, taken by Phyllis Moore, was an award winner in a photo contest and printed in the *Grand Rapids Press.*

In addition to the framed photograph, the award winners also received Special Tributes for their service to the island community from state officials. The Special Tributes were signed by State Senator Jason Allen, State Representative Kenneth L. Bradstreet and Governor Jennifer Granholm.

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Members of the Hospice of Helping Hands are awarded the Beaver Island Citizen of the Year for a group.

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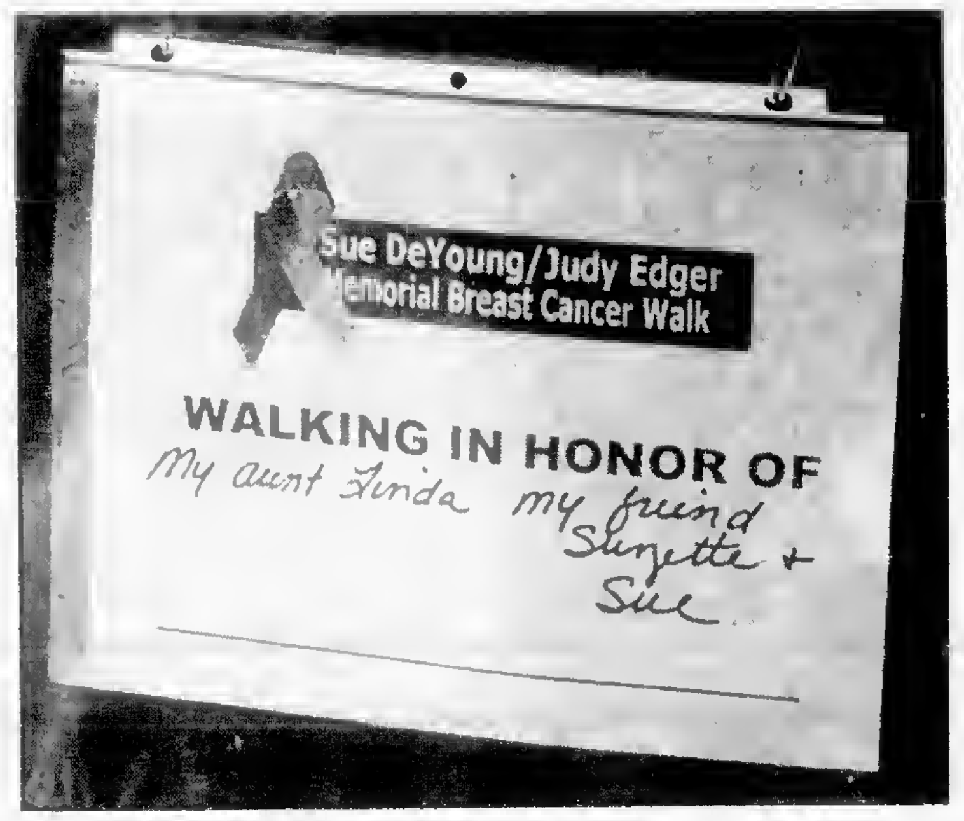
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Traveling criminals were very active in Northern Michigan last year. They are expected to return in force during the spring, summer and fall of 2004. If suspicious of fraudulent activity, consumers should call the nearest local law enforcement agency.

Traveling criminals usually leave their customers with a driveway or parking area that will eventually reveal poor workmanship. Poor work is not always evident immediately. Problems may not appear for several weeks or months. The traveling criminal paver will be long-gone when the pavement begins to break up, making legal action difficult or impossible.

Traveling criminals traditionally have no real local business address. They are even known to use the name of a reputable local asphalt supplier in order to win customer confidence. They may use business cards and truck signs that appear legitimate. Addresses and telephone numbers are frequently those of only an answering service in another city.

Traveling criminals sell asphalt paving material door-to-door after having scouted neighborhoods for their best targets. Their sales pitch is designed to appeal to those who are especially susceptible to the offer of a so-called bargain. Their victims are often Northern Michigan senior citizens.

If suspicious of fraudulent activity, please contact the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office or any police agency so they can assist you at 547-4461.

Charlevoix to celebrate trails day

Ride or walk the new paved Charlevoix Trail by joining the Top of Michigan Trails Council, and Charlevoix Area Chamber/Visitors Bureau on National Trails Day on June 5.

Outdoor enthusiasts around the country will be participating in National Trails Day events to support this year's theme of "Trails and Health...A Natural Connection."

All registrants will receive a T-shirt, snacks, be eligible for prizes and receive discount coupons from Charlevoix merchants. Participants can turn around at any point on the trail and do not need to ride/walk the entire 26-mile round trip.

Signing in, start and late registration are at the Charlevoix Township Hall at the corner of Waller and Old Orchard Roads. Start between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Registration fee by May 21 is $10 each. There is no charge for children 12 and under. After May 21, the fee is $15 each.

For lodging choices, call the Charlevoix Visitors Bureau at (800) 367-8557 or www.charlevoix.org and go to the visitor's section.

Pick up registration forms at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce or go to the Trails Council's web site — www.topofmichigantrails.ord. For questions, contact the Charlevoix Visitors Bureau at (800) 367-8557.

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Brass band to present spring concert May 23

The Northern Michigan Brass Band will present a spring concert beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, at the First Congregational Church, located at 101 State Street, in Charlevoix.

Now in its fifth year of operation, this 28 member, British-style ensemble will perform a program of traditional British and American brass band music by Percy Grainger, Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, Claudio Grafulla, James Curnow, John Williams and Count Basie. Admission is by donation.

Long a tradition in Great Britain, the brass band movement has been gaining increasing popularity in the United States in recent years, according to founder and conductor Ralph Schweigert.

"In the mid-nineteenth century, brass bands were common on both sides of the Atlantic," Schweigert said. "In America, the concert band, which includes woodwind instruments, over-shadowed and eventually replaced the all-brass instrumentation that continued full force in England.

Centered in Gaylord, the all-volunteer band has attracted enthusiastic adult brass players from throughout the northern half of the Lower Peninsula including Clare, Mancelona, Alpena, Beulah, Johannesburg, Gaylord, Bellaire, Standish, Petoskey, Cheboygan, Mackinaw City, Gladwin, Charlevoix and Traverse City.

Since the band was organized in January 1999, it has presented over 25 concerts at various locations throughout northern Michigan.

Community pool to host fund-raising run

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will host the 10th Annual Spring Pool Run on Saturday, June 5 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

The Charlevoix Country Club is located at 9600 Clubhouse Dr., US-31 North, next to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool.

A 5K Run and a 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk will highlight the activities.

Both races will start at 9 a.m. Pre-Entry deadline is Friday, May 28 with a fee of $12.

Runners can register the morning of the race from 7:45-8:45 a.m. for $15.

All runners will receive an official race T-shirt.

Fun Run entry fee is only $5 if you don't want a shirt. Medals will be given to first, second and third places in each age group.

The age groups are 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-69 and 70 and older.

Medals will also be awarded for first and second place overall finishers for both men and women in the 5K race. All proceeds from the race will fund operations at the pool.

Race Directors are Justin Davis and Linda Jelinek of the pool staff. Call the pool at (231) 547-0982 for more information or to obtain a race form or to be a race sponsor.

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Many parents like the all-day option

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40 students. At kindergarten registration, which took place April 26 and 27, 104 students signed up for the 2004-2005 school year.

Out of the 89 students that registered for regular kindergarten, 50 parents chose the full-day program. And of the 15 that registered for "Begindergarten," a low-key alternative to kindergarten, 13 asked for a full-day option. There will be no full-day Begindergarten program.

Swenor said three full day sessions are not being offered because of financial constraints.

Because demand is greater than what the program can accommodate, a lottery will take place this week to see what students will be accepted into the full-day program.

The 23 students who don't make the cut for the full-day program will be put in one of four half day sessions. The half-day sessions run just over three hours each, five days a week. The full day program will follow the regular school schedule that lasts for about seven hours.

The lottery system has some parents nervous.

"I'm just hoping we get a call next week," Charlevoix resident Mel Spencely, whose son is starting kindergarten in the fall.

"I really want him to have that little bit of head start if he can. I just don't want my son to fall behind, he loves school. If he doesn't get full day I'll just have to work with him more at home," she added.

Swenor said students in a full day classroom won't be asked to do more, they'll just have more time to learn through an in-depth approach to the curriculum.

"We are confident we can meet the needs of the kids whether its a half day or full day," he said.

Teachers for the full day program have not been chosen. A new kindergarten teacher will be hired to help keep class size under 20. Current kindergarten teachers include Jessica Martin, Diane Priess and Dorothy Miller.

The board is treating the all day program as a pilot that will be reviewed in June of 2005.

For more information about the kindergarten options call the school at 547-3215.

Crooked Tree to have summer arts workshops

The Crooked Tree Arts Center will offer a variety of summer arts workshops for youth and adults beginning in June 2004.

Summer Adult Workshops, for ages 17 and up, will be during July and August 2004. Watercolor Workshops for all skill levels will be taught by Donna Vogelheim and Tony Warren in July and August. Vogelheim has exhibited at the American Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, Rocky Mountain National Watercolor Society and the Midwest Watercolor Society. Warren has received over 70 awards in 100 shows including Art and Apples in Rochester.

His artwork has been featured in Creative Watercolor: Step by Step.

A Woodcut Workshop will be offered in July by Jean Gumpper a graduate of University of Michigan, B.F.A. and University of Wisconsin, M.A. and M.F.A.

A Drawing Workshop in August will be taught by Neil Ahrens, a graduate of Michigan State University, BA, Painting, Cranbrook Academy of Art, MFA.

Pottery Workshops during the month of August will be lead by Bonnie Staffel. Staffel has attended Toledo Museum of Art School, Cranbrook Academy of Art, American Academy of Art, Feather and Feather Art School.

Youth summer arts camp is offered to students ages 8-13. Classes will meet the weeks of July 27-July 30 and Aug. 10-13 in morning and afternoon sessions. Instructors Mary Jill Lemieur, Joey Haderer and Neil W. Ahrens will offer Drawing & Painting, Silk Painting & Nature Book, and Drawing workshops.

The Crooked Tree Summer Orchestra Strings Camp is designed to give students an opportunity to participate in both large and small ensemble experiences, as well as to take classes in music theory and weekly solo master classes.

The camp will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays July 6-29. There will be special guest clinicians who will work with the students in the ensemble classes. Members of the faculty of Bay View are coaching the musicianship classes.

Students who are involved with the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra, the Beginning Strings Program in the schools, or who meet the level criteria for the classes, are encouraged to sign up. Interested students, not in a Crooked Tree Arts Center program, should call for an audition.

A Springfed Songwriting Workshop for students 11 to 15 years will meet on Saturday, June 26. Instructors are professional musicians and songwriters Michelle Chenard and John D. Lamb. Students will spend time writing, presenting and performing. Song assignments will be given following a group workshop with the instructors. Instructors will cover song structure and its meaning, finding chords and more. Students songs will be performed as 'works in progress' at the end of the day.

Dance classes will be held throughout the summer in ballet and hip-hop jazz, with instructors Cynthia Lee and Heather Raue.

For more information on the summer arts workshops, schedules and enrollment fees, call the arts center for an enrollment form, 347-4337, or go online to register, www.crookedtree.org. Limited enrollment for all classes, so early registration is encouraged. The arts center is located at 461 East Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey.

Official Notice

North Country Community Mental Health Board will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, May 20th at 4:30 p.m. at One MacDonald Drive, 1st floor, Conference Room, Petoskey, MI. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231)347-7890.

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This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis - April 28, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on April 28, 2004 in Charlevoix. All commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the April 14, 2004 meeting as presented.

Tom Wolf, Equalization Director, presented the 2004 Analysis for Equalization. There is an 8.34% increase over 2003, no factors this year and the CPI is 2.3%.

Motion approved Resolution #04-030, Equalization Analysis.

Motion approved Resolution #04-031, Tax Limitation.

Motion approved Resolution #04-032, Transit Millage Renewal.

Motion approved Resolution #04-033, Recycling Millage.

Motion approved Resolution #04-034, Commission on Aging Millage.

Motion approved Resolution #04-035, Tri-County Emergency Management.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

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Prosecutors team up with attorney general on ID theft

The statewide campaign to crack down on identity theft, "It's MI Identity," is already having an impact on crime, Attorney General Mike Cox said recently after meeting with local prosecutors about the campaign in Charlevoix.

"Identity theft is an invisible mugging that can take place anywhere at any time. The sophisticated robber's weapon of choice in the 21 Century is a computer," Cox said. "The 'It's MI Identity' campaign investigates ID theft in adult resident care facilities, assists local law enforcement to help prosecute ID thieves, and raises public awareness about this crime and what citizens can do to protect themselves."

Cox's office currently has more than 40 warrants outstanding against suspected ID thieves and is pursuing another 30 complaints. Those cases so far in which a suspect was arrested and prosecuted include:

A nursing home resident who was victimized when ID thieves assumed the victim's identity-forging her signature on checks, forging withdrawal requests for resident's IRA and annuity accounts. The total amount embezzled was approximately $100,000. The victim was forced to go onto Medicaid after personal accounts were depleted.

A guardian who diverted $17,000 for her own use from the 89-year-old victim's Social Security and Chrysler Corp. pension fund over a three-year period and failed to make nursing home payments-forcing the victim onto Medicaid.

A thief who, during a one-year period, used the victim's Social Security checks for her own use instead of paying nursing home bills. Total amount embezzled exceeded $13,000.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur said her office welcomes Cox's assistance in the fight against ID theft.

"No one is safe from ID theft, and its effects can have devastating effects on Michigan families," Kur noted. "Combining our local efforts with the Attorney General's efforts will ensure greater protection for Michigan citizens from the pervasive threat of identity theft."

Grand Traverse County Prosecutor Dennis LaBelle said his office will also help raise public awareness by distributing information to citizens on how to protect themselves against ID theft and what to do if they're victimized.

"We are taking aggressive steps to guard the people of Michigan from this pernicious crime," Labelle said. "Our efforts are focused on quashing the rapid rise in this area of criminal activity."

Later this year, investigators and attorneys from Attorney General Cox's office will interview residents to get a snapshot of their financial picture and compare that with a free credit report. If the comparison reveals any discrepancies, such as additional credit cards or overdue payments, the Attorney General's office will investigate. This year, the "It's MI Identity Campaign" has interviewed citizens in facilities in Flint, Saginaw and Marquette.

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If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail charlevoixcourier@charlevoix-courier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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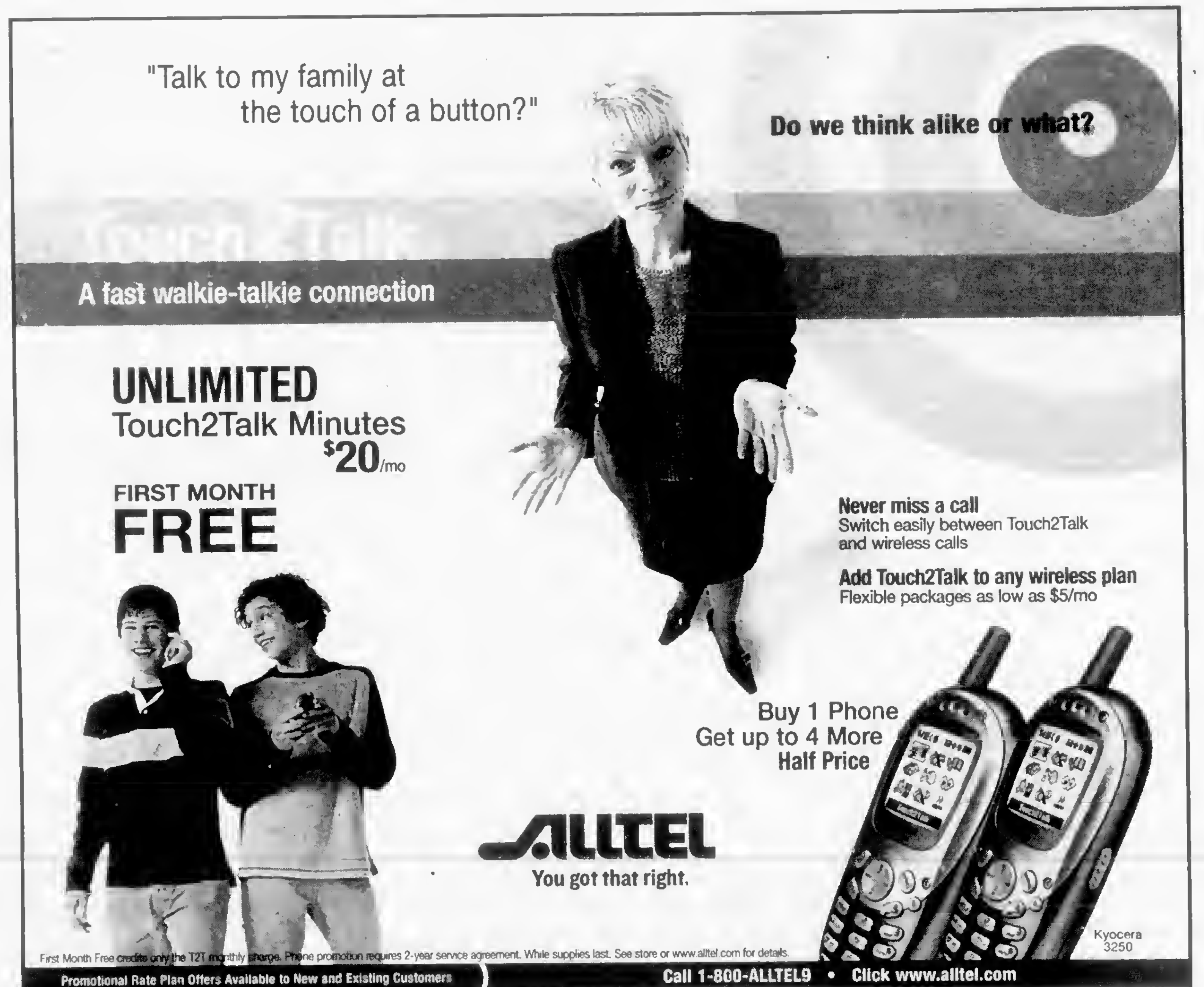
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Economist says Wal-Mart brings negatives, positives

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draw its customers from Charlevoix and a radius of about 50 to 60 miles bringing between 4,000 and 5,000 carloads of shoppers each day. He anticipates most of this traffic coming from the south.

With these shoppers comes cash. Stone's research has found that stores that sell something Wal-Mart doesn't will enjoy some of the ripple effect money.

"People are starting to realize that if they have something different they can capitalize on the traffic," Stone said.

Stone's research in a tourist town called Spirit Lake, Iowa, where a Wal-Mart Supercenter is located, found businesses that have profited the most from Wal-Mart include furniture stores, restaurants and car dealerships. Restaurants in that small Iowa town realized a 10 percent hike in sales three years after Wal-Mart was up and running.

But Stone said not everyone will be lining their pocketbooks with Wal-Mart fallout — the grocery stores and Kmart will "feel it tremendously."

Stone said one of the existing local grocery stores in town will likely go out of business. He said the victim will be whichever of the two is less in tune with prices and service.

And he added that Kmart, located off M-66, will have to make changes or close its doors.

However, Stone said after briefly scanning the stores downtown, he doesn't feel they'll take much of a hit, if any. He said the key to making it with Wal-Mart in town is selling something they don't sell.

"My take is that a tourist town like this has a lot of unique stores and it probably wouldn't hurt too much," he said.

Stone explained that for merchants who try to go head-to-head with the Wal-Mart empire, defeat is almost certain. He said retail success in a supercenter town comes from selling something Wal-Mart doesn't sell.

But finding something Wal-Mart doesn't sell is a challenge in and of itself. Supercenters have 53 departments with everything from food and clothing to hardware and services including an oil change, a one hour photo lab and optical and hair care areas.

That means businesses like Charlevoix Camera, ACE Hardware, The Clothing Company and optometrists will be butting heads with Wal-Mart.

Jackie Dipert, owner of The Clothing Company, said she is still trying to figure out how she will survive if Wal-Mart comes to town.

She sells low to moderately priced clothing and said competing with Wal-Mart, who can sell some of the same clothing for less because of bulk buying power, would be next to impossible.

"So the question is does the local resident want me to carry higher priced merchandise," Dipert said.

Owner of The Bridge Street Book Shop, Jim Berlage, said he is facing the same problem and in some cases he would have to lose money to match Wal-Mart's prices because of the deals they get from their suppliers.

Dr. Steven Voci, a local optometrist with a shop off Clinton Street and another in East Jordan, said, he anticipates one of the three local part-time eye doctors' practices going out of business if Wal-Mart comes to town. He plans to fight for his practice by accepting a wide array of insurance and selling a high quality product complete with a more knowledgeable staff. He also plans to offer more extensive services like emergency eye care, better warranty options and a vast selection of products to choose from.

"We've worked hard at building what we've got. I hope we can keep it going and be able to continue to live here, because we love it here," Voci said.

Stone's survival advice for those like Voci that may have to compete in some way is to develop a strategy and get back to the basics of doing good business.

"Good local merchants that are in touch with the tastes and preferences of the local community make it," he said.

By developing strategy he suggests analyzing your market, developing a niche and determining necessary changes. He said some good business practices are establishing a flexible return policy, developing knowledge of the store and the products and establishing convenient hours.

In closing he said what will keep retailers afloat is attitude.

"If a Wal-Mart Supercenter does come it would behoove you to try and take a positive attitude — say I can compete with them. Take a negative attitude and there isn't much hope," he said.

After the seminar, President of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Jacqueline Merta said the chamber maintains its opposition to Wal-Mart locating a supercenter in Charlevoix.

Maura Snabes, chairman of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, said she saw some hope in Stone's commentary.

"I thought what stood out was it's not the host town that will suffer most, it's outside communities that will suffer most. A lot of stores downtown are very unique and have their own niche and I think they are going to be fine," she said.

The next host in the chamber's seminar series is Bob Negen with Whiz Bang Training. He will be in town June 17 to offer sales advice to people in the retail and service industries. For more information call the chamber at 547-2101.

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Haske hired as girls' basketball coach

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix High School boys' basketball coach Keith Haske is also going to use his talents with the girls' basketball team next year.

Haske, also the middle school principal, was hired as the girls' varsity basketball coach by the Charlevoix School Board Monday. Haske said he will be coaching both the boys and girls teams.

In a letter to the school board, Charlevoix Athletic Director Jim Kanine said, "My vision for the girls' varsity basketball program is the same as the boys. I know of no better way to accomplish that vision than to hire Keith Haske as our girls' coach. Keith is a great competitor and he relishes the challenge of establishing the girls' program at the same elite level as the boys."

Kanine added he believes the students will do well under Haske's guidance.

"Not everyone is aware of Keith's rapport with student-athletes. He is an excellent communicator and a life-long educator. He likes kids and they respond well to him," Kanine said.

Haske said he started thinking about taking on the girls' coaching position after speaking with a few other coaches around the state that have taken on both the boys' and girls' basketball teams.

He said he learned it can be done and is actually a sensible fit.

Haske added he will be posting the assistant coaching positions for next year.

Charlevoix School Board Member Larry Levengood motioned to accept Kanine's recommendation to hire Haske. There were 10 applicants for the position and six people were interviewed.

Haske's hiring passed unanimously.

Haske has been the boys' varsity basketball coach for the past seven years.

Under his coaching, the teams have been to the final four on four different occasions and have played in the state finals twice.

The girls' team has had a fair amount of success over the years, with winning seasons for the last two, under the coaching of Jim Parrish.

However, Parrish was fired by Kanine over the winter.

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Girls track team makes good stand in meet

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

While the Charlevoix High School girls' track team had some tough meets last week, many Rayder competitors still had standout finishes in their events.

On May 7, the team took part in the Traverse City Invitational and on May 3, they took part in the Bellaire Invitational.

Mary Plude, girls' coach, said the Traverse City Invitational was tough, "but the girls did well against the larger schools."

Plude said the 1600 meter relay team ran their fastest time of the year and Lindi Edger had a personal best in the two mile.

"If she can do that at regionals it will qualify her to the state meet," Plude said.

At Bellaire, Plude said she only had about two-thirds of the squad because of other school commitments. Charlevoix finished seventh out of 13 teams at this meet.

Individual medalists for the Traverse City meet were:

- 3200 meter relay — the team of Michelle Rowe, Theresa Martin, Emily Westenbroek and Edger finished fourth with a time of 10 minutes, 41.3 seconds.
- 400 meter relay — The team of Jasmine Witthoeft, Shannon Dibble, Caitlin Ernst and Sonya Plude finished fourth with a time of 55.4 seconds.
- 3200 meter run — Edger finished fifth with a time of 12 minutes, 12.2 seconds.
- 1600 meter relay — the team of Amy Drew, Martin, Dibble and Liz Madison finished fourth with a time of 4 minutes, 21.3 seconds.

Individual results for the Bellaire meet were:

- 3200 meter relay — a co-ed team with Rowe and Martin on it finished fourth with a time of 9 minutes, 40.4 seconds.
- 800 meter relay — the team of Witthoeft, Heffling, Ernst and Drew finished fourth with a time of 1 minute, 57.4 seconds.
- 400 meter relay — the team of Witthoeft, Heffling, Ernst and Dibble finished third with a time of 56.1 seconds.
- 1600 meter relay — a co-ed team with Drew and Edger on it finished second with a time of 4 minutes, 1.7 seconds.
- Long jump — Witthoeft finished first with a distance of 14 feet, 9 inches.

Soccer team has fantastic week on the field

Charlevoix dominated play throughout against Boyne City last week, winning 5-0.

The team improved to 4-2 in Lake Michigan conference play. The Rayders managed 17 shots on goal while the Ramblers' challenged Charlevoix keeper Laura Nitchman on six occasions.

Charlevoix got on the board early when senior tricaptain Shayna Drost finished on an assist from junior Jaime Pettis. The Rayders scored twice more before the break.

Freshman midfielder Zita Anderson finished on a corner kick sent by sophomore Stevie Murray and fellow sophomore Madison Ramsey sent home a rocket from 18 yards out, assisted by Drost. Second half scoring chances were completed by Pettis on an assist by Drost and by Ramsey on a penalty kick awarded to the Rayders when Pettis was fouled by the Boyne keeper.

Murray junior tri-captain Sarah Cross and junior Madison McKenzie controlled the Ramblers defensively. McKenzie also spent some time in the midfield, working with senior tri-captain Alyssia McDonough, Anderson and freshman Lori Zimmerman.

Rayders Player of the Game award went to the always hustling McKenzie.

The Rayders continued their winning ways with a strong showing against a good Traverse City team, winning 4-0, also last week.

Charlevoix scored just a minute into the match when junior Meghan Lame assisted senior Drost, who got behind the Traverse City defense and sent the ball home. From then on through the first half, Traverse City, playing with the wind, asserted themselves, winning most of the 50-50 balls and managing several shots on goalkeeper Nitchman.

. Traverse City actually put one in the net on an indirect kick resulting in no goal and a Charlevoix goal kick.

The Rayders came out strong in the second half and began to dominate the play, Pettis scored twice and Drost again on 2 assists by midfielder Madison Ramsey and one from Cross.

Charlevoix managed 13 shots on net while Nitchman recorded her fourth shutout of the season with five saves. Rayder player of the game honors went to Pettis.

Tennis team wins two

The Charlevoix High School tennis team beat Elk Rapids, 5-3, and Grayling, 6-3, last week.

Individual results were:

Singles

- First, Nate Turner defeated Elk Rapids, 6-1, 6-1 and Grayling, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.
- Second, Matt Novotny lost to Elk Rapids, 6-3, 6-1, and defeated Grayling 6-2, 6-2.
- Third, Ben Scheelk defeated Elk Rapids, 7-6, 6-4 and Grayling 6-4, 6-4.
- Fourth, Mike Greyerbiehl defeated Elk Rapids, 5-7, 6-4, 6-0 and lost to Grayling, 6-3, 2-6, 2-6.

Doubles

- First, the team of Cody Wheat and Adam Wager lost to Elk Rapids, 7-5, 6-3 and to Grayling, 4-6, 6-3, 5-7.
- Second, the team of Taylor Martin and Sparky Nitchman defeated Elk Rapids, 6-1, 6-1 and Grayling, 6-2, 6-1.
- Third, the team of Mitch Klooster and Andrew Mailloux defeated Elk Rapids, 6-2, 7-5 and Grayling 6-3, 6-1.
- Fourth, the team of Ethan Winchester and Tom Castiglione lost to Elk Rapids, 5-7, 7-6, 7-5.
- Fourth, the team of Dan Swenor and Castiglione defeated Grayling 6-2, 6-2.
- Fifth, the team of Eric DeBoe and George DeBoe lost to Grayling, 6-3, 4-6, 2-6.

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Baseball team loses in double-header

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders suffered a heartbreaking doubleheader sweep to arch-rival Boyne City, 7-5 and 3-2.

"Both pitchers (Chris Waha and Jake Teuscher) had tremendous outings," coach Bryan Hawkins said. "I can't speak highly enough of the job Waha has done for us as a freshman on the varsity team, being thrown into the fire of a Boyne City-Charlevoix rivalry like this."

The Rayders trailed 5-0 heading into the last of the sixth but Charlevoix rallied to score five to force extra innings, before giving up two runs in the top of the eighth.

"This group has a lot of fight in them," Hawkins said. "It showed in (that) comeback and the all-around play in game two. We still have our moments of unsteadiness in the field and on the bases, but we're working hard on it in practice and learning as we go."

In game one, Tyler Bier went two-for-four with an RBI and run scored. Russell Williams was two-for-three with a double and run scored. Waha was two-for-three with a double and run scored.

Waha went seven innings on the mound, giving up only three earned runs, eight hits and two walks while striking out eight.

In the nightcap, Boyne scored three in the second and held on for the win. Charlevoix scored single runs in the fourth and fifth.

Jake Teuscher was the tough luck loser, throwing six innings and yielding only three hits, two walks and one earned run. He struck out three.

"Jake Teuscher is a bulldog out there on the mound," Hawkins said. "He won't back down from anybody. With (Waha and Teuscher) settled into our rotation, I think were poised to make a good run down the stretch and into the district tournament."

Michael Wojan had two of the Rayder hits and scored a run. Bier had the other hit and scored the other Charlevoix run.

Charlevoix (7-10 overall, 4-7 conference) travels to Maple City Glen Lake on Thursday, hosts Suttons Bay on Saturday and Grayling on Monday.

The Charlevoix junior varsity lost a doubleheader to Traverse City St. Francis, 7-3 and 3-1.

Zach Scharenbroch had three hits and Danny Waldron had two in the opener. In the nightcap, Zack Lake was the losing pitcher but gave up only three hits and one earned run. Jeremy Yaldo and Matt Heimbuch had the only Rayder hits.

Rayders' varsity softball team has rough week

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

It was a rough week on the diamond last week for the Charlevoix Rayders softball squad as they lost doubleheaders to Traverse City St. Francis, 9-1 and 13-8, and to Boyne City, 11-5 and 4-1.

"We've been struggling," coach Liz Grunch said. "We've been up and down on defense. We've played real well at time but errors keep hurting us."

In game one against St. Francis, Amanda Boss and Sally Haselschwardt had the Rayder hits. Monica Cornell took the pitching loss despite nine strikeouts.

In the nightcap, Boss, Gen Kochanny and Denise Barta had two hits apiece. Andrea Ruhlman and Sasha Spencley had singles as well. Nicole Higdon was the losing pitcher.

"We hit the ball pretty well," Grunch said. "But were not taking capitalizing, were leaving a lot of runners on base because we can't get the job done in the clutch situations."

Against Boyne in game one, Boss, Brittany Niswander and Spencley singled while Ruhlman and Cornell slugged doubles. Cornell took the loss while striking out seven Rambler hitters.

Jessica Pettis and Haselschwardt each had two hits in the nightcap. Ruhlman, Niswander, Barta and Kochanny also had hits for Charlevoix. Higdon suffered the pitching loss.

The Rayders (5-12 overall, 2-9 conference) travel to Maple City Glen Lake on Thursday, May 13 before hosting Suttons Bay on Saturday, May 15.

Hospice gearing up for annual fund-raising auction

This year's Hospice of Northwest Michigan auction has two significant changes from those in the past.

The event has been in early June, but this year the date is Friday, July 30. Also, for may years, the auction has been held at Boyne Mountain, an organization that has been (and still is) very supportive of Hospice, but an opportunity became available to use Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The evening's activities start at 5:30 p.m. and, as in the past, will include both live and silent auctions. Scott MacKenzie and Rip Hayes will be the auctioneers.

Ticket prices will be $30 and $60 with corporate tables available at $90 per seat. A variety of hors d'oeuvres will be on hand as well as a cash bar. Two door prizes of $300 and $200 will be drawn during intervals in the program.

On June 1, tickets will be available at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City, Busy Bridge Antiques in East Jordan, The Clothing Company in Charlevoix, Orchard Hills LTD in Bellaire, Adam's Madams in Central Lake and the Hospice Office in East Jordan as well as at the door. Hospice of Northwest Michigan is in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency that provides the clinical component of the program - nursing, social work, home health aides, chaplain and therapists.

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Births

Brianna Rose, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces, was born to Robert and Angelia McClanthan of Charlevoix on April 27, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Corey, 8 and Brandon, 6. Grandparents are John and Annabel Kintz of Petoskey and Mary McClanthan and the late Raymond McClanthan of Charlevoix.

Elise Abigail, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Matthew and Lori Ivester of Charlevoix on April 27, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She has one sister, Julia. Grandparents are Richard and Brenda Chanda of Charlevoix, Laura and Parke Groat of Paradise and Stanley and Francis Ivester of Missouri.

Dimitrii Monore, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Ronald Bell and Jamie Chavez of East Jordan on April 28, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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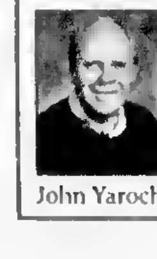

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MARGARET L. MOORE TRUST

Trust of Margaret L. Moore

Date of Birth: May 29, 1919

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **Margaret L. Moore,** who lived at 03184 Behling Road, Boyne City, Michigan 49712 died March 19, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Rodney Karston Moore, named Trustee at 6740 S. US 27, St. Johns, MI 48879, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 6, 2004

Paul E. Nettleman P26331
2202 Mitchell Park Dr.
P.O. Box 868
Petoskey, MI 49770
231-347-1990

Rodney Karston Moore
6740 S. US 27
St. Johns, MI 48879
989-224-0707

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage dated August 5, 2002, given by Richard P. Carlson and Colleen Sue Carlson, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded August 12, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 481, Page 825, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE AND 29/100 DOLLARS ($87,169.29) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, June 11, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 180 and the S. 25 feet of Lot 173, Block V, Nicholl's and Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne, now the City of Boyne, according to the Plat thereof. City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: April 29, 2004

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
90th DISTRICT COURT
Case No. 04-124-SP
Honorable Richard W. May

Associates First Capital Corporation
Plaintiff,
v.
Michael H. Wekenman,
Vickie J. Bellinger and
The Port of St. James
Association,

John A. Johnson, Agent
Defendants.
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Marshall R. Isaas P41142
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Orlans & Associates, P.C.
Ronald J. Kirkpatrick P24887
Plunkett & Cooney
Attorneys for Plaintiff
123 W. Main St., Ste. 302
Gaylord, MI 49735
(989)732-6440
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ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE AND ORDER TO ANSWER OR TAKE OTHER ACTION AS TO DEFENDANT VICKIE J. BELLINGER

At a session of the 90th District Court, held in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan on April 15, 2004, Honorable Judge Richard W. May Presiding.

The Court having considered Plaintiff's Motion for Alternate Service in this land contract forfeiture action against Defendants for real estate situated in the Township of St. James, Charlevoix County, Michigan and more specifically described as:

Lot 295 of Port St. James Subdivision No. 6, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 156; Charlevoix County Records; Tax Item No. 15-013-706-295-00. Commonly known as 38160 Wilderness Court, Beaver Island, Michigan.

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants appear for trial on Plaintiff's Complaint on Tuesday June 8, 2004, at 1 p.m., or take other action to defend prior to that date;

It is further Ordered that this Order be published one per week for three consecutive weeks in the Legal News, and that a copy of this Order further be posted at the subject property and at the County Building prior to the last date of publication;

Failure by Defendants to appear or defend may result in entry of a judgment of possession in favor of Plaintiff, which said judgment would provide for issuance of an order of eviction after 90 days from entry of said judgment if Defendants, prior to that time, fail to cure all defaults in their performance under the subject land contract in existence at the time on entry of said judgment.

Richard W. May
District Court Judge

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010674-DE

Estate of Gladys Lorene Goss
Date of Birth: September 30, 1925

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Gladys Lorene Goss, who lived at 303 Meech Street, Charlevoix, Michigan died April 6, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Brian L. Goss, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date May 6, 2004

Scott T. Beatty P24202
111 State Street, Suite 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-4059

Brian L. Goss
3813 Swenson
Fairbanks, AK 99709
(907) 456-2690

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
OF HEARING
FILE NO. 04-010675-NC

In the matter of Noah M. William Ritter/Levi B. Perry Ritter

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including those whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at Probate Court, at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The Petition(s) to Change Name filed by Mabel M. Carson requesting that the name of Noah M. William Ritter/Levi B. Perry Ritter be changed to Noah M. William Carson/Levi B. Perry Carson.

Date: May 10, 2004

Mabel M. Carson
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MAY 2004

CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Library talk

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are hosting Wednesday morning coffees at 10 a.m. to help answer any questions you may have about the Library's Building Project. For further information, contact the library at 547-2651.

CPR, First Aid

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- Adult Heartsaver CPR from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, May 12 in Classroom B.
- Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, in Classroom B.
- Basic First Aid from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday , May 26, in Classroom B.

The cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association community-training center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive from 12 to 5:45 p.m., on May 13, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or just drop in. Remember to hring a picture identification or certified or legal identification.

Rod and Gun Club summer hours

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's summer hours are Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Organized handgun shooting will be held on Wednesday's from 6 to 9 p.m. CCW Renewal will be held on Friday, May 14. This involves a two-hour period on Friday with shooting time on Saturday May 15. The fee is $20 for the renewal . Call Kevin at 547-5882 for details. In addition a Sporting Clay League is forming. Call the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Cluh at 547-2785 during the summer hours for details.

Buffet, bazaar, bake sale

The Charlevoix United Methodist Women are sponsoring its annual "Spring Buffet Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale" at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Friday, May 14. The cost is $7 for adults. The proceeds from the luncheon will benefit projects the group supports, including local, national and international missions. There will be a variety of salads, vegetables, meat dishes and pie for dessert. Bazaar items and baked goods will be offered for sale as well. The church is located at 104 State Street in Charlevoix.

Fund-raiser

The City of Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighter and the Charlevoix Township Firefighters are teaming up together to have a fund-raiser at the Charlevoix Pizza Hut from 5 to 9 p.m., on Monday May 17, to benefit the Family of Charlevoix Township Firefighter Steve Paterka who is at Munson Medical Center suffering from a severe medical condition. The firefighters will be helping in the kitchen and waiting on tables. If you need further information please contact the Charlevoix Fire Department at 547-3279.

Band concert

The Middle School Band concert is at 7:30 p.m. on May 18, at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium.

Memorial benefit

The Bryan Roloff 10th Annual Memorial Benefit is at 3 p.m., May 23, at the Flight Deck. There are seven bands playing. All proceeds will go to a cancer patient in Charlevoix. For more information call 547-6169.

Class reunion

Charlevoix High School's Class of 1964 will host its fortieth reunion at 7:30 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The cost is $20 per person. Reservations should be directed to Leslie (Lyons) Cunningham at 06530 Brown Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2145, or Betty (Reynolds) Martin at 12347 Waller Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2089, by June 1. Anyone able to provide contact information for class members can call or e-mail Ms. Cunningham at lcunning@freeway.net.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open on Monday and Thursday every week from 10 a.m. until noon at the First Congregational Church on State Street in Charlevoix. They are there to help persons who live in the Charlevoix School District who need emergency food help.

Single people and couples receive two bags of food and families receive four bags of food, plus each get a voucher for fresh foods from Oleson's, which the Food Pantry pays for. Each household may come to the food pantry once each month.

For more information call 547-9122 and please leave a message.

Volunteers needed

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with fund-raising, grant writing, working at the skate park and to serve on special committees. A temporary site for the skate park has been located with a summer opening date targeted. Please contact Vickie Daman at 547-8063, Vicki Hankins at 675-0847, or e-mail vichankins@hotmail.com.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (non-smoking, closed meetings). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the club (non-smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturdays. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets every Saturday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church at State and Clinton streets. For more information call 237-9392.

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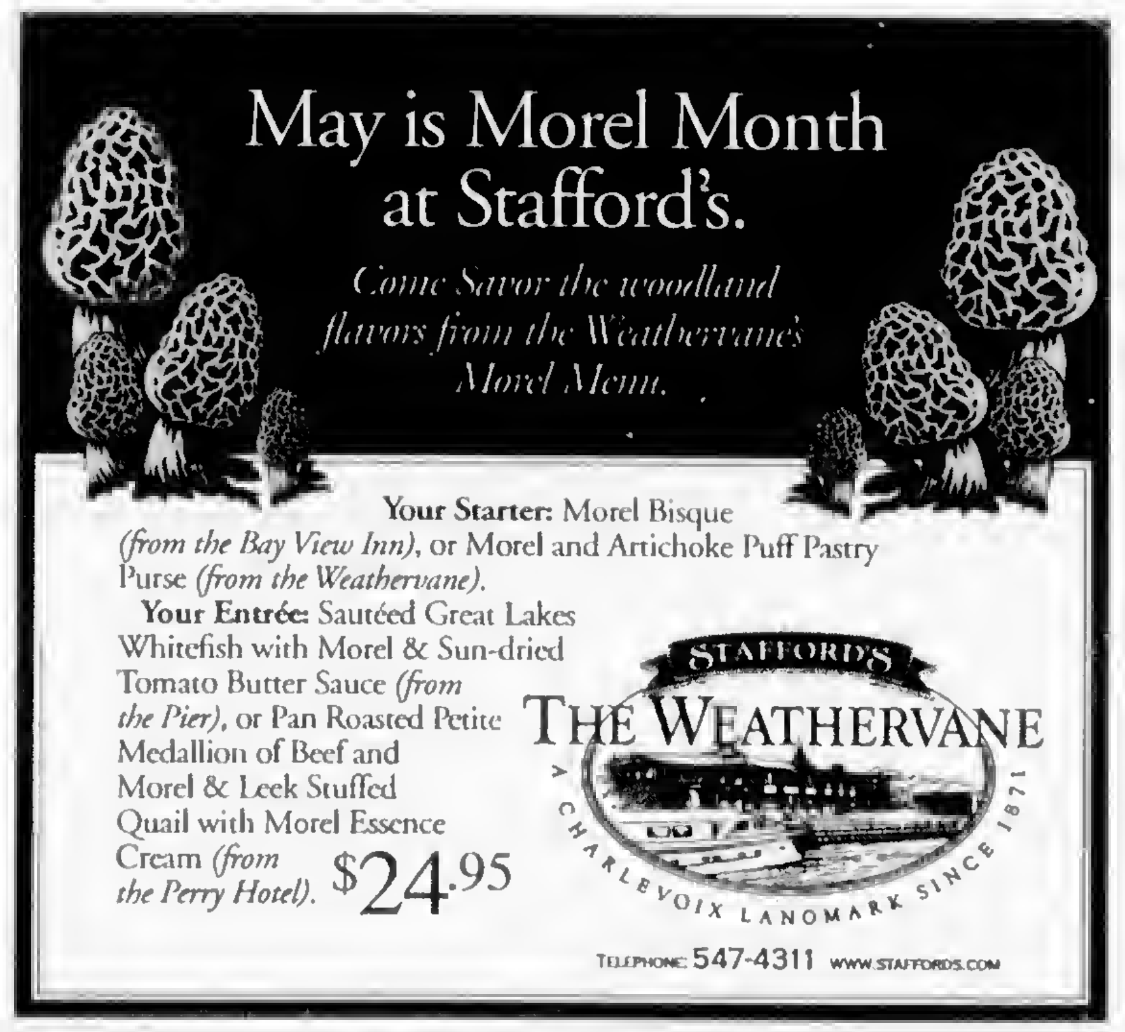

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School may use library as central office

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Charlevoix Public Schools is considering moving its central office site to the current Charlevoix Public Library.

In March the library found out that if it sticks to its plan and relocates to the former Charlevoix Middle School off Grant Street, ownership of its Clinton Street building reverts to Charlevoix Public Schools.

According to Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Dr. John Sturock, this issue dates back to 1994 when Proposal A was passed in Michigan. At that time libraries were under the control of school boards. But that proposal mandated that public libraries be their own entity with their own board.

Charlevoix followed suit, established a library board of trustees and began collecting .5 mill for operating expenses.

At that time the Clinton Street building was owned by the school district. According to the state's school code, public school districts can not hand over property, it has to be sold for its appraised value. So, in 1997 the school board decided to deed the property to the library for $1. It was written into the exchange that the building would be the property of the library unless it was no longer used as a library in which case ownership would revert back to the district.

As the library's planning for its new project got underway, Charlevoix Public Library Director Valerie Meyerson did a title search of the current property and found the quit claim deed was never filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk. This meant the library didn't have title to the building.

She contacted Sturock to clear up the problem by registering the quit claim deed.

Sturock signed it and this winter found the "reverter" clause had inadvertently been left out of the new document. The library's attorney and the school district's attorney agreed this clause has to be added.

That means that if the library moves to the former middle school property, it will lose its rights to its current site.

The library has been planning to use money from the sale of its current Clinton Street building which has been appraised at $595,000 to help pay for the new $7.6 million library project.

But Sturock told the board it would be a smart financial decision to use the site as the district's new administrative central office.

The current central office is located off Clinton Street near the former middle school. The building is lacking in space and needs some serious updates.

A representative of The Christman Company toured the building and told the board's building a grounds committee it will cost $190,000 to renovate it. The renovation would leave all the main functions on the first floor, including a board room. This single level model would meet code requirements so the district could avoid installing a pricey elevator.

Sturock said the sale of the current office for about $160,000 would make the move "virtually a wash."

The building and grounds committee supports this option.

However, the board did not give it a yea or nay because any use of that building by the school district is contingent on the library passing a .75 mill bond for 20 years request on June 14.

This bond along with a successful $1 million fund-raising campaign and a donation from Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will make the project a reality.

The new library proposal looks to renovate and add on to the school that was built in the late 1920s. The proposed brick facility is about 24,000 square feet, with all its main functions on the first floor.

This primary floor will include small additions, totaling just under 4,000 square feet of space — one will house the program room and the other, a children's activity room.

The facility will offer adult, children's and teen collections as well as a popular reading room, quiet reading areas, a self check out, a staffed circulation desk and outdoor landscaped plazas.

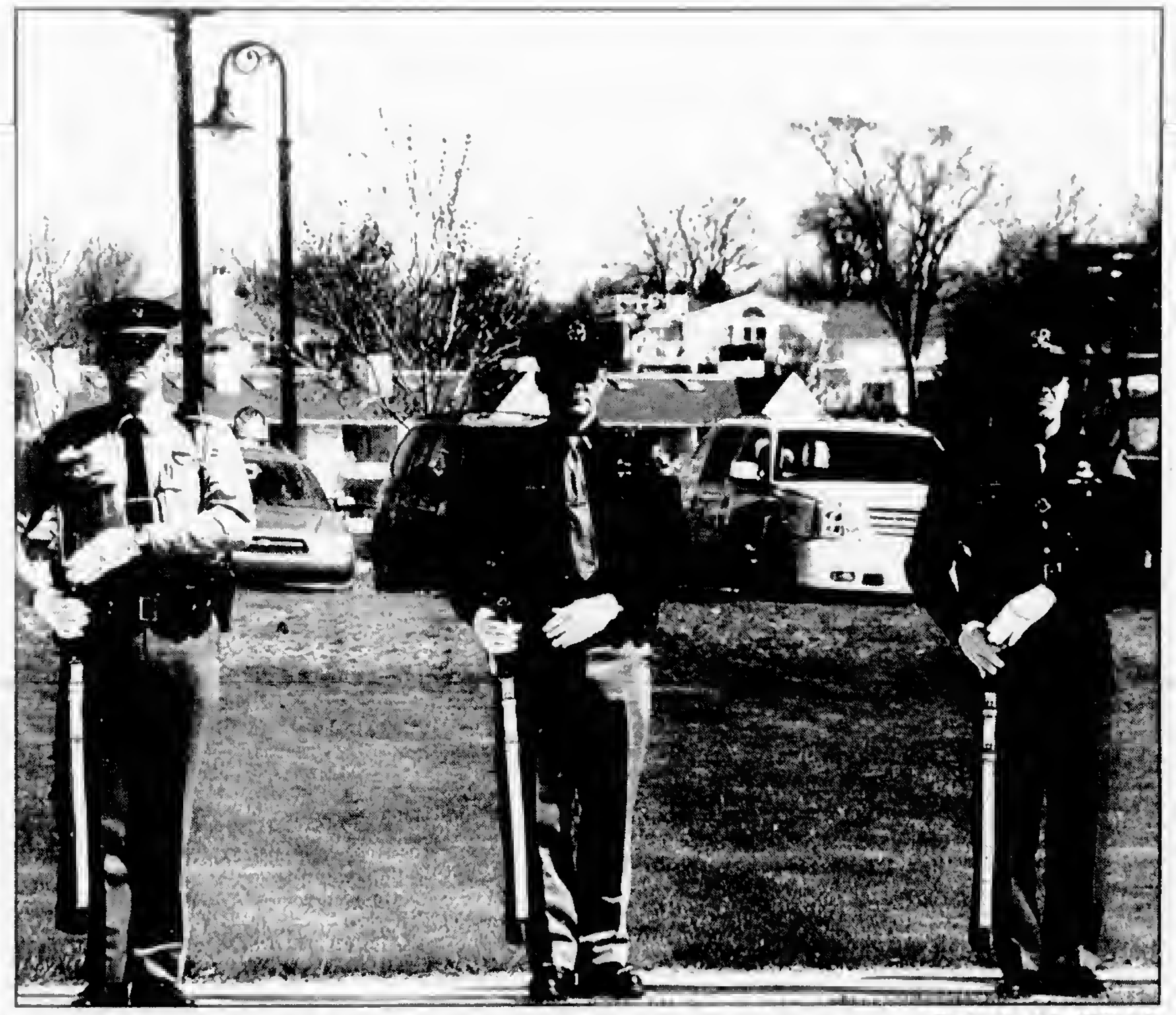
The city bought the property from the school district last winter in order to secure it for the library.

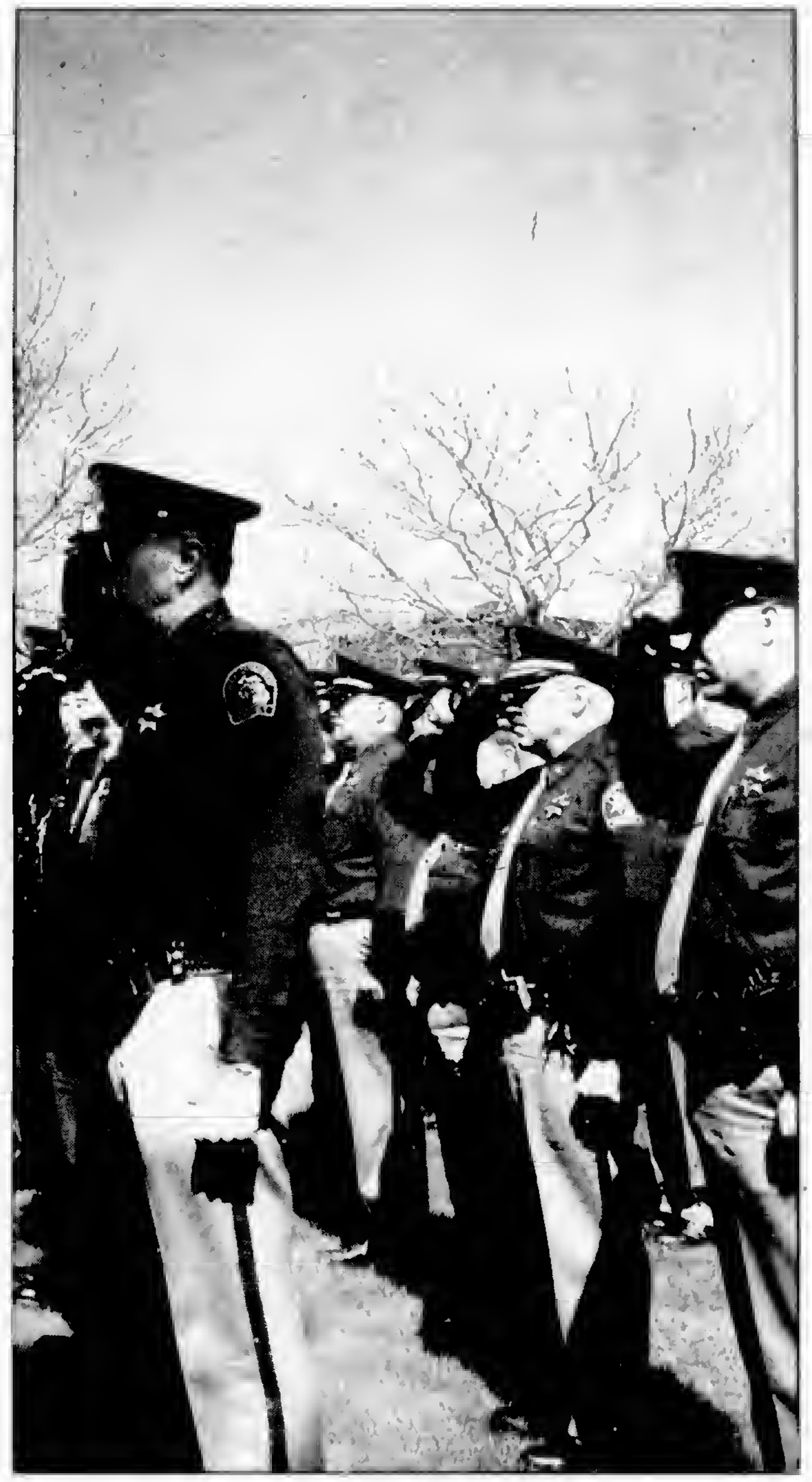
The plan is for the library to buy 10 of those 13 lots from the city for $488,460 if in the spring voters pass the bond issue, which will now likely be larger than initially anticipated. If that bond doesn't pass, the DDA has discussed having to sell the property which would likely end up in the hands of a private developer.

He added that the school board supports the library's initiative but has to support the intentions of the board that made the reverter clause decision back in 1997.

Meyerson said she doesn't know what direction her board plans to take with regards to the district possibly taking over the current library building.

"We don't know if there is anything we can do. We are concerned about it and still want to work with our attorney to see what our legal options are," she said.





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Officers memorial service

The Fourth Annual Northwest Michigan Peace Officer's Memorial Service was May 11 in East Park. (Above) Area law enforcement line up for the 21 Gun Salute at the Fourth Annual Northwest Michigan Peace Officers Memorial Service May 11 in East Park. (Right) This group of officers salute during the Fourth Annual Northwest Michigan Peace Officer's Memorial Service May 11 in East Park.

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Business Briefs

FRISKE ORCHARD WILL CELEBRATE THEIR BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Friske Orchard will have lots of fun and food for everyone on Saturday, May 15. There will he a pancake hreakfast, stroll thru blossoms, family scavenger hunts, card making and wagon rides. Harpist, Ariel Kohler will be entertaining with her delightful music during the entire event. Come one, come all!

AMERICINN IS COMING SOON

The AmericInn is planning to open its doors mid-July, 2004. Construction is underway north of town on US-31 across from the Charlevoix Country Club. The new, two story hotel, will have 54 rooms, large indoor recreation area with pool, whirlpool and sauna.

BOSS LAWN & LANDSCAPE OPENS FOR BUSINESS

Scott Boss has opened his new lawn care husiness in Charlevoix. He is offering several services, such as landscaping and snow removal. He welcomes new clients and you can reach him at 1-888-607-5700 or 1-231-599-2461 for a free quote. The Chamber of Commerce welcomes Scott as a new member.

CORPORATE TITLE OPENS 9TH BRANCH OFFICE

Corporate Title Agency is pleased to announce a 9th branch office, which opened May 1 in Bellaire. The office will he located in close proximity to the Antrim County Building at 502 East Cayuga Street, to handle Antrim County title examination and closing transactions. They can he reached at 231-533-4200.

HOME WORKS HAS JOINED THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We are happy to have Home Works owner, Sally Koerher, as a new member of the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. Sally has lived in Charlevoix since 1975. She has worked at several jobs in our area hut always enjoyed the building industry. She began her business in 1997 and accepts small jobs as well as large jobs of any kind. She welcomes new clients and you can reach her at 547-8002 or her cell 676-6756. We wish you the best, Sally!

ANN KANTOLA JOINS AMICK REALTY AS BROKER

Charlevoix resident Anne Kantola signed on as the newest associate broker with Amick Lakeside Realtors on April 19. She joins four other Realtors with the group to round out the five-person team. Kantola has been a resorter and resident for over 30 years. She and her husband Jon reside in Hayes Township. Amick Lakeside welcomes Kantola. You can reach her at 547-2222.

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Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

May 14 - Habitat for Humanity 347-4360.
May 15 - "Sundays at Four" Concert Series 547-9122.
May 15 - Blossom Festival at Friske's 599-2604.
May 17 - Crooked Tree Art Center.
May 27 - Operation Petunia 547-2663.
May 29 - Charlevoix Garden Club Spring Plant Sale 547-1978.
May 30 - Grand Opening, Open House, Castle Farms 237-0884.
May 31 - Memorial Day Parade 547-2101.
June 1 - Public Library presents Lorry Smith 547-2651.
June 1 - Dedication of the Historic Garden, Historical Society 547-0373.
June 5 - National Trails Day Bike/Walk 547-2101.
June 11-13 - Trout Tournament 547-6805.
June 13 - Lou Open Memorial Golf Tourney, City Golf Club 547-5123.

Business After Hours

The next Business After Hours is May 27, Boyne Mtn. Beach House, 2nd Annual Spring Charlevoix County Chambers Business After Hours with Boyne City and East Jordan, sponsored by Boyne Country Region AACA, Corporate Title, Northwest Michigan Works and Principal Financial Group.

Business Breakfast

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is Friday, June 4, 2004 at 7:30am at Grey Gables. Speaker will be Pat Price and David Kurchinski with Michigan Officeways.

Retail Meeting

The next Retail Meeting will be May 20, 2004 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

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Charlevoix High School graduate Sally Beemon was honored for her academic work.

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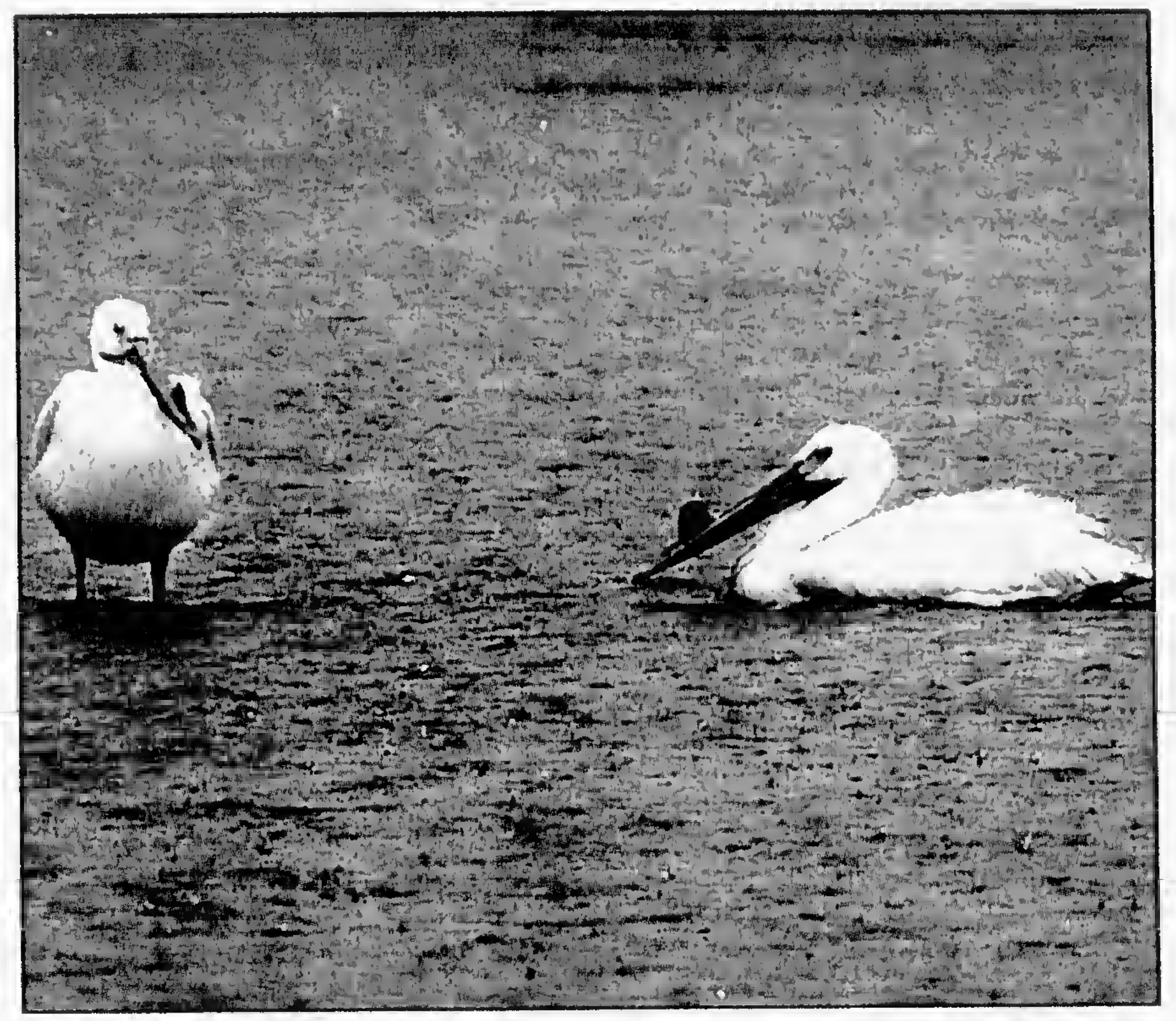

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Charlevoix residents might have thought they were in Florida last week if they visited Lake Michigan near the Cemex Cement Plant. These two white pelicans were seen lounging about. The birds winter in the Gulf of Mexico and migrate in the spring to northern Manitoba, Canada. According to the DNR, these two seem to have strayed from their migration route.

Schools to make big cuts

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A hudget crisis impacting schools across the state will likely mean cuts for Charlevoix Puhlic Schools.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Dr. John Sturock told the board of education that he is anticipating an $800,000 shortfall in revenue for the 2004-2005 school year. And this deficit means cuts across the board are inevitahle.

Dennis Halverson, president of the Charlevoix Puhlic Schools Board of Education said, "As difficult as these decisions are, they are being made all across the state. A lot of us haven't seen these times, especially in Charlevoix. This is new to us, which doesn't make it any easier. But I don't see any alternative to get to where we need to he financially to keep our head ahove water."

He added, "We've heen making cuts for the past two years without many people noticing. Unfortunately, these days where things are going, you will notice this. And unfortunately there isn't a whole heck of a lot from our place in the state of Michigan that we can do ahout that."

The less visihle cuts Halverson alluded to were

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Area gas prices break $2 mark

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Gasoline prices in Charlevoix have reached the $2 a gallon mark, echoing similar price increases around the country.

The price for a gallon of regular gas on Friday in Charlevoix was around $2.09. It had heen hovering around $1.90 a gallon for several days before finally hreaking $2.

Ed Hoffman, director of petroleum marketing for Holiday stations, said there are several reasons for this increase.

"The cost of crude oil is climbing to break the record price of $41.15 a barrel. The demand is extremely strong and Mideast tensions are impacting costs and creating an unsettled situation which drives prices up," he said.

Jim Rinks, spokesperson for AAA Michigan, added this latest increase is also a continuation of what the industry and consumers have been seeing since the start of this year.

"The demand continues for fuel, especially as we enter the summer season," he said. "We hasically keep using more and more oil, but we can only make so much. We continue to drive SUVs and minivans and types

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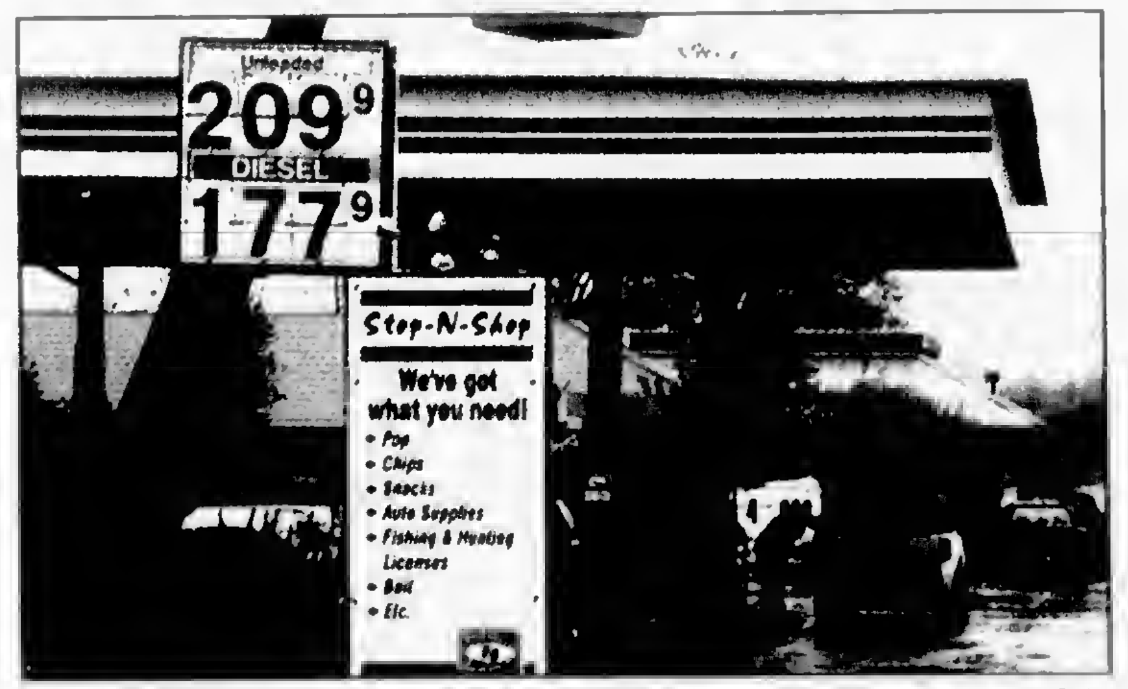

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Gas prices broke the $2 mark last week.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Brian Davis Eisenberg, 19, West Bloomfield. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend alcohol education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Allen Stanley Habel, Jr., 21, Petoskey. Use of marijuana. Jail for 70 days with credit for 20 days, serve 50 days; $750 in fines and costs.

Gregory Allen Pielak, 45, Prudenville. Attempted non-sufficient funds check, three within 10 days. Four months probation; 90 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 10 days, 78 days held in abeyance; $658.81 in fines and costs.

Heather Anne Thayer, 24, Gaylord. Violation of a restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Christine Marie Loredo, 35, Benzonia. Motor vehicle passenger transporting open intoxicant. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Todd Allan Page, 39, Boyne Falls. Home invasion — second degree. Bound over to circuit court.

Ryan Adam Chalfant, 21, Boyne City. False report of a misdemeanor. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Brian Richard Coon, 21, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. Six months probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, 89 days held in abeyance; fines and costs totaling $250.

Andrew Lee Gibhons, 24, Corryton, Tenn. Driving while impaired. Six months prohation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Gerald Joseph Ward, 42, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $610.

Tina Joan Rioux, 39, East Jordan. Driving while intoxicated. One year prohation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 92 days; $1,355 in fines and costs.

Tina Joan Rioux, 39, East Jordan. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for seven days, serve 10 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 46 days held in abeyance; $950 in fines and costs.

Tyson Lee Potter, 21, East Jordan. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 70 days held in abeyance; $1,015 in fines and costs.

Ronald David Sukockas, 31, Plymouth. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Kathy Lynn Bellmer, 42, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Everett Thomas Roof III, 23, East Jordan. Possession of marijuana. One year probation; attend substance abuse counseling; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 334 days held in abeyance; $555 in fines and costs.

Faith Marie Tieher, 32, East Jordan. Attempted resisting and obstructing of a police officer; driving while intoxicated — second offense; and controlled substance — possession of marijuana. Two years prohation; attend suhstance ahuse counseling; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 60 days on electronic monitor, 244 days held in abeyance; $3,945 in fines and costs.

Christopher Richard Delmotte, 38, Charlevoix. Drunk and disorderly person. Jail for 90 days with credit for two days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 60 days on electronic monitor, 78 days held in abeyance; $705 in fines and costs.

James Maurice Spangler, 23, Charlevoix. Driving with the presence of drugs. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 71 days held in abeyance; $960 in fines and costs.

Eric Alan Hinkley, 22, Charlevoix. Selling/furnishing alcohol to a minor. Six months probation; 60 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days; $1,150 in fines and costs.

John Christopher Pankow, 17, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property, over $200, under $1,000. One year probation; 180 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 19 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 145 days held in abeyance; $1,077.40 in fines and costs.

Kelly Jo Kirby, 20, Gaylord. Driving while impaired. Nine months prohation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,010 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Timothy Deneau, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol — third or subsequent offense. One year probation; attend substance abuse counseling; $850 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Northern Creations, 14772 Elk Trail, Wolverine, by Robert Armstrong

Lakeshore Community Church, P.O. Box 933, Boyne City, by Cynthia E. Crumbaugh

Blue Grass Lawn Maintenance & Improvement, 3025 Boyne City-East Jordan Road, Boyne City, by Jeff Komondy

Mason Street Zoo, 406 Mason Street, Charlevoix, by LuAnn Griffin

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriages licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Gerald Ray Kragenbrink, 44, Boyne City and Kelly Rae McKinnon, 46, Boyne City

Chad Andrew Diss, 32, Charlevoix and Kelly Anne Marfuta, 26, Charlevoix

Martin Francisco SanJuan, 31, East Jordan and Elizabeth Mary Shomin, 34, East Jordan

Denzil Neal Wilson, 25, East Jordan and Cheltzi Machel Thorman, 23, East Jordan

James Joseph Anderson, 25, Boyne City and Elizabeth Ann Pellerito, 23, Boyne City

Jonathan Paul Jackson, 36, East Jordan and Laini Marie Abraham, 36, East Jordan

Fortino Jose-Manuel Sanchez-SanJuan, 24, East Jordan and Priscilla Marie-Lopez Shomin, 18, East Jordan

Robert Joseph Ahern, 39, Eagan, Minn. and Elizabeth Ann Browe, 27, Charlevoix

Jacob Daniel Conklin, 22, East Jordan and Jessica Rene McCormick, 21, Elmira

Darin Dean Aronson, 25, Charlevoix and Alecia Renee, 21, Charlevoix

Births

Tamiah Alexus, weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounce, was born to Steven Sulz and Vivian Steen of Charlevoix on May 14, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Raymond John, Jr. III, weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Raymond Whisler, Jr. II and Jenilee Bunting of East Jordan on May 15, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Elizabeth Suzanne, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Joseph and Amanda Richards of Boyne City on May 14, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Maya Whitley, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Benjamin and Andrea Whitley of Charlevoix on May 13, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents of Maya are the late Jerome P. Whitley and Nancy Whitley of Charlevoix and Reinhardt and Lily Matye also of Charlevoix.

Weather

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May 12	69	42	—
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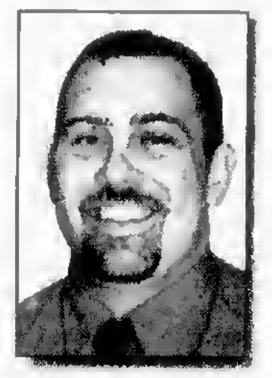

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Several contenders for city government spots

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

In the city of Charlevoix, everyone but the clerk will have to claw their way to the top this election season.

Nominating petitions that were turned in by 4 p.m., May 11 revealed that voters will have two choices for the first, second and third ward city council seats and the mayor's seat at the Nov. 2 general election.

First ward councilman Bill Haggard, third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain, second ward council member Karen Campbell and Mayor Gabe Campbell all plan to run for reelection.

Their opposition includes new comers to the political arena and some veterans.

Former councilman and deputy mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson will run against Mayor Campbell.

Carlson, 37, resigned from council in September of 2003 after serving for four years. At that time he moved from the first to the third ward and said he could no longer serve due to family responsibilities. Now, after a one-year hiatus from politics, he said he's ready to jump back in the ring but doesn't want to run against Chamberlain, who he supports.

Carlson said he doesn't have a major beef with Mayor Campbell, but said his run for the seat is just a logical next step in his political career.

In the months leading up to the election, Carlson plans to be "a sound board" for the community, to listen to the wants and needs of residents.

Mayor Campbell, 71, is vying for his second term in office. He also has eight years as a city councilman under his belt and is a current member of the Downtown Development Authority.

He wants to serve another term to further his efforts to stamp out closed door politics.

"I think people have more of a say than in the past and think they need more of a say. I hope people want to have someone who supports the residents more than the developers," he said.

Mayor Campbell is happy to have competition for his seat because he feels people need to have options.

It was unclear in the weeks leading up to the filing date whether third ward residents would have options. Chamberlain, who is currently finishing his second term said he was unsure he would run for another term.

After contacting five people in the ward he felt would be effective council members he found they all believed their efforts would be better spent in non-elected positions.

"Which left me or Dave Scott and I think the third ward needs someone with long standing roots to the community," he said.

This is the first time Chamberlain has ran opposed.

"It's (running contested) a good benchmark to see if you are in touch with the community," Chamberlain said.

Scott, 45, is Chamberlain's opposition.

Scott got into local politics In the spring and summer of 2003 when he started questioning operations at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport and now, almost a year later has taken an interest in other topics at council meetings that he regularly attends.

In a previous interview he said he could better represent the residents of the third ward by not supporting every proposal that comes out of city hall.

A battle for Haggard's first ward seat has also been set in motion.

Haggard, 67, has served on and off council for a total of four terms and will run again.

"To keep everything straight, keep us out of court. It's a challenge," he said.

But he isn't a shoe in for the fifth term — Becky Doan will contest him.

Doan, 42, has lived in Charlevoix for the past 18 years. She said her interest in politics peaked in March of 2003 when the city planning commission started exploring a zoning ordinance amendment to include assisted living in the single family residential district as a special use.

Since then Doan has attended most council meetings and said she belongs at the big table.

Campbell, 61, is completing her first term, after beating out DJ Way in 2002.

She said she'll continue her regular meeting attendance, having missed only one in two years, and will actively work to help establish a skate park for students.

"I've learned a lot in this first term and want to learn more," she said.

Campbell will face former mayor and councilman Alvin "Butch" Russell. Russell lost to Mayor Campbell in the 2002 election and said "it's time to run again."

If elected, he said he's looking forward to the challenges of being a councilman.

While the eight people mentioned above duke it out for a council seat, Charlevoix native Carol Ochs will be the only name on the ballot for city clerk.

Even though a write-in candidate is the only one that could steal the seat from Ochs, making her a virtual shoe-in, she isn't totally pleased.

She said she decided to run because she felt someone needed to show some interest. She was disappointed to hear she was the only one to submit a nominating petition. But she is hoping to win the seat and get to work.

Ochs, 35, is the daughter of Bill and Shirley Ormsby and the wife of Tom Ochs who is the son of John and Lani Ochs.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Out of this world

St. Mary's School principal Janet Troppman brought the school's Space Race Read-a-thon to a close May 14 with an "out of this world" surprise appearance on the school's roof decked in astronaut gear. There she announced in the rain that students had exceeded their reading goal of 60,000 minutes, reading 71,688 minutes from March 5 to April 30. Top readers were Ryan Wimmer, Tyler Troppman, Will Jeakle, Noah Dvoracek, Kelsey Pischner, Kourtney Putman and Janaye Baier. Top readers enjoyed a picnic lunch that day with their favorite astronaut, principal Troppman.

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Lots of candidates, gas prices and fun times

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

Here are a few thoughts to ponder as you prepare for another summer season.

Election

After years of seeing fewer and fewer people putting their names in the running for local government seats, this year looks like it is going to kick that trend in the rear.

In all areas of government, incumbent officials are facing challengers for their seats. We have two people squaring off for the prosecuting attorney seat, six going after the Republican nomination for the 105th district seat, two going after the Democratic nomination for the 105th seat, two people running for city mayor and several running for council seats, as well as a slew of contested seats in the townships.

This is fantastic. It is a prime example of how democracy is alive and well in northern Michigan. Plus, because of all the contested seats, it will make the races more interesting for observers and give me a ton to write about.

My newsroom is already trying to figure out how to cover all of these races fairly, without burning ourselves out by mid-June. We are going to try to give you as much information as we can in the *Charlevoix Courier*, after all it is what we do for a living.

On a side note, for all you visiting journalists who are covering the 105th District Race, John Ramsey is not the only candidate for the Republican seat. There are five others: Jack Apol, Kevin Elsenheimer, Jeff Garfield, Bonnie Nothoff and Craig Ryan. There are also two Democratic candidates: Greg Dean and Jim McKimmy. I will expect you to give them all equal coverage, as any good journalist would strive to do. I will also expect you to stick to the issues, not the tabloid stuff.

Good luck to all of the candidates this year.

Gas prices

Oh dear Lord! What is going on?

Every time I stop to fill up my gas tank lately I am cringing. Soon I will have to start choosing between eating lunch or making it home at night. I am thinking about bringing a cot to the office.

I never thought I would see gas prices hit $2 a gallon. But, lo and behold, at the time I am writing this column we are actually higher than $2 a gallon.

So what are the causes of this? First of all, OPEC has decreased production, increasing the price of crude oil. Secondly, because we can't seem to get over our love of gas-guzzling SUVs, our nation is sucking up oil faster than the supply.

The solution to me seems to be not to boycott the stations, as some e-mails have suggested lately, but for us to increase our supplies by tapping into the national emergency stockpile. This could force OPEC to increase its output.

Second, we need to decrease our dependency on oil. This can be done easily by buying more fuel friendly vehicles — no, that does not mean the new Hummer. This can also be done by increasing research into new forms of fuel, such as electric and hydrogen.

It is time for us to get serious about this oil issue. I believe we — the SUV-loving public — are just as much to blame in this oil game as anyone.

Highland games

Only two more weeks until a new Highland Games season begins for me. Yes, that is right, your beloved editor will take to the field of competition at the end of this month in Alma and toss a few poles looking like telephone wires should be hooked to them and throwing around cumbersome weights, all for the fun of it. I am not your average, everyday, pencil-necked newspaper editor.

This year I have taken on a student in my quest to improve my skills in this insane game. Bob Drebenstedt, the director of Charlevoix County Veteran's Affairs, has joined me in my evening practices to learn what the Highland Games are like.

After several sore evenings, he seems to be getting the hang of the games. He even attempted to pick up the caber — that 17 foot long thing that looks like a telephone pole we highland athletes throw through the air — the other day.

I give him credit for trying something new. Anyone who goes out and decides they want to try a new sport, a new hobby or anything new is a good person in my book. Life is too short just to spend it watching television or working around the house.

Spend life making your heart rate climb in a sailboat race, feel the rush of jumping out of a plane with a parachute, feel the satisfaction of teaching a scouting troop how to start a fire with two sticks or attempt to crush your head with a caber. It will make you a happier person who has some great stories for the grandkids.

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Thank you library

Editor:

I am so grateful for our wonderful library! Of all the centers in our city, the library is my favorite. Rooms for meeting or study or children's story time, computers for accessing the world, books, magazines, newspapers, an ongoing book sale, a copy machine and tape, pencils and staples!

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There is something for everyone! Art books, music books, how-to-do books, political books, books on tape, fiction and romance, copies of the oldest Charlevoix newspapers, a Michigan Room and even movies! With the new computer system, one can use the library to access magazines, journals, newspapers and educational information. (Valerie will get you started!)

Ben Franklin started the first lending library in America 1731. He wanted to help build his new young country. Democracy is dependent on an informed and involved citizenry. Of all the institutions in America, our public libraries have been vigilant in protecting our freedom to information and ensuring that the American public has the capability to access the ideas, information and events that shape our world.

Thank you Valerie and all your helpers.

Jo Anne Beemon
Charlevoix.

Thank you

Editor:

Thank you, postal customers of Charlevoix, for your response to the National Association of Letter Carriers food drive held on May 8. Many of you were more than generous in your donations. These donations are greatly appreciated by the Community Food Pantry.

The national totals aren't in yet, but in 2003 postal customers across America donated 61 million tons of food items. Take pride in the fact that you have joined with thousands across America to "Stamp out Hunger."

Kelly Morris
Letter Carrier
Charlevoix

Barnard's life

Editor:

To the friends of Kelsey Barnard,

Over the past year, I have realized that Kelsey's death was not only crippling to the Barnard family, but also the Charlevoix community. The

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

Charlevoix School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix High School.

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LETTERS

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amount of people at Kelsey's "Celebration of Life" was enormous. The suffering that everyone felt and still feels must be incredible. Like a terrible pain that will not go away, Kelsey's death brought many people tremendous emotional sorrow. I realize that my actions on Aug. 5, 2002 were irresponsible, selfish and wild. I am truly sorry for what I did.

Throughout the summer of 2002, I had the privilege to get to know Kelsey pretty well. I met Kelsey through my younger cousin, who skied with him at Junior Olympics. Over the course of the summer, Kelsey and I became good friends. Kelsey would take a bunch of my cousins and me into town and show us what we had never seen before in our 15 years in Charlevoix: Fun hangout spots, shortcuts around town and the breathtaking sunset view points. Without Kelsey, I would have never known the true Charlevoix. All of this was in a matter of one month. For all of you who knew Kelsey for the better part of 15 years, I cannot imagine the pain that you went through. I am truly sorry for taking Kelsey's life away.

When Kelsey was in town, he was always hanging out with big groups of kids having a great time. It did not take me long at all to realize that Kelsey's presence was energizing. Whether just sitting around and talking or jet-skiing across Lake Charlevoix, Kelsey added another dimension to the activity at hand. Without Kelsey, life was just not the same in Charlevoix. And if this is how I feel, then the pain and agony you, Kelsey's peers, must feel is thousands times greater. For this, I am truly sorry.

I will do everything in my power to prevent this type of tragedy from occurring to someone else. The pain for all involved has and will be far too much for anyone to fully understand. This situation can be avoided. The solution: challenge other young drivers to be careful and make responsible decisions, especially when in the driver's seat.

I am fully responsible for what happened. I will live with this for the rest of my life. Please know, Kelsey will be with me forever. I hope he also will be with all of you because I know much he meant to all of you. I saw it at the "Celebration of his Life."

Teddy Degenhardt
Troy

(Editor's note: This letter was written as a condition of a court sentence.)

Thank you

Editor:

The Charlevoix Senior Center would like to again thank all of the over 100 persons who helped the celebrate the May 5, birthday party for the Senior Center. We would like to express our appreciation for the lovely decorations furnished by Alice Muma. We definitely want to thank all of those who brought birthday cards and contributions to express their thanks and love for the Center.

In addition to the birthday celebration, the added attraction was breaking ground for the new expansion to the kitchen/dining area. The board of directors has worked hard to secure the approvals for the expansion, and after working for almost two years, all approvals have been received to start the much needed expansion on the backside of the center hall.

The Charlevoix Senior Center started in the early 1970s with a few seniors having lunches together, then using the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home as a daily meeting place, with all types of programs including lunches, crafts, cards, quilting, classes for those who had not completed high school graduation and requiring their GED certificates and others. From there, the old Charlevoix Township Hall was deeded to the County in 1988 for a Senior Center, and the additions to the small office have been completed as time and money would allow. Almost all of the work has been completed by volunteers, and money received from contributions, fund-raisers, and grants. No millage money has been available for renovations or additions.

The center has become a true community center, used for all purposes and by all persons, regardless of age. We sponsor all types of classes for the general public, including art, wood-carving, crafts, quilting, exercise programs, cards, meetings and computer training. All teachers and leaders are also volunteers. With the added usage, it has become necessary to make several additions to the size of the building for various reasons. With the additional meals being prepared and served daily at the Center, more working space is definitely needed. The center now serves lunches five days each week, volunteers deliver "Meals-on-Wheels" to those who cannot attend the center lunches, and serves two fund-raiser evening dinners each month, open to the public. A Swiss steak dinner will be served on Tuesday, May 25. Please buy your tickets for the Swiss steak dinner in advance early as only 300 tickets will be sold. To accommodate everyone, there will be two seatings with one at 4:30 to 6 p.m. and the other at 6 to 7 p.m.

Again our grateful thanks for the response and contributions to our birthday party and for the new expansion program. We hope to see all of you at the Center. If you have not visited the Center recently, we invite you to come and see the improvements that have been made, and to enjoy the friendship and companionship evident there. As we say — you, too, may be a "senior" some day.

Rosalyn Goldstick
Secretary
The Charlevoix Senior Center
Board of Directors

Great job band

Editor:

I would like to recognize Charlevoix's Northwest Academy's Advanced and Intermediate Bands. The Advanced Band received straight ones at District Band Festival and also at State Band Festival. This band also performed at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor this winter, a place where bands can only dream of playing on stage. They did it and received high praise for a job very well done. This band has a total of 28 members.

The Intermediate Band received an overall one rating at District Band Festival. This is the first year this band has participated in this type of competition. This band has a total of 18 members.

The following Intermediate Band members represent Northwest Academy in the 120 member Middle School Honors Band: Evan and Alyssa Themm, Andy Tuck and Kelly Brethauer.

These bands are awesome. The bands are under the direction of Mr. Gary Stutzman who works very hard with them.

I would also like to thank the community and band parents for all their help and support to make these bands what they are.

Leslie Herriman
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry wishes to thank the National Association of Letter Carriers, both city and rural carriers, in their efforts to "Stamp Out Hunger" by placing non-perishable food items by their mailbox for pick-up on May 8.

The drive was a great success and thanks to our postmen for joining in this wonderful event. Many individuals and families will benefit from this food.

Also thanks to the volunteers who came and sorted the food and placed it on the Pantry Shelves; they are full right now.

We do appreciate the concern and thoughtfulness of this community.

Mary Helen Riggle
Coordinator
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Jack and his daughter deer hunting in Norwood Township.

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Engagements

Payne — Cunningham

Vanessa Payne, of Traverse City, and Paul Cunningham, of Traverse City, are engaged to be married.

Vanessa is the daughter of Keith and Renee Payne of Fairbanks, Alaska.

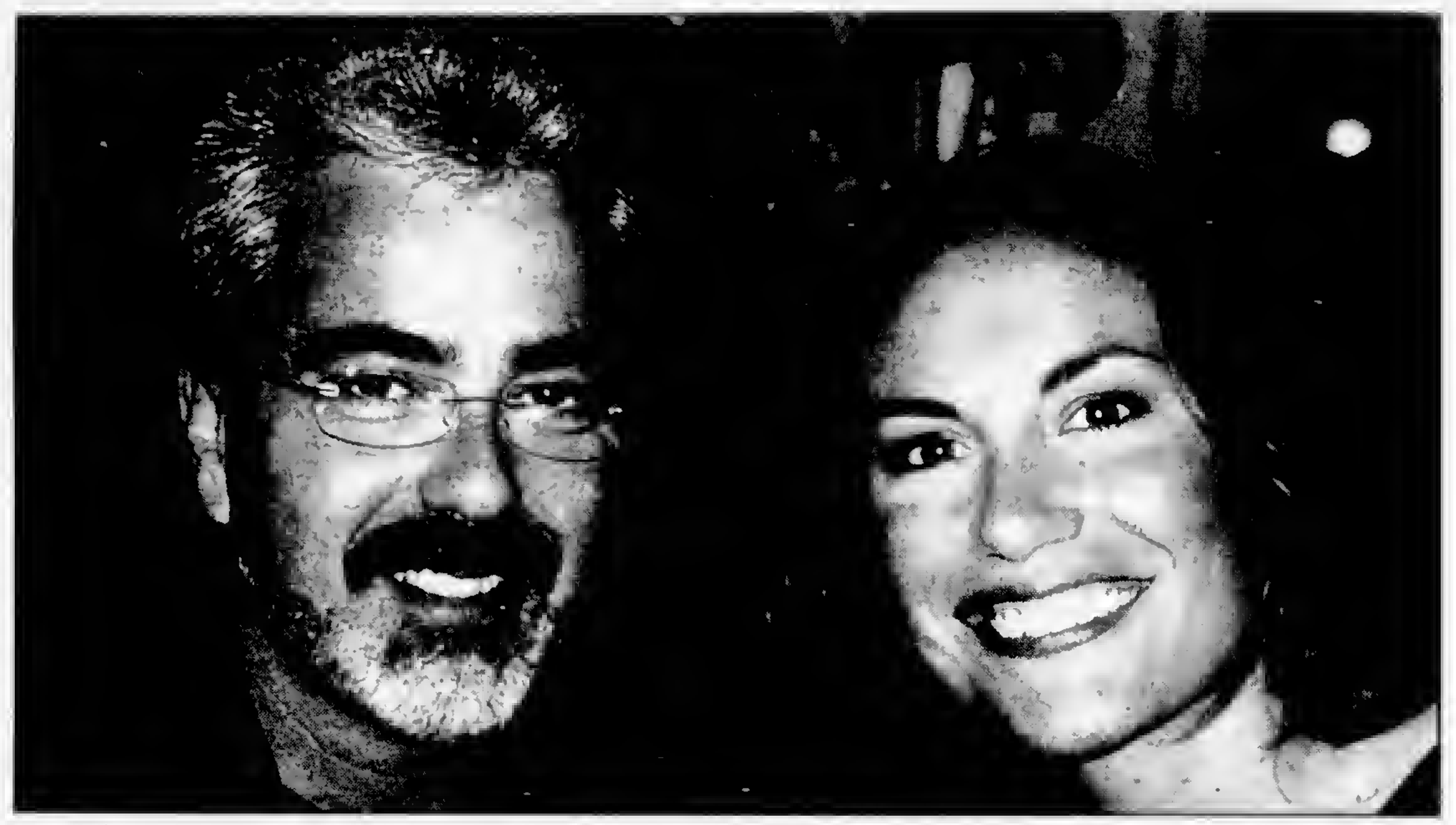
Paul is the son of Greg and Betty Martin of Charlevoix and Glenn and Kris Cunningham of Grand Haven.

A wedding is being planned for June 12 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be graduated from West Valley High School in Fairbanks, Alaska. She is presently attending Ferris State University in the bachelor of social work program. She is employed by ARAMARK Corp. as an office manager.

The groom-to-be graduated from Charlevoix High School. He served six years in the United States Air Force as a fire fighter. He presently attends the Great Lakes Maritime Academy and Ferris State University. He will graduate in May 2004 with a third mates license and a bachelors degree in business administration.

Hisey — Levy



Jessica Louise Hisey, of Charlevoix, and David Scott Levy, of Charlevoix, are engaged to be married.

Jessica is the daughter of Jon and Carol Hisey of Charlevoix.

David is the son of Audree Levy of Carrollton, Texas and the late Kenneth Levy.

A summer wedding is being planned in the Rose Garden at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Charlevoix High School and has a business degree from SLCC in Utah. She is currently working at Boyne Realty as a sales associate/office manager.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor. He is currently working at Boyne Realty as a sales manager/broker.

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Wedding

Parento — Dumbauld

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A reception followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Robert Parento of Bomoseen and Betty Romeka-Pluta of Proctor.

The groom is the son of Teddis and Marilyn Dumbauld of Charlevoix.

The bride was escorted by her father. Leah Parento, sister of bride, was maid of honor. Bridal attendants were Andie Parento, niece of the bride, Anna Moon, niece of the groom, Karen Moon, sister of the groom, and Melissa Parento and Courtney Parento, sisters-in-law of the bride.

Rebecca Moon, niece of the groom, was flower girl. Richard Dumbauld, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were David Parento, Steve Parento and Rob Parento, brothers of the bride.

Ring bearers were Joseph Parento, nephew of the bride, and Nathan Moon, nephew of the groom.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Kauai, Hawaii.

The bride graduated from Mount St. Joseph Academy in Rutland in 1990. She graduated from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., in 1994, with a degree in biology. In 2000, she graduated with a master's degree in business administration from the University of Colorado in Boulder. She is a business counselor at The Main Small Business Development Center.

The groom graduated from Brighton High School in Brighton in 1989. He graduated in 1994 from the University of Michigan, with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is a self-employed business consultant.

They live in Winterport, Maine.

Legion, VFW to distribute poppies

The members of the American Legion, Leslie T. Shapton Unit 226 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Charlevoix Post 1153, and their auxiliary members will be distributing memorial poppies the next two weeks.

The Legion members will be selling the poppies on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 20 through 22, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will sell their Buddy Poppies on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 27 through 29.

The poppies are made by disabled veterans at the military hospitals, who earn a small amount by making the poppies. One they are purchased by the local military veterans organizations, they are distributed to the public.

Money donated by the public for the poppies is used by both groups for relief to local veterans and their families, to assist with veterans' hospitals and others. Please be generous and buy both kinds of poppies to assist with these important relief programs.

Any member of either group who has not been contacted to sell poppies, should contact Katie Curtis 547-6943 or Rosalyn Goldstick 547-2636 for the American Legion poppies and Arlene Staley 547-2985 or Rosalyn Goldstick 547-2636 to assist with the VFW poppies.

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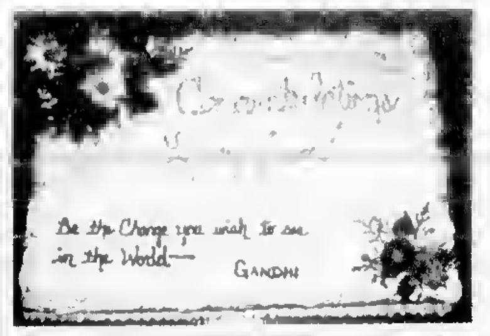

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The sign of our life

By FR. JIM GUNN
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Beacons of Blessing

There are signs at both ends of Charlevoix that make the bold proclamation "Charlevoix the Beautiful."

That would tend to raise people's expectations as they drive into town — especially since there tends to be a widespread distrust in advertising anymore. Fortunately, Charlevoix is able to deliver on the promise.

Charlevoix is beautiful in a number of ways. Charlevoix has waterfront and beaches, beautiful houses and historic buildings, and, of course, all of our petunias during the summer season. Having experienced the physical beauty, people are drawn into stopping and sampling that which the city has to offer. Fine dining and fishing and boating and just plain soaking up the sun on the beach will cement the visitor's relationship with our fair community.

In the end result, perhaps they will be tempted to become a resident of Charlevoix for at least part of the year.

My intent in this article was not to write a chamber of commerce brochure for Charlevoix! However, the process I described of being drawn to beauty seems to me to have a spiritual parallel.

The Sunday before I wrote this piece our Gospel reading was John 13:31-35 in which Jesus gives his disciples the commandment to love one another. The final verse says, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Another verse comes to my mind in this regard. It is Matthew 5:16 - "let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." It is as though Jesus is telling us to hang out a sign saying "A Beautiful Life."

The Bible makes very clear that there should be a noticeable difference in the lives of those who claim to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Having noticed the difference, people would then be drawn to come to know the person whose life they were observing. If they then come to know the "beauty" at close range, it is reasonable to assume that they will want to learn what (or, rather, Who) made the difference in the person's life.

The end result would be that the observer would become a participant — and would then hang out their own "A Beautiful Life" sign.

Here's a thought for you to ponder: Would you find it a reasonable thing to hang out your "A Beautiful Life" sign? Do you think that people could look at the terrain and furnishings of your existence and see the kind of difference that I have been describing – the kind of difference that draws them to the One who brought about the change?

Obituaries

Robert Meech Warren: Died May 8, 2004

Robert Meech Warren, 85, of Central Lake, and formerly of Rochester, died May 8.

He is survived by his daughter Cyndy (Frank) Norton of Cheboygan; and also by Charlotte Carpenter of Central Lake.

A graveside service with military honors was Friday, May 14, at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to Munson Health Care Regional Foundation (MHRF) for Dialysis, 1105 6th Street, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Darleen Coatta Rayman: Died May 9, 2004

A funeral service for Mrs. Darleen Coatta Rayman, 69, of Columbia, was May 12, 2004, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Father Fredrick Masad. Interment will follow in Memorial Gardens of Columbia. Memorials may be made to St. John Neumann Catholic School, 721 Polo Road, Columbia, 29223. Shives Funeral Home is in charge.

Mrs. Rayman died Sunday, May 9, 2004. She was born in Charlevoix. She was a daughter of the late Frank and Fern Loper Coatta.

She was devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend who will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Mrs. Rayman was member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Survivors include: her husband of 49 years, Sidney Rayman; daughter, Tamara Ann Foreman and husband Carroll, Jr., of Schenectady, N.Y.; sons, Todd Rayman and wife Christy of Lexington and Jeffery Rayman and wife Ruth of Columbia; brother, Jack Coatta and his wife Helen of Florida; sister, Midge Ferris and husband John and sister-in-law Barbara Coatta both of Michigan; nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Rayman was preceded in death by brothers, Douglas and Richard Coatta and sisters, Shirley Rayman and Phyllis McCall.

Courtesy photo

Peer power

On May 17, students from Tricia Petrosky's bright beginning class visited Mrs. Murdick's fourth-grade class to work together on a spring project. They made flower gardens for the preschoolers to take home to their parents. The fourth graders also read books to the preschoolers. Here, Cristin Cole and Alyson Kiteley work together.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

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Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
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Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.

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11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Pioneer Clubs	6:45 p.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson ....547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

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Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Father Jim Gunn.........547-6322

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205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
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Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

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202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Geri Litchfield....582-9262

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Norwood

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Venetian board picks sports theme

The Venetian Board recently approved the festival's 2004 theme — "Charlevoix's Sports Legends."

President Dan Barron, in announcing the decision, pointed out that there were several factors that influenced the selection.

He said, "Number one, Charlevoix has a very long and brilliant sports heritage with remarkable individual and team accomplishments. Number two, we have had, as part of Venetian week, 14 sporting events with over 2,000 participants each summer in our Venetian Games. Sports are huge in our town. The third factor was the intention of the Charlevoix Historical Society to focus on athletes and teams from Charlevoix's past and to include them in their Heritage Day exhibit. The theme became an easy choice."

The theme will be used throughout the 2004 Venetian Festival, including both the street parade, and the grand electrical boat parade. Selected sport celebrities will also be part of the street parade and could also be introduced as special guests to crowds in the park attending the four nights of Rhythms of Venetian music.

Dean Davenport, commissioner of the Venetian Games, will head up an advisory committee that will help identify the most obvious sport legends of Charlevoix. The committee includes Dave Novotny, Street Parade chair; Jack McKenzie, chair of the Heritage Day exhibit; Jim Kanine, high school athletic director; Ken Plude, high school coach; Dwight (Ike) Boss, Charlevoix Recreation Department director; Vane Smith, former school principal, and retired educators Marilyn Novak and Toni Felter.

Public input is important in identifying prominent and less obvious sports legends and there will be more information as to how the public can participate in selection of the outstanding individuals and teams which will be recognized.

More information can be secured by calling Venetian Headquarters at (800) 360-8750.

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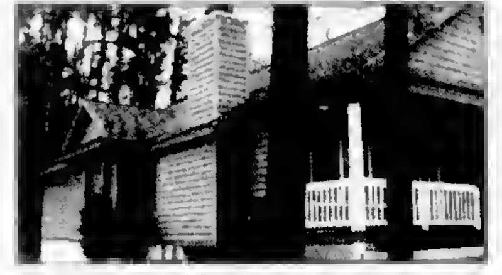
Real Estate Photo Ads

Charlevoix Country Club Condo



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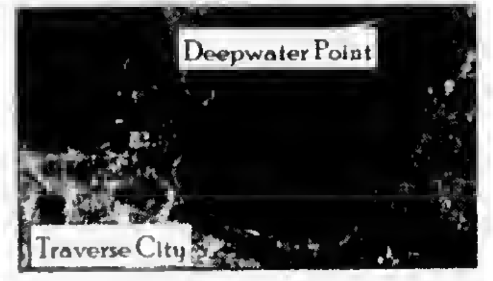

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Vendors needed for farmers market

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation is currently seeking area vendors to participate in the 2nd Annual Farmers Market starting Friday, May 28, and offered weekly at the Foundation office, 14634 Park Avenue.

"We already have seven vendors who have signed up," says Patti Barraw, coordinator for the market.

"We have heard from Marvin's Gardens, Bolt Farm, Berg Farm, Pine Hill Nursery, Stardog Bakehouse, Two Dog Deli and Bakery, Dekorne Honey Farm and Royal Farms. We're still hoping for more local vendors and we would like to see more variety."

The Farmers Market opened last year in August for a test run.

Barraw explained the original idea was to have vendors nearby to assist hospital Farmers Market Vendors employees who have limited time, and are frequently working when many markets are open.

"Our employees were able to access the Farmers Market during their breaks, but then we realized that the community wanted the opportunity to have a local Farmers Market, so it's evolving into a wonderful opportunity for vendors to sell locally and for area residents to shop in Charlevoix for their fresh vegetables, plants and baked goods," she said.

Barraw explained the group is hoping that more vendors who have local items will participate.

There is space available behind the Foundation Office for the Market to expand and Barraw and the Foundation hope vendors will take advantage of this opportunity.

For information on being a vendor contact Barraw at 231-547-8685.

Vendors may choose to participate, paying a small weekly fee that will be used to run ads for the market. Those signing up for the entire season will realize a significant savings.

How to get news in the Courier

If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail charlevoixcourier@charlevoix-courier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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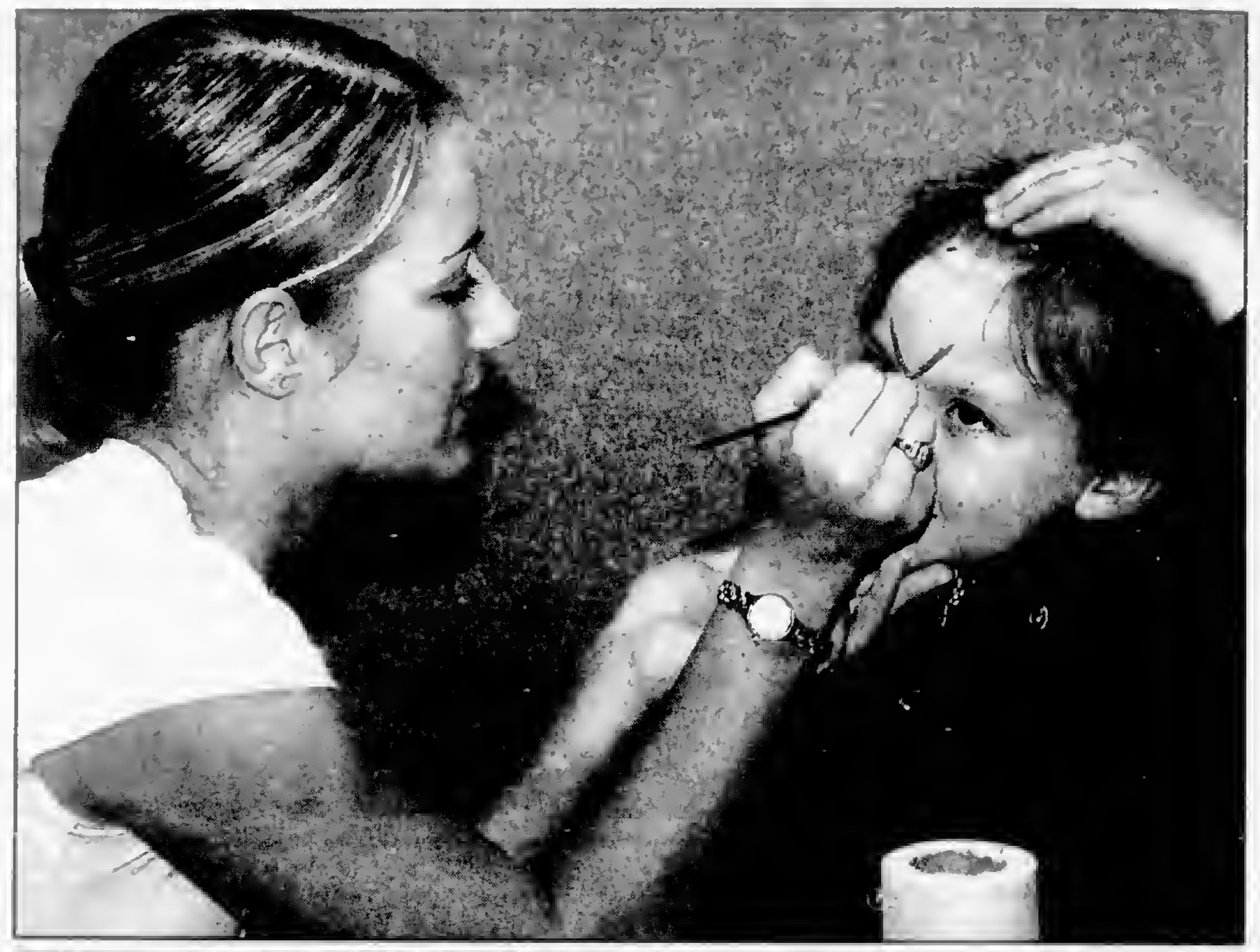

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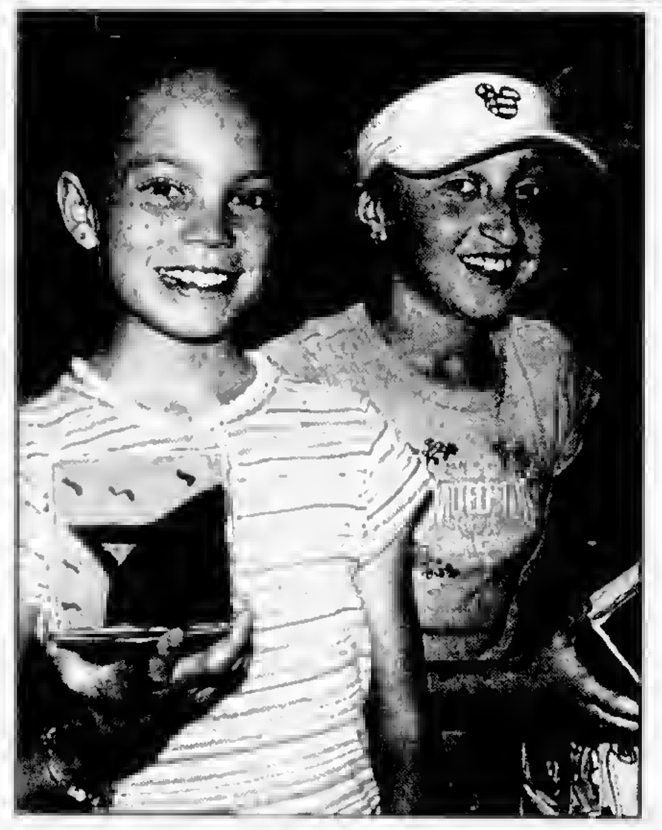

Art show

Charlevoix students displayed their artistic talents last week at the annual art show at Charlevoix Elementary School. (Above) Charlevoix High School student Amanda Bajos painted faces at opening night of the K-12 Art Show. Here she paints a red "V" on the brow line of Hudson Elowsky. (Left) Stirling Witthoeft and Andrea Rizzo maneuver the pieces of the fourth graders 3-D portrait project

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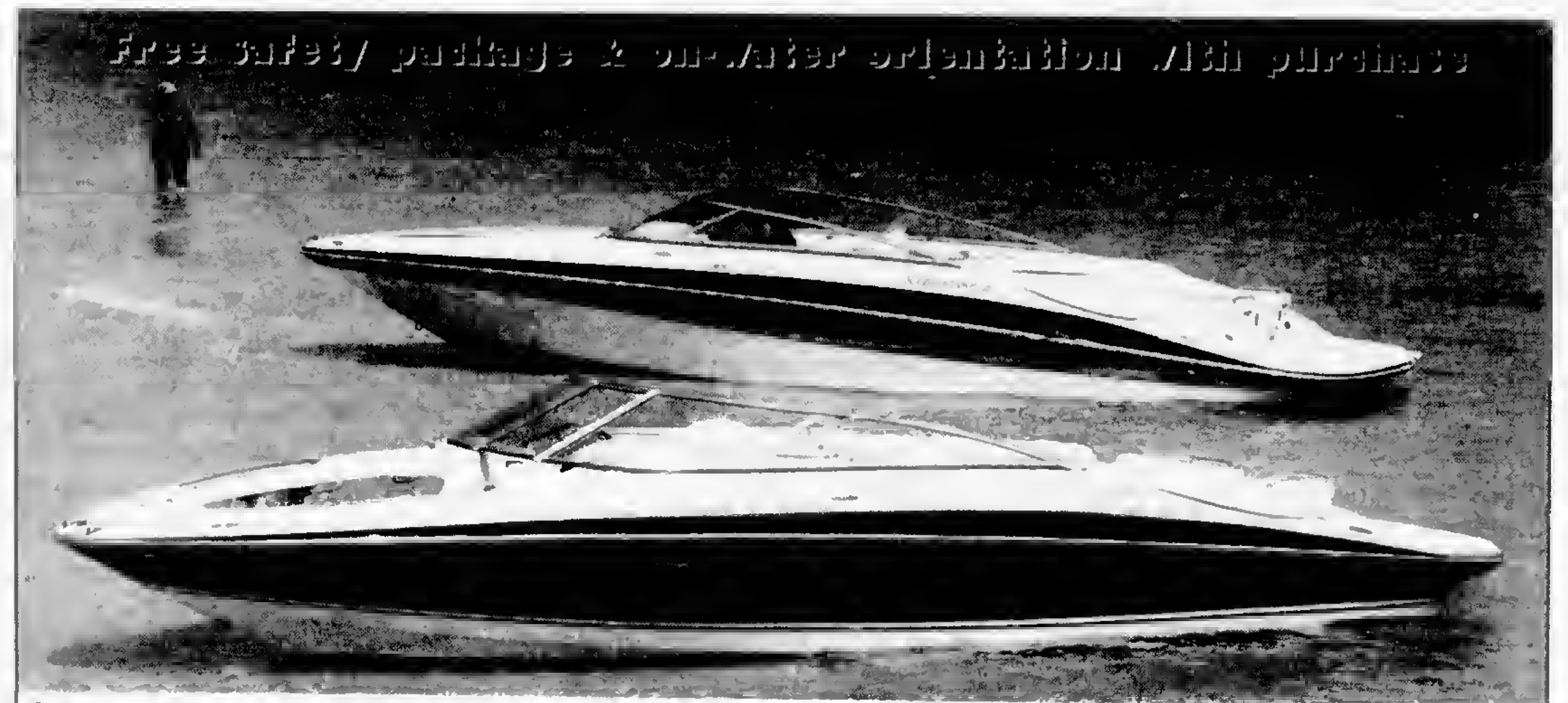

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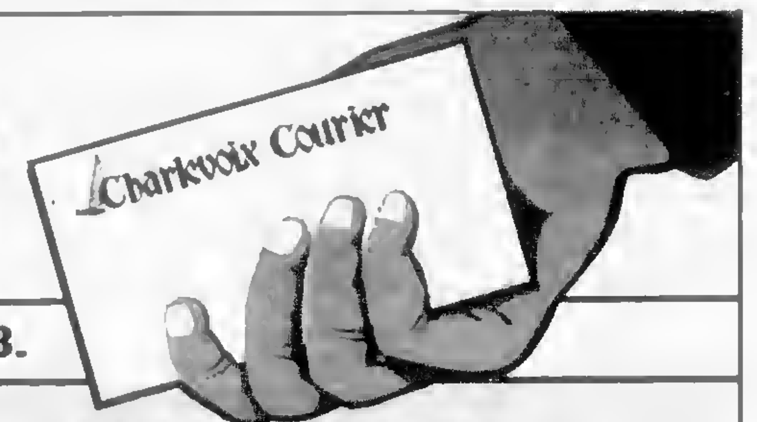

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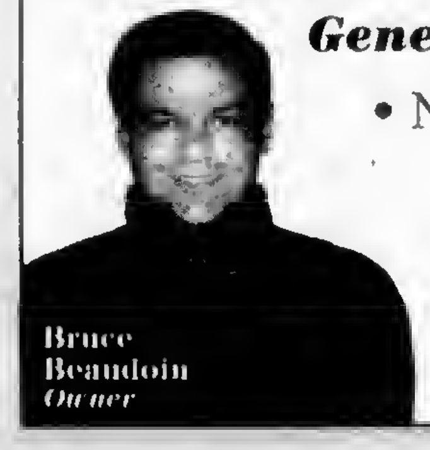

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Uniforms Unlimited finding its niche

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Cynthia and Renee Cebulski can supply your staff with a uniform look.

On April 1, the mother and daughter team opened Uniforms Unlimited, to meet the needs of Charlevoix businesses who are in need of uniforms for their employees. The business is located at 161 M-66 North, in the Captain's Corner's Plaza.

Cynthia said she opened the business because she saw a need in Charlevoix for it. Uniforms Unlimited currently can supply outfits for those in the medical professions and chefs, as well as many others.

But, the Cebulski's do not just supply uniforms to their customers.

According to Cynthia, the business sells hats, jackets and other clothing items and does silk screening and embroidery.

And there are many more plans for the future.

Cynthia said she is looking into a uniform for construction workers and postal service workers, as well as uniform rentals and a web site. She also hopes to have a sales-person on hand in the near future.

Additionally, there are many more options for uniforms she is looking into.

"Every time you get a customer in the door they want to lead you to an area," she said.

"Because it is so new, I was not aware of the demand in certain areas."

This is the first time either Cynthia of Renee have been involved in the retail business.

Cynthia is a cook at Boulder Park and Renee was a college student.

Cynthia said business has been very good since she and her daughter opened their doors.

"People are so friendly and so small business oriented," she said.

For more information on Uniforms Unlimited, contact the Cebulskis by calling (231) 237-9605 or e-mailing rcebulski@speed2u.net.

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Renee and Cynthia Cebulski at Uniforms Unlimited.

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Beemon goes from wild child to honor student

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Charlevoix native Sally Beemon has transformed her life from a high school hell-raiser to a collegiate New Century Scholar.

Sally Beemon

"I feel like I've come so far. I know I have so much further to go, but it's nice to feel like I've really accomplished something," she said.

Sally is the 20-year-old daughter of Rick and JoAnne Beemon of Charlevoix — two people she knows she gave a few gray hairs.

Looking back on her tumultuous adolescent years spent in the Beemon's Clinton Street home, Sally remembers getting into a lot of trouble. The incident that stands out most in her mind happened on her fourteenth birthday when her parents called the Charlevoix City Police because Sally had been drinking. That day she was arrested and charged as a minor in possession of alcohol.

"It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do, to pick up the phone and call the authorities to arrest my beautiful daughter," JoAnne said.

The roller coaster ride with Sally continued to be an uphill battle for the Beemon family and even escalated to the point where Sally considered dropping out of Charlevoix High School.

She said the support of her family and the teachers at the high school are the only reason she graduated with her class in 2001.

"Living in that town — people won't let you go down. I'm so grateful everyone did what they did to get me through," she said.

After graduation she enrolled at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. She closed this successful chapter of her life earlier this month, on May 1, when she dawned a cap and gown and graduated with 3.81 grade point average and an associate's degree in science.

"We are just so proud of her. She's worked really hard and strives to do the very best she can," JoAnne said.

Sally's drive to succeed recently landed her on top of the All-Michigan Academic Team, a national recognition program sponsored by USA Today and the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. The program recognizes the best and brightest community college students.

As the highest scoring member of the team in Michigan Sally was also named one of the elite New Century Scholars. Her score was based in part on an essay she wrote to qualify for the state academic team about her high school struggle. This honor brings with it a $2,000 stipend funded by the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

She collected her scholarship prize at the 2004 American Association of Community Colleges Convention April 24-26 in Minneapolis, Minn. where President George W. Bush made a surprise appearance.

Sally plans to use the money at Wayne State University where she has enrolled as a junior for the fall of 2004. There she will pursue a degree in medicine and a future as a doctor.

"I love the sciences; I love math and I love working with people," she said.

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Peter Rabbit

Charlevoix students in Diane Priess' morning kindergarten class had a dress rehearsal of "Peter Rabbit" recently. The combined classes of Priess' and Mrs. Miller's performed the play on May 14. Here, the bunnies in the play perform a little dance.

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Several running for 105th district seat

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

ELECTION 2004

The race for the 105th District seat in the Michigan State House of Representatives — which includes Charlevoix in its district — is a hot one this year with six Republican candidates and two Democrats.

The race will be whittled down to one person in each party for the November general election in the August primaries. The seat is currently held by Representative Ken Bradstreet, who is term limited from running again.

The candidates are:

Republicans

• Jack Apol — Apol is a Charlevoix resident who describes himself as running on the typical Republican platform. His topics are bringing more jobs to the area, supporting hunting rights, supporting property rights, lowering taxes and keeping the water clean.

After serving two enlistments in the United States Navy, Apol has a degree in political science from Grand Valley State University and is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. Currently he is a professor emeritus at the law school of Michigan State University. He specializes in criminal law and constitutional law.

He has been coming to northern Michigan since 1965 and purchased property in Charlevoix in the early 1990s. He and his wife since 1965, Carol, retired to Charlevoix full-time in 2002.

He said his political experience is that of an observer.

"I have been observing politics as far as I can remember," he said.

He added, "I really want to concentrate on two things, the issues and my qualifications. We don't have enough of that in politics today. I think that my concerns are probably the concerns of the people of this district."

• Kevin A. Elsenheimer — Elsenheimer is a Bellaire resident who describes himself as a "pro-life, pro-gun and pro-school choice candidate." His platform includes working to "restrict the growth of state government," creating jobs and eliminating the "small business tax."

Elsenheimer is a lifelong northern Michigan resident. He is a municipal, land-use attorney and former assistant prosecutor in Antrim County. He is the owner of the law firm Young, Graham and Elsenheimer, PC, in Bellaire.

Elsenheimer has served for more than five years on the Bellaire School boards, is an adjunct faculty member at Davenport University in Gaylord and is a former member of the Northwest Michigan Council of Government's Workforce Development Board. He is also a member of the Antrim County Special Elections Commission and served as chair of the Antrim County Republican Party for over five years.

He is also a lifelong hunter and fisherman.

"While we need to protect our environment and enable the recreation and tourism that is so important to this area, we also must respect the rights of private property owners to utilize their property," he said.

• Jeff Garfield — Garfield has been a resident of Gaylord for about six years. He describes himself as "pro-life," "pro-business," "pro-firearms," "environmental," "lower taxes," "less government" and wanting accountability in government.

Garfield touts himself as a family man who knows the struggles families face, a small business owner who thinks the single business tax and personal property tax needs to be phased out, a Christian who believes the constitution is based on the teaching of the bible and there is no such thing as freedom from religion, a taxpayer and a consumer.

Garfield is an Otsego County Commissioner, a former Otsego Lake Township Board trustee and a member of the Otsego County Sheriff Search and Recovery Dive Team.

He is originally from the Fenton area, where he owned an operated a restaurant. He has also owned a building development company in Gaylord and worked as a federal housing inspector for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

• Bonnie M. Nothoff — Nothoff has been a resident of Kewadin for four years. She has been visiting the area for about 25 years. She said, "Learning what is important to the residents and business owners is an integral part of my campaign."

Nothoff wants to bring respectable businesses to the area, keep taxes low and keep the property owners in mind with land use issues. She also believes health care is a right of all Michigan residents.

Nothoff is also very knowledgeable on health issues, having been the director of governmental affairs for the Michigan Dental Hygienists Association and the president of the Michigan Dental Hygienists Association.

In these groups, she has worked closely with legislators on both sides of the aisle in Lansing. She has helped pass several pieces of health care legislation in Lansing. She adds, in her positions, she has been accountable to a constituency of 9,000 dental hygienists in the state of Michigan.

Nothoff has been a registered dental hygienist for 19 years. She was also a dental hygiene educator for seven years.

• John B. Ramsey — Ramsey recently purchased a full-time home in Charlevoix after visiting the area since the mid-1980s. He describes himself as a non-politician who has real world experience.

His platform is to have an elected government that will not compromise their core values and a government that is flexible and can reinvent itself rather than asking for more money. He said he will find ways to bring new jobs to the area, help find a solution to the health insurance issue, protect the sanctity of life and fight crime, as well as helping the victims of those crimes.

Ramsey was a decorated World War II pilot and served as director of the Michigan Department of Aeronautics from 1956 to 1972. He attended high school in Battle Creek and also lived in Okemos, where he graduated from High School. He is also a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in electrical engineering and a masters degree in business administration.

He has been a resident of Colorado and Georgia, before moving to Charlevoix full time.

Ramsey touts himself as a successful businessman. He started a small computer products distribution business in the garage of his home in the early 1980s. The company grew and he sold it in 1994 to the Lockheed Corporation. He left Lockheed-Martin in 1998 and became a consultant with several small distressed companies.

He is married to Patsy Ramsey. Besides his late daughter JonBenet and son Burke, the Ramseys have two other children, Melinda and John. They also have another daughter, Beth, who was killed in an automobile accident in the early 1990s. JonBenet was murdered in 1996. No charges have been filed in that case.

• Craig Ryan — Ryan is a resident of Gaylord and has served on Bradstreet's staff for several years. He said he "hopes to continue the outstanding work he (Bradstreet) has accomplished in Lansing and throughout the district."

Ryan said his platform includes limited government, personal property rights, economic growth, the sanctity of life and second amendment rights.

"I will vigorously defend the fundamental philosophies embodied in the constitutional right to own and bear arms and I pledge to fight for unborn children," he said.

Ryan and his wife, Telly, are both graduates of Gaylord High School. He is a member of the Michigan Right to Life, the Gaylord Right to Life, the National Rifle Association and the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners.

Democrats

• Greg A. Dean — Dean, of Antrim County, is a businessman who is proud that he has never been a politician and does not have all the answers. His platform is based on three issues: energy, the environment and education.

He wants to promote clean burning facilities for energy and support the use of new technologies in business to help keep them environmentally sound and promote more jobs. As for education, he wants to change it from the top down and shift back to a trade-oriented curriculum.

"We can't all be CEOs. We need to accept that," he said.

Dean originally filed as a Republican, but withdrew and filed as a Democrat. He had considered filing as an independent. Part of the reason for this change, he said, was because he knew there would be a "circus atmosphere" surrounding the Republican nomination. He added he has the heart of a Democrat and the mind of a Republican.

Dean has been married for 14 years to Corinn. He has worked for a powerplant in Detroit before moving north and has been instrumental in starting up two businesses in the area — a limestone fabricating business and the development of a piece of property he owns.

• Jim McKimmy — McKimmy is a resident of Rapid City, but Charlevoix residents may remember him as the superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools from 1973 to 1977.

He believes strongly in education and the right of every child to be educated, preserving the environment, helping seniors maintain a good quality of life and reforming unfair medical costs.

"I have followed with deepening concern the declining support for public education," he said.

As for other issues, he said he is concerned about the high rate of unemployment in the district and said he will seek a way to solve this problem. He also is concerned about affordable housing in the area, adding even Habitat for Humanity is having trouble building homes because of the price of land.

In addition to being the superintendent of Charlevoix, McKimmy was superinendent of Cadillac Area Public Schools, Northwest School District of Jackson County, Midland County Intermediate School District and part-owner of Michigan Education Management, Inc.

Because of his experience with school districts, McKimmy has worked on several legislative matters related to schools.

"I've managed situations where resources weren't available, where layoffs were required and have seen the anguish of families when their jobs were lost. I can see the big picture and develop policies to reach desired goals," he said.

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Kiwanis honored for reading program

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Kiwanis Club's outreach at the local Head Start Preschool earned the group a Volunteer Award from the Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency.

The agency surprised a group of Kiwanians with the special recognition at the agency's Thirtieth Anniversary and Awards Celebration May 6.

The award acknowledges the one-on-one reading program started by the club in the fall of 2002 in conjunction with Charlevoix Public Library. According to Ted Dumbald, the Kiwanis membership coordinator and board member, it was a natural fit for Kiwanis, whose mission is to serve the children of the world.

The outreach effort started with donations of $500 in books and now, almost two years later, has transformed into priceless intergenerational friendships.

Shirley Roloff, Chairman of the Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency Board of Directors, said the Kiwanis group was an easy pick for this year's Volunteer Award.

"They contribute so much and it is such a wonderful program. What else could you ask for. This is just one way of saying thanks for your help," Roloff said.

The undertaking has brought Kiwanis members and student club members from Charlevoix elementary and high schools and Northwest Academy, along with non-Kiwanian community members to the school for reading sessions.

Each Monday teams of about eight volunteers arrive at the classroom at 10:30 a.m. and read to each one of the 15 students for 30 minutes.

"It's hard to describe the enjoyment of reading to these kids. They seem to appreciate us and we certainly appreciate them. Each week we go in they are waiting with their eyes all aglow. It's really a gratifying experience," Dumbald said.

Head Start program coordinator Phyliss Hess said the Kiwanis effort has not only been rewarding for the volunteer readers but the students have also benefited.

One-on-one programs like this help introduce children to books, literature and reading, boost self-esteem and build independence.

Other projects Kiwanis has worked on with Head Start that were wrapped into this award include the club's $500 donation to buy slippers and outdoor wear for Head Start kids and their families.

For information about the school contact Sarah Rose at the Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency at (231) 547-3973.

To offer assistance in the reading program contact Dumbald at 547-9373.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Head Start Preschool student Taya Steen reads with Charlevoix resident Bill Picott at the Kiwanis Club's weekly reading session at the school.

Memorial Day parade

Charlevoix Memorial Day Celebrations will begin at 9 a.m. with a wreath laying ceremony at the Brookside Cemetery flagpole.

At 10 a.m. the parade will commence from Garfield Street leading downtown. The parade will stop to lay a wreath at the memorial in Veterans Park and them proceed to East Park for the rest of the remembrance celebrations.

Participants in the parade include groups from both high schools — the Rayder Marching Band and the Northwest Academy choir.

Other units scheduled to march include the following: American Legion and Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, Coast Guard Station Charlevoix, Marine Corps League, Civil Air Patrol, Girl Scouts and Friends of the Library.

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Ride or walk the new paved Charlevoix Trail by joining the Top of Michigan Trails Council, and Charlevoix Area Chamber/Visitors Bureau on National Trails Day on June 5.

Outdoor enthusiasts around the country will be participating in National Trails Day events to support this year's theme of "Trails and Health...A Natural Connection."

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Signing in, start and late registration are at the Charlevoix Township Hall at the corner of Waller and Old Orchard Roads.

Start between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Registration fee by May 21 is $10 each. There is no charge for children 12 and under. After May 21, the fee is $15 each.

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Library needs your pennies

If April showers bring May flowers, the Charlevoix Public Library is hoping that May showers bring pennies from Heaven.

In conjunction with the capital campaign kick off for the library's building fund, the library is announcing its "One Million Pennies Campaign, Pennies from Heaven."

How long is a line of one million pennies? How high is a tower of one million pennies? How high does your scale have to read to weigh one million pennies? What can one million pennies do for the Charlevoix Public Library?

These are only a few of the many questions concerning pennies that will be answered in the next few months as Pennies from Heaven start raining down on Charlevoix.

The answers are 11.94 miles long; .96 miles or almost a mile high; 5,511 pounds or over two tons (more than the average automobile); and most importantly, $10,000 towards the $1,000,000 goal that the capital campaign has set to help fund the proposed new library project.

How can you help? Just bring your pennies to the library and be a part of this exciting project to make the new improved Charlevoix Public Library a reality.

For further information or just to see how much space one million pennies will occupy visit the library at 109 Clinton Street or call at (231)547-2651.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Library board of trustees president Mary Anne Chew and library director Val Meyerson make the first deposit in the penny box.

Operation Petunia to be May 27

It's petunia time in Charlevoix.

Operation Petunia, the community wide planting party, will be at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 27.

Five miles of petunias will be planted on both sides of US-31 from the airport to Mercer Boulevard and on M-66 to Stover Road. Now in its twenty-third year the event is so well organized that the hundreds of volunteers usually finish planting in less than one hour.

The planting will be followed by a picnic in East Park for all the planters. Hot dogs and other treats will be served courtesy of several local businesses. Local service clubs do the cooking and Gary Stutzman and a band from Northwest Academy will provide music.

In order to insure a beautiful display of petunias, Keep Charlevoix Beautiful president Bob Hoffman along with Dale Boss met with Andy Norman from the Michigan State University Extension Service. Based on his recommendation 6 inches of soil was removed and replaced in all of the beds.

Anyone who wants to plant can go to any location along the road at 5 p.m. and start planting. Areas that can always use more help are south of town on the west side of US-31 from State Street to the airport and on the east side from Carpenter to M-66 and around the corner to Stover Road.

Also extra help is needed on the north side by the golf course.

Block captains will help direct planting and distribute coupons for the picnic and treats from Dairy Queen, 7-11 and Kilwins.

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Library announces its campaign goal

Mary Ann Chew, president of the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees, has announced the library's capital campaign goal of $1,600,000. Money from the effort will be used in tandem with bond proceeds from a June 14 vote towards the purchase and renovation of the 1927 school.

"$924,000, or 58 percent of the goal, has been pledged to date for the Charlevoix Public Library's building project," she said.

A capital campaign committee, chaired by Don Heise, includes 33 supporters of the Charlevoix Public Library. Honorary chairs include Tom Carey, Edith Gilbert, Mary Helen Riggle and Gordon VanWieren.

The committee's efforts will save $115,000 in fund-raising consulting fees for the library.

The group is seeking donations and pledges, which will be paid over a five-year period from 2004 through 2008. Commitments to date include governmental units, businesses, private foundations and individual philanthropists.

Charlevoix residents and summer homeowners have donated and pledged $298,000. The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority has made the largest pledge so far of $30,000 per year for 20 years.

Heise is confident that during the next 12 months the campaign goal will be met.

"A successful campaign and a positive millage election will make us all winners," he said. "This project is more than expanding the library; it is a beneficial investment for Charlevoix over the next 100 years. It will give us a spectacular library, contribute to the stability of downtown, and preserve a magnificent art deco building."

For further information on the library project stop by the library for an information session on Wednesday at 10 a.m. or call 547-2651.

Keep campaign signs out of the right of way

The City of Charlevoix Police Department reminds candidates and campaign workers that local ordinance prohibits the placement of signs in the street right of way. The right of way is the area between the curb and the sidewalk. In cases where no curb is present signs must be 15 feet from pavement. Violations may result in confiscation of signs and a possible civil infraction ticket.

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Art admiration

Charlevoix Elementary School student Annie Diepert uses her eyes for art to check over the work of her peers at the annual K-12 Art Show last week at Charlevoix Elementary School.

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Many contested seats in township elections

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff writer

A large group of incumbents including supervisors, trustees and clerks in Norwood, Charlevoix, Marion and Eveline townships will have to fight to hang on at the August primary.

Norwood Township

In Norwood Township, four-year terms for the supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustees will all be contested at the coming primary.

It will be the battle of the Waynes for the supervisor's seat as incumbent Wayne Boss faces off against newcomer on the political scene, Wayne Wynkoop.

Boss, 58, has lived in the township since 1976 and for the past five years has served as supervisor. He is hoping to extend his service for another four-year term.

"I want to continue the work we've been doing, primarily on improving the quality of the road systems. I would also like to see our zoning ordinance reflect what is more advantageous to the residents rather than what is consistent with what typical planners say we should have," Boss said.

While Boss is hoping voters continue their support of him at the polls, Wynkoop, 46, said there is a group of residents that are ready to see a change.

"It's obvious we need a change; we need to uplift this township," he said.

Wynkoop, was alluding to recent zoning disputes and lawsuits filed against the township board. And he said his supporters think he is just the man to bring the township out of the doldrums.

Wynkoop doesn't have past political experience but has been a vocal participant at township board meetings this year. He said his current involvement in the township earned him the respect of fellow residents who urged him to file.

Qualities Wynkoop said make him a good pick for supervisor include honesty, common sense and "level headedness."

While he claims residents are ready for change, current clerk , Doris Pearl, a Norwood Township native who has held the seat for almost 14 years, said the township needs healing and incumbents can provide that.

"I am hoping that somehow we can heal this divisiveness that has infected our community," she said.

Pearl, 59, has extensive experience in zoning as a current zoning administrator for Banks Township and the Village of Ellsworth and former Norwood Township zoning administrator. She said she brings to the table a good understanding of the issues facing townships and knowledge of Norwood Township and the tastes and preferences of residents.

She will face Michelle Cyr. Who did not return calls by press time.

Pearl's daughter, Ellen Jenson, 33, a Norwood Township native, that has served as treasurer since 2000 will also have to work to keep her position.

While she has made great strides during her first term in the treasurer's seat, including computerizing tax records, she isn't a shoe in for a second term.

Jenson will face Paul Grapp, 43. Grapp has lived in the township for over 30 years and wants to be more involved with the community. He has no prior political experience and said he draws accounting insight from running his own landscaping and excavating business.

Rounding out competition for the board is a trustees race for two open seats. Four candidates are jostling for position. They include Frank Hamilton, Dennis Way, Sadie Bartosik and Lynn Smolenyak.

Bartosik, 68, served a term on the planning commission in the past and decided to come out of the woodwork because she feels its time for change in Norwood Township.

Way, 48, has lived in the township for the past five years. He has no previous political experience but said he feels he could bring a lot to the board.

"I think it's time to get some new blood in there," he said.

Smolenyak, 47, is the former township zoning administrator who resigned this past winter due to time constraints. The township resident of 10 years said a board seat would be a good way to put her knowledge to use without stretching her time wise.

Hamilton, 65, has lived in Norwood Township for 24 years and has over 20 years experience in local polities including time served in Norwood Township. He said he is qualified for the position.

Hamilton is also the co-owner of Auntie Barb's Country Kennel which he operates with his wife Barb. The property from which they operate the kennel has been the topic of a lengthy zoning debate that ended with the zoning board of appeals requiring he and his wife to acquire a new special use permit to operate their business. The

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Hamiltons are fighting this in circuit court.

He said the zoning issue is unrelated to his candidacy and he has no agenda.

"I think I can do some good in the township. We need to think more about the best interest of the township," he said.

Charlevoix Township

In Charlevoix Township, the supervisor and the trustees are in the hot seat.

Newly appointed supervisor Dale Glass will face Ted Felter.

"I've had competition before, I'm not too alarmed by it," Glass said. "I've been on the

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township board well over 30 years and I'm very familiar with it. I feel having my experience and knowledge I could be helpful to the township. I'm the best man for the job."

Glass, 71, has been on the board for 35 years and is a township resident of 42 years.

If elected, he said he plans to continue to work to extend the city of Charlevoix's sewer system to the Pine Point residential area off Boyne City Road.

He also has plans for changes including upgrades to township recreational facilities and roads and the introduction of new public services like brush and branch removal.

His competition Felter, 55, owns and operates Key Controls, an electrical business.

He said he has no major heef with the way the township has operated, he was just looking for something to do.

Felter has four years of political experience under his belt as a former councilman and has lived in the township for eight years.

One of the two current trustees, Nancy Rajewski and Chuck Center, may also have to say good-bye as Chuck Sherping launches his political attack.

Rajewski, 66, is a board member of over 20 years and a longtime planning commission member.

She hopes to stick around to finish working on the township's master plan work and see through the Wal-Mart issue.

"I like doing what I'm doing and I want to help the township," she said.

Center, 58, has been a trustee since December of this year when Glass left his trustee's position to take over for former supervisor Oscar Stroud who resigned.

Prior to taking the board seat Center served for five years on the township's planning commission.

Sherping, 60, hopes to win one of the two open seats because he thinks it's time for the township to have some new trustees. He served on the zoning board of appeals in both the township and the city of Charlevoix. He said that experience coupled with his engineering background make him a good choice for voters.

He said several board decisions over the past couple of years prompted him to run including zoning ordinance amendments and funding the Pine Point sewer extension out of general fund dollars.

Eveline Township

In Eveline Township, supervisor Dan Skreczkoski will have to fight for his seat.

Skreczkoski, 50, has been on the board for 16 years. He said his service to the township is his way of giving back. He hopes to be elected to another term to see through some projects he has been working on.

But he may have to run a convincing campaign. Boyne City resident John Vrondran who has lived in the township for 35 years wants a crack at the supervisor's title.

Vrondran, 57, has no experience in politics but said that since he is planning to retire from USD Corporation in July after 29 years of work he thought it was time to make his political debut.

"I just want to be part of a township government that works for all the residents and listens to the people," he said.

Marion Township

While Marion Township Supervisor Wilson "Bud" Boss who is running unopposed, isn't feeling the heat like some of his fellow supervisors, two trustees seats in his township are being sought by three candidates.

Former trustee Tim Matchett stepped down to run for clerk, a seat vacated by former Marion Township clerk Bob Drebenstedt who opted not to run. He will run unopposed for this seat.

While Matchett's road to the clerk's seat won't be rocky, his vacant trustee seat is sought after as is the seat of trustee Joanne Jones.

Jones, 63, has filed to run for reelection. She has nine years of experience in the position. She will join two other residents on the ballot in the primary —. Joe Seidel and Bob Fales.

Seidel, 46, a native and lifelong resident of Marion Township has gained political experience through current positions on both the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees and the Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

He decided to run to represent a new point of view on the hoard.

Fales could not he reached by press time.

Because these are partisan races and all the aforementioned candidates have filed as Republicans, the big showdown in the townships will happen at the Aug. 3 primary.

The only opposition they could then face at the general election Nov. 2 is a write-in candidate.

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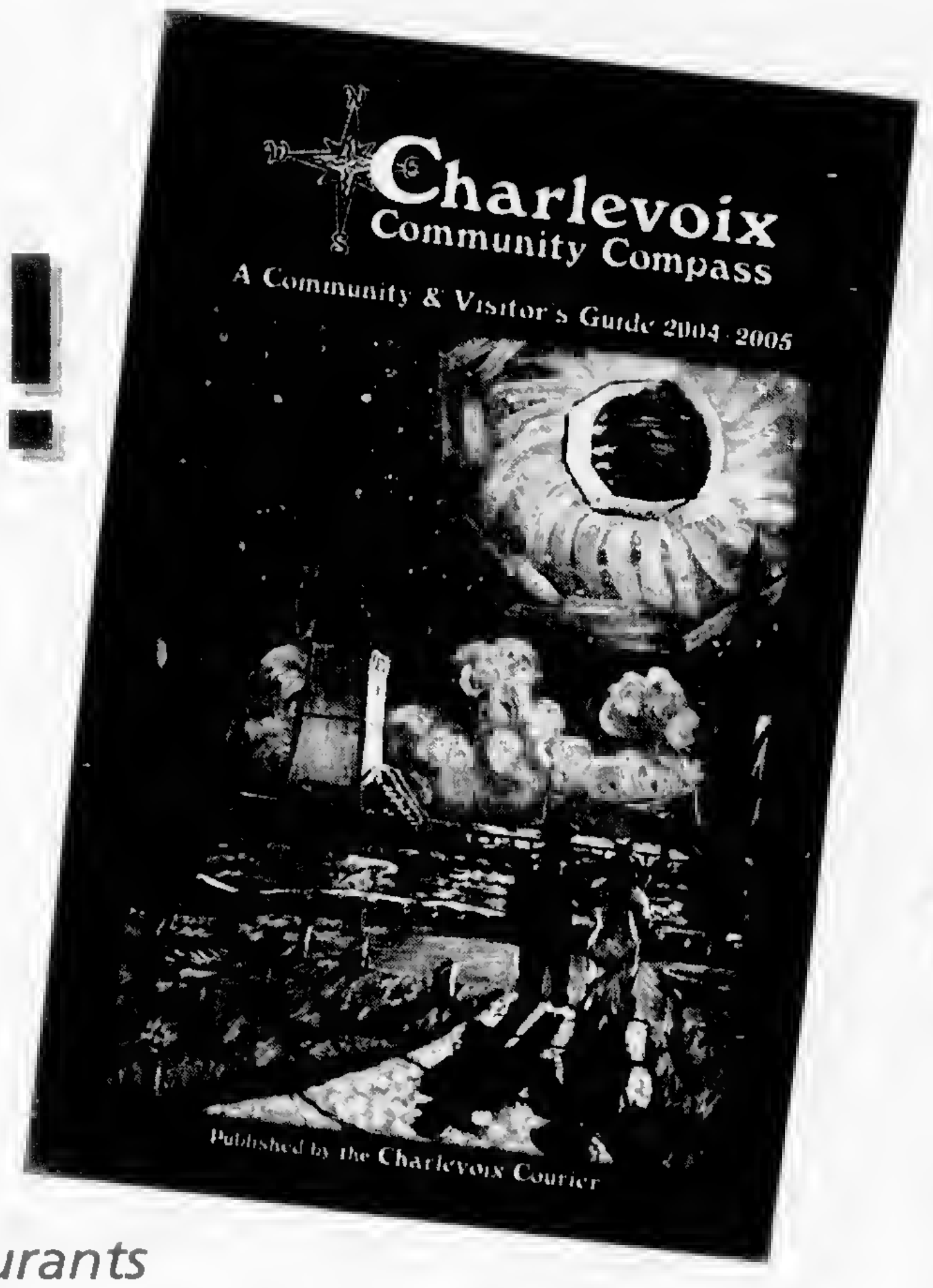
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Baseball team has roller coaster of a week

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

It was an up and down week for the Charlevoix Rayders baseball team as they took two at Maple City Glen Lake but were swept by Grayling at home.

Charlevoix defeated the Lakers, 6-2 and 9-6. Details on the Grayling losses were unavailable at presstime.

"Glen Lake is a very similar team to us in the sense that they are very young and are gaining experience as they go," coach Bryan Hawkins said. "They typically have an outstanding program and their facilities are beautiful."

In the opener, Tyler Bier stymied the Lakers' bats with over four innings of two-hit relief. He didn't walk a batter and struck out four, yielding only one unearned run.

Bier also was the hitting hero, going three for four with an RBI and a run scored. Eddie Waldron clubbed a two-run homer to stake the Rayders to an early lead they never lost.

Matt Burtt singled in two runs while Chris Waha, Jake Teuscher and Ezra Bakker each had a hit.

In the nightcap, Jake Teuscher was two for two with a walk, three runs scored and an RBI. Russell Williams singled, stole a base and drove in a run. Michael Wojan was 1 for 3 and scored two runs.

"We were able to take advantage of some key moments by pressuring their defense into some mistakes," Hawkins said. "It was especially important for us to get runners in scoring position because they had some young pitchers who threw a few to the backstop and we finally delivered with a big hit here and there to plate some runners."

The Rayder JV squad lost a double-header to Boyne City, 10-8 and 5-3.

Kris Bartling and Shannon Gillespie each had two hits in the opener. Logan Niswander had three hits in the nightcap. Zach Scharenbroch didn't give up an earned run in his five innings on the mound.

The Rayder varsity traveled to Cheboygan on Tuesday, May 18 but results were unavailable. They play at Mancelona on Thursday, May 20 and host Elk Rapids on Monday, May 24.

Rayders' softball team splits double-header

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders softball squad split a conference double-header with Grayling, losing game one, 9-5 and rallying to win the nightcap, 4-0.

Earlier in the week, they tied Maple City Glen Lake, 1-1 and lost game two, 14-4.

Against the Vikings, Jessica Pettis, Andrea Ruhlman, Gen Kochanny, Brittany Niswander and Sarah Featherly all had hits in game one. Monica Cornell took the pitching loss, striking out seven.

In game two, Nicole Higdon threw a shutout to get the win. Pettis was 3 for 3 at the plate. Amanda Boss doubled while Ruhlman, Cornell and Niswander all singled.

Cornell threw a one-hitter against Glen Lake in the first game of the double-header, walking only two and striking out seven.

Niswander had two hits to lead the Rayders. Ruhlman, Cornell and Denise Barta had one hit apiece.

Sally Haselschwardt had the only Charlevoix hit in the nightcap. Higdon took the pitching loss.

"We're still struggling to maintain consistency on defense while keeping the bats going," coach Liz Grunch said. "At times, the girls have shown tremendous growth in their physical skills and mental aspect of the game."

The Rayders (5-14-1 overall, 3-9 conference) host Elk Rapids next Monday, May 24.

Girls' soccer team's winning streak comes to end

Suttons Bay ended the Rayders' unbeaten streak at 6 with a victory under tough wind conditions Wednesday at the Charlevoix High School Field, 2-0.

The Rayders had the wind in the first half but were unable to keep the ball on the field, failing to capitalize on several opportunities.

Charlevoix managed eight shots, with a long ball from 40 yards out missing the score by just inches.

Charlevoix keeper Laura Nitchman made five saves.

Suttons Bay scored midway through the second half from 10 yards out when the Rayders' back line failed to pull out, giving Nitchman virtually no chance at the save. The second tally came off a nice head ball from a corner kick.

The Rayders received a good defensive effort from Murray, junior center back Sarah Cross and outside back Madison McKenzie. Freshmen midfielders Zita Anderson and Lori Zimmerman also played strong games with Zimmerman winning the Rayders' Player of the Game ball.

"Suttons Bay won this match because they were more experienced and knew how to handle the win. We learned a lot tonight and will improve because of it," coach Carol Madison said.

The Rayders are 5-2 in the Lake Michigan conference and 6-4-1 overall.

Scholarship to Ferris State University to be given at golf camp

Several lucky youngsters who participated in the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association's 2003 summer program will be awarded scholarships to attend the prestigious golf camp at Ferris State University this summer.

Dean Davenport, executive director of the popular summer program, announced that the Association's Board members approved renewing the scholarship program with Ferris State University. Awards will be likely made to six deserving Juniors for scholarships enabling them to spend a week on the campus of Ferris State.

Applicants must have participated in more than half of the past summer's sessions and be at least 12 years of age to be eligible. Application packets were mailed recently to over 70 youngsters who qualified for consideration. Winners are selected because of their dedication and interest in golf, their potential and the manner in which they respond to the official application questions. During the past seven years 50 junior golfers from the Charlevoix area have been awarded scholarships.

Local PGA professional from the Belvedere Golf Club, Steve Braun again adds greatly to the camp scholarship fund by taking pledges for his "100 Holes in a Day" fund-raiser last fall.

Dennis LaCroix, board president, said, "Steve's effort is greatly appreciated by all of us connected to the program. His dedication and interest in young golfers is typical of the excellent cooperation we get from everyone including the courses that host our golfers'; Dunmaglas, Antrim Dells, the Belvedere, municipal and the Charlevoix Country Club."

More information regarding this year's program and the June 10 registration procedures will be announced soon.

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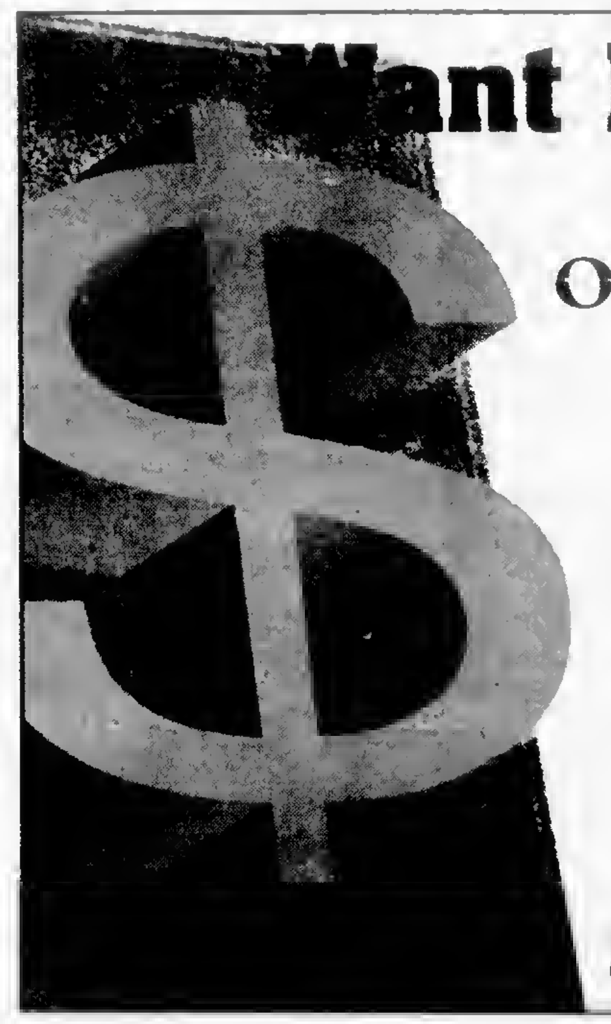

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SPORTS

Track teams take first in home meet

Both the Charlevoix girls' and boys' track teams took first place at their home meet May 10, beating out three other schools.

The boys' team took first with a score of 96.5. Traverse City St. Francis took second with a score of 61.

The girls' team took first with a score of 113. Kalkaska took second with 59.5.

Individual results for the boys' team were:

- 110 hurdles — Ben Bergmann took second. Rusty Walters took third.
- 100 meter dash — Jeff Urban took first with a time of 11.47 seconds.
- 800 meter relay — Charlevoix took first with a time of 1 minute, 36.9 seconds.
- 1600 meter run — Brandon Stevens took first with a time of 4 minutes, 49.5 seconds. Scott Plude took third.
- 400 meter relay — Charlevoix took third.
- 300 meter hurdles — Brian Christiansen took third.
- 800 meter hurdles — Stevens took second.
- 200 meter dash — Urban took first with a time of 22 seconds.
- 3200 meter run — Jacob Wimmer took third.
- 1600 meter relay — Charlevoix took third.
- Discuss — Kyle Kramer took first with a distance of 128 feet, 5 inches. Jeff Golovich took third.
- Shotput — Golovich took first with a distance of 41 feet, 7.5 inches. Scott Friske took second. Jaimen Waha took third.

Individual results for the girls' team were:

- 3200 meter relay — The team of Brittney Lamb, Emily Westenbroek, Mia Matchett and Caitlin Taylor finished first with a time of 11 minutes, 12 seconds.
- 100 meter hurdles — Emily Heffling took first with a time of 18.11 seconds.
- 100 meter dash — Shannon Dibble took second.
- 800 meter relay — Charlevoix took first with a time of 1 minute, 58.1 seconds.
- 1600 meter run — Lindi Edger took first with a time of 5 minutes, 39.3 seconds. Theresa Martin took second. Michelle Rowe took third.
- 400 meter relay — The team of Sonya Plude, Heffling, Caitlin Ernst and Dibble took first with a time of 55.6 seconds.
- 400 meter dash — Liz Madison took first with a time of 1 minute, 5 seconds. Amy Drew took second.
- 300 meter hurdles — Heffling took first with a time of 53.4 seconds.
- 200 meter dash — Plude took first with a time of 29.65 seconds. Dibble took second. Ernst took third.
- 3200 meter run — Matchett took second. Caitlin Taylor took third.
- 1600 meter relay — The team of Edger, Rowe, Betsy Dennis and Martin took first with a time of 4 minutes, 28.9 seconds.
- Discus — Caitlin Cole took first with a distance of 82 feet, 4 inches.
- Long jump — Dennis took first with a distance of 14 feet, 11 inches.
- High jump — Drew took third.
- Shot put — Cole took second. Brooke Blanchard took third.
- Pole vault — Madison took second.

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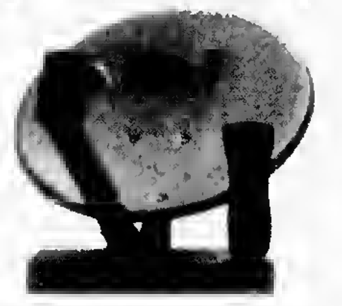

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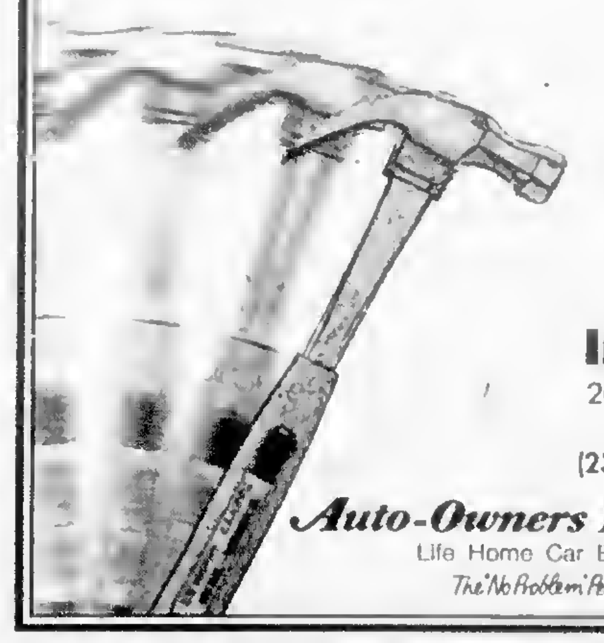

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Special meeting planned on Loeb Road project

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff writer

A special meeting of the Marion Township Planning Commission could make or break plans for a dense housing development off Loeb Road.

The planning commission has scheduled a special meeting to take place at 7 p.m., May 25 at the township hall off Marion Center Road to consider a controversial rezoning request.

In the fall of 2003, Charlevoix resident Wayne Boss and his family members who are partners in Legacy Development Group, LLC, filed a request with the Marion Township Board to rezone land they own from agricultural to R-1, single family residential, to make way for 85 "affordable" home sites.

The request applies to two parcels totaling 53 acres, both fronting on Loeb Road around where it intersects with Veenstra Road. The development plan for the site includes lots that would be a minimum of 20,000 square feet. Boss said he is aiming to keep prices under $120,000.

In November, the Marion Township Board delayed that rezoning request when it hired a consultant to evaluate soil and water suitability at the site.

Tests that were done by Performance Engineers of Charlevoix showed there exists an adequate supply of water for individual wells to be drilled to service the homes.

The soil study, which looked at whether the land can support on-site septic systems for each individual home, came away with different results for the two parcels. The engineers found that soil on the north site is better suited for higher density development like what Boss is proposing. On the south site, they found more variation in the soil which would make it less suitable for this type of development in some areas.

Boss concurred with this report. At the commission's April meeting he told the commissioners that the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the local health department, and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality would never approve an on-site septic system where the soil is questionable and he doesn't plan to use those areas.

Residents and the engineers have voiced concerns that those wells could be polluted if a high density of septic systems is permitted.

A report by Ball Environmental Associates of Traverse City, suggests shallow wells be monitored for nitrates or deepened to ensure a long-term, high quality water supply.

The planning commission will use the information it has gathered and may reach its decision as to whether or not to recommend approval of the request to the township board. This recommendation will require a majority vote of the seven-person commission.

If the commission makes its decision the request will be passed along to the Charlevoix County Planning Commission which will then review the request and make its recommendation. And then the township board will review it and make the final decision.

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School district facing lean times

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made during the current school year when $800,000 was taken out of the budget. So, whatever "fat" that was in the budget has already been trimmed.

In the past, budget problems have also been made up through the district's fund balance, a savings account with emergency money that is set aside without a designated place it has to be spent. However, this extended budget crunch has dwindled that account to the edge of its limit.

The school board's policy requires the fund balance stay at 8 percent of the previous year's budget. The district will end this year with a fund balance just under 12 percent of 2002-2003 expenditures. But if the $800,000 deficit projected for 2004-2005 is taken out, the fund balance would dip below the allowed 8 percent.

So the money will have to come out of the budget.

A survey taken of about 100 parents in the school district to gauge where cuts should be made showed their highest priorities are protecting academic programs, class size and teachers. Those respondents said if changes have to be made they want to see fees increase for non-curricular activities like field trips, cuts to foreign language programs, hikes in athletic event ticket prices and layoffs of support staff like clerical staff, bus drivers or teacher assistants.

Sturock said, "We don't want to implement layoffs but when 85 percent of your program is people it's hard to stay away from that."

An outline of the direction cuts could take shows the bulk of the impact will be felt in personnel. The district is looking at saving $683,078 in personnel cuts. These may include a decision not to replace employees that retire, layoffs or reduction of the teaching load.

Another $113,000 may come from athletics, teaching supplies and drivers education. This leaves about $4,000 more for the district to scrape together somewhere in the budget.

The board will nail down the fine details of the plan before school lets out on June 10 so people who may be without a job next year can start planning.

Sturock said local and state factors contribute to the gray reality the school district is facing.

On the state side of things, the per pupil foundation allowance has flat lined at $7,887 per student over the past two years and no increase is projected for next year. The school district looks to a rise in that money to meet its changes in costs like salary and fringe benefit increases.

The local piece of the puzzle is declining enrollment which has been dropping at a rate of 20 students a year over the past four years. In 2000-2001 school year over 1,420 students were enrolled and projections for next year are at 1,360. Sturock said this reality has come about because of a lack of affordable housing in the area for young families and birth trends.

According to Scott Cochran, administrator at Charlevoix's charter school, Northwest Academy, no cuts are planned there. He said any shortfall that is realized can be met by the school's reserve account.

Gas prices rising across the country

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of vehicles that have higher gas consumption."

And high prices are expected to continue throughout the summer.

Hoffman said areas on the west coast and east coast of the nation may even see the cost jump to $3 a gallon. Additionally, Hoffman said Michigan residents will see higher prices than many other areas due to the gasoline taxes in the state.

There higher gas prices could have an impact on Charlevoix's economy, which relies on people traveling to the area to visit from larger cities.

Jacqueline Merta, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, said it is still hard to gauge the gas price impact. She said some businesspeople in town have reported higher than usual traffic amounts in the city, but others have reported less.

As for consumers, she said they may be seeing higher prices on goods.

"It is a fact when gas goes up for delivers and distribution we all have to pay," Merta said.

Margo Marks, general manager of the Beaver Island Boat Company, said gas prices have contributed to increasing expenses of the company's ferry service, but so far the business has been able to absorb those costs rather than pass them on to its customers.

She said the boat company does have the ability to add a fuel surcharge to its ticket prices if gasoline rates go up dramatically. So far, she said the company has not had to do that.

While the impact of gas prices on our economy is still up in the air, higher gas prices also impact what kinds of vehicles people buy.

Pat McKeown, owner of the Charlevoix automobile dealership Pat McKeown Ford, said while people have not really started buying more fuel efficient cars, he has started hearing more questions from customers about some of Ford's more fuel efficient vehicles, such as hybrids and the SUV Escape — which gets much better gas mileage than normal SUVs.

However, he said he still is selling a lot of trucks — which are his best seller — because most of them are sold to people who use them in their businesses.

Dave Baker, business manager at Crown Motors in Charlevoix, said gas prices really have not effected what people are buying at this time.

"It seems to me to be consistent with a majority of the cars going out are SUVs and minivans. People are not concerned about gas prices right now," he said.

In addition to impacts impact on businesses in Charlevoix, according to Hoffman high gas prices also have a negative impact on gasoline stations.

"We make less money at higher retail prices. We tend to take a bath when they get higher. Credit card fees go up, bad checks are written, there are drive offs. Everything in our cost of doing business goes up," he said.

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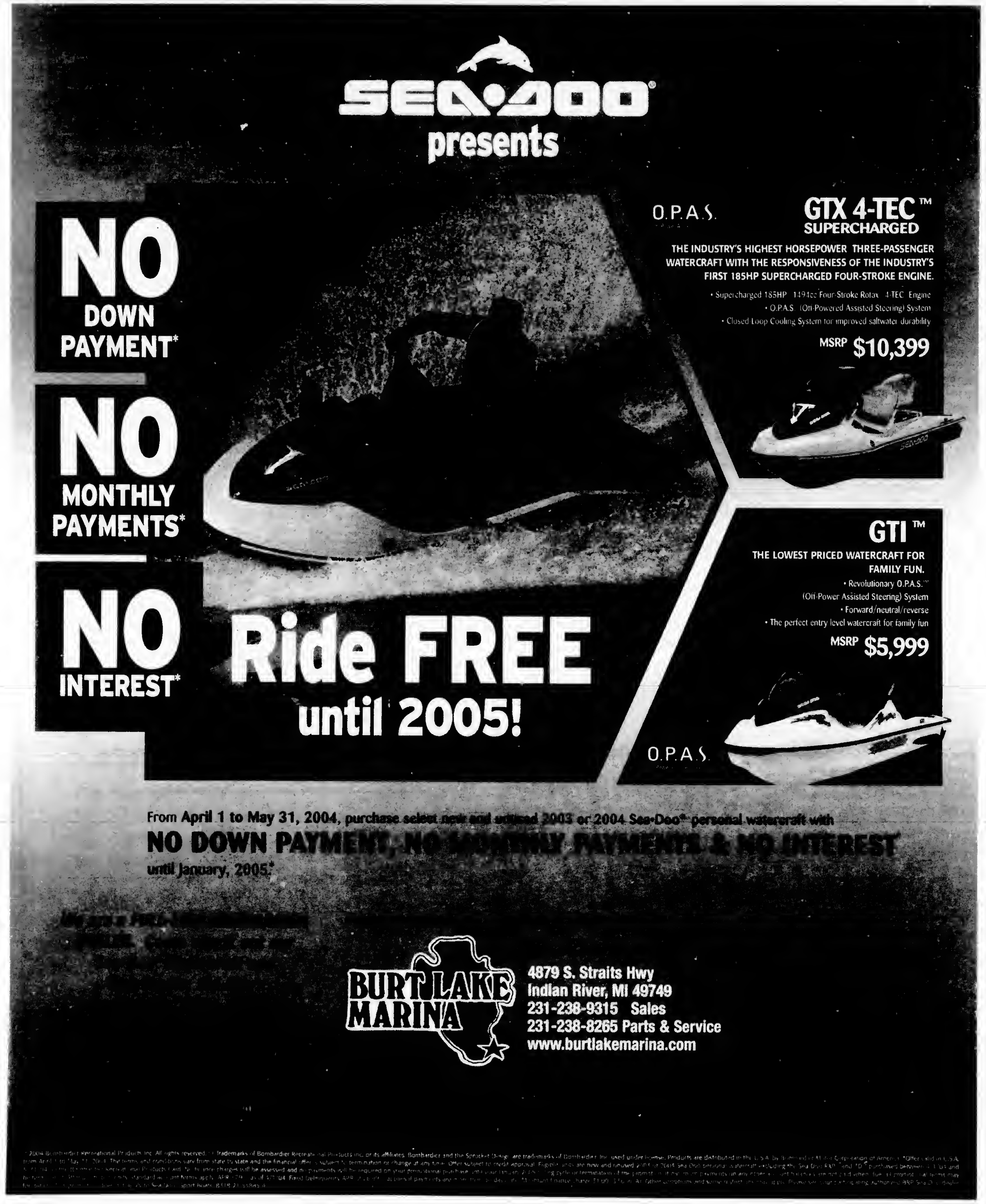
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage dated August 5, 2002, given by Richard P. Carlson and Colleen Sue Carlson, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded August 12, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 481, Page 825, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE AND 29/100 DOLLARS ($87,169.29) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, June 11, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 180 and the S. 25 feet of Lot 173, Block V, Nicholl's and Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne, now the City of Boyne, according to the Plat thereof. City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: April 29, 2004

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No. 04-010676-DE

Estate of Lawrence Henry Ingalls
Date of Birth: January 25, 1940

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lawrence Henry Ingalls, who lived at 12882 PaBaShan Lane, Township of Charlevoix, Michigan died January 14, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Eileen C. O'Brien, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 13, 2004

Barron & Golski, PLC
Harry K. Golski, Esq. P25177
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Charlevoix, MI 49720
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Eileen C. O'Brien
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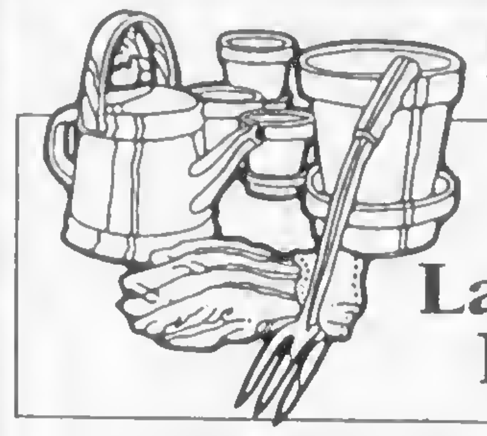

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE

Notice is given that Evelyn M. Murphy, of 01712 Greenleaf Avenue, East Jordan, Michigan 49727, died on January 27, 2004. All creditors of Evelyn M. Murphy are given notice that they must present any claim which they may have against Evelyn M. Murphy to John Hudson, 801 Frederick Avenue, Laurinburg, NC 28352, Successor Trustee of the Revocable Living Trust of Evelyn M. Murphy, within four (4) months from the date of this publication.

John Hudson, Successor Trustee
Evelyn M. Murphy Revocable
Living Trust

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

WILLIAM D. BAIOCCHI and
KRISTIN L. BAIOCCHI,
husband and wife; and
THOMAS G. BAIOCCHI and
RHONDA E. BAIOCCHI,
husband and wife;
and DIANE B. MURG,
Plaintiffs,
v
JENNIE L. COPP, her heirs,
successors, assigns, executors and
any claiming thereunder,
Defendants. /

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
111 State Street, Suite 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231/547-4059

ORDER TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court, held at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on the 12th day of May, 2004.
PRESIDING: The Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

On April 21, 2004, an action was filed by the above named Plaintiffs, against the above named Defendants, in the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, to quiet title to real property situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, and more specifically identified as follows:

In the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, Michigan:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at a 1 inch iron pipe at the South quarter corner of Section 33, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the South line of said section South 89°49'10" West 2630.36 feet to a 3/4 inch pipe at the Southwest corner of said section; thence along the West line of said section North 00°18'24" West 2747.87 feet; thence South 58°38'40" East (recorded as South 58°50' East) 525.02 feet to a half inch iron at the Northernmost corner of the William D. Baiocchi, Thomas G. Baiocchi and Diane B. Murg property as recorded in Liber 308, Page 52, Charlevoix County Records, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence North 26°52'13" East 78.55 feet to the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence along said short South 55°51'00" East 9.22 feet; thence continuing along said short South 51°42'40" East 51.10 feet; thence leaving said shore South 23°41'51" West 75.57 feet to a half inch iron at the Northeasterly corner of said Baiocchi, Baiocchi, and Murg property; thence North 53°35'00" West 36.3 feet; thence North 53°38'40" West 27.7 feet to the Point of Beginning; being part of Government Lot 1 of Section 33 North, Range 6 West. The above described parcel includes all land to the water's edge of Lake Charlevoix Northeasterly of the courses described as being along said shore.

PARCEL 2: Commencing at the South eighth corner on the West line of Section 33, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence North along the West line of said section 1121 feet; thence South 58°50' East 369.7 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 58°50' East 16.2 feet to an iron stake; thence South 53°34' East 24.8 feet to an iron stake; thence North 36°26' East 250 feet to an iron stake on the Southwesterly line of the County Road; thence 53°34' West (also having been recorded as North 58°50' West) 36.3 feet to an iron stake; thence North 58°50' West (also having been recorded as North 53°34'West) 27.7 feet to an iron stake at the Northeast corner of a lot commonly described as Lot No. 8 of the Unrecorded Plat of Gaza Beach; thence South 31°10' West 250 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 33, Town 33 North, Range 6 West, and to be known as Lot 9 of the Unrecorded Plat of Gaza Beach.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant **JENNIE L. COPP,** as above named, and any heirs, successors, assigns, or others claiming thereunder, and any other parties claiming interest shall answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before **June 30, 2004**. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint.

PLEASE NOTE that a hearing will be held on:
---- **July 16, 2004, at 2:15 p.m.**----- in the Circuit Courtroom of the Charlevoix County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan, in connection with this matter.

Date Entered: May 12, 2004

Richard M. Pajtas
Circuit Court Judge

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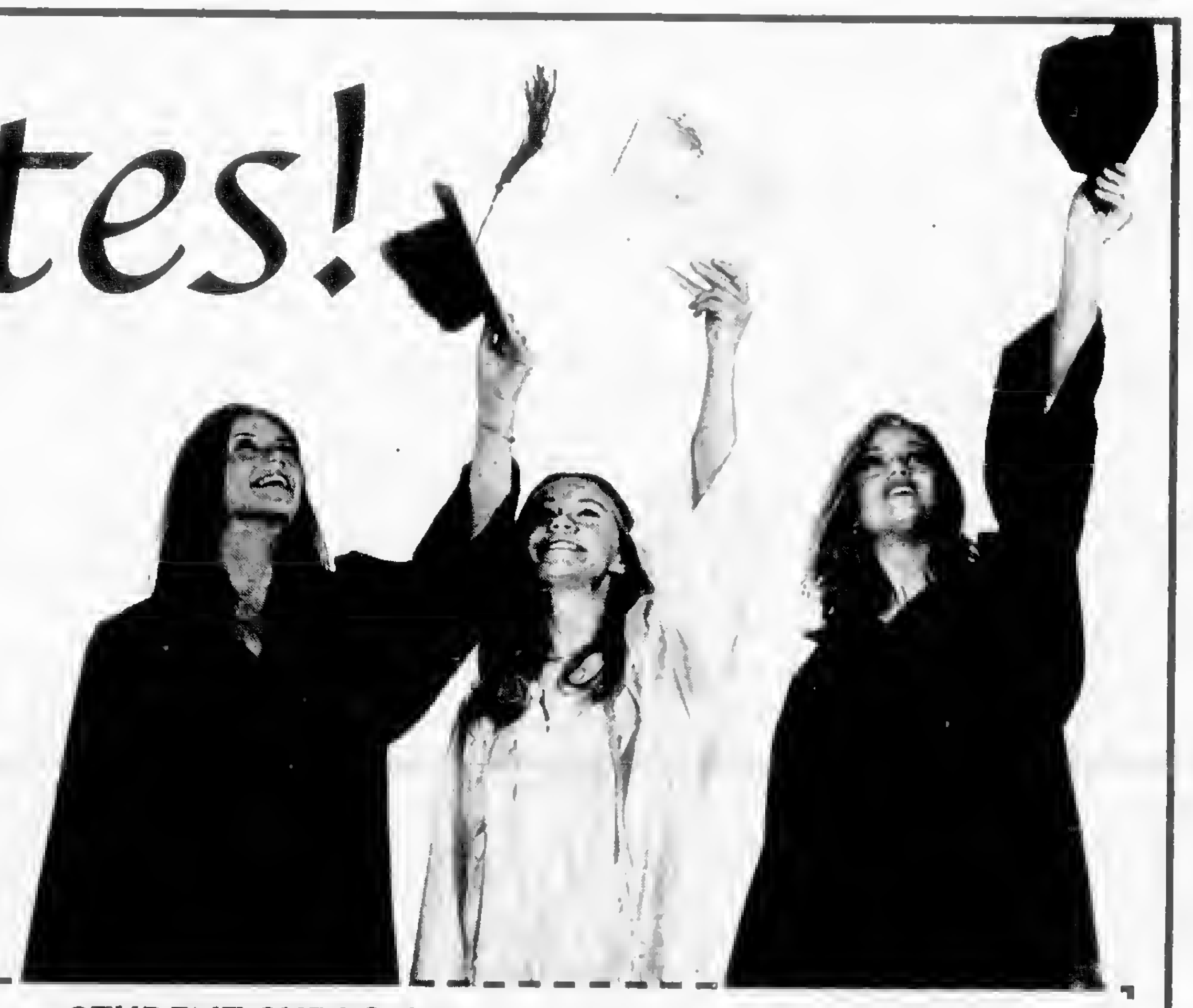

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MAY 2004

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Area events

CPR, First Aid

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, in Classroom B.
- Basic First Aid from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, in Classroom B.

The cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association community-training center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Soccer

4-H Soccer for fall registration is from 5:30 to 7 p.m., May 20 or May 25, at the Charlevoix Elementary School Gym. Call Kim at 675-0355 to obtain forms or for questions.

Harbaugh to be in town

Retired professional quarterback and University of Michigan standout Jim Harbaugh will be visiting Charlevoix between 2 to 3 p.m., on Thursday, May 20. He will be in town at the Charlevoix High School football field working on production of a television commercial. As an NCAA division 1-AA head football coach at The University of San Diego, Harbaugh will also be meeting with local high school football coaches regarding potential recruits.

Bradstreet visiting

State Rep. Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord, will be available May 21 to talk with residents of Charlevoix County, including Beaver Island.

The 105th District lawmaker has scheduled office hours in the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix for 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Bradstreet will be on Beaver Island from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the community room of the Rural Health Center.

Roloff benefit

The Bryan Roloff 10th Annual Memorial Benefit is at 3 p.m., May 23, at the Flight Deck. There are seven bands playing. All proceeds will go to a cancer patient in Charlevoix. For more information call 547-6169.

Missionary to speak

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church at 05291 M-66 North will be hosting Dave Johnson, missionary to the Philippines, at the church's 6 p.m. service on May 23, 2004. The public is cordially invited.

Plant and garden sale

Charlevoix Area Garden Club Plant and Garden Sale is at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 29, at 807 E. Dixon.

Pool meeting

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will have its annual meeting at 5:30 p.m, on June 4, at the Charlevoix Congregational/UCC Church. The purpose is to review the year's activity and have an election of board members. The public is invited.

Ford retirees to meet

The Northern Michigan Ford Retiree Group will be having its annual luncheon meeting in Traverse City at the Park Place Hotel's Banquet Dome on Friday, Aug. 6, 2004. The featured speaker will be Nick Scheele, president of the Ford Motor Company. The group has been meeting in various northern Michigan locations since 1980. Events are open to all Ford retirees and spouse or friend, regardless of where they live. Participants can plan for an overnight stay or long weekend in Traverse City but should book accommodations now to ensure availability. For further information or to get on the mailing list, contact the group at nmifordret@hotmail.com or call Margo Johnson at (231) 547-0866.

Reunion

Charlevoix High School's Class of 1964 will host its fortieth reunion at 7:30 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The cost is $20 per person. Reservations should be directed to Leslie (Lyons) Cunningham at 06530 Brown Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2145, or Betty (Reynolds) Martin at 12347 Waller Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2089, by June 1. Anyone able to provide contact information for class members can call or e-mail Ms. Cunningham at lcunning@freeway.net.

Kiwanis meeting

Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix meets each Tuesday, at noon for lunch. Meetings are located at the Weathervane Restaurant and last approximately 1 hour. All are welcome.

Food pantry open

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open on Monday and Thursday every week from 10 a.m. until noon at the First Congregational Church on State Street in Charlevoix. They are there to help persons who live in the Charlevoix School District who need emergency food help.

Single people and couples receive two bags of food and families receive four bags of food, plus each get a voucher for fresh foods from Oleson's, which the Food Pantry pays for. Each household may come to the food pantry once each month.

For more information call 547-9122 and please leave a message.

Skate park volunteers

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with fundraising, grant writing, working at the skate park and to serve on special committees. A temporary site for the skate park has been located with a summer opening date targeted. Please contact Vickie Daman at 547-8063, Vicki Hankins at 675-0847, or e-mail vichankins@hotmail.com.

Coffee

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are hosting Wednesday morning coffees at 10 a.m. to help answer any questions you may have about the Library's Building Project. For further information, contact the library at 547-2651.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

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'Days gone by'

Through the years there have been many wise and not so wise sayings that have passed from one generation to another among the old timers in town.

I hear them every day, usually from Dale or the grandchildren who have heard some of them. There is no way of knowing how they began, but many of them refer to everyday things around us. Our family was sitting around talking the other day and they helped me think of some of them.

Many of these came from Dale's dad and his grandpa Chew. One of grandpa Chew's frequently used sayings was, "I don't know him from Adam's off ox." He also frequently said, "He is poorer than job's turkey."

One of Dale's often used saying is, "It's a great life if you don't weaken and I'm weakening." Our grandson, Beau, loves to repeat it and will write it on a birthday card for Dale, chuckling about it.

Then, there is a saying, "The acorn never falls far from the tree." How about, "Monkey see monkey do." Really tells the story of copying someone else's way of doing things. We all know the saying "Slower than molasses in January." Now that's slow.

"Nuttier than a fruit cake," also speaks for itself. As does, "His elevator doesn't go clear to the top," or "Dumber than Paddy's pig." That one must have originated in Ireland. The sayings "Faster than greased lighting," or "Goes like a scalded hog" both speak for themselves.

There is one that says "Slicker than a hound's tooth," or the one, "Slipperier than a greased pig." There's "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones," and "He didn't know sic 'em."

Then there is "Uglier than dirt," "Neat as a pin," "Cute as a button," "Homelier than a hedge fence," or "Cute as a bug's ear." A friend describes some things as "Brick bat hard." I remember hearing some of the Dutchmen use the saying, "Hotter than Dutch love." Some other sayings were "Dirty as a pig sty," "Sweeter than honey," "Happy as a lark," "Dumb as a post," "Free as a bird," "Uglier than sin," and "Got so much money he doesn't know what to do with it."

Then there is the saying that someone is, "Not working with a full deck," or the one, "The fog is thicker than pea soup." Then, there's "Hotter than a cat on a tin roof," and "Madder than a hatter," "Poorer than a church mouse," "Finer than frog hair," and "Snug as a bug in a rug." I would think that would be very snug, indeed. There is the profound, "Handsome is as handsome does."

When someone says, "It's raining cats and dogs," we all know what that means. There also is "Slipperier than an eel," and, "There's something rotten in Denmark," or in describing someone, there is "He's a happy camper," or "Looser than a goose," and "Older than the hills." Then there is "Busy as a bee," "So tight he squeaks," and someone is "Tighter than bark on a tree."

"He should be given three lashes with a wet noodle," was also said, and "He kicked the bucket," described when a fellow died.

When the movie "It's a mad, mad, mad, mad world" first came out in the downtown theater, we went. My brother Glenn and his family and our family sat in he middle of the theater, and when Jimmy Durante died, a pail rolled down the embankment where he was lying and Dale yelled out, "He kicked the bucket," not thinking that everyone could hear him because we usually didn't go to the movies. When the viewers heard him say that and begin to laugh as he does, they started laughing too. It was contagious, and we all doubled over.

The saying, "Dead dog tired," also speaks for itself, as does, "Colder than a well digger's hind end." Another one is describing something which "Handles like a greased snake on ice." Also, "He's not the sharpest tool in the box." There is one I saw and wrote down a few years ago, which read, "Looks like something no self-respecting cat would watch a mouse hole for."

Then there is "Lazier than a pet coon," "Deader than a hammer," "Hotter than the hubs of Hades," "Drunker than a skunk," or "Stinks like a gut wagon," which referred to a wagon that used to go around to the grocery stores and pick up the leftovers from butchered animals.

Some others we remembered were, "Sly as a fox, "Older than dirt," "It stuck out like a sore thumb," "Out of sight out of mind," "Thick as thieves," "Nervous as a cat" and "Nobody's fool."

Then there were the following, "Adding fuel to the fire," "He was all ears," "Befitting a king," and "Hit the dust."

A friend told us that his housekeeper was cleaning and he mentioned that a person they both knew had, "Bought the farm," meaning someone died. She immediately asked him, "What farm?" He pulled that one on her several times.

One last quip was, "He was so tight, he wouldn't pay a dollar to see the Lord himself walk across Round Lake."

Quite a few years ago, when we had an exchange student from Germany in our home for the school year, we constantly had to explain to her what we were saying. We Americans use so much slang, that for a student who had studied Oxford English in her land, it was quite a chore to understand the Americanese we speak.

We had such fun remembering all these old sayings, and of course, the kids all said I wouldn't have enough of them to write about, but I did.

Many of these were heard from Dale's grandfather and others who used them to describe something going on in town. This made for rather colorful language as they told their stories, describing their lives and those of others around them.

Fund-raiser may help your health

Area food pantries will get a boost this summer from this year's "Get Moving Charlevoix County — 100 Miles in 100 Days."

All registration fees of $1 (or a canned good) will be distributed to one of the designated community food pantries.

Registration forms for this third annual walk are available at chamber of commerce offices in Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan, Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Office, Charlevoix Area Hospital Gift Shop, Boyne Rehabilitation Center and Trinity Fellowship Church (both in Boyne City), Jordan Valley Rehabilitation Center in East Jordan, and at the East Jordan and Boyne City city hall offices.

When participants register they will receive a "log" to keep track of their miles, exercise and diet tips and other healthful information.

"This year the program has been changed just a little, we've gone back to having postcards to mail in for drawings," Kathy Johnson, foundation director, said. "In addition we still have the $100 drawing at the end of the summer."

The program was designed to encourage area residents to get out and "move it." The program kickoff will be at 5 p.m. at area Chamber Offices on Friday, May 21.

"May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month," Johnson said. "It is also National Bike Month so it is a perfect time to start an exercise program. Participants can walk, bike, swim, hike, golf — the idea is to just get moving. Treadmill miles count."

The program starts May 21 and will end Aug. 28. Those registering are encouraged to "do their personal best."

Care and Share in East Jordan, the Boyne City Food Pantry at Trinity Fellowship Church and the Food Pantry at the Congregational Church in Charlevoix will receive food and money from this event.

For more information about the program or to register, call 547-8502.

Courtesy photo

Donation to BASES

Organizers of the Women's Ski Tour on FEb. 29 in Charlevoix recently presented a check for $3,000 to the teen center BASES. Pictured are: (from left) Amy Lalewicz, of the Charlevoix chamber of commerce; Scott Kelly, of BASES; Kay Krapohl, of the Women's Ski Tour; and Celia Kelly, of BASES.

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OPIE Awards

Charlevoix school district employees Anne Kelly and Coreen Henry were honored recently with the OPIE Award.

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Office hours

The office of the Charlevoix Courier will be closed on Memorial Day. We will be open again at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1. Deadlines for the news and advertising departments are 5 p.m., Thursday.

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Wal-Mart pulls out

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Wal-Mart has ended its plans for a supercenter in Charlevoix Township.

According to township attorney Mike Corcoran, the mega-retailer informed Charlevoix Township Planning Commission Chair Nancy Rajewski Monday that it has ended its push for a supercenter on the township's south side near the intersection of Marion Center Road and US-31.

"I think the number of hurdles Wal-Mart was facing may have caused the company to reconsider," Corcoran said.

Wal-Mart wanted to build a 155,800 square foot supercenter.

However, the company faced stiff resistance from many area residents who formed the anti-Wal-Mart group This Is Our Town. It was also not supported by the area chamber of commerce and the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority.

In addition to the resistance the company faced, the site it had picked had many issues as well. Wal-Mart needed to get Stover Road vacated, there were many wetlands issues, the traffic flow from the site was under question and the city of Charlevoix did not seem very favorable to extending sewer and electrical service to the site.

See WAL-MART, page 32

Time to plant the petunias

It's petunia planting time in Charlevoix.

Operation Petunia, the community wide planting party, will be at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 27.

Five miles of petunias will be planted on both sides of US-31 from the airport to Mercer Boulevard and on M-66 to Stover Road. Now in its twenty-third year the event is so well organized that the hundreds of volunteers usually finish planting in less than one hour.

The planting will be followed by a picnic in East Park for all the planters.

Anyone who wants to plant can go to any location along the road at 5 p.m. and start planting. Areas that can always use more help are south of town on the west side of US-31 from State Street to the Airport and on the east side from Carpenter to M-66 and around the corner to Stover Road.

Also extra help is needed on the north side by the golf course.

Block captains will help direct planting and distribute coupons for the picnic and treats from Dairy Queen, 7-Eleven and Kilwin's. Volunteers are urged to wear comfortable clothes and to bring their garden trowels along.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to be a block captain please call Marrell Staffel at 547-2561 or 547-5574.

Castle faces busy summer

Photo credit

Renovations to the Castle are almost complete, with an open house planned for Sunday, May 30.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

In 2001, a woman enamored with castles and a man who made his fortune in pizzas took on a project few have the financial wherewithal or the patience to tackle and conquer.

And now they are ready to share the fruits of their labor with Charlevoix.

The couple is Charlevoix residents Linda and Richard Mueller. The project is the restoration of the local landmark Castle Farms.

"We had a dream and now it's come together and it looks prettier than our dream," Richard said.

Three years of hard work will culminate in an afternoon celebration this weekend. The open house will take place from noon to 6 p.m., May 30 at the site located at 05052 M-66 in Charlevoix. That day the gates will finally open to allow the public to tour, play and bask in the magnificent resurrection of the Castle Farms.

Linda, a connoisseur of Gothic architecture including castles and cathedrals, bought the 38 acre parcel from the Reibel family in January of 2001 and set out shortly thereafter to transform it to its original architectural design.

The Muellers have strong local ties and wanted to do something for the community. Richard's mother, Rosemary Mueller, who currently owns a home in the Belvedere Club, had a grandfather by the name of Oscar Allen who built the well-known Blue Bell Cottage in the club and was one of the club's founding fathers.

Linda has been visiting

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Gino Antonio Longo, 64, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $730 in fines and costs.

Sadie Jo Belford, 18, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Alan Lee Daniels, Jr., 21, Boyne Falls. Driving without a license/multiple licenses. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Jeffrey Lawrence Burkle, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol — third offense or subsequent. Six months probation; attend substance abuse counseling; $500 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Lawrence Burkle, 19, East Jordan. Trespassing. Jail for 30 days with credit for five days, serve 25 days.

Virgil Amos Munson, 32, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for 15 days, serve five days, 73 days held in abeyance; $850 in fines and costs.

Amy Kristen Gillespie, 34, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Michael William Hanson, 35, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Nine months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Jason John Pitsch, 33, Comstock Park. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Michael Robert Karlskin, Jr., 24, East Jordan. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 70 days held in abeyance; $1,155 in fines and costs.

Donald Eugene Cutler II, 31, East Jordan. Domestic violence; and breaking and entering — illegal entry without permission. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days, 77 days held in abeyance; $1,000 in fines and costs.

William Armas Sampson II, 20, Charlevoix. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; attend Impact Weekend; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 82 days held in abeyance; $1,005 in fines and costs.

Mark Lewis Torrice, 50, Taylor. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 72 days held in abeyance; $1,155 in fines and costs.

Darin Timothy Eyth, 29, Gaylord. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Travis William Batten, 23, Central Lake. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing of marijuana; and controlled substance — conspiring to deliver/manufacture marijuana. Bound over to circuit court.

Larry Voughn McBee, Jr., 37, Boyne City. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing narcotic/cocaine, under 50 grams; controlled substance — maintaining a drug house. Bound over to circuit court.

Harry T. Riley, 32, Sandusky, Ohio. Two counts of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer; assault/assault and battery; and malicious destruction of fire or police property. Bound over to circuit court.

David Lee Gocha, 34, East Jordan. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing of marijuana; and controlled substance — maintaining a drug house. Bound over to circuit court.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Kyle Duncan Hall, 21, Boyne City. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Two years probation; outpatient treatment as recommended by the probation department; 180 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 90 days; $730 in fines and costs.

Jessica Nicole O'Donnell, 24, Ellsworth. Controlled substance — maintaining a drug house. Two years probation; conviction reportable to the secretary of state; license suspended, conviction reportable to the state police; outpatient, residential and mental health treatment as recommended by the probation department; 11 months in jail with credit for one day, serve 90 days; $745 in fines and costs.

Gregory Earl Hutchison, 49, Flint. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Prison for a minimum of six years and a maximum of 10 years, with credit for 51 days; $2,795 in fines and costs.

Richard Lee Carpenter, 42, Boyne City. Controlled substance — use of marijuana. Conviction reportable to the secretary of state; license suspended — sanction reportable to the state police; 30 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 30 days; $220 in fines and costs.

Charles Ronald Pitcher, 29, Charlevoix. Probation violation — fleeing a police officer-fourth degree. Jail for 270 days with credit for 62 days, serve 150 days.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Harry Riley the Asphalt Man, 317 Maple Street, East Jordan, by Harry Riley

Tony's Car Care, 07589 Old US-31, Charlevoix, by Tony Wiegman

Stewart Kissinger Architect, 04113 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, by Stewart Kissinger

Charlevoix High School Band Boosters, 5200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, by Sue Barta and Debbie Godfrey

Jim Teck Siding & Decks, 06439 Cosier Road, East Jordan, by James McGinnis and Carrie McGinnis.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Kapuakela Analu Kipapa, 28, Boyne City and Stephanie Lynn Arman, 28, Boyne City

Jason Lee Terryberry, 26, Charlevoix and Christina Marie Roberts, 23, East Jordan

Roger Emery Brewer, 42, Charlevoix and Debora Ann Decker, 41, Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Robert Cody vs. Jennifer Cody

Jodie Stace vs. Jeffery Stace

Michael Scott Merrill vs. Jennifer Lynn Merrill

David Bruce Hague vs. Susan Jane Hague

Births

Sydney Labeau, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Cecil and Kimberly Fernandez of Central Lake on May 20, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Carson Henry Puhl, weighing 9 pounds, 10 ounces, was born to David and Heidi Puhl of Plymouth on May 5, 2004. He has one brother, Charlie. Grandparents are Erma and the late Charles Roberts of Watertown, S.D and Jerry and the late Sandy Puhl of Charlevoix.

Madison Elizabeth, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to William and Christine Luxmore of Bellaire on May 6, 2004, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Emily Renee, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces, was born to Jonathan and Trini Kelly of Ellsworth on May 10, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Nyla Kirby of East Jordan and the late John Kirby, Betty Kelly of Waterford and the late Donald Kelly.

Correction

In a story on page 15 of last week's edition of the *Charlevoix Courier* incorrectly included John Ramsey's father's military service with his own. Ramsey served with the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1970. He served in the Philippines and in Atlanta, Georgia in the Civil Engineer Corps.

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Charlevoix Children's House celebrates birthday

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A group of pint-sized party goers got together to celebrate a special anniversary last week.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of The Charlevoix Children's House Montessori School, was recognized May 19 with a special gallery style showing of the students' art, called Creation Celebration.

The scene was that of a typical party — kids covered with white frosting and chocolate cake, a tent full of silent auction items and groups of young friends giggling.

In the midst of the classic party was a group of students proudly holding the hands of their loved ones as they guided them to the special section in the room where their work was displayed.

"It's like the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair for kids 6 and under," director of the Children's House, Barbara Godwin-Chulick, said.

The school building that parents and students celebrated in is located off Mercer Boulevard. But the roots of the program were first set in the basement of Charlevoix's First Congregational Church off State Street. Shortly thereafter the classroom moved to a pole barn off Taylor Road. And after five years of moving the school came to rest at its present location.

While its homes have been fluid, Godwin-Chulick, who has been director of the school for the past three years, said the core of the program has stayed the same.

Teachers and assistants still follow the Montessori learning model developed in the late 1800s and early 1900s by Maria Montessori, Italy's first woman physician who later turned education innovator.

Dr. Montessori based her approach to early childhood education on intuitive as well as a traditional understanding of children's cognitive growth and development.

"The focus is the child. Everything the child needs to learn is within them to start with. We (teachers) are guides to bring richness to their little lives. And they are sponges that drink it all in," Godwin-Chulick said.

So while the program has evolved to the needs and interests of the children, its fundamental basis has stayed the same.

Godwin-Chulick looked around the room and pointed out different areas where developmental stations are set up. She said that the environment in the classroom is the school's curriculum.

"All the materials are here, available to them to build the basis of learning math, language and geography," she said.

The local school is a three-year program that starts when kids are two and a half years old. Godwin-Chulick says this multiage classroom is a key element of the model.

"In the third year, it all comes together," she said.

She remembered when she first got involved with the program and a friend told her it was a better investment than college. Now, after over a decade of hands on work with the Montessori model, she agrees.

"If they love learning and get excited about learning and lock that in at this age, that will stay with them the rest of their lives," she said.

There are currently 28 students enrolled at the school which accepts students from pre-school age through Kindergarten. The school offers a full-day program. For more information or to register a student call the school at 547-5599.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

These Charlevoix Children's House artists are: (from left) Lydia Balyo, Miranda Stieglitz, Camden Musilek, Megan Romano, Jamen Spencley and Abbie Romano.

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Time to learn from this Wal-Mart issue

EDITORIAL

They said it couldn't be done.

They said the task was too big.

They said it was useless to fight.

They were wrong. Wal-Mart, it seems, has been beaten away in Charlevoix.

On Monday, the mega-retailer informed Charlevoix Township Planning Commission Chair Nancy Rajewski that it was canceling its supercenter project near the intersection of US-31 and Marion Center Road.

While this over 155,000 square foot retail and grocery store would have brought a whole slew of cheaper products to the Charlevoix consumer, it also would have brought a host of problems to the community.

It would have caused a traffic nightmare at that intersection, there were concerns about stormwater runoff into Stover Creek, wetland concerns and sprawl concerns. The business would not have brought in any more new jobs to the area according to many economists, nor would it have brought in any more tax dollars. Instead, it probably would have caused a loss in jobs and tax dollars after about 10 years.

This project had many cons to it and only a couple of pros.

But, can you fight the world's largest retailer? The Charlevoix group This Is Our Town did just that and it seems they have won.

This group must not celebrate too long. Wal-Mart most likely will not give up its push into our area and will probably try to come to other communities near us — which would be even more of a disaster for our economy.

On the flip side, there were many people in Charlevoix who were in support of a Wal-Mart coming. Wal-Mart meant more shopping options in Charlevoix for them.

It is hoped that the Charlevoix merchants have taken note of their concerns. Perhaps there is a need for lower prices on retail goods in this community, perhaps there is a segment of the population that is not being served and perhaps we are losing money to other communities who do serve these folks.

Perhaps one way our merchants and This Is Our Town can keep big box retailers from coming to Charlevoix is to meet the needs of these folks.

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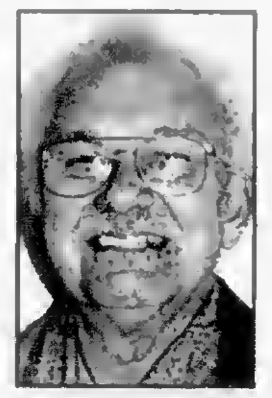
The mysterious cicada will be making its appearance



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

An ordinary spring is amazing enough, what with the seeming overnight appearance of all the maple leaves, and the bright and falling petals of forsythia, plums, apples and even the occasional magnolia.

Some springs provide us with more astonishing images of the bounty of nature than others do. I am speaking of the emergence of what are usually called 17-year locusts. These are not locusts in the sense of those creatures of Biblical plagues, or the grasshoppers that chewed up the crops of early settlers on the western plains of the United States.

The wonder of this spring for the northeast corner of our country is properly referred to as a cicada. Cicadas look just a bit like a vastly overgrown house fly, about an inch and a half long.

Most of the 17-year cicadas can't live as far north as Charlevoix, but from Pennsylvania to Illinois and just a bit of southern Michigan, they provide one of nature's most amazing spectacles. There are a few cicadas most springs, but some years their abundance almost belies description. Cicadas spend 17 years living below ground and out of sight, sucking on the juices of plant roots and causing no trouble to the trees they are feeding on. They emerge as adults ready to breed in late May or early June. The most abundant brood of cicadas last emerged as adults in 1987. They were the parents of those that are climbing out of the ground this spring. The grandparents of this year's cicadas had their day in the sun in 1970. The adults live for a month or so, lay eggs and die.

Cicadas live in environments that have trees. They need the roots for food during their overlong excursion underground, and they need the branches to lay eggs on as adults. Jeffrey Lockwood, a professor of Natural Sciences at the University of Wyoming, has calculated that this year's adult cicadas will lay about 500 trillion eggs, as many as there are stars in our Milky Way galaxy. Up to 40,000 cicadas can emerge from the soil under a single large tree. Dr. Lockwood calculates that the total population of cicadas in seven states this May and June will outweigh the total human population of the United States. That is a lot of cicadas.

Need we fear anything but some minor annoyance from this tidal wave of insects? The answer is no. They make a lot of noise, but they are only interested in trees and one another. We can be awed without being troubled.

How a small insect manages to know when exactly 17 years has elapsed from the time it began life remains a mystery. Why they live underground for so long may have an explanation. Most insects, indeed most living things, have as their primary reasons for being providing food for some other creature. No organism specializes in eating cicadas, at least partly because 17 years is a long time to wait between meals. Having escaped predators almost completely, Cicada numbers will likely remain high as long as there are trees and tree roots.

Visit the cicadas this spring. They are a natural phenomenon at least as impressive as the Grand Canyon or the Great Lakes.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letters to the editor

The pledge

Editor:

Memorial Day is on Monday, May 31, 2004. How about saying "The Pledge of Allegiance," every day starting today?

Since the Civil War, Memorial Day has been a time to remember those who have faithfully served in America's armed forces, so many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of freedom. We must never forget its price.

Senator John McCain told about his five-and one-half years as prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. In the early years of his imprisonment, the North Vietnam (NVA) kept him in solitary confinement with two or three soldiers to a cell.

"In 1971 the NVA moved me from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many as 30 or 40 men to a room.

"This was, as you can imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred Prisoners of War (POW) 10,000 miles from home.

"One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Ala. He didn't wear a pair of shoes until he was 13 years old. At 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School; then he became a Naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country and our military provided for people who wanted to work and wanted to succeed.

"Mike got himself a bamboo nee-

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dle, and over a period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed it on the inside of his shirt.

"Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

"I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now, but I can assure that in that stark cell, it was indeed the most important and meaningful event."

With that may we all have the same love and pride for our wonderful country we all share to all nations. May God Bless America.

Bob Drebenstedt
Director
Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs

Don't put trash in bins

Editor:

In the few years the Charlevoix County Recycling Program has been in effect, it has been a remarkable success, thanks to the hard work of the committee members and to the public's enthusiastic participation.

We would like to especially thank WATCH, Charlevoix State Bank, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, Charlevoix County Road Commission, Charlevoix Area Hospital, Radio Shack, and the many volunteers who help supervise the sites and run the household hazardous waste program. Would anyone else like to join us?

We do still have a few problems that we are working on. There are six drop off locations in Charlevoix County. The drop off sites that are open 24/ 7 are the most convenient for recyclers and the most frustrating for volunteers. The bins are checked, often daily, to see that items are being recycled correctly.

This is where a few ruin it for the many conscientious recyclers. These are a few of the unrecyclable items that have been found in or near the bins: styrofoam chunks or "peanuts," window panes, baby seats, a keyboard, and household garbage. Please, do not bring these items.

Two reminders: thoroughly rinse all cans, plastic and glass. Otherwise, they attract bees and other pests to the site. Flatten everything that you can. Air space is expensive to haul.

For the volunteers, scheduling the emptying of the bins can be tricky. We can visit in the morning, and it looks like there is plenty of room in the bins, but, by afternoon, some bins could be full. If you stop to drop off your recyclables and the bins are full, please come back the next day. Do not leave your stuff piled up outside the bins. If it's on the ground and it's raining, it becomes garbage.

There is now a surveillance camera installed to monitor the sites. If you are one of the people putting unacceptable items in the recycling, you will be ticketed. Leaving garbage, trash or unacceptable items at the sites is a ticket waiting to happen.

We have kept more than 12,540 tons of recyclables from going to a landfill and saved 26,000 trees. Let's all work together to continue the success story of this program.

Shirley Roloff
Charlevoix County
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Thank you

Editor:

The Charlevoix Township Fire Department and the City of Charlevoix Fire Department would like to thank the people of Charlevoix and surrounding area for their overwhelming support at the Pizza Hut benefit dinner for Charlevoix Township Fireman Captain Steve Paterka, who has recently suffered a serious medical illness resulting in paralysis.

We would like to send a huge thank you to Pizza Hut manager Caytee Scott and her staff who worked so diligently all evening, and so generously donated their place of business, their time and their tips for the evening. This is clearly above and beyond the call of "duty."

Thanks to the generosity of the community, over $2,500 was raised to help Steve and his family with mounting medical bills. We, the firemen, and Steve's family are overwhelmed by the generosity of the community. It gives new meaning to the words "Charlevoix the Beautiful."

Steve continues to show improvement at Munson Medical Center. His positive attitude is not only helping him to recover; he continues to spread his always optimistic attitude to the patients around him.

We hope Steve will have a full recovery and be home soon.

Thank you, again, to the community of Charlevoix and surrounding area for your generosity.

The Charlevoix Township Fire Department

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Clarification

Editor:

The May 19 letter from Rosalyn Goldstick to Charlevoix Senior Center members and supporters who celebrated the Center's recent birthday and groundbreaking was a very warm and interesting history of the Center and its wonderful accomplishments over the years.

I would like to clarify what I consider an important point, however. The letter says that "no millage money has been available for renovations or additions." What is not mentioned is that the Charlevoix County senior millage covers the center's operating expenses (up to $15,000 in this fiscal year) in addition to emergency repairs to the building interior and equipment. An additional $10,000 of senior millage funds has also been set aside this year for capital equipment purchases that will be required in the center's expanded kitchen.

The Charlevoix County senior millage is not intended for construction or renovation. It is generally expended in direct services to our county's seniors, a very large number of whom live in the Charlevoix area. However, because we believe the Charlevoix Senior Center is an integral and extremely valuable asset in our community, the county has allocated financial support to the Center even though it is a private organization.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Charlevoix Senior Center for all that it does for our seniors and our entire community. We look forward to a continued mutually beneficial relationship with the Center for many years to come.

Margo Johnson
Charlevoix County Commission on Aging

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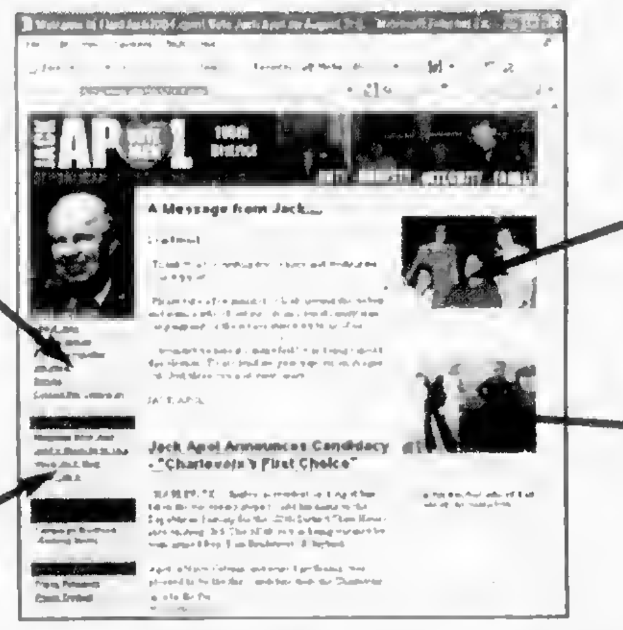
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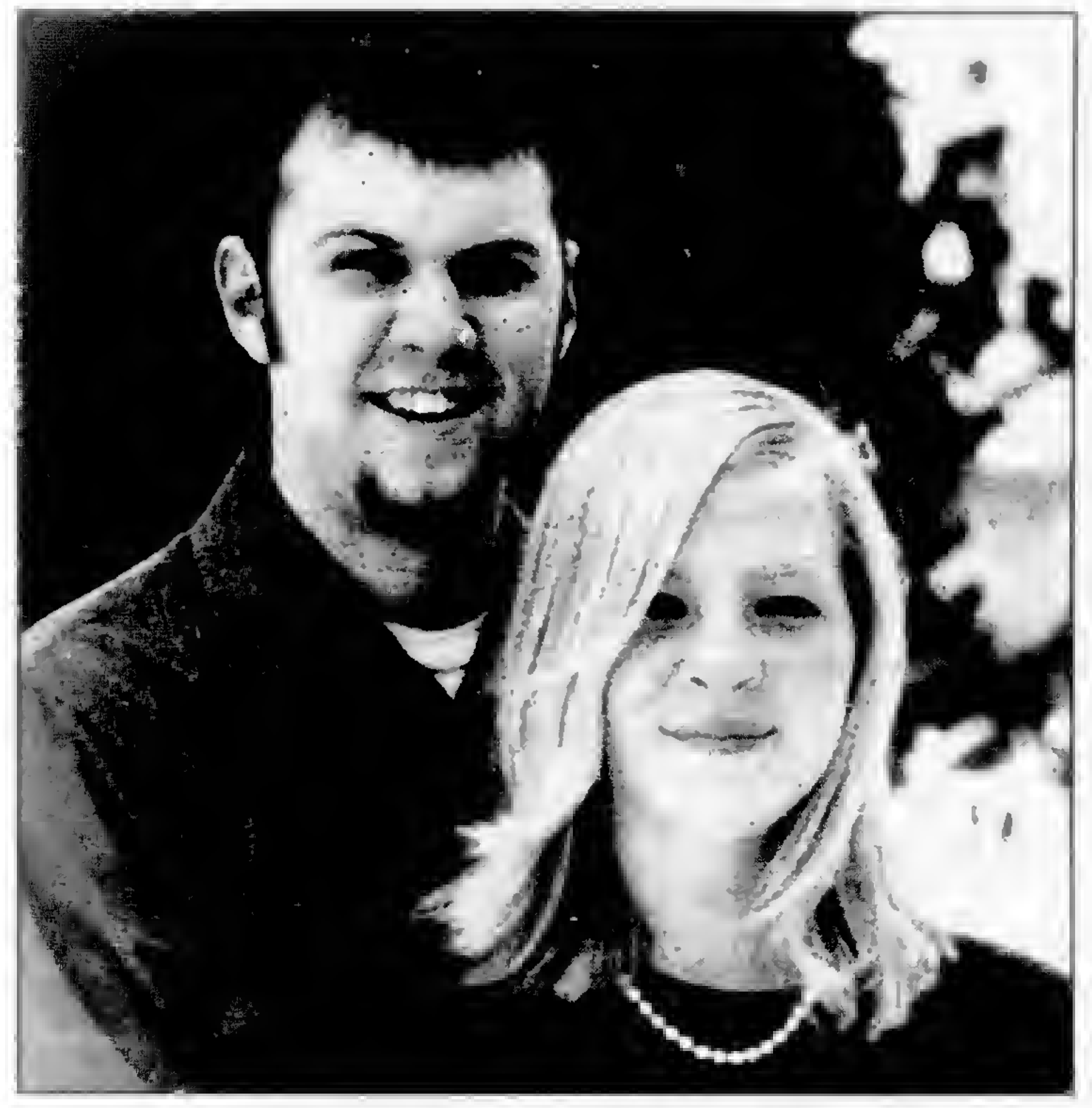

Danielle Flowers and Kreg Wager, both of Charlevoix, are engaged to be married.

Danielle is the daughter of Ray and Vickie Flowers of Charlevoix. Kreg is the son of Cal Wager, of Pontiac, and Lynette Grams, of Charlevoix.

A wedding is being planned for Feb. 27, 2005 at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is a Charlevoix High School graduate and is currently enrolled at Grand Valley State University. She is currently working for a downtown business.

The groom-to-be is a Charlevoix High School graduate and is currently enrolled at Grand Valley State University. He is working for the Charlevoix Police Department this summer.

Memorial Day ceremonies to start at 9 a.m. with wreath laying

Charlevoix Memorial Day Celebrations will begin at 9 a.m. with a wreath laying ceremony at the Brookside Cemetery flagpole.

At 10 a.m. the parade will commence from Garfield Street heading downtown. The parade will stop to lay a wreath at the memorial in Veterans Park and then proceed to East Park for the rest of the remembrance celebrations.

Participants in the parade include groups from both high schools — the Rayder Marching Band and the Northwest Academy choir.

Other units scheduled to march include the following: American Legion and Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, Coast Guard Station Charlevoix, Marine Corps League, Civil Air Patrol, Girl Scouts and Friends of the Library.

All residents are invited to attend. After the ceremonies the Rayder Marching Band will play in the park and the Northwest choir will sing at the American Legion Hall.

Charlevoix Historical Society to have dedication of Heritage Garden

The Charlevoix Historical Society, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club, and the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club invite you to attend a dedication of the Heritage Garden at 7 p.m. on June 1 at the Charlevoix Historic Depot.

Robert Pew will cut the ribbon.

The Depot Heritage Garden idea began in August of 2001 with a mission to plant a historically accurate garden involving the community in gathering, documenting, planting and maintaining the garden. Organizers for this project were Patti Aikin and Rhea Dow. Brian Devlin, a historic garden landscape designer was hired and plans were developed.

The official groundbreaking took place September 19, 2002.

Historic gates, once the iron entrance gates at the Colonial Club, saved by Gary Forbrig and ultimately donated to the Charlevoix Historical Society, were refurbished by Richard Louiselle, and installed in 2002. Additional fencing, created and installed by Ed Fralick, was made possible through individuals who contributed $50 per foot of fencing.

Boxwood, serviceberry bushes, spruce, hydrangeas, viburnum and Black Hills spruce were planted.

The garden paths, built with 1890s brick, saved from the old railway baggage platform, allow visitors to walk between shrubbery and flower beds that were planted in 2003, with historically appropriate plants of direct descendants of plants grown in Charlevoix from the 1870s to the 1930s; plant markers cite the historic plants.

The garden continues to be a joint project of the Historical Society and the Garden Clubs, and is maintained by members.

Additional grants have been written, and depending on the availability of funds, the Depot Heritage Garden Committee hopes to add a pergola, additional fencing and benches for seating in the pergola.

For further information on this event or the Charlevoix Historical Society please call 547-0373.

Crews to be working in Round Lake until June 7

Beginning May 23 and continuing until about June 7 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' cranebarge Manitowoc and attending plant will be performing maintenance work on the Federal navigation channel (obstruction removal) in Round Lake.

Vessel operators should reduce speed and use extreme caution when navigating in this area while work is in progress. The Manitowoc may be contacted on VHF-FM channel 16.

Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

All inquiries should be addressed to CELRE-OT-T and should refer to Notice to Navigation Interests No. L04-22. Internet address: www.lre.usace.army.mil Go to: Detroit Home Page, Who We Are, Operations Home Page.

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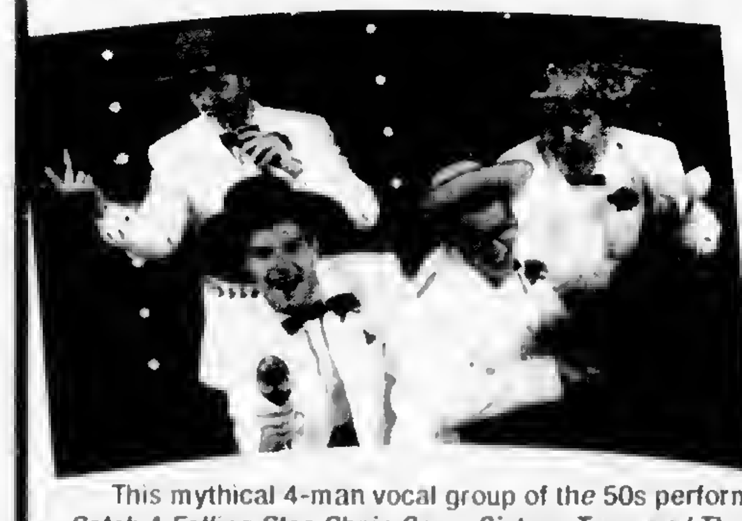

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Sheriff completing book on area veterans

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater's book on area veterans' contributions to World War II is almost ready to print.

Lasater has been working on the book for the last two years. It will be sold locally and all of the profits will go to veterans' organizations who have helped with this project.

George T. Lasater

"Hopefully, I will have it ready for press this summer," Lasater said.

The book, whose title will be picked by a Boyne City fourth grade class, will be about the many Charlevoix County veterans of World War II.

According to Lasater over 1,000 people in Charlevoix County are veterans of World War II. He has also compiled about 400 pictures of many of those veterans' in uniform during that time of history.

Lasater's research has discovered 421 residents served in the army, 111 served in the air force, 247 served in the navy, 1 served in the Red Cross, 53 served in the Marines, 11 served in the coast guard, eight served as merchant marines and three served in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Lasater even found three Charlevoix residents who had served in the German army during the war. While these men served on the Russian front, Lasater said he is not sure if he will include them in his book.

The three men who served in the Canadian Air Force did so because all of the piloting classes in the United States Army Air Force were filled up when they attempted to enlist during the war. So the men went to Canada and joined up.

Lasater said all three went to Europe and one fought flying a Spitfire in the Battle of Britain. However, he was shot down and killed.

Of the other veterans in the war, Lasater said there are many tales to tell.

"The stories could go on and on," he said of his book.

Lasater discovered one man who was a paratrooper during the war who was in the same unit the HBO movie Band of Brothers was based on. His story followed right along to the movie, Lasater said.

One of the saddest stories he has in his book is about the Foster family. Lasater said the father of the Foster family was the town postmaster at the time of the war and he had four sons serving and one daughter at home in high school.

However, his daughter was killed in an automobile accident and less than a year later, he received word that one of his sons was killed in battle. Then only about 90 days after that horrible news, he learned another son had been killed in battle.

Because of the sacrifices made by the Foster family, many people in town wanted to name the bridge after them — "The Foster Memorial Bridge." But, Lasater said, the mother of the family declined this honor, saying many more men in Charlevoix were also sacrificing their lives for their country.

Therefore, the bridge was named, "The Memorial Bridge."

Another interesting story Lasater tells is of a soldier with the last name of Richardson who lived in Norwood. This man was drafted right out of high school and had never really set foot outside of the county.

However, he found himself in the Carolinas, facing the fact that he was going to be shipped off to war. To make matter worse for him, he had not been granted leave following his stint in basic training and was terribly homesick, Lasater said.

The man just knew he was not going to survive the war and felt as though he had to see his parents one last time. So he went AWOL and started hitch-hiking from the Carolinas to Charlevoix, to spend one last weekend with his family.

Just past Grand Rapids, the man was picked up by county sheriff's deputies. But, after hearing his tale on how he believed he was not going to survive the war and that he just wanted to see his parents once more, the deputies drove him to the county line and wished him luck.

Lasater said the man did make it home and spent a weekend with his parents and family before they took him to Traverse City and he was sent back to his unit. The military did not charge him AWOL, so he went to war, where he was a part of the first wave at D-Day and was killed.

Other notables include a medal of honor winner who was a soldier in the Pacific theater and Orin Sutton, who was such a legend as a jungle fighter, that he was the subject of a comic book.

"There are some great stories out there," Lasater said.

However, as Lasater finishes up his book, he is still seeking information on some soldiers. He said he needs help finding the relatives of soldiers in the Schwab and Eccleston family.

If you have any information on these soldiers or families, contact Lasater by calling 547-4461.

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Obituaries

Sherry Lyn Burris: Feb. 16, 1956 - May 17, 2004

Sherry Lyn Burris died May 17, 2004.

She was born in Lapeer on Feb. 16, 1956 to Patrica and Bernard King. Sherry moved to Beaver Island in the 1970s. She worked as a waitress, cook and she enjoyed many arts, crafts, along with gardening.

She became a mother and worked hard for her children. In recent years, Sherry's health had started to deteriorate due to illness. God took her home on May 17.

Sherry is survived by two sons: Derrick Aaron and Patrick Morgan; one daughter, Holly Jade (James) Thomas; and three grandsons Skylar Williams, Elijah De'Lynn and James DéShawn Thomas, II; her mother Patricia; one sister, Sandy, (Perry) Fortier.

She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was at the Beaver Island Christian Church, on May 20 with funeral services on Friday, May 21, followed by burial at the Christian Cemetery.

Memorial gifts can be sent to the Burris family, Box 123, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

Jack Delbert Gebott: Feb. 14, 1942 - May 20, 2004

Jack Delbert Gebott, Jr., 62, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at his home in Charlevoix.

A memorial service was Saturday, May 22, 2004, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, with the Rev. Celia Hastings officiating.

Jack was born Feb. 14, 1942, in Ludington, the son of Jack Delbert and Eleanor (Yonkovit) Gebott.

He served in the U.S. Navy for six years and then attended Grand Rapids Community College earning an associates of arts degree. Jack received a bachelor of science degree as well as his master of arts degree from Western Michigan University.

Jack futhered his education by earning a specialist degree in education from Central Michigan University. He taught school at Ellsworth Public School for seven years and at Saint Mary's School in Charlevoix for five years.

Jack founded Camp McSauba in Charlevoix and was a dedicated Salvation Army soup kitchen volunteer.

He enjoyed deer hunting, collecting antiques, reading and writing. He was an active genealogist. Jack especially loved his grandbabies.

Jack married the former Barbara Lynn Jansen on June 6, 1970, in Ellsworth. Barb survives him, as do his daughters, Stacy (Arthur) Baker of Brethren, and Eliana King of Romulus; granddaughters, Aitana Massey and Maya West; step-granddaughter, Sydney King; sisters, Laura (Leonard) Tauchus of Fountain, Barbara (Tom) Elms of Grand Ledge; brother, Michael (Marianne) Gebott of Ludington; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

Martin E. Johnson: Nov. 12, 1937 - Jan. 6, 2004

Martin E. Johnson of Royal Oak died Jan. 6, 2004.

A memorial service is planned for 1 p.m., on Saturday, May 29 at Barnard Cemetery. The Rev. Mike Maurer of United Methodist Church will officiate and burial will be in Barnard Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Martin was born Nov. 12, 1937 the son of Earl and Verna Johnson. He grew up in Charlevoix and attended school at Charlevoix Elementary and Charlevoix High School.

He attended college at Central Michigan. His work career encompassed 20+ years as a school teacher and 23 years as a postal worker.

He is survived by his brother Paul Johnson.

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STRIVE dinner

STRIVE Scholarships were awarded at the first banquet the group had. This youth mentoring program is sponsored by the Charlevoix Rotary Club. Scholarship winners are: (from left) Ann Shindorf, of the rotary club; Scott Kughman, Mandy Macks, Michael Curiel, Jim Berlage, of the rotary club and (in back) Rick Randall, of the rotary club.

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One home, per five acres too much for some

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A cabin development planned for a big chunk of land off Boyne City-Charlevoix Road has sparked concerns from surrounding property owners.

In early February, Denny Heck, a Charlevoix resident and broker with Vacation Properties Network, submitted a rezoning request to the Hayes Township Board on behalf of an unnamed landowner from Florida operating under the business name Lake Charlevoix Farms, LLC.

The request asks the board to rezone just over 75 acres of land located at 08799 Boyne City Road, from agricultural to RR-1, rural residential, with a planned unit development (PUD) overlay.

Under the current agricultural zoning they can develop one home per 10 acres. If the rezoning goes through that development potential would double.

Heck said the developer plans to build about 15 single family log homes that would be 2,000 to 3,000 square feet each. They would each be situated on a five-acre piece of property. The homes would be built on between four and six building pods with each site accommodating between four and six homes.

The plan is to maintain gravel roads to give the property a rustic feel. They may even plant a vineyard on part of the property that right now is an open pasture area so homeowners can enjoy their own private label wine.

The property will also include a 20 acre conservation easement that includes a wetland area and a group of mature pines.

"People will actually be able to say I'm going to the cottage instead of I'm going to my 14,000 square foot getaway," Heck said.

But the developer's rustic retreat concept hasn't been met with nostalgic smiles from surrounding neighbors who have taken issue with the proposed land use.

A citizens committee made up of about 10 people living near the property has formed to police the project.

One of the people leading the effort to put the brakes on is Bill Henne, owner of a 62 acre farm that adjoins this property. Of Henne's acreage, his house is situated on a 10 acre parcel and the remaining property is located in a conservation easement.

Henne said that in reading the township's master plan and zoning ordinance as it relates to PUD zoning, open space is an integral part of the development and in his mind, the easement that is planned isn't ideal.

"That's nice, wetlands are useful to all of us. But I don't think that's the intent of the master plan. Open space should be land that can be developed or farmed," Henne said. "I want to see a good PUD."

Henne feels that the property that adjoins his, which includes a pasture area and some forest land, should be the easement location.

He added that his vision of a "good PUD" clusters or groups homes on smaller lots of about three-quarters of an acre per home. And instead of pursuing the "vague" pod plan which Henne said sacrifices open space, he suggests one or two of these clusters for the Lake Charlevoix Farms acreage, leaving most of the property as open.

"They (the pods) take up a lot of area and fragment the open space which is not in line with the master plan," he said.

Heck disagrees and said the clustering concept is not the best use of the property and doesn't fit with why people come to northern Michigan.

"There is a difference between no growth and good growth. I've lived here since 1972 and it (the attitude) seems to be, 'I'm here, now let's shut the gates.' We want to do something everyone can be proud of," Heck said.

Heck said the property is a close fit with surrounding uses and follows the trend of residential development in Hayes Township which is moving toward five acre plots. He pointed out that a 10 acre piece near the middle of the property has already been rezoned to RR-1.

According to Hayes Township Clerk Ethel Knepp, all properties north of this parcel along Boyne City Road are zoned agricultural with the following exceptions — the area surrounded by the parcel is zoned RR-1, as are properties located half a mile to the west, a quarter of a mile to the north and a fifth of a mile to the east.

Aside from the lot size being consistent with township land use, Heck stressed that the activity at the site will be in-line with the quiet, country atmosphere neighbors have come to know.

"What they (those opposed to the project) don't seem to understand is the people we anticipate living here are going to want the same things they want," Heck said. "Nobody has more of an interest in preserving the integrity of the property than we have."

Heck has sat down with the opposing group twice to try and iron out their differences and agreed to table the rezoning request to the board's June 14 meeting. At that meeting which will take place at 7 p.m. in the township hall located near the corner of Burgess Road and Old US-31, they will review the planning commission's recommendation regarding the project.

At the commission's March 16 meeting five of six commissioners voted in favor of recommending that the township board approve the rezone request. However, Anne Kantola who voted in favor of the recommendation, did so with hesitation.

Kantola said she didn't feel the township had strong legal standing to deny the request because of precedent set in a lawsuit that was filed against the township the mid-1990s by Scott's Ventures, a company owned by a former Dunmaglas operator.

In this instance, the township board voted to rezone the property for residential development but residents mounted a referendum campaign that overturned that decision. The referendum was upheld in Charlevoix County Circuit Court, but when it went to the Michigan Court of Appeals the court ruled it was unreasonable for a township to require 10 acres per residence and the initial rezoning decision stuck.

Henne is anticipating the board changing the zoning for Lake Charlevoix Farms.

"I've gone to the board and I find their attitude with regards to land use very discouraging. In my opinion if they allow this rezone, they are not following their own master plan and looking at land use the way it was intended to be looked at," Henne said.

According to Sara Gay Dammann, who also feels this rezoning request in appropriate for the property, a referendum may follow if the township approves the rezoning request.

"We would much prefer to come to an amicable agreement on what is good for the land, good for the township and good for the project," she said.

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CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 16, 2004

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road on Wednesday, June 16, 2004 to consider the request of Steve and Kathy Paterka and Martha Paterka to rezone from Agricultural to R-1 (One Family Dwelling District) property identified by tax code numbers 15-004-024-010-10, 15-004-024-010-30, 15-004-024-010-20 and 15-004-024-010-25. The property is unplatted and approximately 12 acres, located at 12590 Waller Road and 08977 Martin Road.

Complete description and all pertinent data may be examined at the office of the Clerk at 12491 Waller Road from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please send written comments to the Clerk at the same address or Nancy Rajewski (Planning Commission Chairperson) at 14590 Park Ave., Charlevoix, Mi. 49720.

Carol Martin, Charlevoix Township Clerk

BUSINESS

Doctor using lasers to treat tooth problems

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix dentist Dr. Harry Suckert is looking to the technology of lasers to help solve his patient's tooth troubles.

As of this winter, Suckert became one of the first dentists in northern Michigan to begin using the Waterlase Dental Laser in his practice.

"I'm a real big fan of patient comfort," he said. "With laser dentistry, it just helps make the whole experience better."

The Waterlase Dental Laser allows patients to visit the dentist without having to take a shot of anesthetic, hear the sound of the drill or even suffer pain. According to information supplied by Suckert, the equipment works by emitting laser energy into a spray of atomized water.

"The water is energized and then is capable of cutting a wide range of human tissue, including enamel, bone, cartilage and soft tissue," the information states.

The laser claims to be able to perform these dental procedures without, in most cases, anesthesia, little or no bleeding or any problems caused by a high speed drill — such as micro-fissures which weaken the tooth structure and eventually allow decay to set in.

In addition to the usual filling duties a dentist performs on patients, the dental laser can be used for root canals, oral surgery and extractions. It can also be used to treat canker sores and cold sores.

Suckert said his patients seem to really like the procedure and he has several written testimonials to back this up.

Jenna Ward, one of Suckert's patients, wrote, "I've had bad experiences in the past with fillings that have been painful to do. I came expecting to have to be numbed and have my teeth drilled, but, with the new laser technique there was no numbing and absolutely no pain. My cavity experience today was very pleasant and I would recommend this technique to anyone who needs to have cavities filled."

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Dr. Harry Suckert shows off his laser drill.

While using the laser tool with his patients, Suckert also has given classes on the subject to area dentists. He said he gave one in February and is planning another. He has also been asked to help teach a national class.

Suckert's office is located at 14695 Park Avenue in Charlevoix.

He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-4347 or e-mailing laserdds@chartermi.net.

Charlevoix chamber to host seminar with Bob Negen

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING AMENDMENT OF ZONING ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the City of Charlevoix City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a request to amend the Title V - Zoning and Planning, Chapter 51, also known as the City Zoning Ordinance, on Monday, June 14, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the US Coast Guard Acacia Conference/Training Room located at 109 Bridge Park Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The proposed amendments are outlined as follows:

A. Amendment to Section 5.212(3) Floor Area – to remove the following text – "Measurement of floor area shall be the sum of the horizontal areas of the several floors of the building, measured from the interior faces of the exterior walls."

B. Amendment to Section 5.256(4)(a) – to remove the phrase "and is not due to the applicant's personal or economic situation"

C. Amend Section 5.6(11) – Floor Area – add the phrase "except as otherwise provided in the Ordinance." at the end of the second sentence.

The public is invited to attend and present its comments on the interpretation question. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing or may be sent to the City Planning Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 before the public hearing.

May 21, 2004 — Gerry Harsch, City Planner

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Kelly, Henry named OPIE award winners

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Two dedicated teachers with Charlevoix Public Schools were given the Ninth Annual Outstanding Person in Education (OPIE) award May 20 at a banquet at Boyne Falls.

"The award is a way for our local employees to recognize the person that works there that contributes that extra bit to education, to kids and to the association," Terry Cox, Uniserv Director with the Michigan Education Association, said.

Earlier this school year, teachers in the Charlevoix School District nominated and chose fifth-grade teacher Anne Kelly and Charlevoix Elementary School library clerk Coreen Henry as award recipients.

"The recognition and appreciation from the staff is a great honor. It gives me a feeling of accomplishment," Henry said.

"I feel especially honored to be sharing the spotlight in the Charlevoix district with Anne Kelly — she's been a great inspiration to me," she added.

Henry's over 20-year stay at the elementary school started in 1979 when her daughters attended the school and she volunteered to help in the library.

After just one day of work she was offered the clerical's position and quickly accepted.

"I love books, I love kids and I love libraries. It all just fell together," she said.

Now, at age 61, things are stilling falling together as she watches her two youngest grandchildren finish fourth grade and prepare to move to the middle school.

"They've had a great start here," she said of her grandchildren and other elementary school students.

As Henry sat in a medium-sized chair, just right for little learners, surrounded by 12,000 books, she reflected on her job and her most recent honor.

"I've learned patience I thought I'd never have. And an understanding of children and my desire to be there for them. If I can even help one or two it makes a world of difference," she said.

"I don't want any child to fall through the cracks. Their future is our future and it's so important to be there for them."

Henry's inspiration and fellow OPIE winner, Kelly, has taught at Charlevoix Public Schools for 15 years.

Even though she has put in a decade and a half of hard work for the school district she said she was surprised to find out she had won the OPIE award.

"We have so many wonderful teachers in our district. To be given this honor in the year I'm retiring — what a way to put a bow on the whole package of my educational career," she said.

Most remember Kelly as a fourth-grade teacher at the elementary school where she spent 14 of her 15 years of service. This year she made a move to the middle school to try her hand at fifth grade.

She currently teaches language arts, reading and science at the fifth grade level.

Kelly decided to become a teacher after working closely with her mother, a former teacher of 25 years, and because of her passion for working with children.

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Teachers honored to get awards

OPIE

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"Being able to learn and share with them, that's what this is all about," Kelly said.

"Every day there is something I learn from them."

She contributes her successful teaching career to flexibility.

"To be a successful teacher you have to be someone who can look at each child and be able to grow and get excited with them and be excited when the light bulb goes on in their head. When you see the kids feel good about themselves and what they learned that's when you feel successful," she said.

After retiring at the end of this school year Kelly plans to travel and spend time with her five children and five grandchildren.

But those breakthroughs in learning that have marked her long career as a success will be missed.

"I'll miss coming into a classroom and getting totally immersed in the kids. You get a huge sense of revitalization in that — kids are revitalizing," she said.

Kelly and Henry joined 25 other OPIE honorees from area school districts served by the Michigan Education Association, at the last week's event hosted by the Inland Lakes School District.

"The schools are really easy to pick on. Nationwide people bad mouth schools. And yet when you talk to people in the community about their schools they are really proud. But those teachers are rarely recognized. This is a good opportunity to remind everybody of the good things our folks are doing," Cox said of the event.

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Good sports

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Distinguished author, editor to speak at library

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

When Charlevoix graduate and author Larry Smith branched out from his traditional role as editor of the established *Parade* magazine and put on his reporter's hat for a fourth of July piece he never knew he would get a glimpse at veteran's world.

In interviewing 24 Medal of Honor recipients, six who served in World War II, seven in the Korean Conflict and 11 in Vietnam, he heard candid accounts of the horrors of battle and the bravery it took to survive and earn their valorous decoration.

The vast material he came away with was more than he needed for an article, it was enough for a novel.

In August of 2001 he got the contract to write the book. Smith started the project in December and in October of 2002 wrapped up the final manuscript called "Beyond Glory — Medal of Honor Heroes in Their Own Words." It was published in June of 2003 and has since become a New York Times best seller and successful play.

Smith, 63, whose professional success also includes work with six newspapers including a stint as editor of the *New York Times* and two decades as managing editor of *Parade* magazine, will be at the Charlevoix Public Library June 1 to discuss the novel and talk about the library and growing up in Charlevoix. He is traveling here from his home in Norwalk, Conn.

In a recent interview, he attributed some of his success as a writer to his local roots.

In 1950, following the divorce of his parents, Smith and his mother Mary Baumbach Smith moved from Dearborn with his brother Gary and sister Carole, to a farm in Norwood, about eight miles south of Charlevoix. The farm was owned by his aunt and uncle, Grace and Harrison Warner, and is still operated by his cousin, Doug, who Smith stays with when he is in town.

As a child, his uncle, a World War II veteran who owned and operated a lumber business, contributed to early calluses on his young hands.

"He was an ideal person for a young one to be around. He was always giving you things to do you didn't think you could accomplish," Smith said. "There is no doubt the training I got out there gave me the courage to believe there is nothing I couldn't do if I chose to."

Smith also attributes some of his professional success to a handful of his Charlevoix teachers like Laura Courtade, who taught English and Latin.

"I got an education from her in grammar that was equal to anything I later underwent at the University of Michigan," he said. "I got a solid ground in the basics of reading and writing because of Laura Courtade."

Geometry and algebra were never Smith's strong suits and at an early age he used his word savvy ways to his advantage.

Smith, a city-boy-turned-small-town-teen, teamed up with Michael McCann, a Catholic boy with few friends. The two thought of themselves as a band of outsiders. They memorized the works of Seventeenth century poet John Milton for fun. The duo would hang out at the ice cream parlor, The Big Dipper, that used to be located near the corner of Upright and Bridge streets, where they would try to impress young girls with their prose.

He said his love of literature was strong during his years in town, but he never imagined a future as a writer because it was almost holy, "the highest calling imaginable."

After graduating from Charlevoix High School in 1958 he enrolled at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where he could finally pursue his passions — Shakespeare, Homer and French.

"I had access to learning and the world at large. It was exciting and frightening," Smith said.

In 1962, after four years studying English Literature and Art History, Smith graduated without a clue as to what would come next.

"I just knew I wasn't suited to much of anything," he said.

Smith was broke, had no professional prospects and he and his wife of just under a year, Dorothea, were expecting their first child.

The adventuresome family went to Denver, Colo. looking for work. Smith stepped into the Colorado Press Association office, filled out an application and printed his almost laughable qualifications, "can read, write and speak English."

Things didn't pan out in Colorado and he headed back to Michigan. Soon after he and his wife arrived, Smith got a call from the Wyoming Eagle in Cheyenne, Wyo., announcing an opening at the paper. He said he would take it and made the first small strides toward a long career in journalism.

Smith said, "The key to success in life and any career is sheer persistence, coupled with willingness to take an occasional risk."

Smith plans to further elaborate on his career and works at a talk hosted by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library. The free event will take place at 7 p.m., June 1 at the library located at 109 Clinton Street.

The visit coincides with the Memorial Day release of "Beyond Glory" on paperback which will be available for purchase at the talk. Part of the proceeds from the sale will go to the library.

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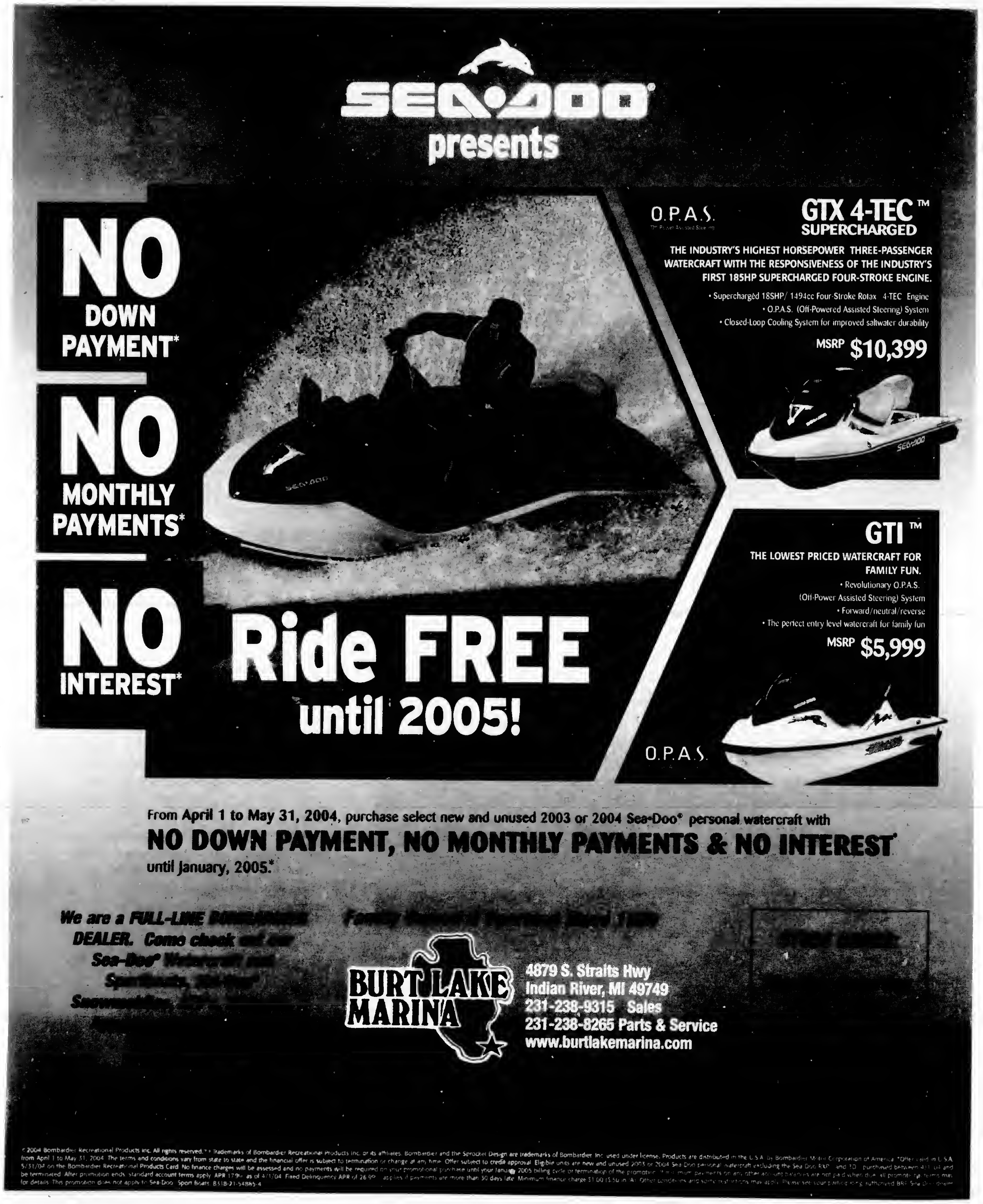
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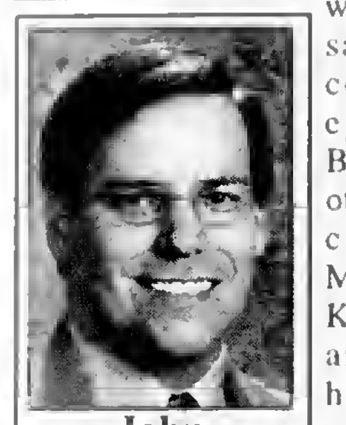
Kur, Jarema debate use of county money

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

With governmental budgets in the red all over the state, money has become an important issue in every campaign, with the county prosecutor's race being no exception.

Mary Beth Kur


John Jarema

On one side, challenger John Jarema is claiming the current prosecutor is wasting taxpayer money and by cutting the staff and doing more trial work, he can save the county money on staff. But, on the other side, incumbent Mary Beth Kur cites examples of how she has saved the county money each year, why her staff size is important and how Jarema doesn't seem to understand what is a prosecutor's job.

Currently, Kur has two full time assistant prosecuting attorneys and one part-time attorney.

"I think that if the prosecutor does their fair share of trial work, the office should be able to run with three (attorneys)," Jarema said. "In a bigger county, perhaps."

Kur said, "We have one half-time person more than we had nine years ago when I started (working in the prosecutor's office). It would be a disservice, I think, to the citizens of Charlevoix County to make cuts to the chief law enforcement office."

But, Jarema claims that Kur does not spend enough time doing trial work. He said, if elected he will take on more misdemeanor trials and thus save the county one of its attorneys.

Kur said Jarema seems to think that trial work is the only thing a prosecutor does. What he does not take into account is that the prosecuting attorney for the county is also responsible for the office staff and tons of paperwork, such as writing massive grant requests which save the county money, and being a member of several beneficial boards, such as the SANE Board.

"These are boards that are very beneficial to the citizens of our county," she said.

Kur added she also works with the county commissioners with civil issues.

Kur has been the lead prosecutor on high profile felony cases, such as two murders that took place in Charlevoix in 2002.

But, to further charge his claim that the office staff is too big, Jarema cites statistics that show in 2001, Emmet County Prosecutor Bob Engel personally tried 20 misdemeanor cases. But, during that same time, Kur did not try any misdemeanor cases.

"A prosecutor that doesn't try cases, loses their edge," he said.

He added that Emmet County and Antrim County each have only two assistant prosecutors in their offices.

Jarema also pointed out that Kur has cost the county over $155,000 in legal fees to defend it and her against lawsuits brought out by himself and two other former employees of the prosecutors office. Jarema was given an offer of judgment — which is a form of settlement — that was requested by the county's insurance provider and the other case was thrown out of court.

He said while the insurance provider did pick up the tab on some of those fees, in his case alone, the taxpayers paid $35,000.

Kur responded that money had to be spent to fight Jarema's complaint. She added, her office has actually given money back to the county's general fund almost every year since 1995.

In fact, according to county statistics supplied by Kur, she has given back $133,913 to the county from her budget over that period of time. Plus, she was informed by the county that $9,000 of her unused money has been used to cover other county department deficits.

Furthermore, Kur said the county commissioners are the ones who decided how much each department has to spend of taxpayer money each year. And if a department goes over their allotted amount, they have to face the commissioners.

"I have never been questioned at all by any of them on how much we spend here," she said.

She added she is always looking at grants to apply for to keep saving the county money.

"I would like to get grant funding to keep the level of services we have. We provide high quality," she said. "I'll go after every single dollar of grant money that we can get."

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Halverson uses contacts to track down teens

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Thanks to the dogged efforts of the local police chief and a Canadian assistant school principal, three students who made death threats to staff at Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District have been caught.

According to Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson, he received a report that several death threats were left on the voice mail of four to six staff members of the intermediate school district. There were a total of about 10-15 threats made since March to these staff members.

"We don't toy with threats of violence in schools," Halverson said about the report.

Therefore he immediately started trying to find the culprit.

To start off the investigation, Halverson used the date and the time of the calls to determine what telephone number the calls were made from. He received a list of the telephone numbers that had called into the district's office during that time from the telephone company SBC.

Halverson said the telephone company can track any telephone number that calls your house or business, even if they are blocked.

However, Halverson discovered that the telephone number that the culprits called the intermediate school district from was in Montreal, Canada.

"I thought I hit a dead end," he said.

But, he was wrong. Halverson contacted a friend at the Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, City Police Department, who, in turn, contacted a friend in the Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, City Police Department, who contacted another person he knew in the Montreal, Canada.

Through this chain of contacts, Halverson discovered the telephone number was listed to a payphone in the lobby of a private school called Loyola High school in Montreal, Canada.

Using this information, Halverson hopped onto the internet, tracked down the main telephone number for the school and contacted an assistant principal.

That assistant principal asked Halverson to send him a tape of the telephone messages to determine if he could recognize any of the voices. He could not, but, during one of the messages, the assistant principal heard one of the suspects talking to another and use his first name.

Halverson said the assistant principal called in every student in the school with that first name. From this he discovered the identification of three freshmen students who had made the threatening calls.

"This guy did a heck of a job," Halverson said. "I wanted to make him an honorary police officer."

But the story did not end there.

The assistant principal contacted all of the student's parents and the Montreal Police Department. The Montreal Police Department called Halverson and asked him what sort of punishment would happen to a student in Charlevoix if they were caught making threats like this to a school official.

Halverson said the school district does not tolerate violence and the students, depending on their record, would probably serve community service, have probation and be put in some sort of counseling.

To Halverson's surprise, the local Montreal officials did just that to these three students.

Halverson added, "One of the parents even offered to fly his kid down to personally apologize to the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School district."

Halverson said in many instances cases like this come to dead-ends, because it is so difficult to find information out about telephone numbers in different cities, much less than different countries.

"This one just kept going," he said. "Just when you thought I had a dead-end, I didn't."

3-year-old injured in accident on ATV

A 3-year-old Charlevoix boy was injured in an ATV accident around 6 p.m., May 19 in South Arm Township on Waterman Road, just north of Graham Road.

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, the boy was operating a mini ATV in his yard when he lost control and accelerated at a high rate of speed into a 500-gallon propane tank. He was thrown from the ATV into the propane tank and received serious head and neck injuries.

He was transported by East Jordan Ambulance to a waiting North Flight EMS and air lifted to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

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The crash remains under investigation at this time.

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Police log

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- An 18-year-old Alanson woman was cited for being a minor in possession of alcohol, a 20-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and a 17-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and drunk driving around 1:30 a.m., May 21 near the intersection of State and St. Mary streets.
- A vehicle crashed into a fence around 1 p.m., May 19 near the intersection of M-66 and Bridge Street when its brakes failed. No injuries were reported.
- A 49-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested around 1 p.m., May 16 near the intersection of Bridge Street and Mercer Boulevard for drunk driving.
- A truck jack-knifed around a curve around 10 a.m., May 15 near the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Ainslie Street.
- A 22-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested around 3 p.m., May 14 on the 100 block of Upright Street for domestic violence.
- A 27-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested around 11:30 p.m., May 13 on East Lincoln Street for domestic violence.
- A 26-year-old Boyne City man is suspected of damaging the tires of a vehicle sometime between 10 p.m., May 11 and 8 a.m., May 12 on the 400 block of Prospect Street.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 6 p.m., May 11 near the intersection of Bridge and Carpenter streets. No injuries were reported.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 4:30 p.m., May 11 near the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Mercer Boulevard. Two injuries were reported.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 2:30 p.m., May 11 near the intersection of Bridge and Hurlbut streets. No injuries were reported.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 11 p.m., May 10 near the intersection of Garfield and State streets. No injuries were reported.

Hospital to have memorial service

A brief memorial service will be at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 31, in the Meditation Garden, near the front entrance of Charlevoix Area Hospital in the Meditation Gardens.

The Rev. Kimon Criner of the Harvest Barn Work of Life Church in East Jordan will provide the service. The public is invited to attend the nondenominational program.

Those being specially recognized and remembered include those individuals who have been memorialized by a gift benefiting Charlevoix Area Hospital. The service will last approximately 20 minutes and will be followed by light refreshments.

The Meditation Gardens are a project of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club, and were designed, donated and maintained by the club. In the event of bad weather, the service will be inside the hospital in the Solarium.

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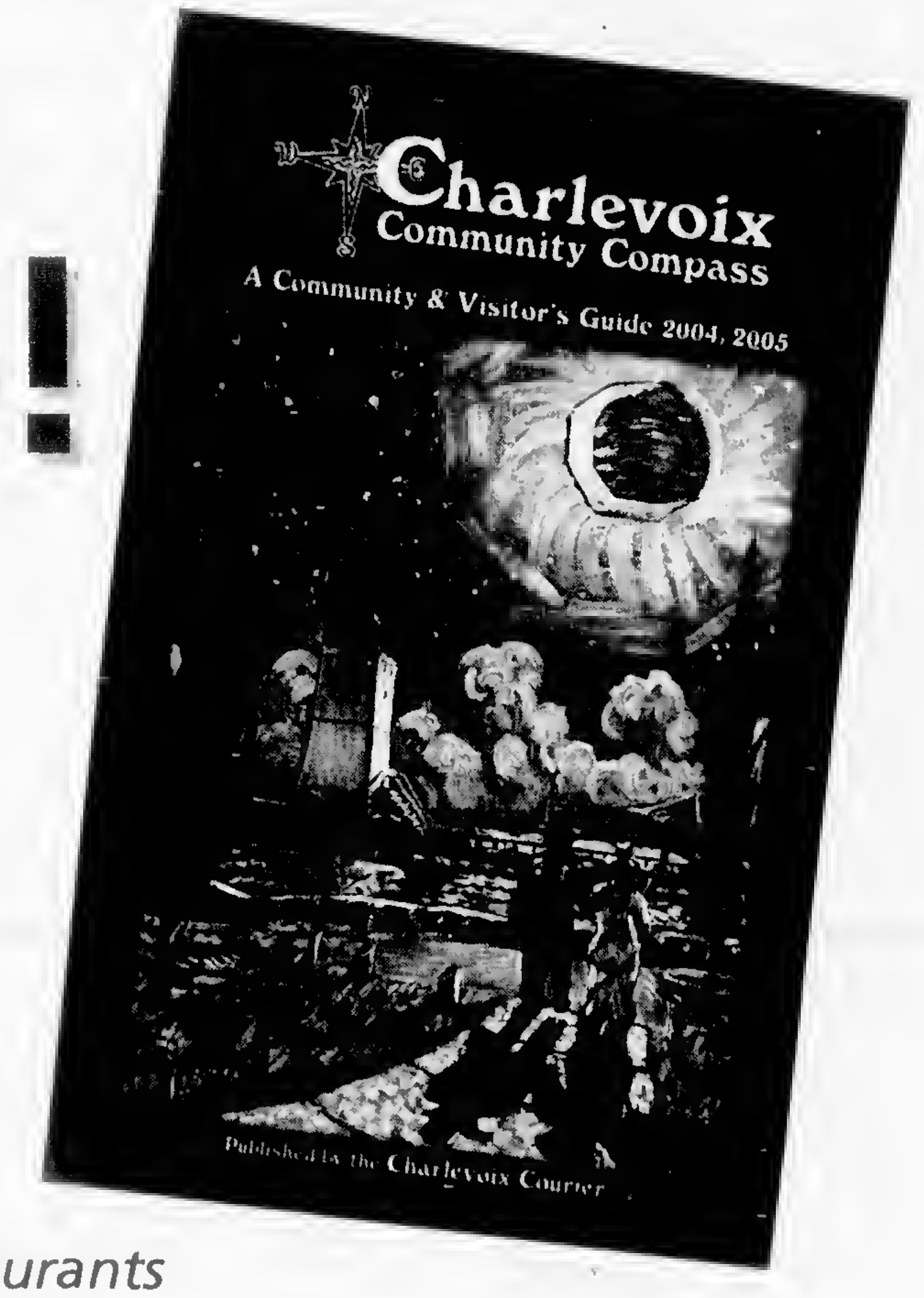

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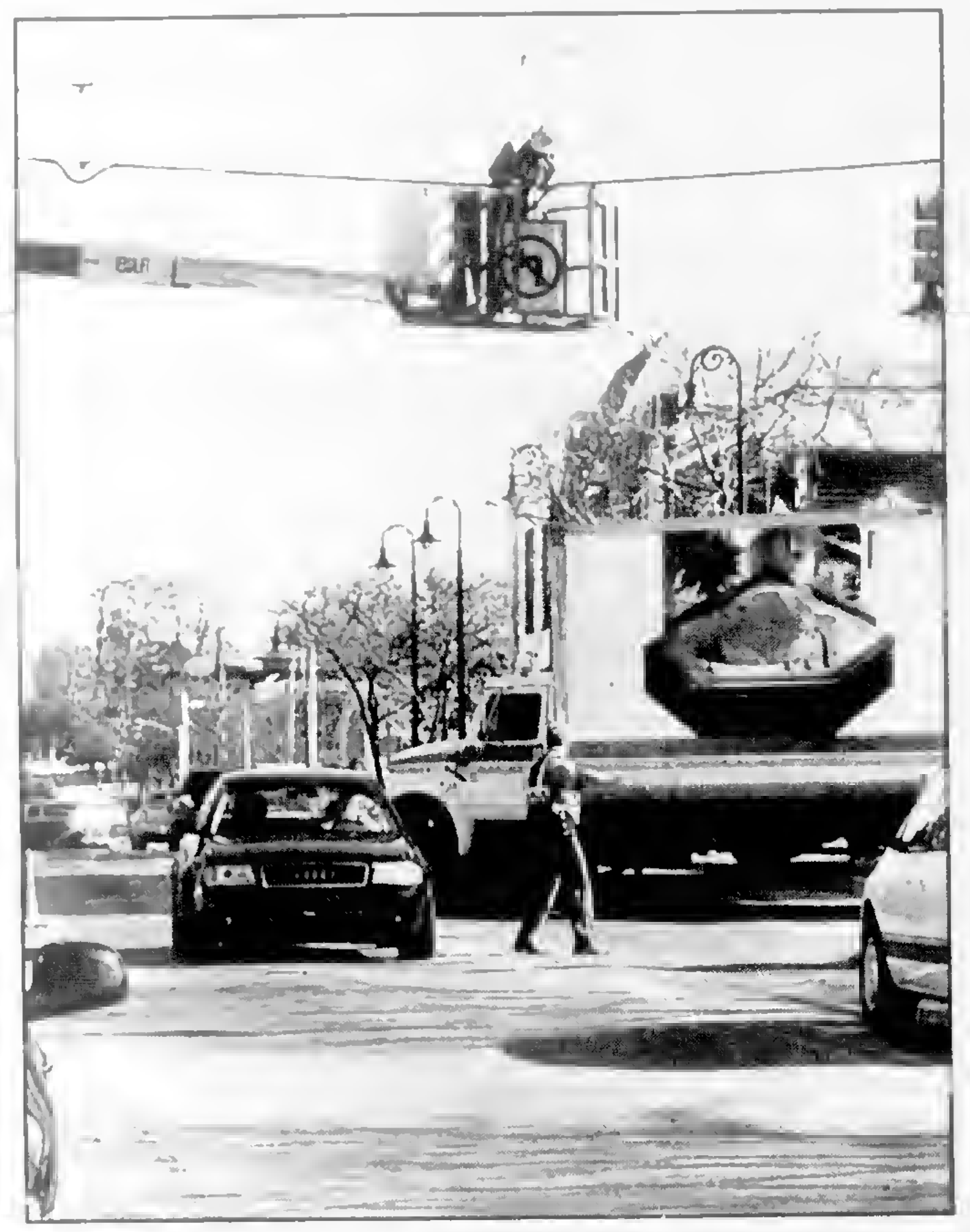

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Each program will highlight a current exhibit, gallery tour and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The series will kick off at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1 with Above and Beyond, the work of Betty Beeby with a gallery talk and short video about the life and work of the artist.

Gail Lambert, curator of the exhibition will provide highlights of the exhibition and an overview of Betty's tremendous career in the arts. The artist will be present for questions and answers.

Additional Coffee At Ten programs include Nineteenth Century American Paintings from the Manoogian Collection on Tuesday, July 13, speaker Judy Knowles; Under the Sea, Works by Ruth Petzold on Tuesday, July 20, presenter, Ruth Petzold and An Introduction to Sculpture, highlighting the works in the Crooked Tree Arts Center's Sculpture Invitational on Tuesday, Aug. 24, lecturer, Doug Melvin.

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Input sought for Venetian sports theme

As recently announced, the 2004 Venetian Festival theme will focus upon "Charlevoix's Sports Legends."

Since sports have long been an integral part of the heritage of Charlevoix, local individuals and teams which have become hometown sport heroes will be acknowledged and honored.

The festival has formed a Sports Committee consisting of Dean Davenport, Dave Novotny, Jack McKenzie, Jim Kanine, Ken Plude, Vane Smith, Ike Boss, Marilyn Novak and Toni Felter, to determine who will be recognized as Charlevoix athletic giants. The committee is seeking input from those interested in local sports.

"Fan input is critical to our project," said committee member Ken Plude, who is researching Charlevoix High School athletes who have received All State recognition, in order to create a "Wall of Fame" at the High School.

"We are looking for suggestions from Courier readers and have created a questionnaire to gather opinions from sport fans."

The first category to be reviewed is "Coaching Legends."

The committee has, for starters, identified for consideration several former Charlevoix High School coaches, including Ray Kipke, Don Carey and Del Terrill, all of whom coached both football and basketball, as well as Stewart Coleman, track and field coach and Pete Spieles, cross country and track coach.

The committee has also identified for consideration the following Charlevoix natives who have gone on to successful coaching careers elsewhere: Chuck Fairbanks - New England Patriots, University of Oklahoma, University of Colorado (football), Jim Bowman - United States Air Force Academy (football), Dean Davenport - Central Michigan University, California State University, Iowa Wesleyan and Ferris State University (basketball, baseball and athletic director), Walter Drenth - Central Michigan University and William & Mary University (cross country and track).

The committee asks interested sports fans to provide them with Coaching Nominations including: Name, years (if known), sport(s) and team location & name, to Venetian Headquarters, by June 15, 2004, at 309 Petoskey Avenue, P.O. Box 120, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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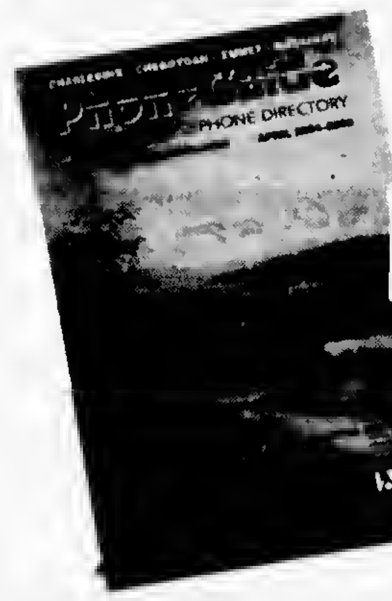

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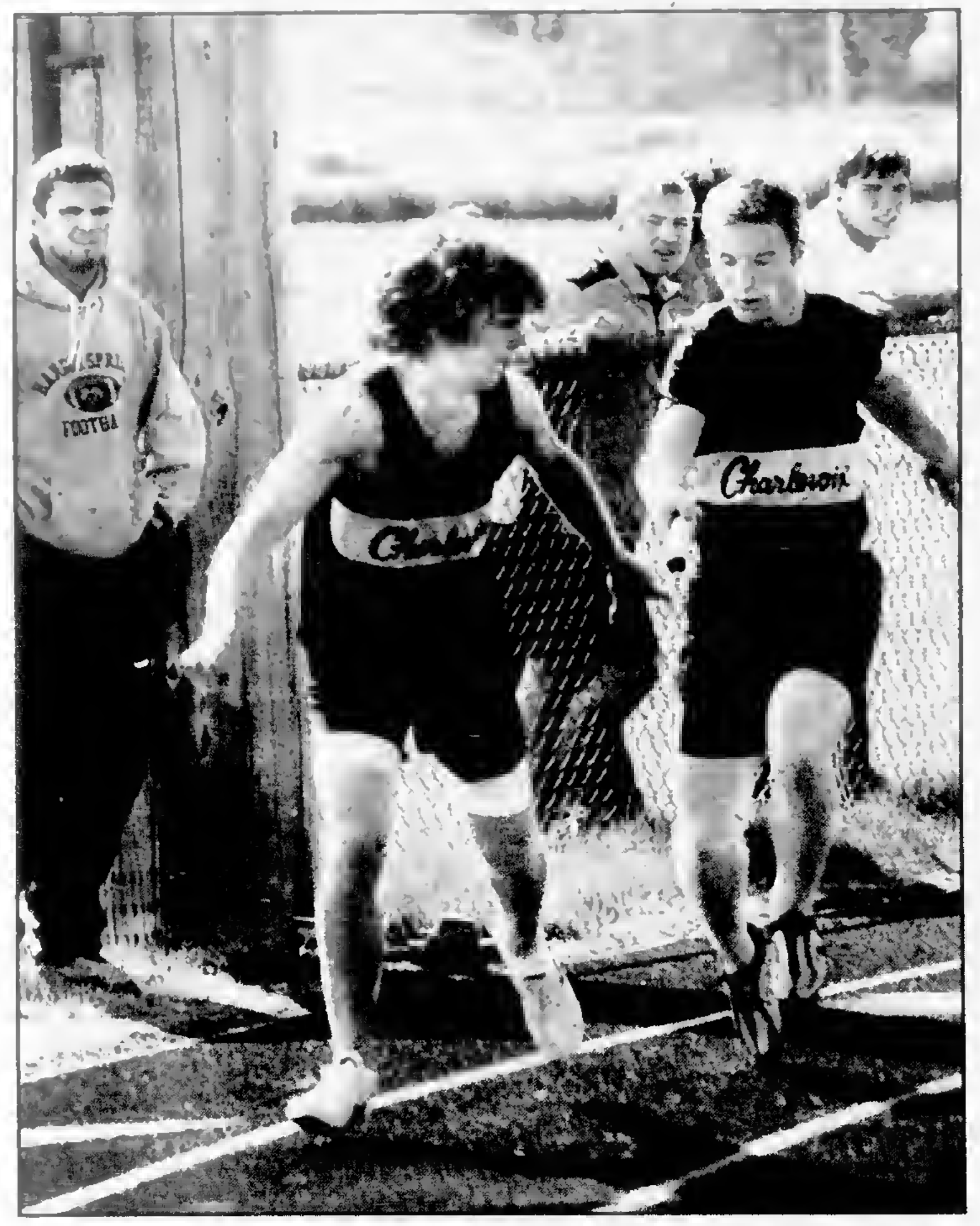

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Mitchell Klooster (left) takes the baton from Jeff Urban in the 800 meter relay at the Petoskey Kiwanis Relay on May 18. Klooster and Urban, along with Ben Bergmann and Kyle Kramer took first in the event.

Charlevoix High School runners qualify for state

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Several Charlevoix High School students on the varsity track teams have qualified for the state meet following their competition at the regional tournament.

According to Ken Plude, boys' coach, the boys team finished third out of 16 teams at the regional tournament and eight Rayders qualified for state finals.

"The boys did an awesome job. Everybody gave everything they had," Ken said.

Those that qualified from the boys' team and their events were:

- 3200 meter relay — The team of Brian Christiansen, Scott Plude, Brandon Stevens and Ben Bergmann finished second in the regional with a time of 8 minutes, 32.2 seconds.
- 400 meter relay — The team of Rusty Walters, Jeff Urban, Bergmann and Kyle Kramer finished first at regional with a time of 45.6 seconds.
- Pole vault — Kramer also won this event at the regional with a height of 12 feet, 6 inches.
- Long jump — Mitchelle Klooster finished second with a distance of 19 feet, 4 inches. This was his third meet.

For the girls' team, only one qualified for the state finals. The team finished 15 out of 16 teams.

Lindi Edger finished fifth in the 3200 meter dash, according to girls' coach Mary Plude. Her time was 12 minutes, 12.4 seconds.

Mary said this is Edger's first time qualifying. Edger is a freshman.

"She ran a really good race. She is very competitive and a tough kid," Mary said.

The state finals will be June 5 at Comstock Park in Grand Rapids.

Soccer team playing strong

The Rayder girls varsity soccer team tallied two wins and a loss last week.

The team fell to 6-3 in a physical Lake Michigan Conference race at Harbor Springs May 17. The final score was 3-0 in favor of Harbor.

Charlevoix stayed with the Rams through most of the first half with strong defensive efforts from junior tri-captain Sarah Cross and sophomore Stevie Murray. Charlevoix's standout keeper Laura Nitchman had no trouble gathering in all the shots that Harbor could muster, recording 15 saves on the night.

The Rams scored their only real goal of the match early in the second half when they converted on the Rayders' inability to clear a corner attempt. Harbor's final goal came on a long ball which went into the net after the referee had whistled to stop play on the assistant's offside flag.

Head coach Carol Madison said, "Harbor is a talented and tough team but their yellow card for foul language is also indicative of their style of play. We played with them defensively but were unable to generate much offense with seven shots. Their sweeper came up strong on our few opportunities to

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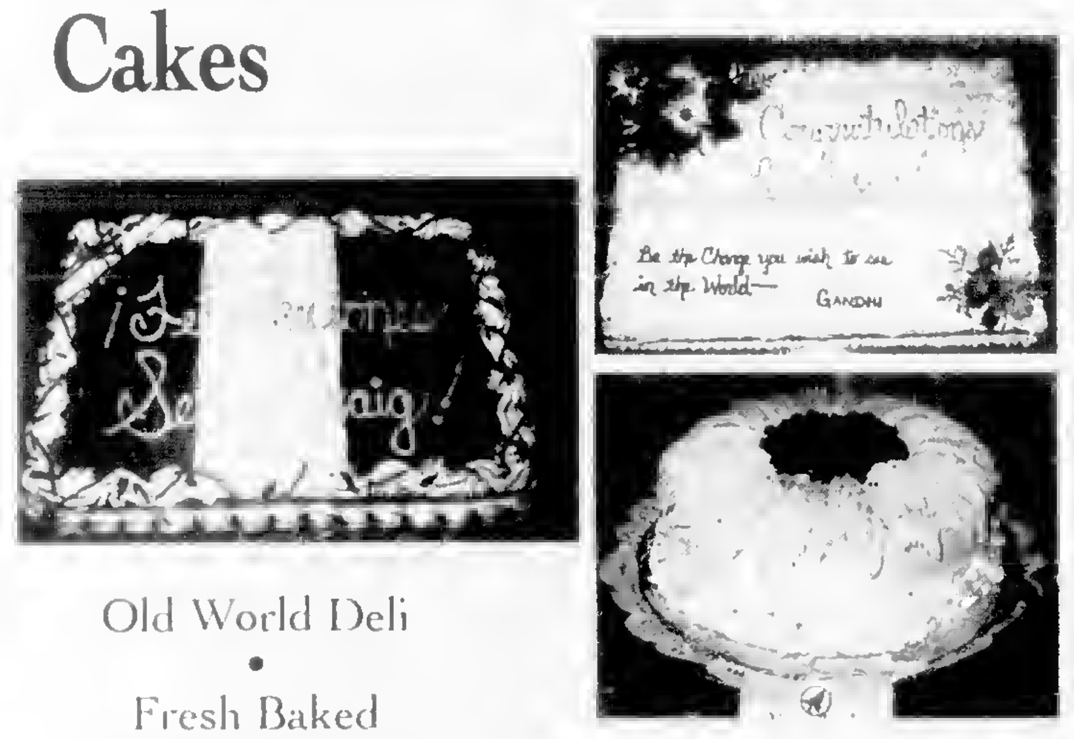

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Rayder tennis team qualifies for state finals

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix High School Tennis team has qualified for the state finals, following an excellent week on the court.

The team finished the week second in the conference and second in the regional.

"I'm really proud of the team. We've been getting stronger all season and are playing our best tennis now when it's most important," coach Erik Lundteigen. "The state finals will be great fun and a good learning experience. We'll always do our best."

The state finals are June 4 and 5 in Holland.

Individual results for the conference and regional matches were:

Singles

- First, Nate Turner beat Boyne City 6-0, 6-0 hut lost to Harbor Springs, 0-6, 2-6.
- Second, Josh Fassett beat Boyne City, 6-1, 6-1, but lost to Harbor Springs, 1-6, 1-6.
- Third, Matt Novotny heat Elk Rapids, 6-4, 6-4 and Traverse City St. Francis, 7-6. 6-4, but lost to Harbor Springs, 3-6, 6-2, 2-6. Novotny was named All Conference honorable mention for the singles.
- Fourth, Ben Scheelk beat Grayling 6-0, 6-3, but lost to Traverse City St. Francis, 6-7, 4-6.

Doubles

- First, Adam Wager and Cody Wheat heat Boyne City, 6-2, 6-1, hut lost to Harbor Springs, 1-6, 1-6.
- First, Wager and Wheat beat Leelanau Schools, 6-0, 6-0, hut lost to Elk Rapids, 6-0, 6-2.
- Second, Taylor Martin and Sparky Nitchman beat Glen Lake, 6-2, 6-0, Traverse City St. Francis 6-0, 6-1 and Manistee 6-4, 6-1. They were named regional champions.
- Third, Mitch Klooster and Andrew Mailloux beat Grayling, 6-2, 6-3, Elk Rapids, 6-7, 2-6, 6-2, and lost to Glen Lake 3-6, 6-2. 3-6. They were named regional runners-up.
- Fourth, Josh Saur and Dan Swenor beat Leelanau Schools, 6-3, 6-3, Manistee, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, hut lost to Harbor Springs, 6-4, 6-0. They were named regional runners-up.

Girls' soccer team getting ready for tough district tourney

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score. Our girls played hard and learned another lesson to apply toward our district rematch."

Midfielders Alyssia McDonough and Madison Ramsey played strong games as did senior tri-captain Shayna Drost who worked tirelessly in the loss and was awarded the Rayders Player of the Game ball.

Charlevoix hosted Grayling May 20 and tallied a conference win shutting their opponent out by a score of 10-0. The win brought the Rayders conference record to 7-3.

This was Nitchman's seventh shutout of the year.

Charlevoix managed 50 shots with 28 on net. The Rayders were led by senior tri-captain Alyssia McDonough with three assists and one goal, Drost with two assists and two goals, junior striker Jaime Pettis with three goals and junior back Madison McKenzie with two goals and one assist. Other goals came from Anderson and Murray. Assists went to Anderson, fellow freshman Lori Zimmerman and Cross.

Freshman Lauren Dupuis had a strong game in the midfield and was awarded the Radyers Player of the Game ball.

Charlevoix rounded out the week May 22 with another shutout, beating Big Rapids 3-0.

Charlevoix came out strong scoring in the first few minutes of play when Pettis sent a nice cross to Ramsey who tucked the ball into the corner of the net. The Rayders maintained good pressure, keeping the ball in their offensive zone for most of the match and catching Big Rapids on several offside traps.

The Rayders went up 2-0 early in the first half when Drost converted on a penalty kick awarded for a hand ball in the box. The Rayders final score was also on a penalty awarded for a catch of the hall in front of the net by a Big Rapids defender. Drost again buried the shot for Charlevoix, adding to her total as Charlevoix's all-time scoring leader.

Madison said, "This was our best full game effort of the season. We came out hungry and dominated the play, passed well and shot the ball on the net."

Midfielders Ramsey and McDonough and forwards Drost and Pettis won all the 50/50 balls. Defensively, Murray, Cross, McKenzie and Lisa Kuebler dominated the midfield, allowing Big Rapids only a few ventures into Rayder territory. Nitchman came up big on the three saves required of her, recording her eighth shutout, a new Charlevoix school record. Kuebler was awarded the Rayder Player of the Game ball for her aggressive defensive play.

Madison said the coaching staff is encouraged by this effort going into the final week of the season.

"This is the kind of play we all need to be successful in the district tournament," she added.

The Rayders improved to 9-5-1 overall, 7-3 in the conference. Charlevoix hosted Cheboygan in a non-conference match May 24, the final home game of the season.

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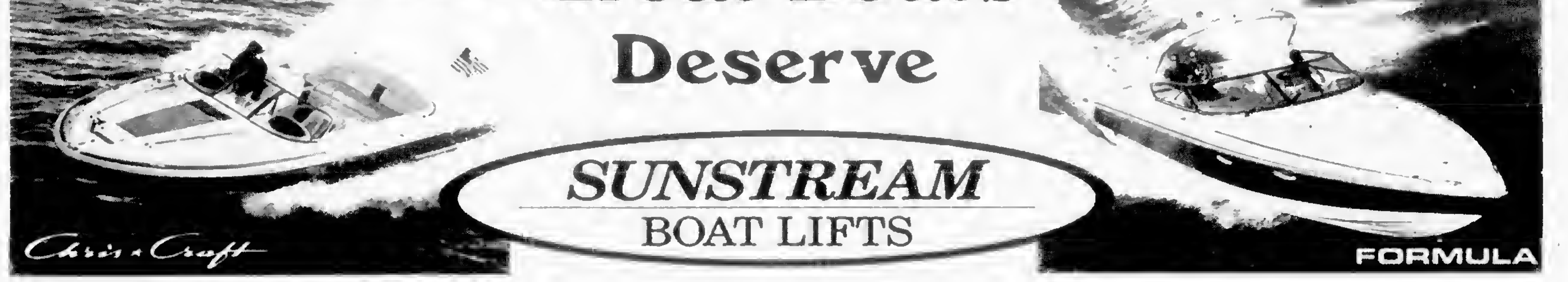

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Civic theater to open with Little Shop of Horrors

For the first time, The Little Traverse Civic Theatre will open its season with a summer production, "Little Shop of Horrors."

The musical, which is currently enjoying a Broadway revival and was made into a movie starring Rick Moranis, is the story of a nerdy florist's assistant who befriends a special plant, played by a series of puppets. It features what the critics have called a "gleeful 1960s-pastiche score."

Auditions for the production will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26 in the Ross Stoakes Theater in the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

Director Pat Stedman and musical director Kathy Schanski are casting both male and female roles, and hope to fill several crew positions as well.

Those who audition will be asked to complete forms describing themselves, their interests, and their previous experiences.

They will also be asked to list time conflicts they might have with evening rehearsals, which begin in early June.

Those auditioning for performing roles will be asked to sing a popular song of their choice, and should bring either sheet music or a karaoke CD to the closed audition.

The director will select scenes and provide script cuttings at the audition, so it is not necessary to obtain perusal scripts.

Production dates are July 22 – 25 and 29-31.

For additional information call the director, Pat Stedman at 526-5553, the LTCT office at 348-1850 or visit the LTCT's web site, ltct.org.

Mental health agency announces its new web site

North Country Community Mental Health is announcing its new web page – www.norcocmth.org.

North Country Community Mental Health was formed on April 1, 2003, with the merger of Northern Michigan Community Mental Health and Antrim Kalkaska Community Mental Health.

Services are provided to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties experiencing an emotional problem, mental illness or developmental disability.

The web page contains information on services offered by the agency, including Emergency Services, Adult Counseling/Therapy, Community Support Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness and Administrative Services, among others.

Other information contained on the web page includes office locations and phone numbers, recipient rights information and links to other related topics.

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Castle to show off renovations with open house

CASTLE

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Charlevoix with Richard since 1967.

During their visits, from their home hase in Long Beach, Miss., the two watched as the Castle deteriorated over the years.

It was built in 1918 as a livestock farm for the well-known Loeb family. As time progressed, uses of the site strayed far from farming and included a concert venue, an outdoor event space and a broasted chicken vendor.

The renovation project has taken almost four years and $6 million to complete, but when Richard, the co-owner and general manager of Castle Farms, asked Linda if she would do it over again, without hesitation Linda said, "In a heartbeat."

Now that the bulk of the work is nearing completion Linda is looking forward to fewer agonizing decisions.

Last year around this time it looked like the Muellers were going to take a breather from those decisions. In early May of 2003 they opened the gates for their first open house celebrating what they thought would be the end of the first phase of renovations and the beginning of a rest period.

The first phase included roofing buildings, restoring windows and doors, fixing drainage issues, installing new floors, fencing the property, constructing parking lots and working on landscaping and lighting.

Following that $2.5 million undertaking the site served as the site for three high school proms, a 2,500 person open house, the Trimper Family Charity Benefit, 15 wedding and reception events, four concerts, tours, children and adult workshops and storytelling activities.

But it didn't stop there.

This fall, after almost four decades as owner and operator of RPM Pizza, Inc., Richard announced his plans to become a minority owner in his Domino's Pizza franchise company that operates 160 stores, to join Linda in Charlevoix. And that's when the two took a second major leap of faith with the Castle, dedicating another $3 million to the project.

The two entrepreneurs expanded their event space to accommodate 600 people year-round in one covered space and to offer families a unique destination.

The project included restoration of the large building facing M-66 called "The King's Castle," that used to have a concert stage attached to it.

They reworked the interior and exterior, piped heat and air conditioning inside it and added restrooms and two elevators. Its completion adds 20,000 square feet of event space that can accommodate 600 people year-round.

The top floor of this building will host the Michigan Regional Garden Symposium, a conference expected to draw 250 people.

They also built two 6,400 square foot covered pavilions that extend into the center grass field from the former cattle barn.

Then, they brought in sod by the truckload and crafted a courtyard area fit for a king.

Linda has transformed this area into a performing arts center catering to symphonies, outdoor theater shows and festivals.

On June 25 the Young Americans Musical group will play a fund-raiser here for the Charlevoix Venetian Festival.

This inaugural show will be followed by Symphony on the Green, July 9, and the Piccolo Theater's Circo Piccolo Workshop and dinner theater, July 10.

When these events aren't going on in the courtyard, family fun will be.

The renovation brought with it The Castle Farms Activity Center which will be open from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, May 31 through Labor Day.

In the center the public is welcome to picnic, play badminton, croquet, giant chess, horse shoes and shuffle board for $5 a family member.

Other events planned for summer include a July 11 Street Rods Car Show, a July 17 and 18 antiques show and the Venetian Festival's Kids Day July 20.

"We want this building to be here 300 years from now. It's designed like a castle and with proper care and proper maintenance it will last forever," Richard said.

For more information about Castle Farms visit www.castlefarms.com on the Internet.

Photo credit

(Above) Richard and Linda Mueller have spent a lot of their time and money restoring the Castle to its original look. (Below) The Castle undegoes its transformation.

Hospital to host annual farmer's market

A Farmer's Market will be open this Friday, May 28, and continue through the end of the season at 14634 Park Avenue between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., or until vendors sell out.

The market is a project of the Community Relations Committee of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation and is not a fundraiser, but intended to provide the community and vendors with a local shopping spot for fresh produce, perennials, baked goods, cut flowers and other items.

For additional information call 547-8685.

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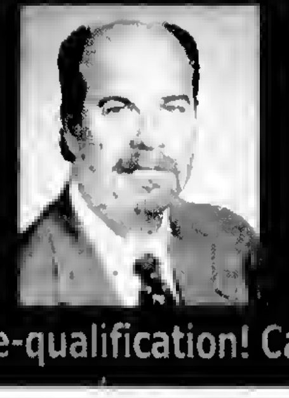
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Letters to the editor

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Ad response

Editor:

There have been comments concerning the John Jarema for prosecutor ads that claim he has the endorsement of police unions in Charlevoix County that have been made to me because I am a member of the union at the sheriff's office. I have been asked why don't the police officers support the current prosecutor, Mary Beth Kur for re-election? The sheriff's office has a union of 12 members and there has been much discussion within our unit as to how many votes in our union constitutes a majority vote.

I am aware of only five union members who wanted our union to make a political endorsement of Mr. Jarema, or any candidate; which clearly is not a majority of twelve individuals; and yet the ads in your paper continue to make the claim that our Police Officers Labor Council is making this endorsement. Further, it is my understanding that it is a violation of POLC policy to use the POLC name in any candidate endorsement ad, I was told this by the executive director of the Police Officers' Labor Council, who stated that a candidate must first make a formal request for endorsement to his office.

Additionally, it should be noted that our office is comprised of approximately 38 people who are non-union employees, so as not to infer that our entire department is making any endorsement.

It is my opinion that using a union to make an endorsement is a choice made by those unwilling to publicly stand up for what they believe in, a way to remain anonymous, as it were, sit on the fence, but stir the pot.

I support Mary Beth Kur, her assistant prosecutors Brian Seelye, Jennifer Deegan, John Puzzuoli, Kerri Zahner, the support staff – Staci Seeyle, Deb Niswander and Sheana Burk for re-election. It is my opinion that we have a prosecutor's office that is of the highest caliber professionally and has done an outstanding job advocating for victims in this county and prosecuting the criminals. They are a dedicated, hardworking and committed team giving 110% to the people of this county. Mary Beth Kur has served this county well and deserves to be re-elected to continue this service.

I would like to see the 'police union' ads stop, as they are very misleading. If Mr. Jarema wants to be elected prosecutor, his campaign should state how he plans to do a better job than is currently being offered to the citizens of this county by Mary Beth Kur.

Make your own decisions as voters, do the research, talk to people. I believe that the citizens of this county will overwhelmingly support Mary Beth Kur as prosecutor in August.

Sherry Sproul
Charlevoix

Change the path

Editor:

Stuck again in another quagmire. No, it's not yet "Nam" redux with 50,000 body bags, but it could be if we continue the path we are on.

Let's bring the reservists and National Guard home and replace them with regular army whose members have been trained for this kind of combat. Where do we get them? With 60,000 troops in Germany, 41,000 troops in Japan (World War II ended in 1948 and Russia is no threat) who are they guarding? With 37,000 troops in South Korea, 11,000 in Italy and 11,000 in Great Britain it seems like it would be easy to shift them to Iraq and bring our strength up to 200,000. This would get some security to enable the new governing council to function. Also reservists and guard units should only be deployed for six months tours.

Paul Richards
Editor

Thank you

Editor:

I am very proud of the results attained at the American Red Cross community blood drive in Charlevoix on May 13.

Thanks to volunteer efforts to get the word out about the blood drive, we welcomed 142 donors to the Community Reformed Church. From those donors the Red Cross collected 124 pints of blood.

Each productive unit of blood will be manufactured into three life-saving blood products.

These products will be available to hospitals because of the generosity of our volunteers and donors.

We are so fortunate in Charlevoix to have a wonderful facility in the Community Reformed Church and such a dedicated group of volunteers and donors. I'm very grateful!

Our next community blood drive is on July 22, during the Venetian Festival. It will be held at the Reformed Church from noon until 5:45. On July 29, Bethany Lutheran Church will host a blood drive for donors with type 0 blood.

It will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 5:45 p.m.

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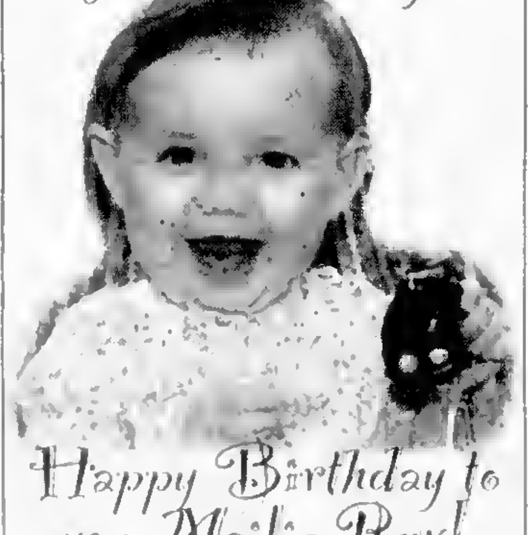

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CLASSIC/SPECIAL AUTOS 192

CENTRAL LAKE Collector Car Show. Sunday, June 13, 2004. 72 trophies, 33 categories. Prizes/raffle info: 231-675-0965 or jdshooks@torchlake.com.

(5-5-6-192)

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(5-12-3-203)

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(5-19-5-203)

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(5-26-2-203)

BID 209

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Charlevoix Clerk's Office will receive bids at their office at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 until 1:00 P.M., on June 21, 2004 for the following item:

ONE (1) Type One (walk through) Ambulance

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked "BID FOR AMBULANCE," in the lower left corner, and must be signed and dated by the bidder's authorized representative. Bid transfers by facsimile will NOT be accepted.

Further information and specifications may be obtained from Paul Ivan, Fire Chief for the City of Charlevoix Fire Department, at the above noted address. Telephone number to the Fire Department is 231-547-3279.

Bid price shall be inclusive for all equipment and items listed, and shall include all charges, INCLUDING all parts, labor, and materials needed to complete items listed on the attached sheets.

Any exceptions to said specifications listed, must be noted by bidder, and detailed information as to the proposed alternative items(s) must be noted.

All bidders will be notified of the bid award within fourteen (14) days of the date of awarding the bid.

The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, waive technicalities, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

May 21, 2004

Paul Ivan, Fire Chief

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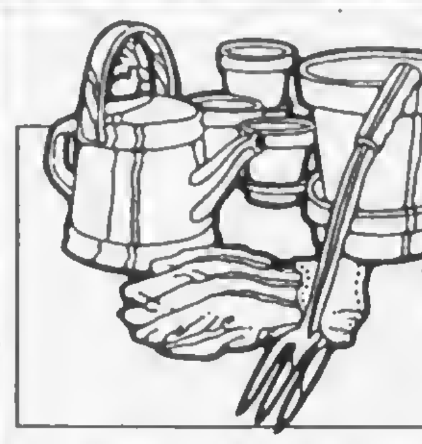

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY P.O. BOX 30204 LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Geological and Land Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Charlevoix High School, Auditorium 05200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, on Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at 7 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 04-15-0022-P under Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust, Attn: Michael E. Gardener, 702 S.W. 8th Street, Bentoville, Arkansas. The applicant proposes to construct a retail department store and associated facilities off US-31. The applicant proposes to place approximately 5397 cubic yards of clean fill in 0.294 acres of wetland which formerly served as a burrow pit and drainage swale. The project is located in T34N, R8W, Section 8, City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CIWPIS, or may be reviewed in the Geological and Land Management Division DEQ, 2100 West M-32, Gaylord, Michigan 49735-9282, by calling 989-705-3435. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30307 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision of this application.

Date: May 21, 2004

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Permit Consolidation Unit
Geological and Land
Management Division
517-373-9244

NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage dated August 5, 2002, given by Richard P. Carlson and Colleen Sue Carlson, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded August 12, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 481, Page 825, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE AND 29/100 DOLLARS ($87,169.29) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, June 11, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 180 and the S. 25 feet of Lot 173, Block V, Nicholl's and Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne, now the City of Boyne, according to the Plat thereof. City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: April 29, 2004

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgagee
CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

WILLIAM D. BAIOCCHI and
KRISTIN L. BAIOCCHI,
husband and wife; and
THOMAS G. BAIOCCHI and
RHONDA E. BAIOCCHI,
husband and wife;
and DIANE B. MURG,
Plaintiffs,
v
JENNIE L. COPP, her heirs,
successors, assigns, executors and
any claiming thereunder,
Defendants. /

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
111 State Street, Suite 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231/547-4059

ORDER TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court, held at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on the 12th day of May, 2004.
PRESIDING: The Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

On April 21, 2004, an action was filed by the above named Plaintiffs, against the above named Defendants, in the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, to quiet title to real property situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, and more specifically identified as follows:

In the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, Michigan:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at a 1 inch iron pipe at the South quarter corner of Section 33, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the South line of said section South 89°49'10" West 2630.36 feet to a 3/4 inch pipe at the Southwest corner of said section; thence along the West line of said section North 00°18'24" West 2747.87 feet; thence South 58°38'40" East (recorded as South 58°50' East) 525.02 feet to a half inch iron at the Northernmost corner of the William D. Baiocchi, Thomas G. Baiocchi and Diane B. Murg property as recorded in Liber 308, Page 52, Charlevoix County Records, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence North 26°52'13" East 78.55 feet to the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence along said short South 55°51'00" East 9.22 feet; thence continuing along said short South 51°42'40" East 51.10 feet; thence leaving said shore South 23°41'51" West 75.57 feet to a half inch iron at the Northeasterly corner of said Baiocchi, Baiocchi, and Murg property; thence North 53°35'00" West 36.3 feet; thence North 53°38'40" West 27.7 feet to the Point of Beginning; being part of Government Lot 1 of Section 33 North, Range 6 West. The above described parcel includes all land to the water's edge of Lake Charlevoix Northeasterly of the courses described as being along said shore.

PARCEL 2: Commencing at the South eighth corner on the West line of Section 33, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence North along the West line of said section 1121 feet; thence South 58°50' East 369.7 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 58°50' East 16.2 feet to an iron stake; thence South 53°34' East 24.8 feet to an iron stake; thence North 36°26' East 250 feet to an iron stake on the Southwesterly line of the County Road; thence 53°34' West (also having been recorded as North 58°50' West) 36.3 feet to an iron stake; thence North 58°50' West (also having been recorded as North 53°34'West) 27.7 feet to an iron stake at the Northeast corner of a lot commonly described as Lot No. 8 of the Unrecorded Plat of Gaza Beach; thence South 31°10' West 250 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 33, Town 33 North, Range 6 West, and to be known as Lot 9 of the Unrecorded Plat of Gaza Beach.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant **JENNIE L. COPP,** as above named, and any heirs, successors, assigns, or others claiming thereunder, and any other parties claiming interest shall answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before **June 30, 2004**. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint.

PLEASE NOTE that a hearing will be held on:
-------**July 16, 2004, at 2:15 p.m**.---- in the Circuit Courtroom of the Charlevoix County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan, in connection with this matter.

Date Entered: May 12, 2004

Richard M. Pajtas
Circuit Court Judge

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS Decedent's Estate STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY File No.:04-010677-DE

Estate of:
Yvonne Marjorie Archambault
Date of Birth: July 15, 1932
TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

ON May 14, 2004 the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the above captioned estate and is serving without bond.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS: The decedent, Yvonne Marjorie Archambault, who lived at 06685 M-66-N, #75, Charlevoix, Michigan, died March 23, 2004.

Creditors and Interested Persons of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, or interest in the matter, will be forever barred unless presented to, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Roy C. Hayes, III (P50042)
03488 M-66-N
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-1111

Mary R. McClanaghan
8662 Camp Daggett Rd.
Petoskey, MI 49770

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

SECOND SUMMONS STATE OF MICHIGAN 33RD CIRCUIT COURT Case No. 2004-018320-DP Hon. Richard M. Pajtas CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7243

CHRISTIE GRANDY,
Plaintiff,
v
MARK CAPLAN,
104 HARLEY BEAGLE,
HARRISON, MI 48625

By: Mary Beth Kur P44424
Prosecuting Attorney
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7241

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the People of the State of Michigan, you are notified:
1. You are being sued.
2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this Summons to file an answer with the Court and serve a copy on the other party (Charlevoix Prosecuting Attorney's Office), or to take other lawful action (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside this state).
3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Issued: April 1, 2004
This summons expires: July 2, 2004
Court clerk: Sharon M. Selissen, Deputy

COMPLAINT PROVISION
There is no other pending or resolved action within the jurisdiction of the Family Division of Circuit Court involving the family or family members of the parties.

VENUE
Defendant(s) residence:
104 Harley Beagle Road
Harrison, MI 48625
Place where action arose or business conducted:
Charlevoix County
I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.
Date: April 1, 2004
MARY BETH KUR P44424
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
By: Kerry B. Zahner P55809
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

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MAY 2004

CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

First Aid

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- Basic First Aid from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, in Classroom B.

The cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association community-training center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Plant, garden sale

Charlevoix Area Garden Club Plant and Garden Sale is at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 29, at 807 E. Dixon.

Pool meeting

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will have its annual meeting at 5:30 p.m., on June 4, at the Charlevoix Congregational/UCC Church. The purpose is to review the year's activity and have an election of board members. The public is invited.

Ford retiree meeting

The Northern Michigan Ford Retiree Group will be having its annual luncheon meeting in Traverse City at the Park Place Hotel's Banquet Dome on Friday, Aug. 6, 2004. The featured speaker will be Nick Scheele, president of the Ford Motor Company. The group has been meeting in various northern Michigan locations since 1980. Events are open to all Ford retirees and spouses or friends, regardless of where they live. Participants can plan for an overnight stay or long weekend in Traverse City but should book accommodations now to ensure availability. For further information or to get on the mailing list, contact the group at nmifordret@hotmail.com or call Margo Johnson at (231) 547-0866.

Class reunion

Charlevoix High School's Class of 1964 will host its fortieth reunion at 7:30 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The cost is $20 per person. Reservations should be directed to Leslie (Lyons) Cunningham at 06530 Brown Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2145, or Betty (Reynolds) Martin at 12347 Waller Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or phone 547-2089, by June 1. Anyone able to provide contact information for class members can call or e-mail Ms. Cunningham at lcunning@freeway.net.

Kiwanis meeting

Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix meets each Tuesday, at noon for lunch. Meetings are located at the Weathervane Restaurant and last approximately 1 hour. All are welcome.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open on Monday and Thursday every week from 10 a.m. until noon at the First Congregational Church on State Street in Charlevoix. They are there to help persons who live in the Charlevoix School District who need emergency food help.

Single people and couples receive two bags of food and families receive four bags of food, plus each get a voucher for fresh foods from Oleson's, which the Food Pantry pays for. Each household may come to the food pantry once each month.

For more information call 547-9122 and please leave a message.

Skate park needs volunteers

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with fund-raising, grant writing, working at the skate park and to serve on special committees. A temporary site for the skate park has been located with a summer opening date targeted. Please contact Vickie Daman at 547-8063, Vicki Hankins at 675-0847, or e-mail vichankins@hotmail.com.

Coffee at the library

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are hosting Wednesday morning coffees at 10 a.m. to help answer any questions you may have about the Library's building project. For further information, contact the library at 547-2651.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m, every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flapjack Resturant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-7545.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

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Satisfactory Progress Reported On Construction of 10 Seaplane Tenders for U.S. Navy

Production at the Foster Boat Co. went on practically a 24-hour basis Monday as work was speeded up on the construction of seaplane tender boats of the U.S. Navy.

The work program was augmented by addition of a third shift provided by the addition of new workmen and shifting of some experienced men from two other shifts which have been maintained for some time.

Under the present schedule, the first shift works from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., the second shift from 4 to 7:30 p.m. and 8 to 11:30 p.m., third shift from midnight to 3 a.m. and 3:30 to 7:30 a.m. The shifts are seven hours each, six days a week. A heavy increase in the payroll has been made since production started a short time ago.

The local concern is building ten 35-foot craft to be used as seaplane tenders. Construction on the first boat is practically complete and milling for subsequent boats has been brought up to a stage where construction will go forward rapidly, it is understood.

With efforts underway to obtain additional war contracts, officials of the company are looking forward to continued expansion.

Charlevoix Courier May 20, 1942

Re-dedication of Park as Veterans Memorial Set for Memorial Day

The re-dedication of the park located between Antrim Street and Belvedere Avenue, east of Bridge Street as a memorial to the Veterans of World War 1 will be the highlight of the Memorial Day program Tuesday.

The parade to Brookside Cemetery will halt briefly at the park for the service at which Oscar P. North of Newaygo, World War 1 veteran and member of the Leslie T. Shapton Post No. 226, American Legion, will deliver the dedication address.

A native rock and a bronze plaque will be unveiled marking the spot as a memorial to the men of Charlevoix and vicinity who gave their lives in 1917-18 as well as the veterans who have died since then as a result of disabilities received in the service.

The First dedication was held in the early 1920s with the planting of the trees. A memorial committee composed of Ralph Hamilton as chairman, Floyd A. Supp and Fenton R. Bulow of the American Legion and Leslie Everts and Clarence Rabach of V.F.W. have selected the rock and plaque and planned the rededication of the park.

Following the dedication program, the parade will continue to Brookside Cemetery where the Reverend L.L. Lewis will deliver the Memorial Day address.

The line of march and program follows:

The parade led by Floyd Black as Marshall will leave Park Avenue at 10 a.m. and march to the corner of Bridge Street and Belvedere Avenue for the rededication ceremony.

Judge Supp of the memorial committee will introduce Mr. North who will give the dedication address and unveil the rock and plaque. He will also place a wreath at the foot of the rock. The Rev. W.D. Wood will give the benediction.

The traditional ceremony at the waterfront honoring the sailor dead will follow with members of the veterans auxiliaries casting flowers into the water. Taps will be sounded and the Charlevoix High School band under the direction of C.A. Odmark, will close the brief service with the playing of "God Bless America."

The parade will continue to Brookside Cemetery where the annual Decoration Day program will be held.

The high school band will play "America" and will be followed by invocation by Rev. G. D. Howell; Rheta Boss will deliver the Gettysburg Address.

Rev. L.L. Lewis' memorial address will be followed by a floral tribute; salute; taps; Star Spangled Banner, high school band; benediction Rev. Joseph Bekkering.

Veterans organizations will meet at Brookside and St. Mary's cemeteries Monday evening to place flags on veterans' graves.

The band, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and school children will meet at the school and march to Park Avenue where the parade will form.

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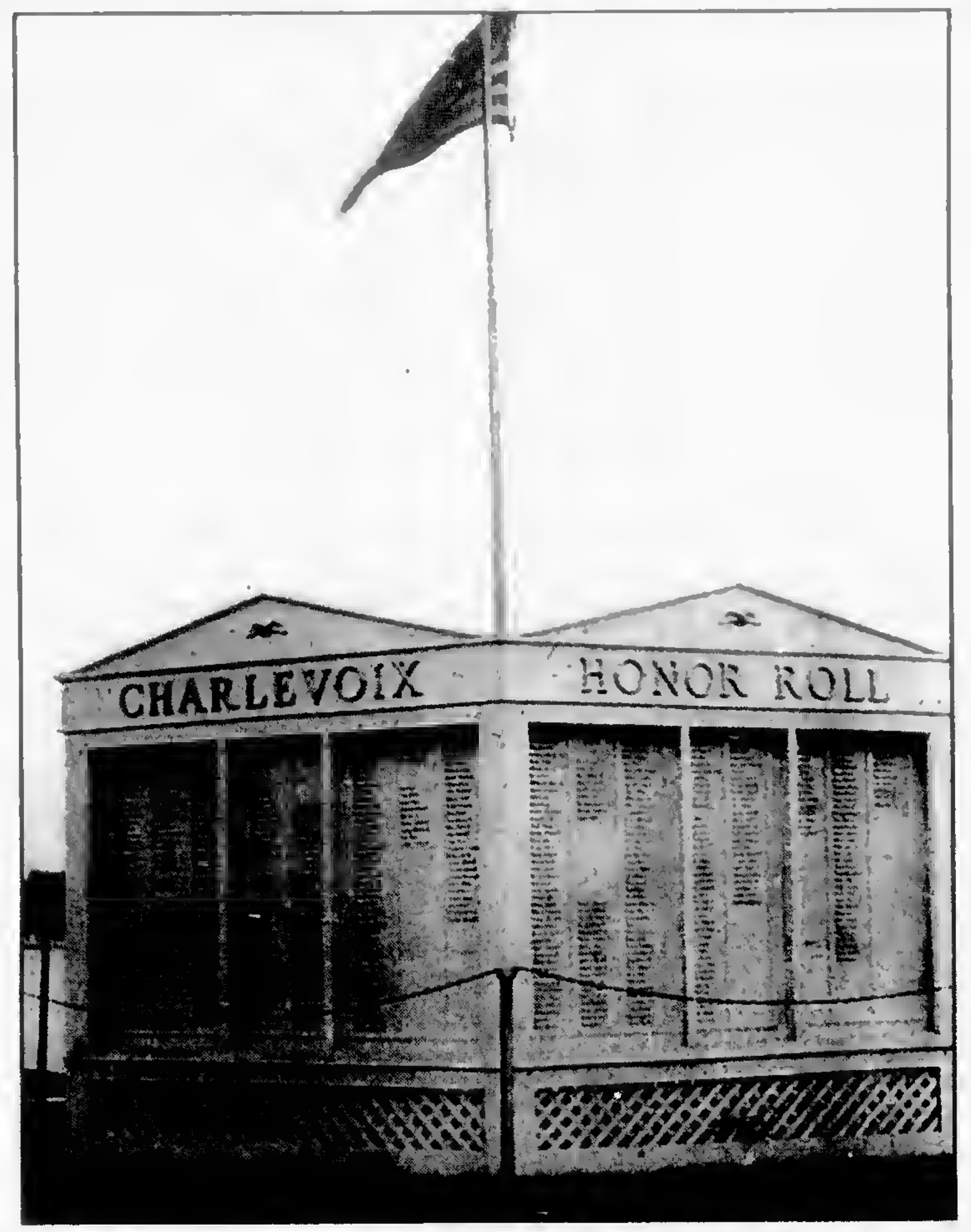

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Charlevoix veterans were honored with this honor roll in the past. (Articles compiled by Cynthia Postmus on behalf of the Charlevoix Public Library.)

WANT PHOTOS OF MEN IN SERVICE

DISPLAY PLANNED BY LOCAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Parents or Relatives Asked to Provide Picture to Mrs. P.R. Ross or Mrs. Charles Bellinger

So that everyone may know and recognize Charlevoix men serving in the armed forces of the United States during the present conflict, the Charlevoix Service Organization is planning a display of photographs of all service men.

Ralph Hamilton, chairman of the service organization, has announced that Mrs. P.R. Ross and Mrs. Charles Bellinger form a committee to obtain photos of service men and arrange the display. While it is not definitely decided, it is believed that the display will be made in the window of the Hime Pearl barber shop.

It is requested that parents or relatives of men in the armed forces provide photographs to either Mrs. Ross or Mrs. Bellinger. When all photos have been turned in, the display will be arranged and placed.

Committees of the service organization are working on plans to provide a send-off for Charlevoix County's June draft quota. While the number to be called has been set at 47, date of call and the names of draftees has not yet been announced.

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Wal-Mart ends plans for Charlevoix Township

WAL-MART

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Corcoran said it does not seem that this is a temporary move by the company.

Notification of the decision was made to Rajewski in an e-mail and letter from Alan Oertel, the Wal-Mart project manager. In his e-mail he says that Wal-Mart is canceling its Charlevoix project.

In the letter, Oertel states, "Wal-Mart has authorized me to advise that Wal-Mart would like to withdraw its application for site plan approval. Although I recognize that the township believes that the application was not administratively complete, I am providing this notice to you as a courtesy."

Wal-Mart had submitted a site plan and some documentation to the township for its project in March. A meeting was then scheduled for late April.

However, it was determined that the company did not have all of its application in and that meeting was postponed.

Bob Hoffman, president of This Is Our Town, said this latest news is wonderful.

"It is good for the Charlevoix community," he said. "We intend to work with the city and township to make sure we don't have this problem again."

Dale Glass, Charlevoix Township Supervisor, said the township would welcome any valid information from any organization on its zoning ordinances or project.

He added, even before Wal-Mart expressed interest in Charlevoix Township, the township was working on revisions to its zoning ordinance.

"If our ordinance needs changing it will be done," Glass said.

Hoffman added the organization will help any other community in the area that wants to fight a Wal-Mart.

"We think this is a regional problem. It harms the character of the area," he said.

Wal-Mart did not return calls seeking comment.

Veterans' groups to be selling poppies

The members of the American Legion, Leslie T. Shapton Unit 226 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Charlevoix Post 1153, and their auxiliary members will be distributing memorial poppies the next two weeks.

The Legion members will be selling the poppies on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 27 through 29.

The poppies are made by disabled veterans at the military hospitals, who earn a small amount by making the poppies. Then purchased by the local military veterans organizations, they are distributed to the public.

Money donated by the public for the poppies is used by both groups for relief to local veterans and their families, to assist with veterans' hospitals and others. Please be generous and buy both kinds of poppies to assist with these important relief programs.

Any member of either group who has not been contacted to sell poppies, should contact Katie Curtis 547-6943 or Rosalyn Goldstick 547-2636 for the American Legion poppies and Arlene Staley 547-2985 or Rosalyn Goldstick 547-2636 to assist with the VFW poppies.

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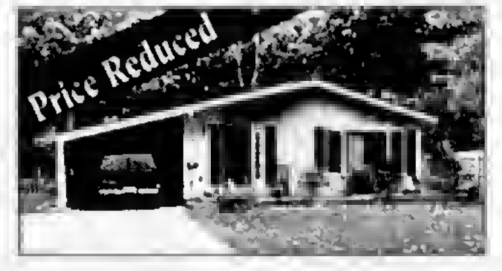

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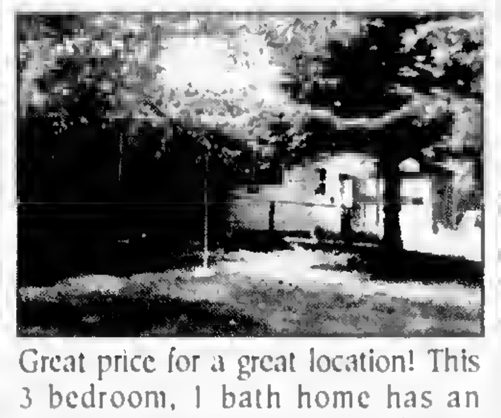

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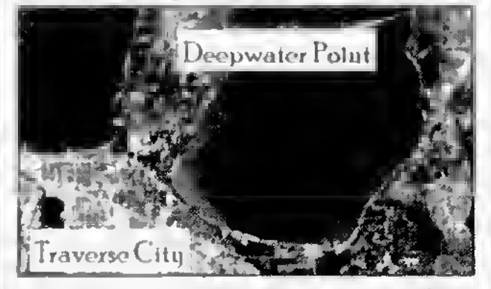

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Student dies in fire Tuesday

Slough was to graduate on Friday

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer
And by JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The halls at Northwest Academy were wet with tears Tuesday morning as students and teachers learned they lost a senior in a house fire, just days before he was set to graduate.

James Theodore "Ted" Slough, 17, was killed when his home in Ellsworth, outside of East Jordan caught fire.

"It's devastating," Gary Stutzman, Director of Bands for Northwest Academy, said.

According to Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater the fire department responded to the fire call at the Slough home, on Slough Road, around 2:30 a.m., Tuesday. As of Tuesday morning, fire personnel were still on the scene, but the fire was pretty much put out by 6:30 a.m.

Lasater said the house was a total loss. Slough's mother, father and older brother and a guest — who were also in the home at the time of the fire — were treated for injuries at Charlevoix Area Hospital and released.

No cause for the fire has been determined yet, Lasater added.

Slough transferred to Northwest Academy this year from East Jordan High School, because of the charter school's top notch music program, and instantly became Stutzman's right hand man.

In a previous interview Slough said the school "opened up doors" for him.

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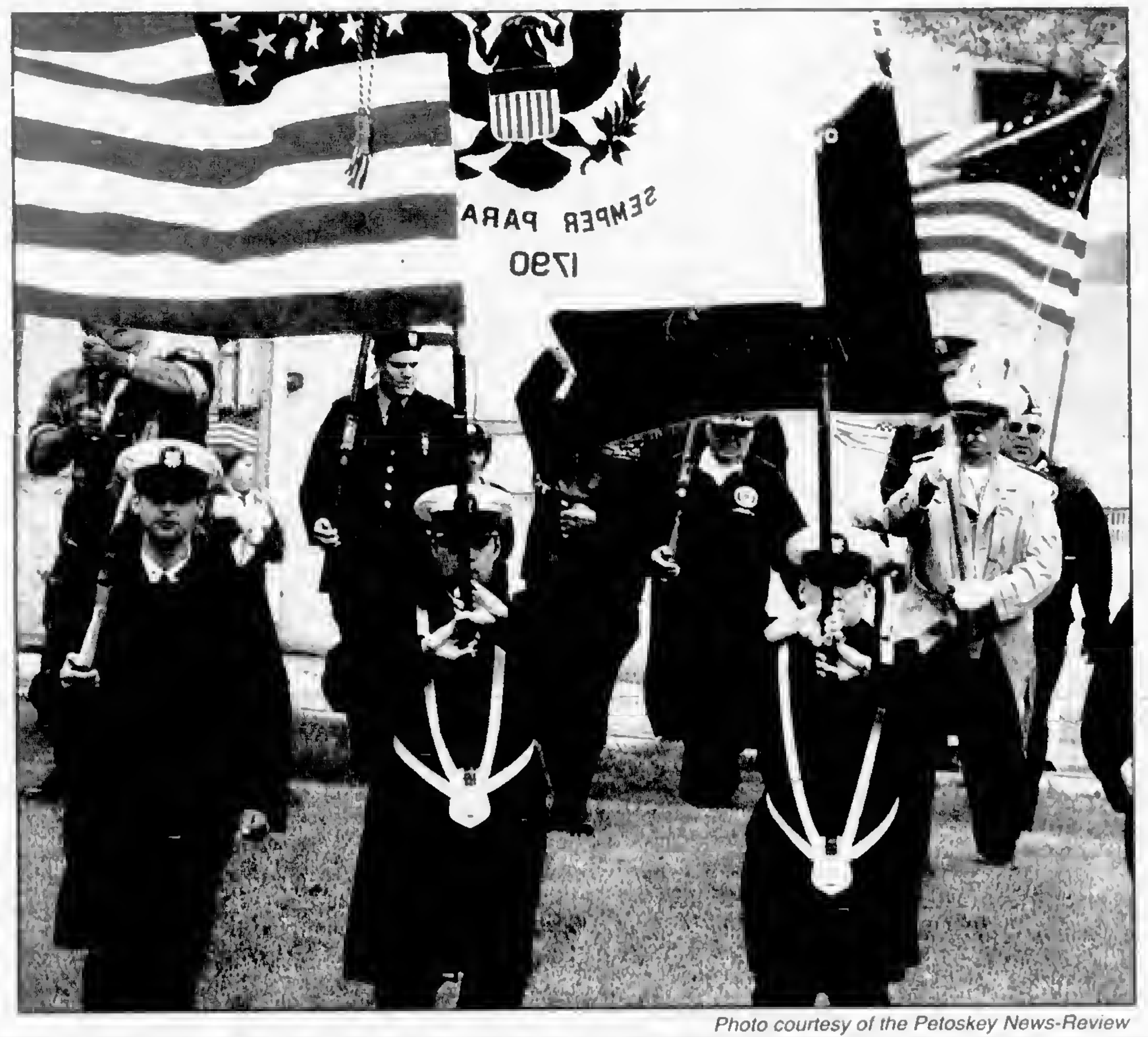
Memorial to the fallen



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United States Coast Guardsmen stationed in Charlevoix took part in the annual Memorial Day Parade down Bridge Street to East Park Monday. Veterans from the American Legion and Veteran's of Foreign War also took part in the parade and observance of the men and women who gave their lives protecting the country.

New library decision to go before the voters on June 14

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The fate of the new Charlevoix Public Library is in the hands of voters.

Registered voters in the Charlevoix School District which includes, the city of Charlevoix and Charlevoix, Eveline, Hayes, Marion and Norwood townships, will head to the polls June 14 where they will be given a ballot asking them to support a new library project.

The biggest financial commitment to be considered is a .75 mill bond proposal that would cover $7.45 million of the $8.5 million transformation of the former Charlevoix Middle School off Grant Street into a new library. If approved this millage would be levied for a time period not to exceed 20 years and will cost a homeowner whose taxable value is $100,000, $75 a year.

If approved, the renovation and expansion project at the 80-year-old school will result in a 24,000 square foot brick facility, with all the library's main functions on the first floor.

This primary floor will include small additions, totaling just under 4,000 square feet of space — one will house the program room and the other, a children's activity room.

The facility will offer adult, children's and teen collections as well as a popular reading room, quiet reading areas, gardens, a self check out, a

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Bradford Leighton Long, 19, Boulder, Colo. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES class; $100 in fines and costs.

Carol Anne Zipp, 36, East Jordan. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing of marijuana; and controlled substance — maintaining a drug house. Bound over to circuit court.

David Brown Scott, 45, Charlevoix. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Colby Gerald Mahan, 22, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Adam John Cooper, 40, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana; careless driving. One year probation; 180 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 164 days held in abeyance; $850 in fines and costs.

Justin Lee Smith, 22, Frankford. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Leon Earl Zitka, 49, Horton Bay. Open container — highway. Fines and costs totaling $120.

Douglas Michael Smith, 26, Charlevoix. Assault and battery. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 62 days held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Raymond John Whisler, 22, Ellsworth. Possession of marijuana. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days, 349 held in abeyance; $1,850 in fines and costs.

Brandon Lee Maike, 27, East Jordan. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Jeremy Scott Booze, 21, East Jordan. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Shaylon Rolland Jones, 22, Boyne City. Attempted selling/furnishing alcohol to a minor. Serve three days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Jerry Earl Yettaw, 57, East Jordan. Domestic violence. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for 10 days, serve 83 days; $850 in fines and costs.

Robert Richard Vargo, 51, Charlevoix. Driving while under the influence of alcohol. One year probation; attend substance abuse counseling; vehicle immobilized 180 days; 93 days in jail with credit for three days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 45 days on electronic monitor, 80 days held in abeyance; $1,100 in fines and costs.

Helga Meta Stray, 57, Charlevoix. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; attend substance abuse counseling; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

G.L.S. Digital, 10775 Nelson Road, East Jordan, by Billie Jo Platte

Around Tu It Services, 2347 Clarion, Boyne Falls, by George Stahl

Custom Artistry, 5041 Bergmann Road, East Jordan, by Raynee L. Lewis

Falls Motel, 2686 US-131, Boyne Falls, by Laura Snoeck

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Joshua Grant Bernthal, 23, Fort Polk, La. and Devon Marie Maat, 21, Boyne City.

Robert Joseph Cearlock, 27, Boyne City and Tamara Kay Muska, 40, Boyne City

Raymond Joseph Behling, 21, Boyne City and Jasmine Marie Thayer, 22, Boyne City

James William Bowerman, 23, East Jordan and Cheryl Lynn Marvin, 21, East Jordan

Randy Herman Houghton, 23, Charlevoix and Alisia Marie Bills, 18, Charlevoix

Gregory Charles Grose, 18, East Jordan and Holly Ann Wells, 21, East Jordan

Jason Lee Terryberry, 26, Charlevoix and Amanda Gail Warner, 24, East Jordan

Jeffrey Paul Johnson, 31, East Jordan and Christina Marie Roberts, 23, East Jordan

Births

Anders Christopher, weighing 7 pounds, 30 ounces, was born to Michael and Beth McCathy of Petoskey on May 26, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

City, county law enforcement ticket seat belt violators

On Tuesday, May 25, the Charlevoix City Police Department, with assistance from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, conducted its first safety belt enforcement zone.

This was located on M-66, just east of US-31 and was conducted from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Seventeen vehicles were stopped, which resulted in nine seatbelt citations being issued. The fine for these tickets is $65.

The Charlevoix City Police Department will be conducting another enforcement zone from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 5. This will also be on M-66, near US-31.

According to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP), up to 50 lives could be saved and 653 injuries prevented each year if the state's safety belt use increased from its current 85 percent to 90 percent.

In a recent survey in the City of Charlevoix, there was an 80 percent compliance rate with the safety belt laws, 5 percent below the state average.

Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson said, "These enforcement zones are about saving lives and preventing injuries, not about writing tickets, traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death before the age of 35. We're trying to impact and encourage safe driving habits with aggressive enforcement of our seat belt laws."

Sheriff offers boating safety classes

Sheriff George T. Lasater said the sheriff's office will offer boating safety classes from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

June 5 at Boyne Falls School; June 12 at Charlevoix Middle School; June 15 at Beaver Island Public School; June 19 at East Jordan Public Library; July 10 at Walloon Lake Country Club; July 17 at Charlevoix Middle School; July 31 at Walloon Lake Country Club; Aug. 7 at Boyne City Middle School.

There is no pre-registration requirement. The minimum age for those attending is 12 years old. Students must provide date of birth documentation and a sack lunch.

Students who receive a satisfactory exam grade will be issued a Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the end of the class session. Completion of the course is mandatory for anyone born after Dec. 31, 1978, juveniles between the ages of 12 and 16, to operate a boat and for parents who allow their children between the ages of 12 and 14 to operate personal watercraft.

Sheriff Lasater reminds parents they must be physically present (on board) with the child while the personal watercraft is being operated under this law.

Anyone with additional questions about these classes or marine laws should contact Sgt. David Beyer at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Marine Division at 547-4461, ext. 320.

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Marion planners vote for rezone

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The Marion Township Planning Commission voted against the grain of a recommendation made by the Charlevoix County Planning Department.

At a special meeting of the commission that took place May 25 the seven members government body considered a controversial rezoning request submitted in the fall of 2003 to the Marion Township Board by Charlevoix resident Wayne Boss and his family members, who are partners in Legacy Development Group, LLC.

The request is to rezone two parcels of land that the developers own, both fronting on Loeb Road around where it intersects with Veenstra Road, totaling 59 acres from agricultural to R-1, single family residential, to make way for 85 "affordable" home sites.

In a staff report written by Charlevoix County Planner Larry Sullivan, he recommends denial of the rezone request until a municipal sewer line is run to the site.

Sullivan said in making this recommendation he reviewed soil and water suitability information compiled by Performance Engineers of Charlevoix for the township.

The engineering study found an adequate supply of water for individual wells to be drilled to service the homes.

But the soil study is where things became questionable for Sullivan.

The soil study, which looks at whether the land can support on-site septic systems for each individual home, came away with different results for the two parcels. The engineers found that soil on the north site is better suited for higher density development like what Boss is proposing. On the south site, they found more variation in the soil which would make it less suitable for this type of development in some areas.

Sullivan said the reports findings on nitrate levels in the aquifer that could result were the key factor impacting the staff report.

"The Performance Engineering Study found nitrate contamination in the top aquifer could result at levels exceeding safe drinking water standards," Sullivan said. "The way to cure that problem is to put sewers in."

Sullivan's report said his concern isn't with drinking water contamination at the site of Boss' development, it is surrounding properties with shallow wells and others off site that may be impacted.

"While this (the impacted aquifer) may not be the source of drinking water for this particular development, the water from this aquifer will drain into a lower aquifer at some other location resulting in drinking water concerns at another location," the report states.

Of specific concern to some members of the commission and to Sullivan were about 19 shallow wells within 600 feet of the property that could be impacted.

An evaluation of the Performance Engineering report, which was done by Ball Environmental Associates of Traverse City, suggests those shallow well owners monitor their water for nitrates or deepen their wells to ensure a long-term, high quality water supply.

While Sullivan recommended against the rezone, he isn't against developing the property and even said he supports higher density development than the minimum of 20,000 square feet per lot Boss is planning for if municipal sewer service is brought to the site. He said homes per every 10,000 or 15,000 square feet is a better use of the property, but under the current plan with on-site septic for each home, he said neither site should be rezoned.

While Boss said Sullivan's opinion of sewer service is a good plan for waste disposal, he told the commission the project would be impossible to do if the financial burden of running a sewer to the site was added.

After deliberating the information from Sullivan, the engineering report, Boss and residents, the commission opted to see merit in a partial rezone.

In a close vote, the commission voted 4-3 in favor of recommending to the township board that the north 36 acres of the property be rezoned and unanimously voted against recommending a rezone of the 23 acre south parcel.

Commission chairman Tim Matchett explained that those who voted in favor of the north parcel rezone request, including himself and fellow com-

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Man killed in accident at Manthei

A 37-year-old Bellaire man was killed in an industrial accident around 8:30 a.m., May 27 at Manthei Development Corp. on US-31 South in Norwood Township.

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department Justin Paul Lowe was killed when the arm of a rock crushing machine came loose and struck him in the chest. At the time, several workmen were disabling the machine. Emergency personnel form Charlevoix EMS and the Charlevoix Fire Department responded to the scene. Lowe was immediately transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater said he would like to recognize the employees of the Manthei Development Corp. who were making every effort to give aid to Lowe until emergency personnel arrived.

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Have some fun, but be safe this summer

EDITORIAL

This weekend, several Charlevoix students at both of the local high schools will be entering a new phase in their lives.

With graduation, these students will embark upon that journey we all must take into adulthood. It is one filled with great stress, great sadness and great sacrifices, but also with great achievements, great happiness and great rewards.

There will be many challenges facing these students as they go out into the world to meet their destinies. We live in a nation that is at war, with an economy that goes up and down on a whim and facing many issues that need to be resolved — such as health care and social security.

These students that we will see off this weekend will be the ones that must face these challenges head on. They will be the ones who must come up with solutions. They will be our future.

That is a lot to put on the shoulders of any person, much less someone just starting out in their adult lives. But, from the looks of the achievements these new graduates have already done — example, there are four valedictorians this year because there were so many good students at Charlevoix High School — it appears these students are all ready to face these challenges.

In the meantime, graduates, have some fun with your lives. Enjoy the summer. Take in the sun and the beaches of Charlevoix — and yes, you probably should work a little here and there to make some money for college.

But, please, be safe this summer.

While you are enjoying your time off before life hits you full force, it is not the time to forget common sense and put yourself in harm's way — such as drinking, especially when driving.

Let the community continue to celebrate your achievements.

Letters Policy

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Letters to the editor

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful clarification

Editor:

There has been some confusion as to the stand Keep Charlevoix Beautiful has taken on the proposed Wal-Mart being planned for Charlevoix.

On March 23, 2004 the Board of Directors of Keep Charlevoix Beautiful passed the following resolution: "Whereas part of the stated purpose of Keep Charlevoix Beautiful is to support planning for orderly growth; maintain and enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix and work to protect the quality of the environment in the Charlevoix area and take whatever appropriate action is deemed necessary or desirable to accomplish this objective as determined by the Board of Directors.

"The Board of Directors supports This is Our Town, Inc. in their effort to stop Wal-Mart or any other development that threatens orderly growth from building in Charlevoix."

Darsi Spencley
Secretary
Keep Charlevoix Beautiful

Vote for library

Editor:

It's a cool evening as we walk down the meandering pathway near the beautiful garden and hear the laughter and giggles coming from the children's play area.

As we enter the building we are greeted with the warmth of a lit fireplace and get cozy in an overstuffed chair to read a book with our grandchildren. There are so many books to select from that we browse for quite some time.

The friendly visitors that pass by us nod in approval. They are on their way to a meeting that takes place in another room that allows that same comfort. This is the picture we have in our mind when looking into the future of the new library.

From the student doing research to the senior citizen utilizing a reading machine, we can't think of a better resource for the community than a new library at the old middle school. We will be respecting the past by keeping and recycling a beautiful building. We can share with our grandchildren our own memories that were created there.

The planning and extra work done by many volunteers has impressed us so. We want to thank the trustees for a job well done. The meetings that were held to discuss the design and overall layout of this new and still useful facility allowed for much public input and were well run and organized.

You really listened and acted accordingly. It was never a case of tell us what you want and we'll do what we had planned to do all along. You really did listen to the community.

That alone gets you our yes vote for the June 14 ballot.

Gayle and Lyle Gennett
Charlevoix

Wal-Mart will return

Editor:

So, Wal-Mart isn't coming to Charlevoix! Surprise, surprise!

That brings a couple of questions to mind. First, when did the citizens of Charlevoix and Charlevoix Township need to have an outsider come to town to do their thinking? Second, how many of those folks who do not want Wal-Mart in Charlevoix spend their money in the different Wal-Marts in Petoskey, Gaylord and Traverse City instead of their hometown shops?

Wal-Mart will come back! It may take a few years, but the store will appear. Perhaps not in Charlevoix, but the approximate area. And they will draw paying customers from Charlevoix. All of this is a sure given!

Floyd L. Graham
Kathy Graham
Charlevoix

Vote for library

Editor:

When I recently moved to Charlevoix Township there were two things I did immediately. First, I changed my address on my driver's license and then I changed my voter registration.

It will be a real privilege for me to cast my first vote in Charlevoix Township for the library millage! As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Library of Michigan I hear about many small communities in our state who have successfully passed a millage for a new library. St. Ignace just broke ground for their new library.

The board of our library has done an excellent job of getting people's input for ideas and needs of a new library building and now it's time for all of us to help create a wonderful heritage for ourselves and those who come after us.

I hope I'll see a large number of supporters of these library proposals at the polls on June 14 and that we will all be proud to be a part of a successful millage which will bring a beautiful, modern and functional library building to our community.

Frances H. Pletz
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

It's time again to say thanks to so many for helping make the 10th Annual "Bryan Roloff Memorial Benefit" a huge success.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Flight Deck and staff, and all the businesses that gave generous donations. Without you we could not have done it.

A big thanks to all of our volunteers working the door, selling shirts and tickets and serving food. We certainly could not have done it without your help!

For helping us keep Bryan's life and music alive - a very special thanks to the following bands: The Push, Mojo and The Boogieman, Namus, White Russian, Parallel 45, Los Americanos and Gary Grapp. You all did a wonderful job and your music was enjoyed by all. (I'm sure Bryan was there with you.)

Thanks to all of you for spending the day with us remembering our son (Bryan). What a great place to live, so many caring people and wonderful friends.

This year's proceeds go to two young men right here in Charlevoix. We wish both of them a quick and successful recovery.

We love you and thank you,
Shirley Roloff and
The Roloff Family

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Book swap

Charlevoix fifth graders took part in a book swap recently with their fellow students at Charlevoix Middle School. Over 400 books were donated to the swap and 70 kids participated. Above, one of the students looks over the many books as she decides which one to read.

Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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Ad was valid

Editor:

In response to the recent criticisms to the validity of the police union's endorsement for John Jarema, candidate for Charlevoix County Prosecutor, I feel clarification is needed. After being a police officer for 12 years in Oak Park, I chose to take an early retirement from law enforcement and return to Charlevoix to raise my children and work for the family business.

During my career as a police officer our police union frequently took political positions on candidates. Endorsements given by police unions are not rare, but rather they should be expected. It's ludicrous to suggest that a police union would not take a position on choosing the chief law enforcement official for their county or that by doing so they are "sitting on the fence or stirring the pot." Freedom of speech and freedom of expression are constitutional rights that should be exercised.

The union stewards who brought the vote to their membership were merely doing the job that they were elected to do by the union members. It is the duty and responsibility of every member in that union to have their vote count. Whether they choose to vote, abstain or refuse to vote, they still have spoken. As in any election, a person is chosen by the majority vote. That's precisely what was done in this case.

It is true that in regards to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies Labor Council vote John received five votes and the current prosecutor received one vote. According to Ken Nash, the Northern Michigan Police Officers Union Representative, this was a majority of the members who elected to stand up and be counted. This very union took another vote with eight votes in support of continuing the endorsement of John and one vote to discontinue.

For the record the final counts of the other POLC are as follows. According to the Boyne City Police union steward, John received five votes out of five members. According to the East Jordan Police union steward, John received two votes with one abstaining, and one not voting for any endorsement. According to the representative from the Michigan State Police Trooper's Association, representing local members, John received 11 votes out of 18 members, with seven members abstaining. Out of the 39 members eligible to vote, John received 23 votes and the current prosecutor received one.

I do agree with Ms. Sproul's suggestion that all voters should do their own research and talk to people. John's platform, what he stands for and what he will do to improve the prosecutor's office, which Ms. Sproul is encouraging everyone to seek prior to the election, can be found at www.VoteJarema.com.

Alec Sheets
Charlevoix

(Editor's note: Alec Sheets is the husband of Barbara Sheets, John Jarema's campaign manager.)

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Wedding

Marr — Dawson

Breanne Marr and Matt Dawson were married Sept. 6, 2003, in Charlevoix, in a double ring ceremony performed by Carroll Aronson at Safe Harbor Baptist Church.

A reception followed the ceremony, with pictures taken at Lake Michigan's Fisherman Island Park.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Celeste Marr of Charlevoix.

The groom is the son of Craig and Leslie Dawson of Central Lake.

The bride was escorted by her father. Andrea Pair, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridal attendants were Anita Zeitler, friend of the bride, Shena Sprik, friend of the bride, Brooke Payton, friend of the bride, Melissa Vanstedum, friend of the bride, and Julie Meredith, friend of the bride.

Calista Jane Marr, niece of the bride and Paige Talbot, niece of the groom were flower girls. Josh Marr, brother of the bride, served as usher. Heather Marr, sister-in-law to the bride, was the matron of ceremonies.

Keith Shafer, friend of the groom, was best man. Also standing for the groom were Bryan Hoekesma, friend of the groom, Tony Miller, friend of the groom, Casey Lapeer, friend of the groom, Mike Marr, brother of the bride, and Billy Waffle, friend of the groom.

The bride graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1997 She then attended North Central Michigan College.

The groom graduated from Central Lake High School in 1996. He is now self-employed.

The couple now resides in Central Lake.

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Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures.

However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of.

If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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Any policies outlined above may be suspended by the editor or general manager of the Charlevoix Courier if necessary.

Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Koucky graduates

Lahrin Koucky, a graduate of Naples High School, received a bachelor of arts degree from the College of Wooster during commencement exercises on May 10. Koucky was a psychology major.

Mary Jane Grunch graduates

Mary Jane Grunch, of Grand Rapids, graduated from Aquinas College recently with a major in learning disabilities and a minor in reading. She is the daughter of Rick and Nancy Grunch of Charlevoix.

Keith Grunch graduates

Keith Grunch graduated from Aquinas College recently with a major in professional golf management. He is the son of Rick and Nancy Grunch of Charlevoix.

Sell performs

Jonathan Sell, a 2000 graduate of Charlevoix High School, recently performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. as part of the American College Theater Festival. He was in the cast of "Good Morning Athens," a rock musical.

Skatepark gets donation

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark Committee was recently notified of being awarded $10,000 by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Carano honored

Nancy Carano, of Charlevoix, was honored for her commitment to improving the lives of people with epilepsy recently by The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. She has been volunteering her time on behalf of the foundation since 1994. In 1995 she started the Summer Stroll for Epilepsy in Petoskey. This year's stroll will take place on June 26 at Bay Front Park in Petoskey.

Attee gets scholarship

Gina Attee, of Charlevoix, has been named a recipient of a faculty scholarship to Grand Valley State University. She is a recent graduate of Northwest Academy and is the daughter of Keith and Karen Attee.

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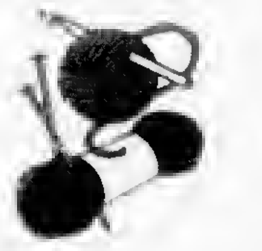

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Engagement

Shapton — Cunningham

Emily Frances and Kevin Lynn Cunningham are engaged to be married.

Emily is the daughter of Ron and Cindy Shapton of Franklin, Tenn. and granddaughter of Charles and Carmen Kitcley, Ralph and the late Rene Belle Shapton of Charlevoix. Kevin is the son of Randy and Rebecca Cunningham of Murray, Ky.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Franklin Classical School of Franklin, Tenn. and recently received a degree in Engineering Graphics and Design from Murray State University in Kentucky.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Murray High School and currently an engineering student at Murray State University in Kentucky.

On June 26, 2004 the couple will marry in Murray, Ky.

Comedy performance

Local comedy troupe, The Putzes, will be opening their 2004 season with "The Putzes Are Coming..." performed at 7 p.m. on June 5 at the Ross Stoakes Theater at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. The show is free to the public.

Collaborating to create this show are local comedians Boots Smith, Keith Patrick, Ben Macks, Kevin Evans, Lee Barrett and Nate Bartlett. The troupe performed two successful shows in 2003. For more information contact Ben Macks at (231) 237-0746.

Official Notice

Notice of Public Hearing of the Board of Education of Charlevoix Public School District

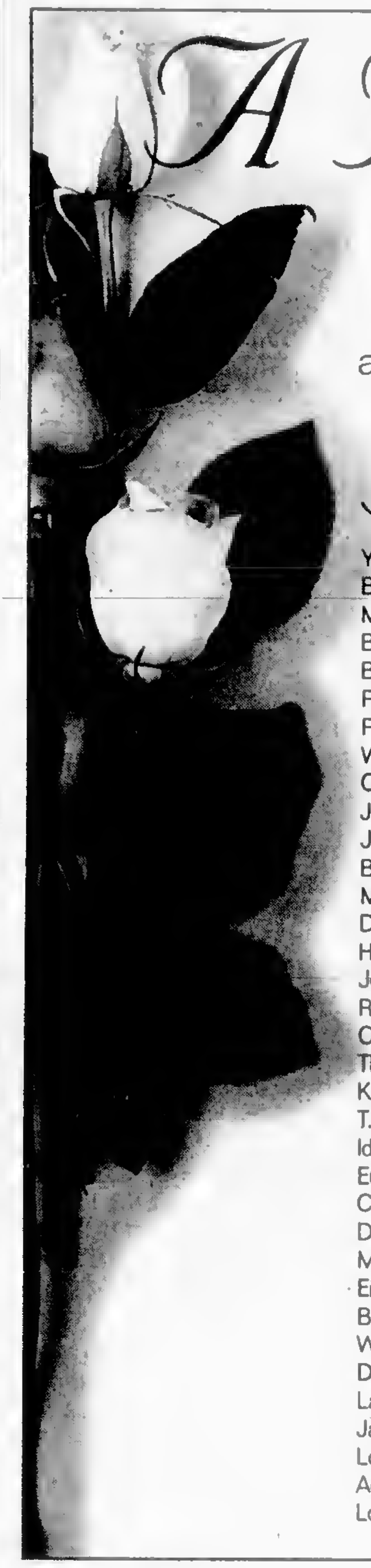
Please take notice that there will be a public hearing regarding the proposed 2004-2005 budget at the next regular meeting of the board of education of the Charlevoix Public School district;

Date of Hearing:	Monday, June 14, 2004
Place of Meeting:	Charlevoix High School 05200 Marion Center Road Charlevoix, MI 49720
Hour of Meeting:	7:00 p.m.
Telephone number of the superintendent's office	231-547-3200
Board of Education meeting minutes are located at:	208 Clinton St. Charlevoix, MI 49720
A copy of the proposed 2004-2005 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at:	208 Clinton St. Charlevoix, MI 49720

Purpose of Meeting:

1. **Public discussion on the proposed 2004-2005 budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The Board may not adopt its proposed 2004-2005 budget until after the public hearing.**

Larry Levengood
Secretary, Board of Education of
Charlevoix Public Schools



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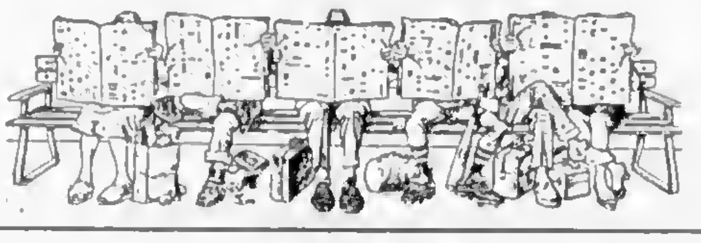

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Obituaries

Maxine M. Browne: Died May 23, 2004

Maxine M. Browne of Flushing, 91, died Sunday, May 23, 2004 at Hurley Medical Center.

A memorial service will be given at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2004 at First Presbyterian Church, Flint. Visitation will be 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Cremation has taken place.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Carl and Maxine Browne Scholarship Fund through Bay View Association or the First Presbyterian Church Music Program.

Surviving are: two sons, Booth and wife Barbara Browne of Flushing, Roger and wife Phyllis Browne of Saginaw.

Edward McNamara: Feb. 5, 1924 - Jan. 13, 2004

Edward (Ed) McNamara, 79, of Charlevoix and Lake Havasu City, Ariz. passed away Jan. 13, 2004, at his winter home in Lake Havasu City.

He was born Feb. 5, 1924, and raised in Brethren, son of Joseph and Edith (Gilbert) McNamara.

He graduated from Brethren High School and served in the United States Army during World War II.

In 1952 he married Sally Campbell in East Jordan. She preceded him in death in January of 2000.

Ed is survived by his daughter, Susan, of Charlevoix, son Tom of Rockledge, Fla., a brother, Joe McNamara of Manistee, two nieces and a nephew.

Besides Sally, Ed was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Marge.

The family asks friends to join them for a gathering to celebrate Ed's life at 12:30 p.m., Thursday June 10, at the Argonne Supper Club. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Charlevoix Area Hospital or any Hospice of choice.

Charles J. Pontius: April 22, 1913 - May 25, 2004

Charles J. Pontius, 86, of Bella Vista, Ark. died Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at Concordia Care Center in Bella Vista.

He was born April 22, 1918 in Geneva, Ind. to Ellis C. Pontius and Ruth (Eggleston) Pontius.

His schooling was in Battle Creek schools and after graduating in 1936 from Battle Creek Central he then graduated from Wayne University in Detroit with a degree in Mortuary Science and Funeral Directing. In 1940 he then married Anita M. Howard of Battle Creek (Lakeview). Soon he enlisted in World War II and after he could, he entered Officer's Candidate School and upon graduation he was asked to remain as an instructor until his unit was sent to the Battle of the Bulge in Germany.

His unit was the Medical Division in the 87th Infantry. After five years in service and at war's ending the last act of his unit was to enter Buchenwald Concentration Camp in Germany and release and care for the prisoners. At the war's end he was a captain and discharged with honors. Upon return to civilian life he was offered a position in Security National Bank, Battle Creek and filled many positions, however he wished to acquire his own funeral business that he had prepared for. Soon a business became available and was bought in Charlevoix, Mich., namely the Pontius Chapel. During the years there a daughter was born, Denise Marie who survives him. Later there was a medical problem and it was thought a warmer and more stable climate would help so the family moved to Florida. The area was St. Petersburgh and Snell Isle with the busy Highway 19 just becoming built with new business. Chuck thought a Variety Store was needed so bought a Ben Franklin Franchise, building the first between St. Petersburg and Tarpon Springs. During these years Chuck became very civic minded such as: St. Petersburgh City Council, Kiwanis, 32nd Degree Mason, Hospital Board, National Board of Kidney Disease Foundation and Representative on the board of Arbitration of the New York Stock Exchange.

When the medical problem was resolved the family desired to return to Michigan and an offer was received from the bank to return to their employment.

During these years, Charles acquired a hobby of Standard Bred race horses and desired to have a farm to raise them. A complete renovation and modernization of 165 acres with buildings, corrals, stone hedges and beautiful green meadows became our "Stoneyhedge Farm." Then a change in the bank took place and Charles was asked by another financial institution in Hillsdale to come as president, CEO and board chairman. He accepted and the farm and stock were sold, a new home built in Hillsdale and the hobby continued on a small scale for 14 years as the bank grew and then Charles retired. A retirement home was then acquired in Florida and the move was made again, this time to travel around the world by boat, car, train and enjoyed every trip.

Charles was a true 'entrepreneur' even back in the big Depression when he was a very young boy with his paper routes, magazine sales and deliveries.

He is survived by his wife, Anita of 64 years, his daughter, Denise M. McAllister of Bella Vista, Arkansas; two grandchildren: Alana Kaye McAllister now graduated from University of Kansas and studying Medicine in Germany, and Sean Charles McAllister, grandson, student at University of Kansas, a sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner of Grosse Pointe, a brother-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Karl (Bill) Purdy, Charlevoix, many nieces and nephews and beloved cousins and the many, many friends loved and enjoyed through his life.

He was a member of the Bella Vista Community Church of Bella Vista, Ark.

A memorial service was given at the Bella Vista Community Church in Bella Vista, Ark. with the Rev. Richard Lindman officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Bella Vista Community Church, Building Fund, 75 East Lancashire Blvd., Bella Vista, Ark. 72714 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Mental health group announces web page

North Country Community Mental Health is announcing its new web page – www.norcocmh.org.

North Country Community Mental Health was formed on April 1, 2003, with the merger of Northern Michigan Community Mental Health and Antrim Kalkaska Community Mental Health.

Services are provided to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties experiencing an emotional problem, mental illness or developmental disability.

The web page contains information on services offered by the agency, including Emergency Services, Adult Counseling/Therapy, Community Support Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness and Administrative Services, among others. Other information contained on the web page includes office locations and phone numbers, recipient rights information and links to other related topics.

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Joseph honored by former high school

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> **Dick Joseph**,
> Charlevoix resident on his Hall of Fame award

A Charlevoix resident was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Charlevoix resident Dick Joseph is one of 17 inductees named by the Crawford-Au Sable school board to the Grayling High School Alumni Hall of Fame. The honor is the beginning of a new academic recognition that the school district initiated.

Superintendent of Crawford-Au Sable Schools, Milli Haug, said, "We want our students to see they can do what they want to do. And that we have people in our small community doing amazing things."

The induction ceremony took place May 2 in the Grayling High School in the packed, newly expanded 600 person auditorium and coincided with the dedication of the newly remodeled and expanded school.

Joseph joined his fellow alumni, including the president of Dow Chemical and a rescue worker who was the first person in the Pentagon following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack. Graduates honored stretched from as far back as 1935 and as recent as 1998.

As Joseph entered the school, his daughters, Alyssia and Savannah who attended with him, handed him a box of Kleenex in anticipation of a tearful award acceptance.

Joseph said they were right, tears of joy definitely streamed down his cheeks as he received a standing ovation for his accomplishments.

"It was one of the best days of my life — it was a lot of fun to go back," he said. "To get an ovation like that for academic achievement was really special. It sent a good message to all the kids."

Criteria that have to be met to be inducted include graduation from Grayling High School and one of three things, achievement of the highest degree possible in a chosen field, having accomplished a significant life feat, receipt of an honor or award or a significant contribution to the well-being of others.

Joseph's ventures since his graduation in 1975 to some degree have met all the criteria. He is a former fifth generation Grayling resident who after graduating attended the University of Michigan. After receiving a degree in business administration he returned to his home town to work in his family's stores.

After a few years in the family business he went on to attend Detroit College of Law. Joseph has since blossomed into an accomplished attorney with the local firm Joseph, Corcoran and Telgenhof which he helped started in 1998.

During his post high school days he has also been a vocal advocate for public education and was instrumental in the passing of the local bond issue to build the new Charlevoix High School and education millages in East Jordan and Grayling.

In its recognition of these accomplishments the award honored Joseph's ability to persevere in spite of his physical limitations.

In July of 2002, he fell off a ladder in his garage and due to rickets, a genetic disease he was born with that makes his bones brittle, he was especially susceptible to serious injury.

While hospitalized for his injuries, he developed meningitis that lead to a stroke in his spinal cord and was paralyzed.

After months of hospitalization, Joseph returned to Charlevoix, learned to drive again and immediately was back at work.

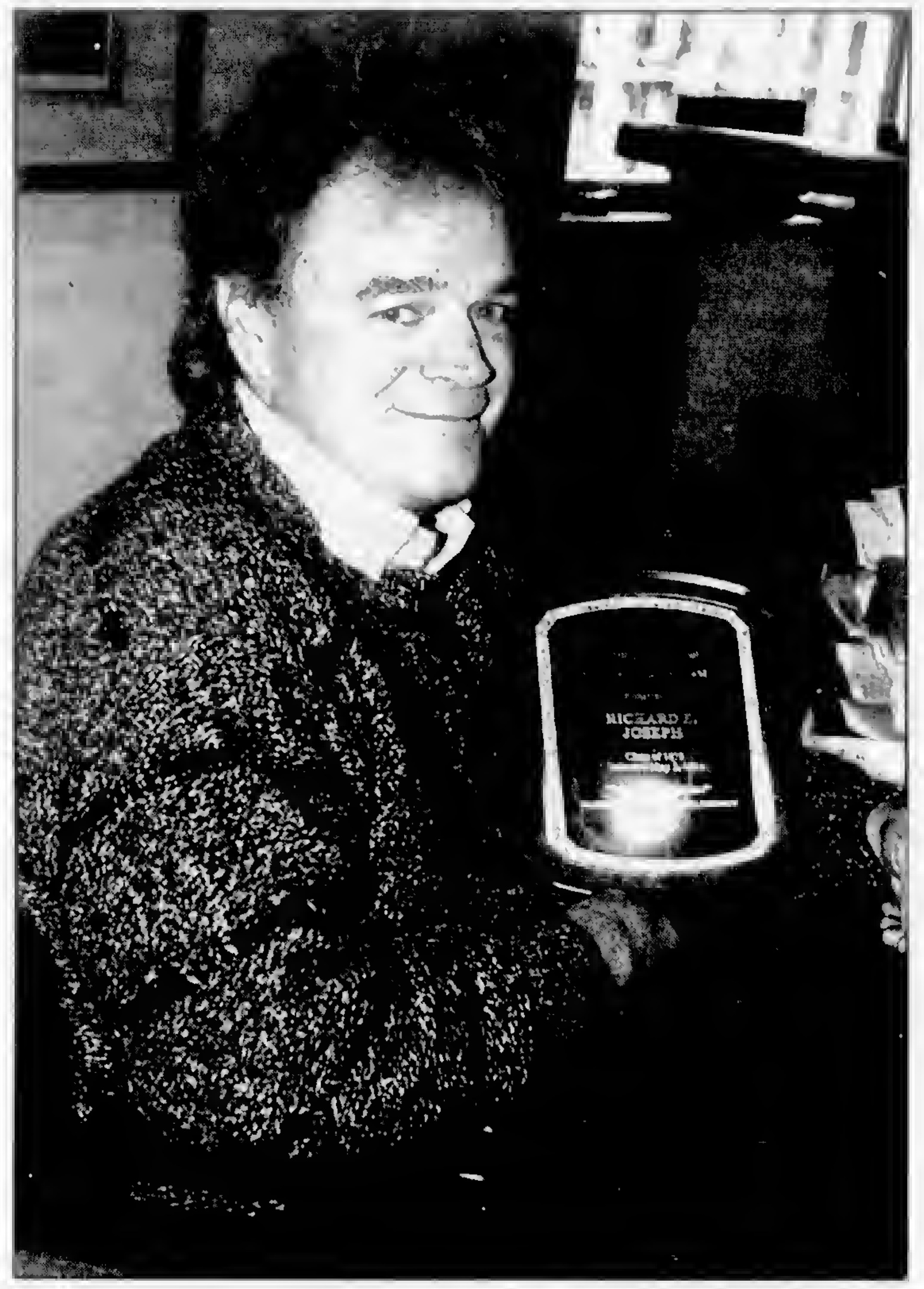
"I never quit and I never will. They admired that spirit," he said of the honoree selection group.

"For me personally this (the award) was important. It showed that people recognize that I worked to overcome a lot of physical challenges which I didn't let be an excuse. I put that aside and moved forward academically and did something with my life."

Haug said the event was so successful that the district plans to induct a new batch of academic all-stars annually the first Sunday of May. Nominations will be taken throughout the year and there is no cap on the number that will be inducted.

"I think that in a small town, people are more connected to their community and schools so when their school system says to them, 'Come on back we want to honor you,' they are excited," she said.

Charlevoix Public School Board Secretary Larry Levengood has contacted Joseph about starting a similar program locally.



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Charlevoix resident Dick Joseph shows off his Hall of Fame award from Grayling High School.

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With Bill Tole as music director and featuring Nancy Knorr as the soloist, this year's symphony will make its first appearance at Charlevoix's historic Castle Farms on Friday night, July 9.

Taking advantage of some of the new construction at the Castle, patron and tent ticket holders will have an opportunity to dance under the tent when the orchestra strikes up the band and offers the old familiar sounds of the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra.

This year the event will offer patron tickets with seating under the tent, a catered meal, cash bar, and a dance floor for just $200 per ticket — $120 of each ticket is tax deductible as a donation. Seating under the tent, including use of the dance floor is $50, and lawn seating is $25 per person.

All money raised through Symphony on the Green will be used by the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation toward the purchase of a Computer Aided Detection System (CAD) Mammography machine; the expansion of Boyne Rehabilitation Center in Boyne City and for the their community outreach programs.

Grounds will open for the general public at 6:30 with the concert beginning at 8 p.m. Those with lawn tickets may bring a lawn chair or blanket and picnic baskets. No outside alcoholic beverages are allowed, but there will be a cash bar on site.

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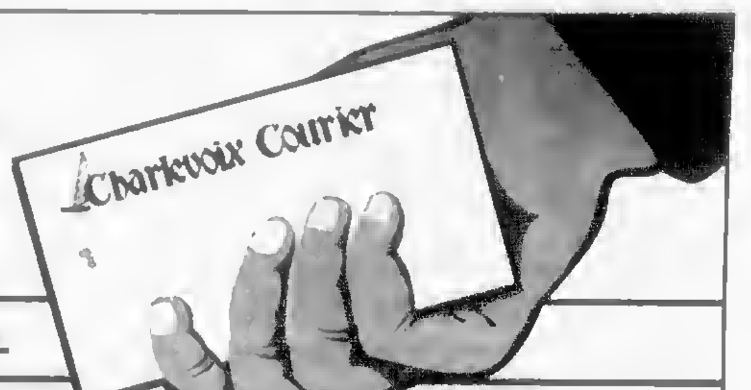

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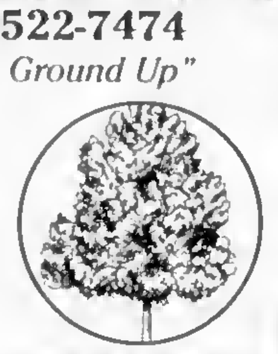

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Artform adds powder coating unit

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix fabrication business Artform has recently expanded its service to include a powder coating oven and sand blast booth — both made and installed by Artform owner Ben Whitley.

The massive metal units were fabricated by Whitley using his skills. He said he installed the unit in four months during the Charlevoix winter.

"I am definitely getting more business from it," he said. "I have been getting stuff from all over."

He said he gets car parts and frames, motorcycle parts and any other metal piece that needs to be powder coated.

However, Whitley said he originally put the unit in to powder coat his own work. Whitley does custom metal work, such as artistic fences, handrails or furniture.

Powder coating is basically a painting process that is stronger and faster than traditional painting. The powder coat also has less fading and holds up better the elements.

Whitley said the paint is sprayed on a metal piece in a dry powder. But the spray has an electrostatic charge, thus making it bond to all metal parts that are grounded.

Once the metal is painted with the powder, it is placed in a large overn where it cures.

Whitley said it takes about 10 to 20 minutes to cure. It is then taken out and cooled.

What makes powder coating great is the piece can be installed as soon as it is cool, rather than having to wait for the paint to dry with the usual process.

Artform Fabricating opened for business in 1998. It is owned by husband and wife team of Ben and Andrea Whitley. Both of the Whitleys are Charlevoix High School graduates, and Andrea graduated from Northwood University in 1997.

Artform is located at 12585 US-31 North in Charlevoix, behind the Head Start building. They can be contacted by calling (231) 237-9132 or visiting the web at www.artformfab.com.

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Ben Whitley stands in his new powder coating room.

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Beginning Monday, June 7, the home delivery rate of the *Charlevoix Courier* will change.

The new yearly home delivery rate of the Charlevoix Courier will be $48 locally (Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties) and $63 for out of area subscriptions.

Subscribers can also choose three month or six month options. The three month subscription rate will be $12.05 for in area and $15.75 for out of area. A six month subscription will cost $24.10 a year in area and $31.50 out of area.

The senior citizen rate (only available to in area customers) is: one year for $41, six months for $20.50 and three months for $10.25.

The student rate for the Courier will be $42.53, the military rate will be $41 for a year only.

The cost of delivering the Courier to a foreign address will be $120.60 for one year, $60.30 for six months and $30.15 for three months.

The news stand price of the Courier will remain at 50 cents a copy.

PTO to raise funds by recycling

The Charlevoix Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization is sponsoring a recycling fund-raiser.

The group will be collecting used cell phones and empty inkjet, laser and fax copier cartridges at locations around town. Drop off spots include The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, The Charlevoix Public Library, Citizen Bank, Charlevoix State Bank and Charlevoix County Building.

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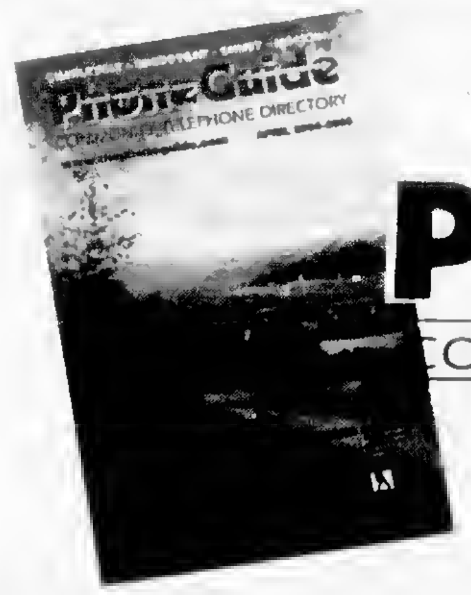

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Students honored at convocation

Many Charlevoix High School students were honored at the annual convocation May 19 at the school.

Those awards and students were:

- Top students in the class of 2004: Brooke Blanchard, Matthew Burtt, Elizabeth Campbell, Bryce Daly, John DiMartino, Shayna Drost, Michael Dupuis, Cortney English, Scott Friske, Nicole Higdon, Tess Hoaglund, Danielle Kimball, Samantha Kupka, Alyssia McDonough, Jessica Pettis, Jennifer Plackey, Marjorie Romig, Michael Rosen, Brittni Simonti, York Smith, Anna-Kate Trubilowicz, Keith Warner, John Wilkinson and Rachel Wyniawskyj.

Scholarships and awards

- Benjamin Allen — Ferris State University Residential Life Scholarship, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Nicole Angermuller — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Matthew Baker — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Denise Barta — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Brenna Bergmann — Oddfellow and Rebekah Round Lake Lodge Scholarship, Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation, St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship, Michigan Tuition Grant, Aquinas Grant, AQ Women's Cross Country and Track Grant, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Heather Biddick — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Brooke Blanchard — Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Award, Hope College Alumni Honors Scholarship, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship, Charlevoix Development Corporation
- Amanda Boss — Hope College Valedictorian Scholarship, Northern Michigan University Certificate of Merit, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Elizabeth Brunson — St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students 2003-2004, Aquinas Grant, State of Michigan Grant Scholarship, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Matthew Burtt — Alma Academic Excellence Award, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, 2002 Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship, Charlevoix Lion's Club Stewart "Irish" Coleman Award
- Elizabeth Campbell — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship, Sundberg Scholarship
- Brian Christiansen — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Timothy Cross — Golden Paint Brush Award for 2001 and 2002, Waterfront Award, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship, Rotary Club of Charlevoix Strive Scholarship
- Michael Curiel — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship, Rotary Club of Charlevoix Strive Scholarship
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- Shayna Drost — Hope College - Reformed Church of America Honors Scholarship, 2002 Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship, Charlevoix Lion's Club Stewart "Irish" Coleman Award
- Michael Dupuis — MHSSA Scholar Athlete Award Finalist, University of Notre Dame Scholarship, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Bryan Eggers — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Lauren Eldredge — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship, Belvedere Scholarship
- Marie Anne Elliott — Third Year Who's Who Among American High School Students, Third Year in National Honor Roll, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Cortney English — Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Scholarship and Academic Excellence Award, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Joshua Fassett — MHSSA Scholar Athlete Regional Finalist, Aquinas Valedictorian Award, Academic Leadership Scholarship and Spectrum Scholarship Award, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Taylor Fisher — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Scott Friske — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship, Charlevoix City Police 2004 Student Citizen of the Year Award
- Brittany Hernden — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Nicole Higdon — Grand Valley State University Helen Claytor Scholarship, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship, Arthur Taylor Scholarship Fund, Huntington Bank Scholarship
- Tess Hoaglund — Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship, Charlevoix High School Class of 1984 Scholarship
- Allison Holmes — William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Rebecca Kanine — Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, William and Ellen Schuiling - Laddie Educational Foundation Scholarship, Kohler - Bartlett Scholarship, Charlevoix Historical Society Scholarship
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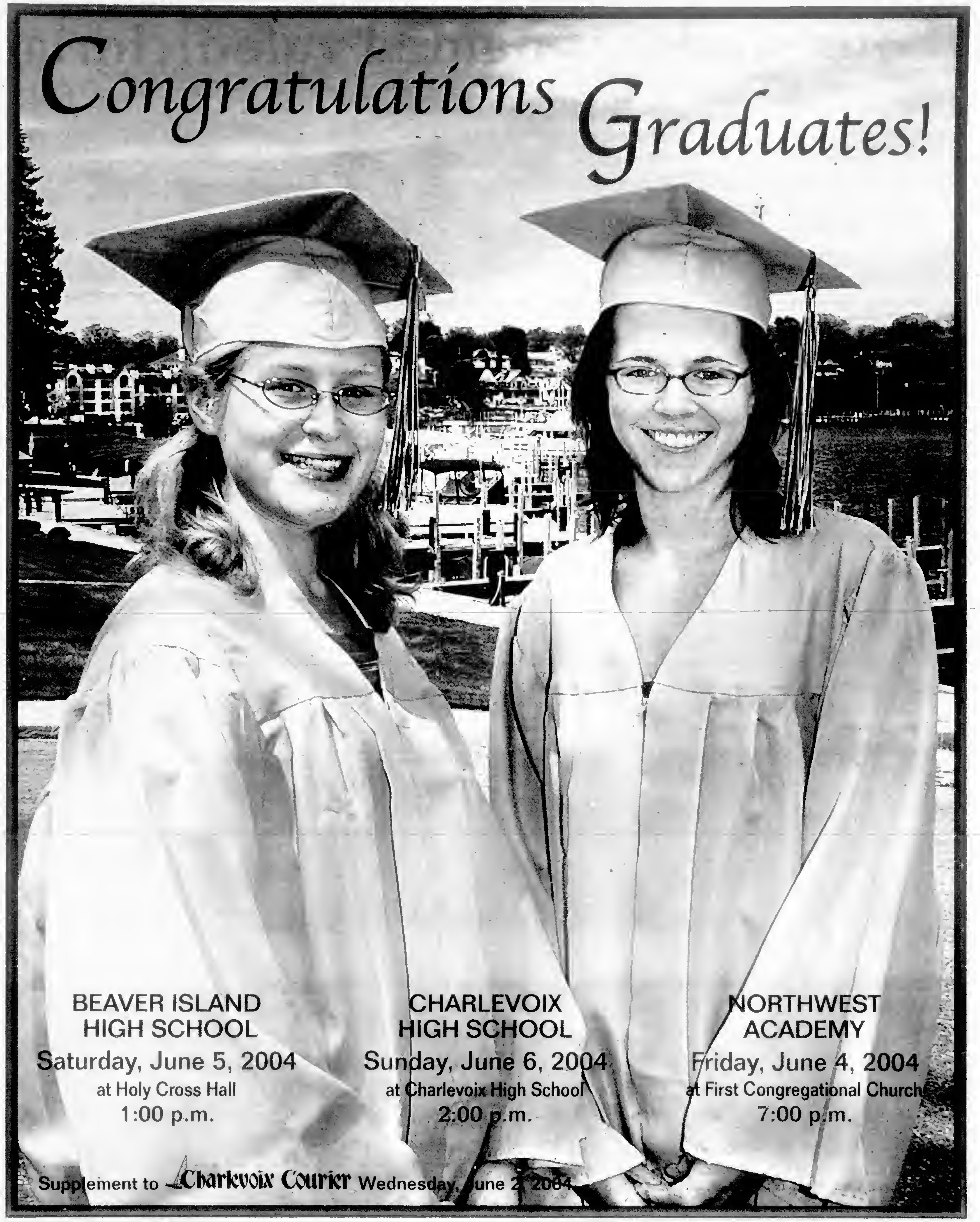

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- Band Awards: John Phillip Sousa Award, Denise Barta; Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, Bryan Eggers; Band Boosters Scholarship, Denise Barta and Bryan Eggers; Band Service Award, Jonathan Merrill.
- Excellence in English Awards: Excellence in English — Amanda Boss, Josh Fassett, Rebecca Kanine, Cody Priess, Andrea Ruhlman. Excellence in Creative Writing — Danielle Kimhall. Excellence in Literature — Andrea Ruhlman.
- Math and Science Awards: Math Award — Andrea Ruhlman. Biology Award — Amanda Boss. Chemistry Award — Amanda Boss and Jaclyn Heckendorn.

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Physics Award — Matthew Burtt.

- Kiwanis Outstanding Math/Science Award — Mike Dupuis
- American Institute of Physics Award — Nurken Ashenov
- Government Award/Political Science Award — Anna Kate Trubilowicz
- Spanish Awards: Excellence in Spanish Awards — Geoff Baier, Shannon Dibble, Danielle Lackaff and Amanda Boss. Michigan Foreign Language Association Outstanding Performance Award for Spanish — Andrea Ruhlman.
- French Awards: Logan Priess, Elyse Michrina, Ben Scheelk, Michelle Fritsch and Michael Wojan. Michigan Foreign Language Association Outstanding Performance Award — Denise Barta.
- National Honor Society Scholarship — Rebecca Kanine and Andrea Ruhlman.
- Health Occupations: Health Occupations I - Academic Excellence — Mallory Mahoney and Michelle Lemond. Health Occupations II - Dedication Rotation at Site — Nicole Sladek and Meghan Lame. Health Occupations III - Leadership — Brooke Blanchard and Rachel Wyniawskyj. Special Recognition - Professionalism/Enthusiasm/Effort/Persistence — Jessica Pettis, Tom Castiglione, Amy Drew and Shannon Dibble.
- Art Awards — Danielle Kimble and Heather Biddick.
- Waterfront Art Fair Scholarship/Charlevoix Council of the Arts — Tim Cross.
- Susan VanWeiren Exhibit — Danielle Kimhle.
- Soccer Academic All State — Zita Anderson, Sarah Cross, Shayna Drost, Lauren Dupuis, Anna Farrell, Lisa Kuehler, Meghan Lame, Alyssia McDonough, Madison McKenzie, Stevie Murray, Laura Nitchman, Jamie Pettis, Teresa Potter, Madison Ramsey, Jennifer Rich and Lori Zimmerman.
- Construction Technology Scholarship (Student Continuing Education Scholarship) — Scott Kughman
- Manufacturing Technology — Amanda Bajos, Jed Daman, Jed Drenth, Josh Fassett, Sally Haselschwardt, Elizabeth Madison, Jason Martinchek, Logan Priess, Nate Sotuyo, Nate Turner, John Wilkinson and Jacob Turner.
- Construction Trades — Donald Chaika, Bryce Daly, John DiMartino, Will Kautz, Scott Kughman, Jason Martincheck, Issac Matchett and Nicholas Tripplehorn.
- Business Service Technology — Zita Anderson, Christina Bourassa, Sarah Cross, Lauren Dupuis, Nicole Higdon, Tess Hoaglund, Liz Jadwin, Charles Mason, Isaac Matchett, Mia Matchett, Den Scheelk, Robert Shutler, Caitlin Taylor, Nicholas Tripplehorn, Kimberly Way, Sierra Whisler, Jacob Wimmer and Michael Wojan.

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Rain couldn't stop her from planting

Ethel Brubaker, 95, wouldn't let a little rain stop her from taking part in the annual Operation Petunia Thursday. According to her family, Brubaker loves to garden and thought this was a great way to do her "civic duty." She recently moved to Charlevoix and this was her first opportunity to take part in Charlevoix's traditional petunia planting party.

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Quotes by Terry Tollas, Volunteer Mentor for HOLTB Pregnancy and Infant Loss Program

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Students learn about good old-fashioned fun

Anne Kelly's fifth grade students at Charlevoix Middle School spent May 28 learning about what school was like 100 years ago in the Barnard Grange one room school house. (Left) Stephanie Spaniak, Haley Belfy and Jackie Burns jump rope outside the school dressed in traditional wear. (Below) They also learned to play games like jacks. Here, Stephanie Spaniak plays a round.

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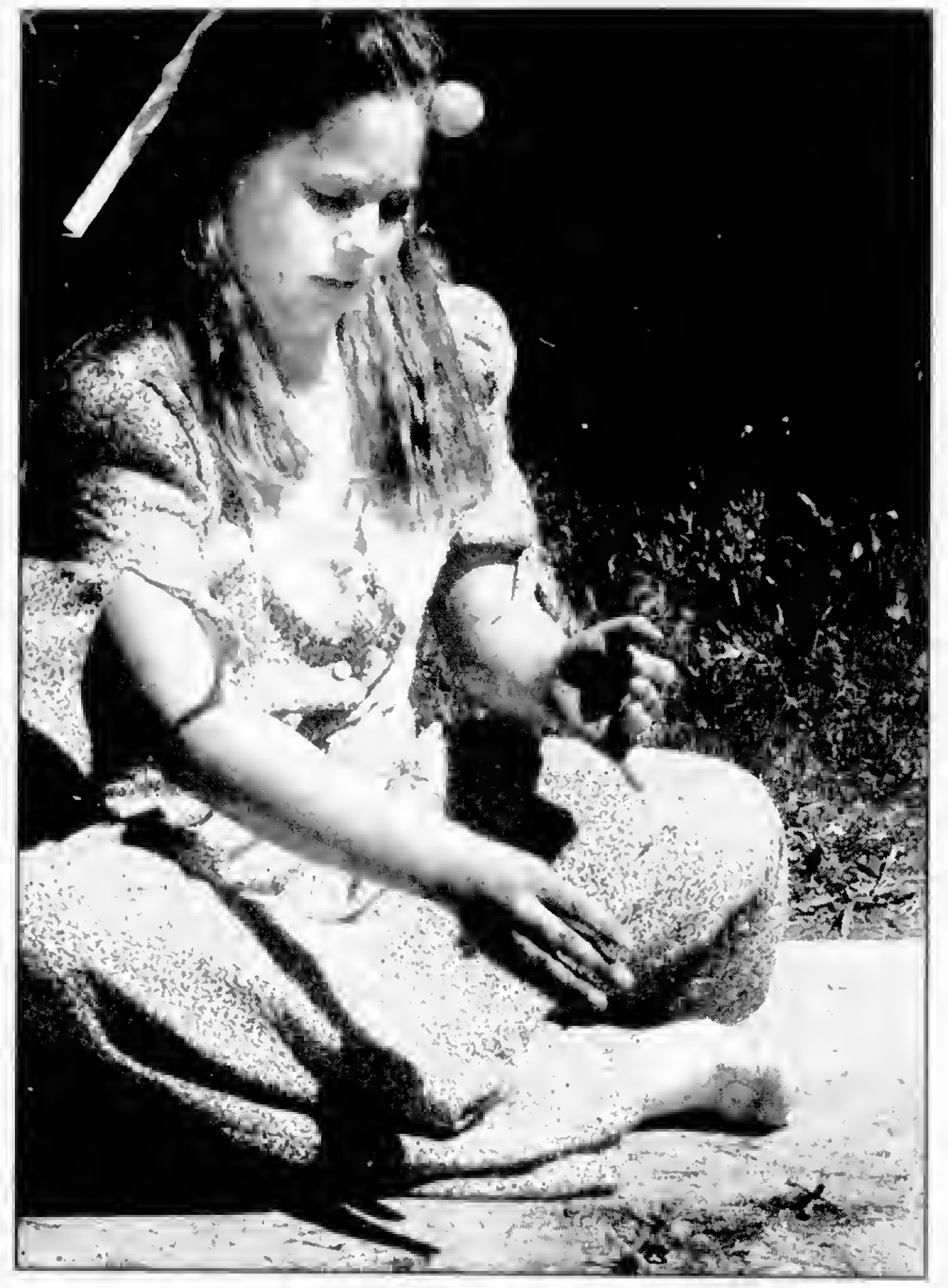

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Jackie Burns, Madison Sayward and Rachael Osbourn sit on wooden chairs ready to learn. (Below) Here Abbey Wilhelm and Lacey Greene sing a solo about friendship for their classmates.

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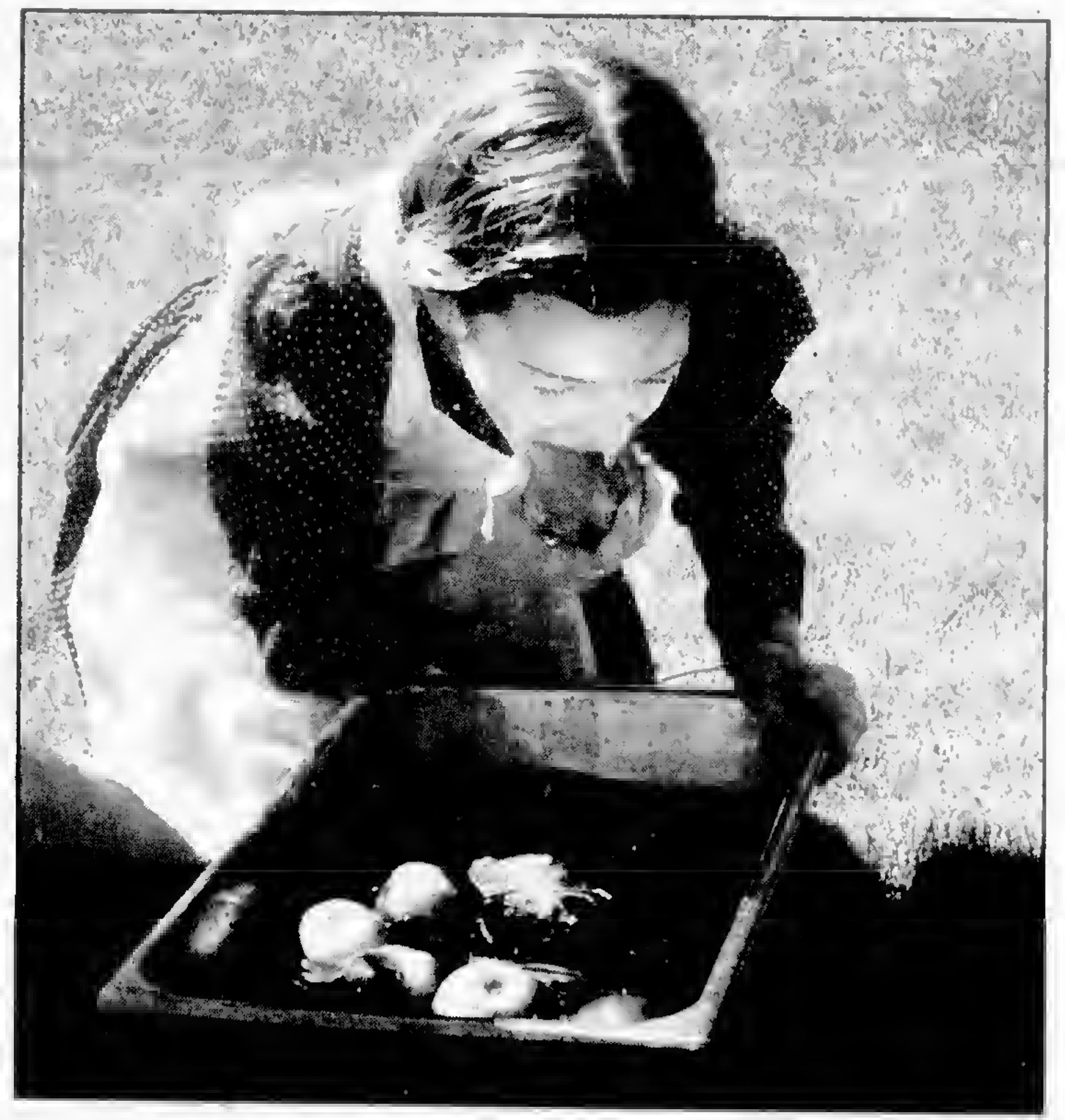

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(Above) Haley Belfy bobs for apples.

Pool to host spring run

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will host the 10th Annual Spring Pool Run on Saturday, June 5 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

A 5K Run and a 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk will highlight the activities.

Both races will start at 9 a.m. Runners can register the morning of the race from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. for $15.

All runners will receive an official race T-shirt. Fun Run entry fee is only $5 if you don't want a shirt.

Medals will be given to first, second and third places in each age group. The age groups are 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-69 and 70 and older.

All proceeds from the race will fund operations at the pool. WTCM radio will broadcast live from the race.

Candy Smith from Harbor Health and Fitness will conduct a 15 minute pre-race warm up for those who are interested.

Call the pool at (231)547-0982 for more information or to obtain a race form.

Group to have fun fly on June 20

The public is invited to the Charlevoix Area R/C BUFFS Annual "Father's Day Fun Fly, " between the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 20.

There will be flying demonstrations and trainers available for those who wish to try their hand at radio control flying.

Refreshments, including hot dogs, pop, chips, coffee and other snacks will be for sale .

Even though this is a Father's Day event, the entire family is invited. No pets please.

All those who wish to participate in the fun fly must have a current AMA membership card with them. The site is located west of the Ironton Ferry at the southwest corner of Sequonata and Ferry roads. For any further information contact Ed Linse at 547-4526.

Kid's Corner to have 'early fives' program

Kid's Corner is celebrating 22 years of early education.

Kid's Corner Cooperative Preschool first opened its doors in September or 1981. It began with only four students and was located in the First Congregational Church. It was started by Phyllis Hess and Mary Lou Norton, two mothers trying to make a difference in children's lives.

Now, 22 years later, it is still serving the needs of our young residents. The dedication of parents, the strength of the program and, of course, the children have kept the program going strong. The names and faces have changed over the years, it has even relocated while the addition was being built at the church, but it has remained a constant in the community.

Kid's Corner has always put the needs of children first. Striving to give children an edge, it teaches them what is expected in school. Skills such as how to listen and follow instructions, how to cooperate with other children and how to dress themselves are stressed. Kids Corner also helps children develop a sense of self-worth that cannot be bought.

Kids Corner offers programs designed to meet the needs of 3 and 4 year olds. The two-day, three year old program is an introduction to behavioral protocol in school. Children learn to raise their had to speak, to wait their turn and how to respect others.

They also study the days of the week, months of the year, counting, colors and shapes. They learn about nutrition, the changing seasons, the weather and even butterflies. The three-day,.four year old class offers and introduction to number and letter recognition as well as word groups and writing. Small and gross motor skills are honed for both classes.

Kid's Corner is again trying to keep up with the needs of the community by offering an "Early Fives" program, helping those not quite ready for kindergarten. The program will be new this fall and run five days a week in the afternoons only. It will focus more deeply on number and letter recognition, letter sounds, site words and of course writing.

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(Above) The Charlevoix Children's House school raised $600 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at its annual Trike-a-Thon May 27. Here, Aidan Flynn gets ready to make her first lap around the school parking lot.

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(Above) Brad Klinger rides his two-wheeler for the cause, in spite of a broken leg. (Right) Natalie Nesburg gets the go ahead from sheriff George T. Lasater to continue the track.

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The registration fee for the one day seminar is $20.

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Harbor work to be taking place until June 7

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Arts center to have coffee hours

Crooked Tree Arts Center will host an "art-full" coffee hour, titled "Coffee At Ten," beginning in June and continuing monthly through August.

Each program will highlight a current exhibit, gallery tour and are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The series will kick off at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1 with Above and Beyond, The work of Betty Beeby with a gallery talk and short video about the life and work of the artist.

Gail Lambert, curator of the exhibition will provide highlights of the exhibition and an overview of Betty's tremendous career in the arts. The artist will be present for questions and answers.

Additional Coffee At Ten programs include Nineteenth Century American Paintings from the Manoogian Collection on Tuesday, July 13, speaker Judy Knowles; Under the Sea, Works by Ruth Petzold on Tuesday, July 20, presenter, Ruth Petzold and An Introduction to Sculpture, highlighting the works in the Crooked Tree Arts Center's Scuplutre Invitational on Tuesday, Aug. 24, lecturer, Doug Melvin.

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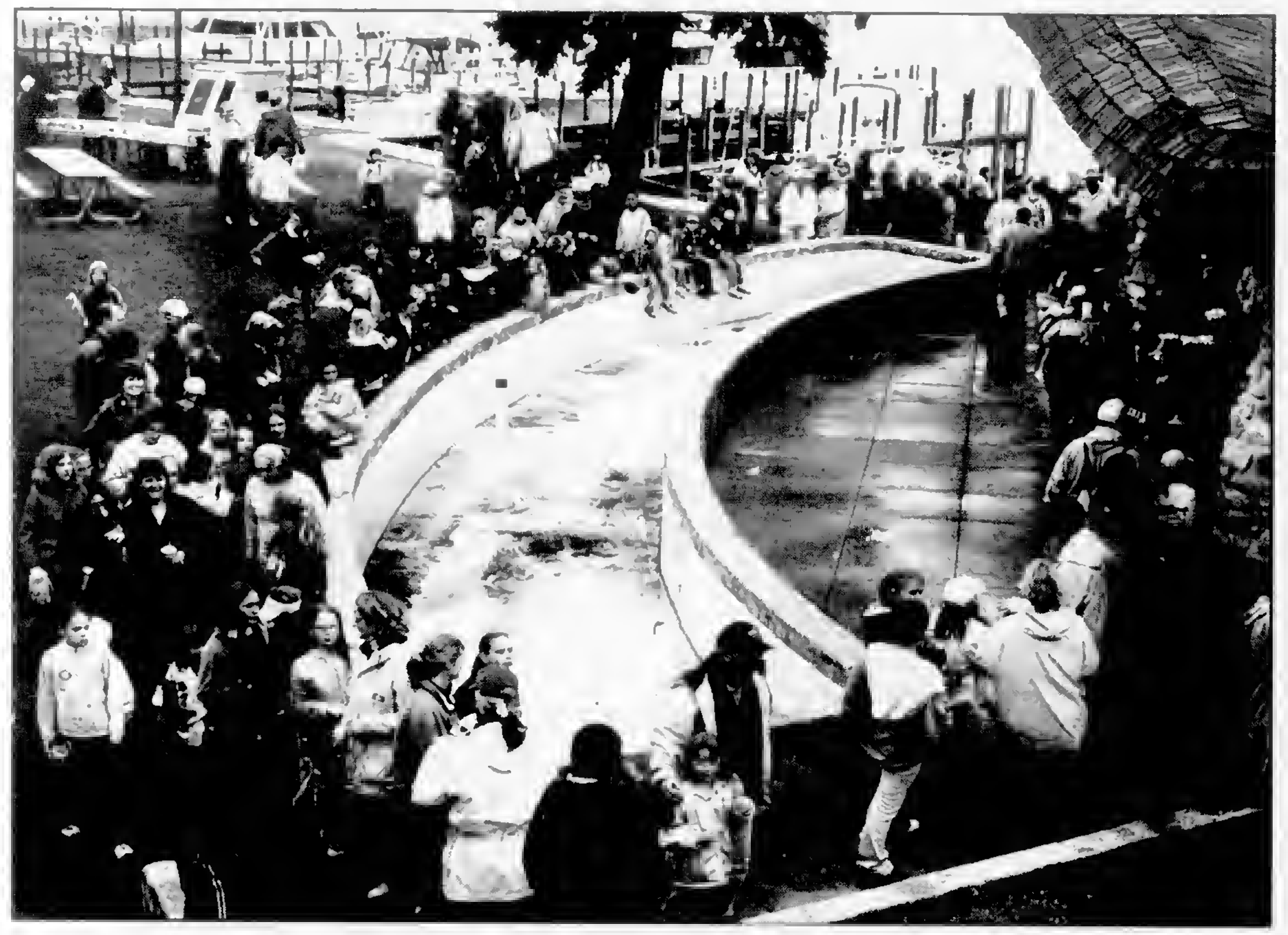
Rain can't keep petunia planters away

Hundreds of Charlevoix residents and visitors braved the stormy weather Thursday to take part in the annual Operation Petunia. (Right) Amy Pischner keeps her umbrella handy for the next downpour as she plants. (Below) The planters line up for hot dogs and refreshments from the Charlevoix Rotary Club in East Park.



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While many of the flowers did not have their colorful heads due to the cold weather, there were still a few to remind planters what Bridge Street will look like this summer. Planters put the flowers on both sides of Bridge Street and Petoskey Avenue in the city of Charlevoix. (Left) Ashley Marsh, 11, shows one of the plants she is about to put into the ground.

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(Left) Abbey VanHorn, 16, bundles up in the cold and rain to help make the town beautiful for the summer. (Right) Lindsay Withrow, 17, also does her duty by planting along Bridge Street, near the Dairy Queen. (Below left) A group of youngsters eagerly digs into the wet ground along Bridge Street as they plant their flowers.

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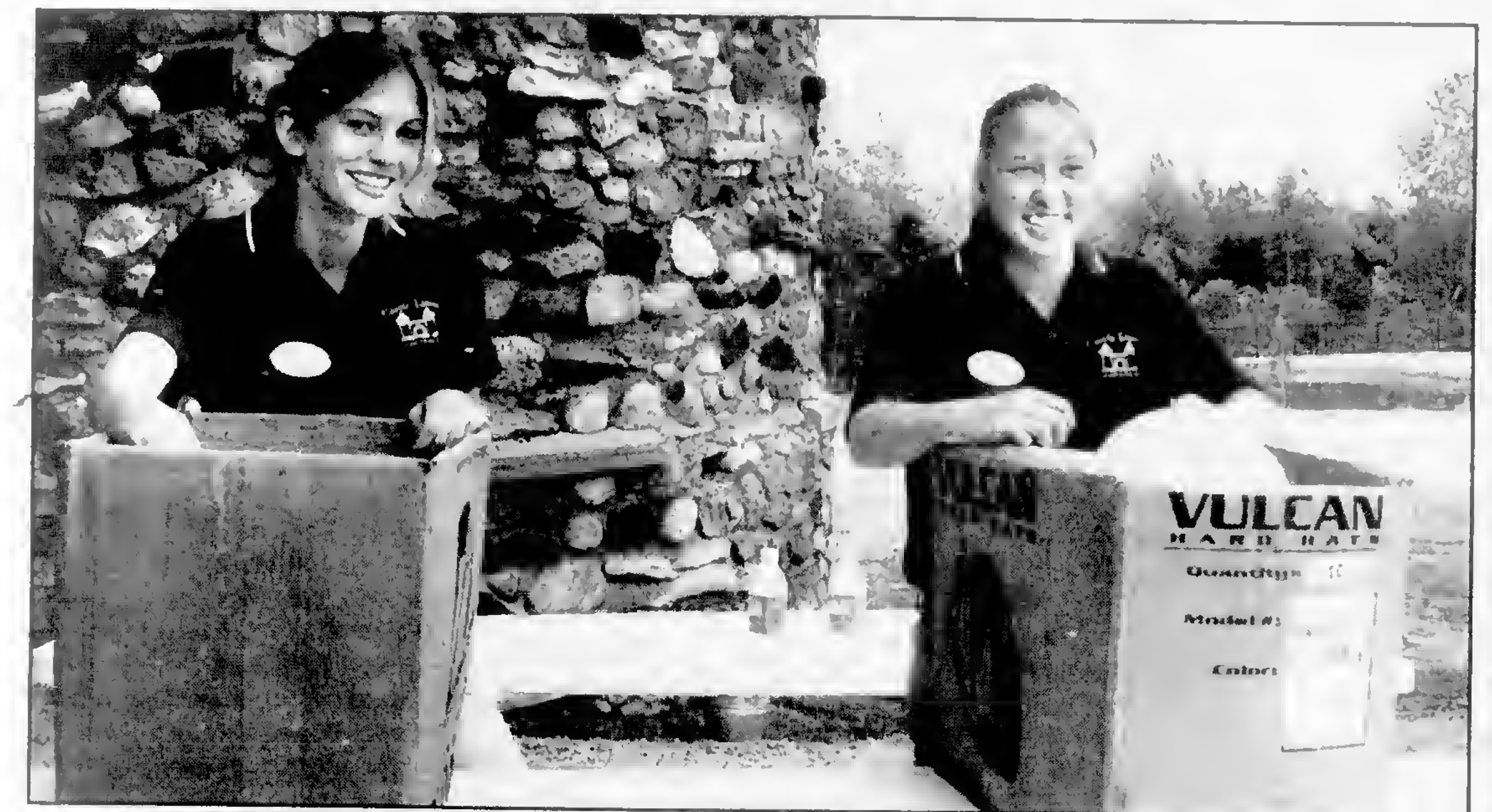
Castle Farms opens its doors to the public



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(Above) Castle employees Brittni Simonti and Brecklind Golovich-Keie of Charlevoix give hard hats to over 4,000 people that attended the Castle open house May 30. (Left) This group of area residents toured the Castle at the open house at the site May 30. They are looking out of a window in the King's Castle Great Hall where 600 people can be seated.

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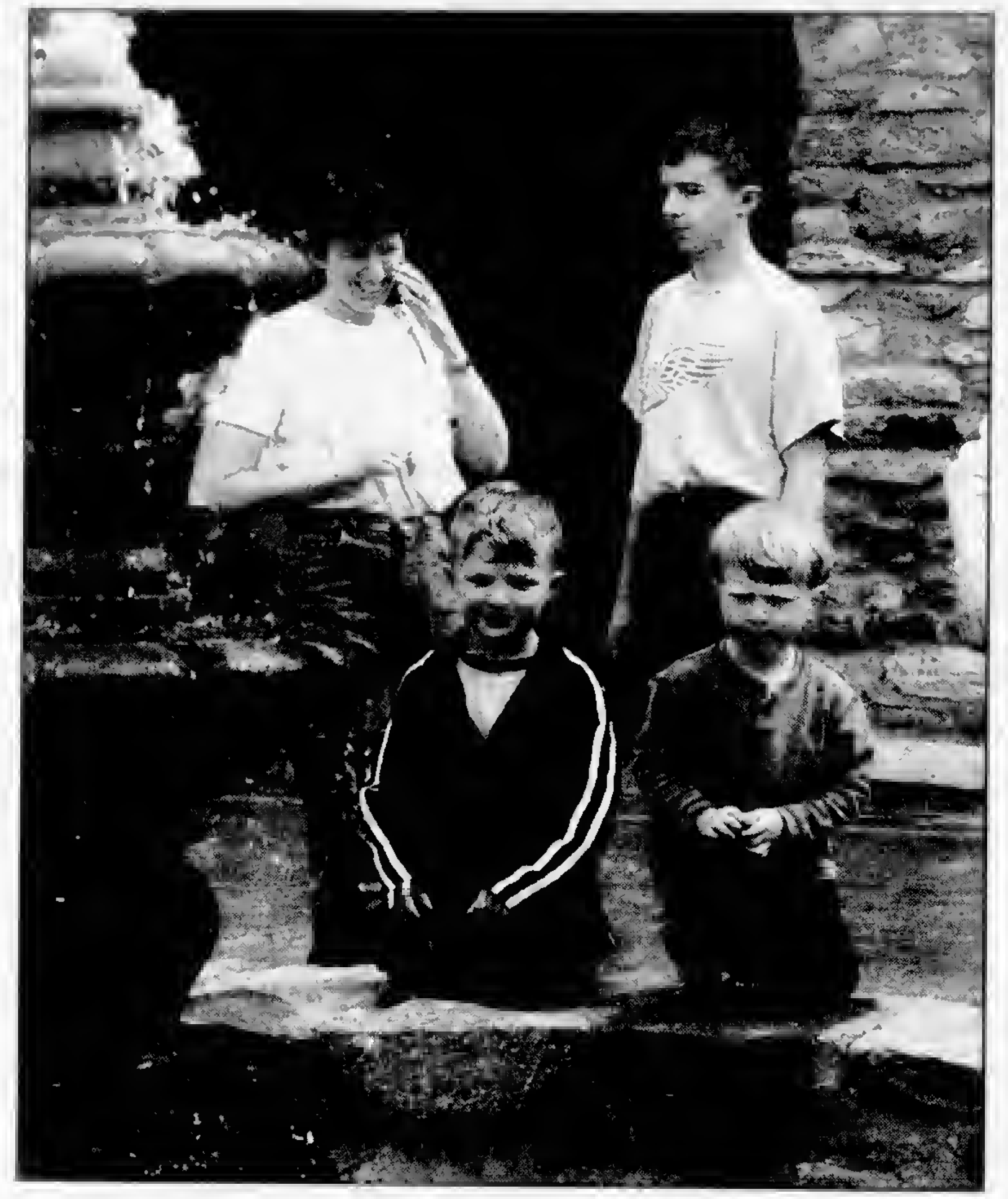
(Below) Grandsons of former Charlevoix Courier editor Bob Clock, John and Max Donker of Charlevoix, toss coins into the restored artesian fountain at the Castle at the open house at the site May 30. This was originally a horse trough where outdoor weddings now take place.



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SPORTS

Junior Golf registration to be June 10 at the city course

Plans for the popular Charlevoix Area Junior Golf Program have been released.

Registration will be on Thursday, June 10, at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course.

The summer program, in its ninth year will register 8-10 year-olds at 1:15 p.m. and 11-17-year olds at 2:30 p.m. Parents or guardians must also attend to take part in the orientation session and to sign a waiver of liability form, which must be filled before golfers can take part in the program.

There are two financial plans available for families. A one time fee of $45 covers all sessions for the seven week schedule which includes the pizza party, the picnic, a colored framed picture of each golfer and the evening league competition for those players that qualify.

A second option is a pay-as-you-go plan where youngsters pay $5 for each session they attend. Families where finances are a handicap are encouraged to contact Dean Davenport, executive director as some family scholarships are available.

Program emphasis is on teaching golf's basic fundamentals of proper grip, stance and swing but juniors are constantly exposed and reminded of the importance of golf etiquette, responsibility, honesty, social skills and consideration of others.

Sessions rotate among five local courses; the Belvedere, Charlevoix Country Club, Dunmaglas, Antrim Dells and the Charlevoix Municipal Course. Play is scheduled for each of these courses and skill testing, rules and etiquette tests and tournaments are part of the program contents.

Program highlights are when several intermediate and advanced players are chosen to go to the Ferris State University week long golf school and the Boyne Golf Academy. In addition, qualified juniors participate in a Sunday evening league as a member of one of four teams at the Belvedere Golf Course.

Adult mentors interested in helping with the program are encouraged to contact Dean Davenport at 547-6433 or to register at the Municipal Course. Additional information can be secured by calling the City Recreation Department or Davenport.

Rayders go into district with two big wins under their belt

The Rayders girls soccer team closed out the regular season with two strong wins.

On May 26 they beat their rivals, the Ramblers 4-1.

Boyne City opened the scoring at home, converting on a breakaway opportunity resulting from a collision between two Charlevoix defenders early in the match.

The Rayders overcame a sluggish start, gaining the tying goal a few minutes later when Jaime Pettis sent a cross to Madison Ramsey who then converted the goal.

Charlevoix went up 2-1 before the end of the half when senior Alyssia McDonough scored off a throw-in from Pettis. The Rayders controlled the second half with Pettis scoring twice, on assists from Ramsey and McDonough.

Coach Carol Madison said, "Charlevoix shot the ball well, with 10 of 13 opportunities on the net."

Keeper Laura Nitchman notched five saves to earn the win in goal. The Rayders received strong play from midfielder Ramsey, forward Pettis and back Madison McKenzie. Rayders Player of the Game ball went to freshman Jennifer Rich who brought a strong, positive attitude tot eh match.

"The Ramblers played hard on their home pitch and won many 50-50 balls. They have improved a great deal over the season," Madison said.

Charlevoix played the fourth time in six days at Traverse City St. Francis May 27 for their final game of the regular season.

Even though the girls had played a lot, they showed no sign of exhaustion and bested the tough Traverse City squad 1-0.

The win locked Charlevoix in at least a tie for second place in the Lake Michigan Conference race, completing the conference season 9-3.

The match was well contested by both sides, with Charlevoix managing 11 shots on goal while the Traverse City group forced Nitchman into 12 saves. Nitchman made several key stops in securing her ninth shutout of the season, adding to her school record. Nitchman, honorable mention all-state in 2003, won the Player of the Game ball.

Charlevoix scored the only goal of the night when Ramsey fed senior Shayna Drost who put in an 18-yard shot from the left flank. Drost added the tally to her career school scoring record.

The Rayders received strong defensive play from Sarah Cross, Stevie Murray and Lisa Kuebler. Ramsey and McDonough had great nights in winning most of the midfield balls. Forwards Drost and Pettis again worked tirelessly on the forward line.

The Rayders end the regular season at 11-6-1 overall. Charlevoix opened district play against Boyne City at the Harbor Springs stadium June 1.

Results from this game were not available by press time.

Venetian Festival seeking nominations

The 2004 Venetian Festival theme of "Charlevoix Sports Legends" continues to gain momentum.

The Venetian Sports Committee put on its game face in its "Round One" review of "Coaching Legends."

The committee promises to hit full stride in its "Round Two" review of "Legendary Teams."

Several teams with outstanding legacies have been identified by the committee for consideration. They include the popular "Polar Bears," a professional Charlevoix basketball team which traveled the midwest throughout the 1930s and 1940s, taking on all challengers.

The undefeated and unscored upon Charlevoix High School football team of the 1960s quickly came to mind. Likewise, the Charlevoix County State Bank woman's softball team captured the State of Michigan championship during the 1960s.

True to recent form, Charlevoix High School basketball roots also run deep and strong. Seven Charlevoix High School hoops squads have risen to the prestigious "Final Four" plateau of the State Tournament, being the teams of 1931, 1938, 1948, 1952, 1999, 2001 and 2004.

The Venetian Sports Committee is again seeking public input to assist its consideration of every great hometown sports team.

Nominations for "Legendary Team" honors should include the team name, years (if known), sport and should be forwarded by June 22, to Venetian Headquarters at 309 Petoskey Avenue, P.O. Box 120, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Charlevoix Yacht Club racing results

This second race of the Spring series was sailed in delightful conditions.

There was about 10 knots of wind and sun following many wet, cold windy days. The race was a windward, leeward five leg shortened course.

The results are:

- Jib and Main: 1) Flash (Gordon) 2) Booma (Gosling/Tyra).
- Pearson 26: 1) Cygnus (Stewart) 2) Artemis (Bowerman)
- J-22: 1) Superfluous (Jensen) 2) Swine Flew (Strawhridge) 3) What's Her Name? (Robinson) 4) Hog Tide (Clagett)
- Spinnaker A: 1) Kamikazee (Funck) 2) Padawan 2 (Lamb) 3) Northern Light (Orlow) 4) Gotcha ! (Dow/Mueller) 5) Stringthing (Thomas) 6) Hoi Poloi (Attee) 7) Windrunner (Pirie) 8) Blasen IV (Jurries)

If you are an experienced racing sailor visiting in the area and would like to crew you may try to find a boat in need of crew about 4:45 – 5:15 p.m. at Northwest Marine Yacht Club on Ferry Avenue, Irish Boat Shop docks on Ferry Avenue or Irish Boat Shop on Stover Road every Wednesday.

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Center hosts home tour

Each year, on the last Monday in June, the Crooked Tree Arts Center hosts their Annual Home Tour, and this year's tour will be from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday, June 28.

The 2004 tour features homes on Walloon Lake, with varied architectural styles including new log construction and traditional lakeside cottages.

Phoebe and Kurt Wietzke, of Boyne City, serve as the committee chairmen for the 2004 event.

"We hope visitors make a day of it — touring breathtaking Walloon Lake homes and stopping for lunch as Petoskey, Boyne City, Horton Bay and Bay Harbor are all within a few minutes drive," said Phoebe Wietzke.

"We are grateful to the home owners for opening their doors for this great one day fundraising event," added Kurt Wietzke.

Tickets are available at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. Admission to all five homes is $25. Tickets may also be purchased at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City, The Appletree Gallery in Charlevoix and By the Bay in Harbor Springs.

To purchase tickets on-line, go to www.crookedtree.org.

The ticket includes a map to all of the homes on the tour, as the tour is self-guided and hosts will greet at each home.

Proceeds from this event support the arts center's programming, such as the Beginning Strings Program and the School Tour program.

For more information regarding the annual Home Tour, please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337. The arts center is located at 461 East Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey.

The web site is www.crookedtree.org.

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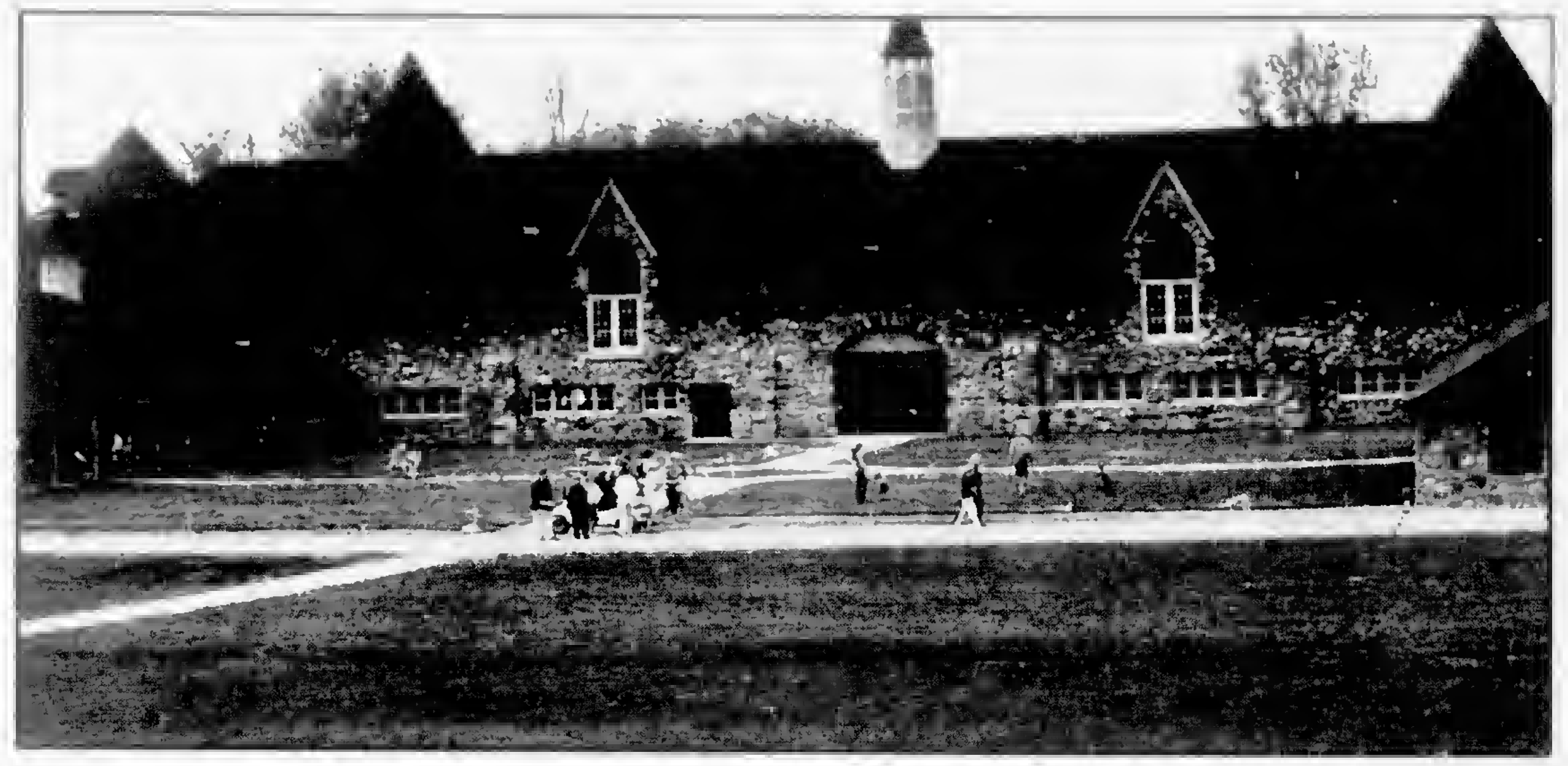

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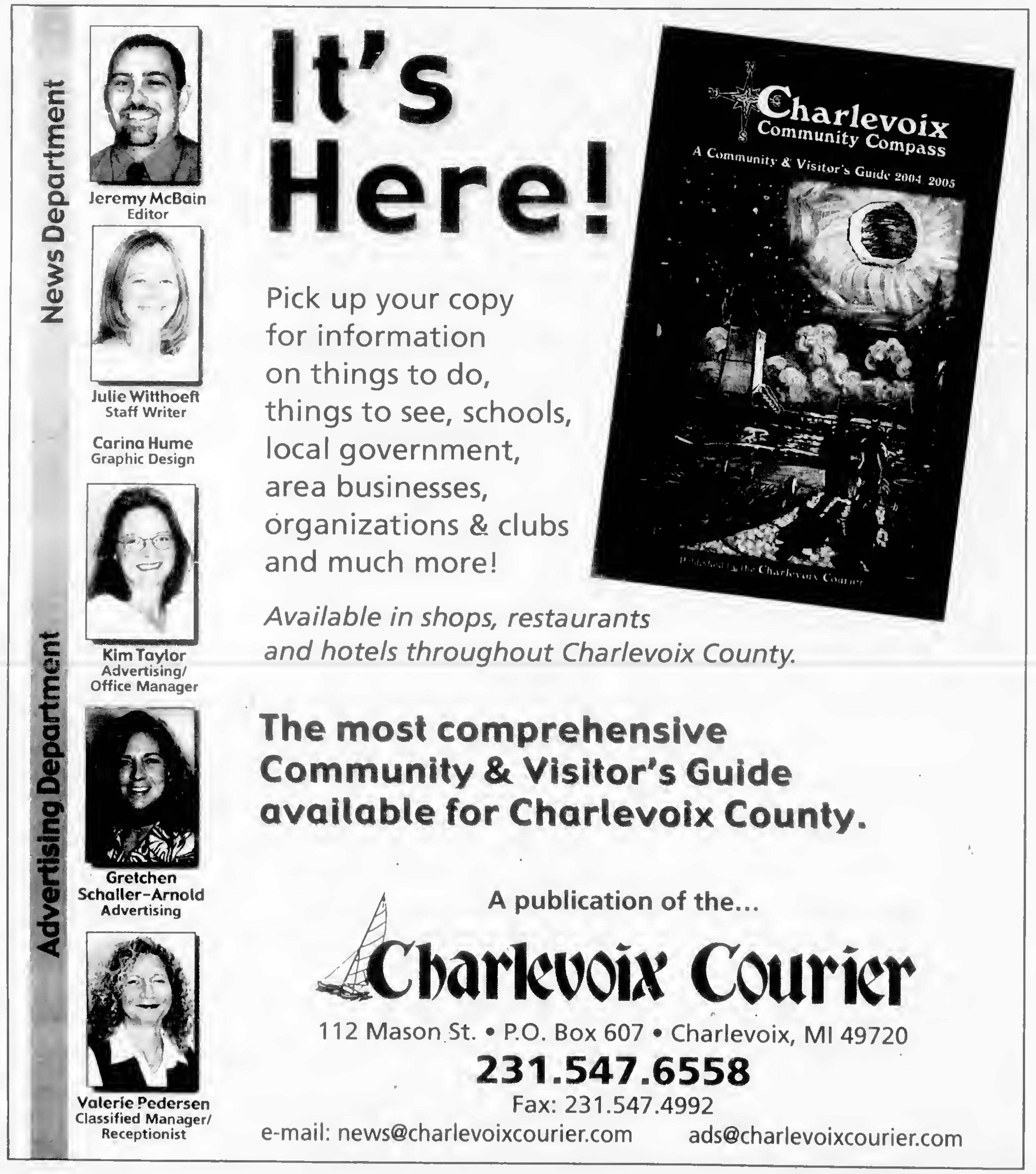
Renovated castle

Linda and Richard Mueller, owners of Charlevoix's Castle Farms, hosted an open house at the site May 30. The event marked the opening of the facility following $6 million in renovations. Here, visitors stand in the yard looking at the work.



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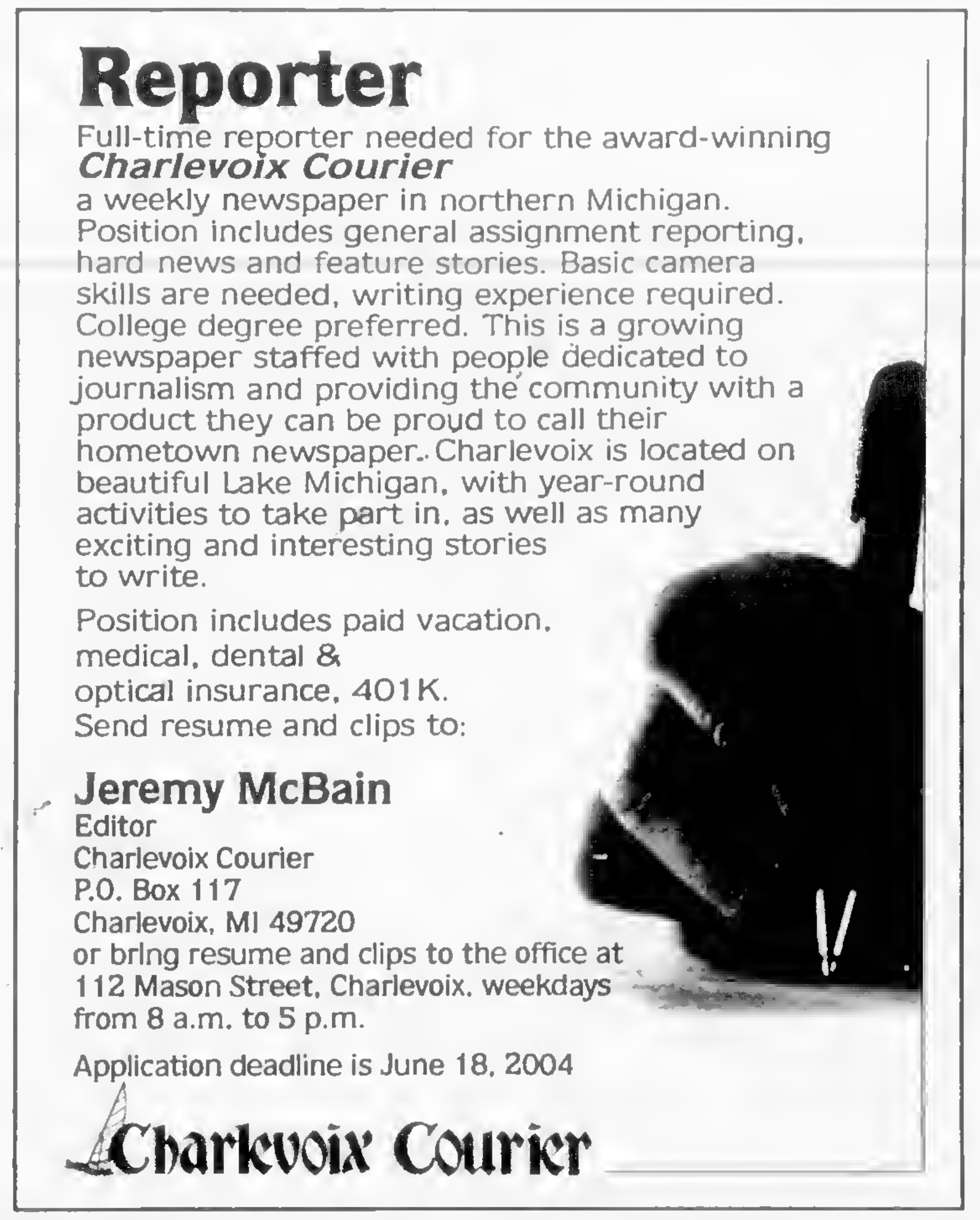

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX**

WILLIAM D. BAIOCCHI and
KRISTIN L. BAIOCCHI,
husband and wife; and
THOMAS G. BAIOCCHI and
RHONDA E. BAIOCCHI,
husband and wife;
and DIANE B. MURG,
Plaintiffs,
v
JENNIE L. COPP, her heirs, successors, assigns, executors and any claiming thereunder,
Defendants. /

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
111 State Street, Suite 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231/547-4059

ORDER TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court, held at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on the 12th day of May, 2004.
PRESIDING: The Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

On April 21, 2004, an action was filed by the above named Plaintiffs, against the above named Defendants, in the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, to quiet title to real property situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, and more specifically identified as follows:

In the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, Michigan:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at a 1 inch iron pipe at the South quarter corner of Section 33, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the South line of said section South 89°49'10" West 2630.36 feet to a 3/4 inch pipe at the Southwest corner of said section; thence along the West line of said section North 00°18'24" West 2747.87 feet; thence South 58°38'40" East (recorded as South 58°50' East) 525.02 feet to a half inch iron at the Northernmost corner of the William D. Baiocchi, Thomas G. Baiocchi and Diane B. Murg property as recorded in Liber 308, Page 52, Charlevoix County Records, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence North 26°52'13" East 78.55 feet to the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence along said short South 55°51'00" East 9.22 feet; thence continuing along said short South 51°42'40" East 51.10 feet; thence leaving said shore South 23°41'51" West 75.57 feet to a half inch iron at the Northeasterly corner of said Baiocchi, Baiocchi, and Murg property; thence North 53°35'00" West 36.3 feet; thence North 53°38'40" West 27.7 feet to the Point of Beginning; being part of Government Lot 1 of Section 33 North, Range 6 West. The above described parcel includes all land to the water's edge of Lake Charlevoix Northeasterly of the courses described as being along said shore.

PARCEL 2: Commencing at the South eighth corner on the West line of Section 33, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence North along the West line of said section 1121 feet; thence South 58°50' East 369.7 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 58°50' East 16.2 feet to an iron stake; thence South 53°34' East 24.8 feet to an iron stake; thence North 36°26' East 250 feet to an iron stake on the Southwesterly line of the County Road; thence 53°34' West (also having been recorded as North 58°50' West) 36.3 feet to an iron stake; thence North 58°50' West (also having been recorded as North 53°34'West) 27.7 feet to an iron stake at the Northeast corner of a lot commonly described as Lot No. 8 of the Unrecorded Plat of Gaza Beach; thence South 31°10' West 250 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 33, Town 33 North, Range 6 West, and to be known as Lot 9 of the Unrecorded Plat of Gaza Beach.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant **JENNIE L. COPP,** as above named, and any heirs, successors, assigns, or others claiming thereunder, and any other parties claiming interest shall answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before **June 30, 2004.** Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint.

PLEASE NOTE that a hearing will be held on:
------July 16, 2004, at 2:15 p.m.-----
in the Circuit Courtroom of the Charlevoix County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan, in connection with this matter.

Date Entered: May 12, 2004

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
33RD CIRCUIT COURT
Case No. 2004-018320-DP
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7243

CHRISTIE GRANDY,
Plaintiff,
v
MARK CAPLAN,
104 HARLEY BEAGLE,
HARRISON, MI 48625

By: Mary Beth Kur P44424
Prosecuting Attorney
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7241

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the People of the State of Michigan, you are notified:
1. You are being sued.
2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this Summons to file an answer with the Court and serve a copy on the other party (Charlevoix Prosecuting Attorney's Office), or to take other lawful action (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside this state).
3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Issued: April 1, 2004
This summons expires: July 2, 2004
Court clerk: Sharon M. Selissen, Deputy
COMPLAINT PROVISION
There is no other pending or resolved action within the jurisdiction of the Family Division of Circuit Court involving the family or family members of the parties.
VENUE
Defendant(s) residence:
104 Harley Beagle Road
Harrison, MI 48825
Place where action arose or business conducted:
Charlevoix County
I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.
Date: April 1, 2004
MARY BETH KUR P44424
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
By: Kerry B. Zahner P55809
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

**PATERNITY COMPLAINT
STATE OF MICHIGAN
33RD CIRCUIT COURT
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas
CASE NO. 04-0183-20-DP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7243

CHRISTIE GRANDY
Plaintiff
v
MARK CAPLAN
Defendant

BY: Mary Beth Kur P44424
Prosecuting Attorney
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7241

The Plaintiff states:
1. CHRISTIE GRANDY gave birth to the child(ren): STELLA J. GRANDY born on 10-09-2003.
2. The child is living with CHRISTIE GRANDY in the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.
3. The child was born out of wedlock.
4. The child was conceived on or about the date(s) and in or near the place(s) listed below:
Child Name
STELLA J. GRANDY
Date of conception
January 10, 2003
Place of conception
HARRISON, MI
5. The Defendant is the father of the child.
6. The Defendant is of sufficient ability to provide support for the child(ren).
The Plaintiff requests that a Judgment of Filiation be entered establishing paternity of the child(ren) under the Paternity Act, and that the Court grant such other relief as provided by law.
I declare that the statement above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.
Date: January 7, 2004
CHRISTIE GRANDY
Plaintiff
Date: January 7, 2004
MARY BETH KUR P44424
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
BY: KERRY B. ZAHNER P55809
ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

**ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
33RD CIRCUIT COURT
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas
CASE NO. 2004-018320-DP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7243

CHRISTIE GRANDY
Plaintiff
v
MARK CAPLAN
Defendant

BY: Mary Beth Kur P44424
Prosecuting Attorney
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7241

THE COURT FINDS:
Service of process upon Defendant, **MARK S. CAPLAN,** cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:
Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s):
First class mail to Defendant
Posting & Publication pursuant to court rule.
For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT, pursuant to MCR 2.106(C):
1. This action involves a paternity and support matter under the Paternity Act/Family Support Act.
2. The Defendant has 28 days from the filing date for the Return/Proof of Service to file an answer or take other action permitted by law or court rule, with the Charlevoix County Clerk or the Charlevoix County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.
3. If the Defendant does not take the action described in paragraph two (2) of this notice, a Default Judgment of Filiation may be entered without the Defendant's input, which may address the issues of paternity, custody, parenting time, child support, medical/confinement cost, and medical coverage for the minor child of the parties.
Date: May 19, 2004
RICHARD M. PAJTAS
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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Area events

Pool meeting

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will have its annual meeting at 5:30 p.m., on June 3, at the Charlevoix Congregational/UCC Church. The purpose is to review the year's activity and have an election of board members. The public is invited.

Ford retirees to meet

The Northern Michigan Ford Retiree Group will be having its annual luncheon meeting in Traverse City at the Park Place Hotel's Banquet Dome on Friday, Aug. 6, 2004. The featured speaker will be Nick Scheele, president of the Ford Motor Company. The group has been meeting in various northern Michigan locations since 1980. Events are open to all Ford retirees and spouse or friend, regardless of where they live. Participants can plan for an overnight stay or long weekend in Traverse City but should book accommodations now to ensure availability. For further information or to get on the mailing list, contact the group at nmifordret@hotmail.com or call Margo Johnson at (231) 547-0866.

Skatepark volunteers

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with fundraising, grant writing, working at the skate park and to serve on special committees. A temporary site for the skate park has been located with a summer opening date targeted. Please contact Vickie Daman at 547-8063, Vicki Hankins at 675-0847, or e-mail vichankins@hotmail.com.

Coffee time

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are hosting Wednesday morning coffees at 10 a.m. to help answer any questions you may have about the Library's Building Project. For further information, contact the library at 547-2651.

Free physicals

The Charlevoix High School will be giving free physicals to current 6th through 11th graders starting at 5 p.m. 6th-7th graders, 5:45 p.m. 8th-9th graders, 6:30 p.m. 10th-11th graders, on June 3, at the Charlevoix High School. These physicals will be good for the 2004-2005 school year. The physicals are free, but are open to students who are currently 6th through 11th graders in Charlevoix schools. Students must pick up a physical form at the middle school or high school. The form must be signed by parents before the physicals.

Garage Sale

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix is having its first annual Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on June 5, in the gym of the Charlevoix Middle School. No junk, only treasures. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Rotary Club.

Final concert

The Northwest Academy Music department will be hosting a concert in East Park at the Odmark Pavilion at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 6. This will be the final concert of the school year for all the performing groups. The Beginning Band will be first on the concert, followed by the Intermediate Band. Various groups from the choir will be performing throughout the concert. The Advanced Band will follow with selections from its award winning year.

The Jazz Ensemble will close the concert. Band parents will be grilling hot dogs and brats for you to purchase, along with chips and soda.

Skatepark meeting

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark will be hosting a community meeting at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, June 8. This meeting will be at their temporary park at the old middle school on Mason Street. All skaters, parents, and anyone interested is welcome. If you have any questions please call Vickie Daman at 547-8063.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m, every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flapjack Resturant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

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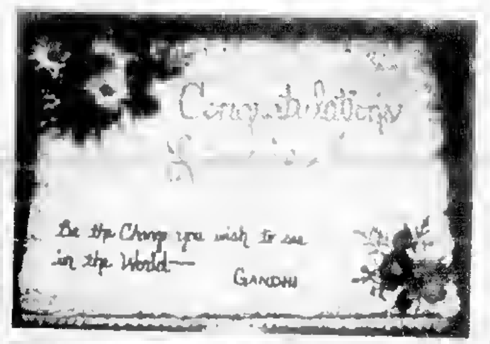

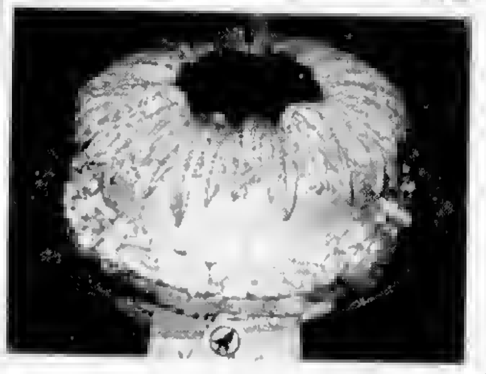

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County planner said plan should not be approved

LOEB

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missioners, John Martin, Jim Shull and Walter Rosenthal, felt the balance between risk of contamination and the need for affordable housing in the township favored the housing crunch.

"What it came down to is there is always a risk with everything. Is there a potential for groundwater contamination, it's possible. We try and balance the reasonable risk that may be involved with providing adequate housing in the township," Matchett said.

John Ochs, a commissioner who voted against the project, disagreed with Matchett's rational.

He said, "The balance didn't come out for me the same as it did for Tim. I think Loeb Road is a logical place for higher density development, but I think sewer will eventually go out there and support it. And I would like to see it wait until then."

Residents with shallow wells who are concerned about the impact of this proposed development on their drinking water are angry with the commission's decision and said that if the board approves the rezone for either parcel they'll likely take the issue to referendum and let all the people in Marion Township decide its fate.

The next step in this rezoning process is a review of the request by the Charlevoix County Planning Commission to take place at 7 p.m., June 3 in Boyne Falls.

After the county planning commission makes its recommendation the township board will make the final call at its meeting June 21.

Boss said if the township approves the request as the planning commission recommended, the Legacy group will proceed with development plans for the north site, building about 40 to 55 homes.

He said the project would still be profitable in spite of the loss of development possibilities of the south site.

"We are undecided what to do with the south site — we don't know what we are going to do," Boss said.

Northwest mourns loss of beloved student

SLOUGH

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The musical prodigy played viola, violin, drums, contra bass, clarinet, alto sax and guitar. He showcased his talents in the school's jazz and advanced bands.

"He was very, very, very talented," Stutzman said. "He was the kind of student every teacher loves to have in the classroom. He was smart, engaging and interesting to talk with. If there was any kid you would want other students to model, it would be Ted."

On May 28, the last day Slough was in school, he sat down with school administrator Scott Cochran to talk about where he would attend college in the fall.

Cochran said like many students, Slough hadn't pinpointed his major, but a focus on music was inevitable.

Cochran raved about his abilities and said he was blown away at a recent show he put on for the school's program called "Live at Northwest Academy." At the show Slough was a one man band strumming classical guitar and operating a three-piece drum set with his feet as he sang Eric Clapton's "Lay Down Sally."

One of Slough's best friends, Northwest student Gina Attee, said, "I think that was one of the coolest things he ever did."

His academic future would have had a music component to it and Cochran said his future also would have had shiny cars scattered throughout it. Everyone at school knew when Slough has arrived from the roar of his red Camero.

"Like Gary (Stutzman), he would always have a project car in his garage he was working on," Cochran said.

These plans that have been cut short will be on the minds of his classmates who will accept diplomas at the school's graduation ceremony set for 7 p.m., June 4 at the First Congregational Church.

Attee, Northwest's class of 2004 salutatorian, said she will struggle with her speech knowing her friend is not there to share the day they had looked forward to together.

"He was a great friend," she said.

To help students cope with the loss, a grief team was brought in for the week.

File photo

Ted Slough performs with the Northwest Academy Band in this photo from November 2003. Slough died this week in a house fire. He was going to graduate from the school Friday.

Top of Michigan Trails, chamber to host trail ride/walk

The Top of Michigan Trails Council and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau will be sponsoring a bike ride/walk on the paved Little Traverse Wheelway with a wellness/fitness fair to follow on National Trails Day, June 5.

The ride or walk will start a the Charlevoix Township Hall 9-10 a.m. and the wellness and fitness fair will follow in East Park in downtown Charlevoix from 1-3 p.m. The theme of Trails Day this year is "Health and Trails...A Natural Connection."

As a part of the fitness and wellness fair, Harbor Health and Fitness will have fitness demonstrations and a massage therapist providing massages and the American Red Cross, the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan will have health related information.

For information or ride and walk registration, please go to www.topofmichigantrails.org or contact the Charlevoix Visitors Bureau at (800) 367-8557.

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Voters to decide if library will go into old school site

LIBRARY

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staffed circulation desk and outdoor landscaped plazas for reading.

Library director Valerie Meyerson described what could be the final product as "a community gathering spot."

"What this space is going to do for this community is really exciting. The site is going to be a lovely space, centrally located downtown, easily accessible, with good parking — it's everything people are asking for," she said.

The rest of the $1.6 million price tag that isn't covered by the bond request is currently being collected in fundraising.

So far a library support group chaired by Charlevoix resident Don Heise has raised $1,009,000, two thirds of the way to that $1.6 million goal.

"We are way higher than we thought we would be. We expected to be one third of the way there by June 13," Meyerson said of the fundraising effort.

The other piece to the library request that will be on the ballot is an operating millage of .65 mills for 20 years that will allow the library to double its collection budget to buy more books, add new collections like music, double its staff and beef up resources like computer classes and coordinated programming with the schools.

This operating millage would bring in approximately $395,063 in 2005 and would be in addition to the .46 mills currently levied for operations. The additional millage would cost a homeowner whose taxable value is $100,000, $65.

Kay Heise, President of the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, said it will be money well spent for every resident as the new facility will have something for everyone.

"When people think about what it is they can do at the library they'll be able to think beyond checking out a book and meeting a friend. The choices that will be available will make more sense to someone's daily life," she said.

Meyerson said that both the building and operation millage requests have to pass for the project to move forward.

"We would not go forward with the project until we had the funds to operate the facility," she explained.

If voters give the project their support, post election community fundraisers will kick off. Funds donated beyond the $1.6 million goal will go to reduce the .75 mill bond.

Meyerson explained that if the two pieces to this puzzle do pass, the library will start a six to nine month design process and will likely break ground on the project in the winter of 2005.

If the bond issue fails the library will do some polling to see why voters didn't approve it and if they find residents take issue with the project they'll tweak the plans and may put it on the March 2005 ballot for a second go at it.

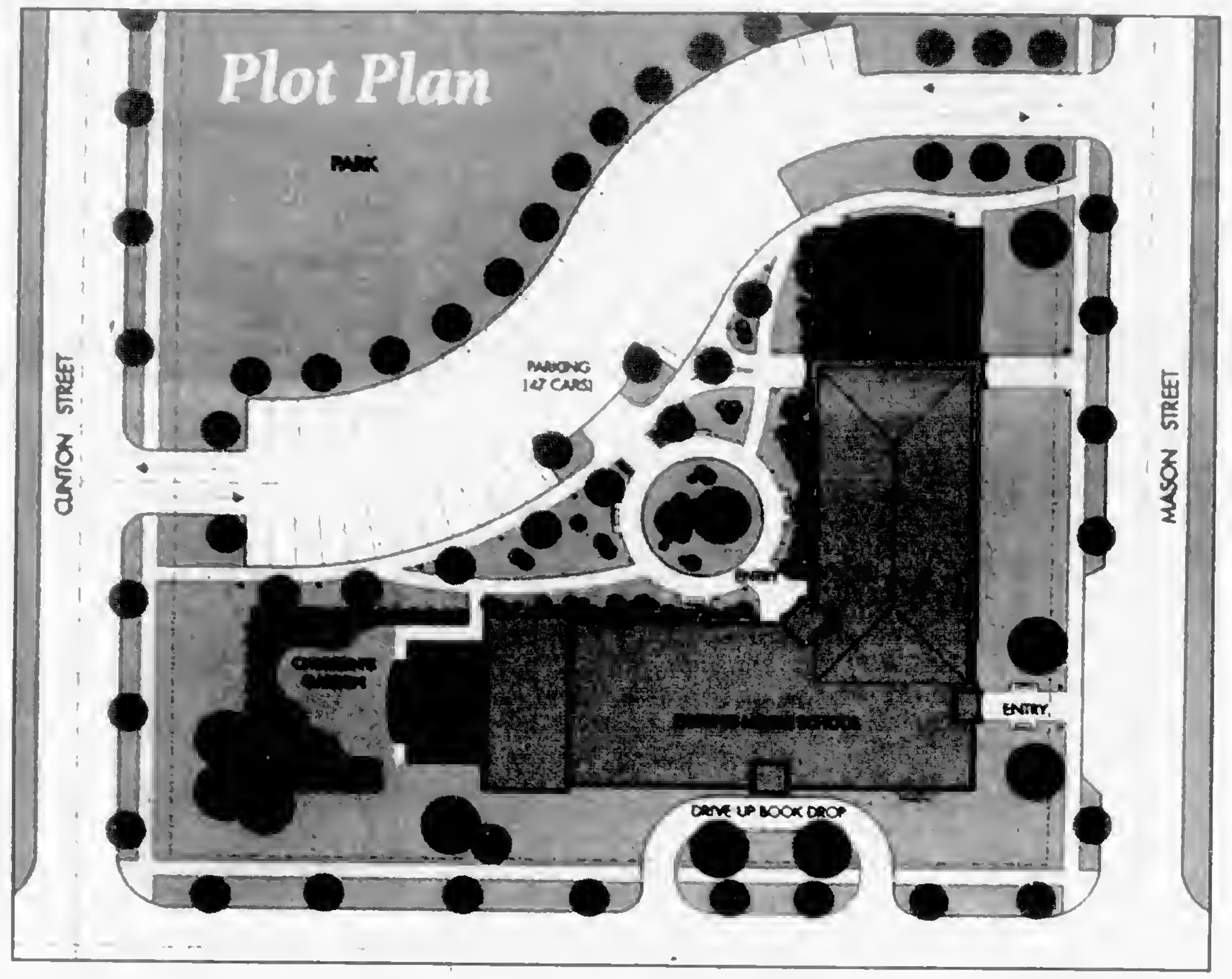
However, there is no guarantee that the former school site will be available then.

The current plan is for the library to buy 10 of those 13 lots from the city which currently owns the school site for $488,460 if voters pass the bond issue. Their option to buy the school property from the city ends in February of 2005. If that bond doesn't pass, Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority has discussed having to sell the property which would likely end up in the hands of a private developer.

"This is our chance; we can't hold another election before then," Kay Heise said.

Election polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., June 14.

Voters will also have to decide whether to renew a 1.16 mills special education millage for the Charlevoix and Emmet Counties Intermediate School District and a five-year 18 mills non-homestead property renewal. School board secretary Larry Levengood and trustee Dianne Kilkenny are both running unopposed on the ballot.



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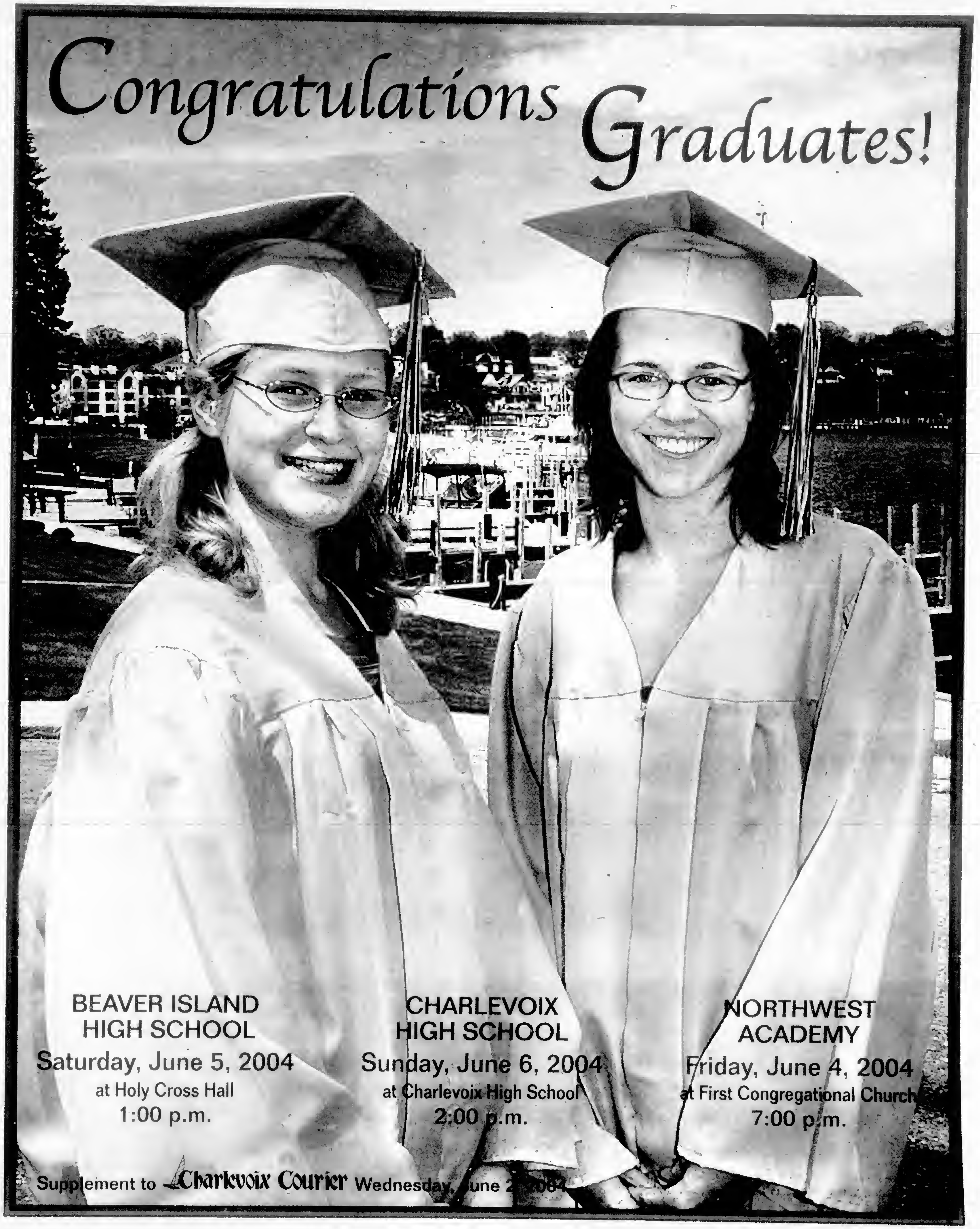

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Four students named valedictorian

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

As the Charlevoix High School band performs Pomp and Circumstance this Sunday the school's 10J class of 2004 graduates will make their way into the gym.

Standing among the group of students will be Joshua Fassett, Rebecca Kanine, Amanda Boss and Andrea Ruhlman four scholars sharing the valedictorian spotlight, and salutatorian Cody Priess.

Each member of the valedictorian entourage will graduate with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. They credit their flawless academic performance to hard work and diligence.

Fassett, 18, is the son of Martin and Karla Fassett of Charlevoix. He attributes his academic success to hard work and sacrifice. During high school he played on the tennis team, ran cross country, volunteered at Charlevoix Elementary School and was named class president.

His hard work paid off with a $7,500 scholarship from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids where he will study business administration in the fall.

Kanine, 18, is the daughter of Jim and Jane Kanine of Charlevoix. She said graduating at the top of her class didn't come easily.

"For some people it comes naturally. But that's not me, I'm just a hard worker," she said.

When Kanine wasn't hitting the books she was busy with the volleyball and basketball teams, the Spanish Club, the Peer-to-Peer mentoring program and tutoring.

This fall she plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where she may major in psychology.

"I'm looking forward to being in a new environment. I've lived in a small town for so long. But I'll miss walking down the hall-and knowing 90 percent of the kids I see," she said.

Like Kanine, Boss said she had to work hard to graduate on top.

"I had to stay organized. I have so many things going on — I have to stay on top of it," she said.

Boss' many extracurricular activities required her to manage her time. These included softball, basketball, volleyball, performing arts, the Spanish Club and more.

Those skills will come in handy this fall when she moves to Holland to attend Hope College to pursue a nursing degree.

While she is looking forward to a "fresh start" at Hope, the

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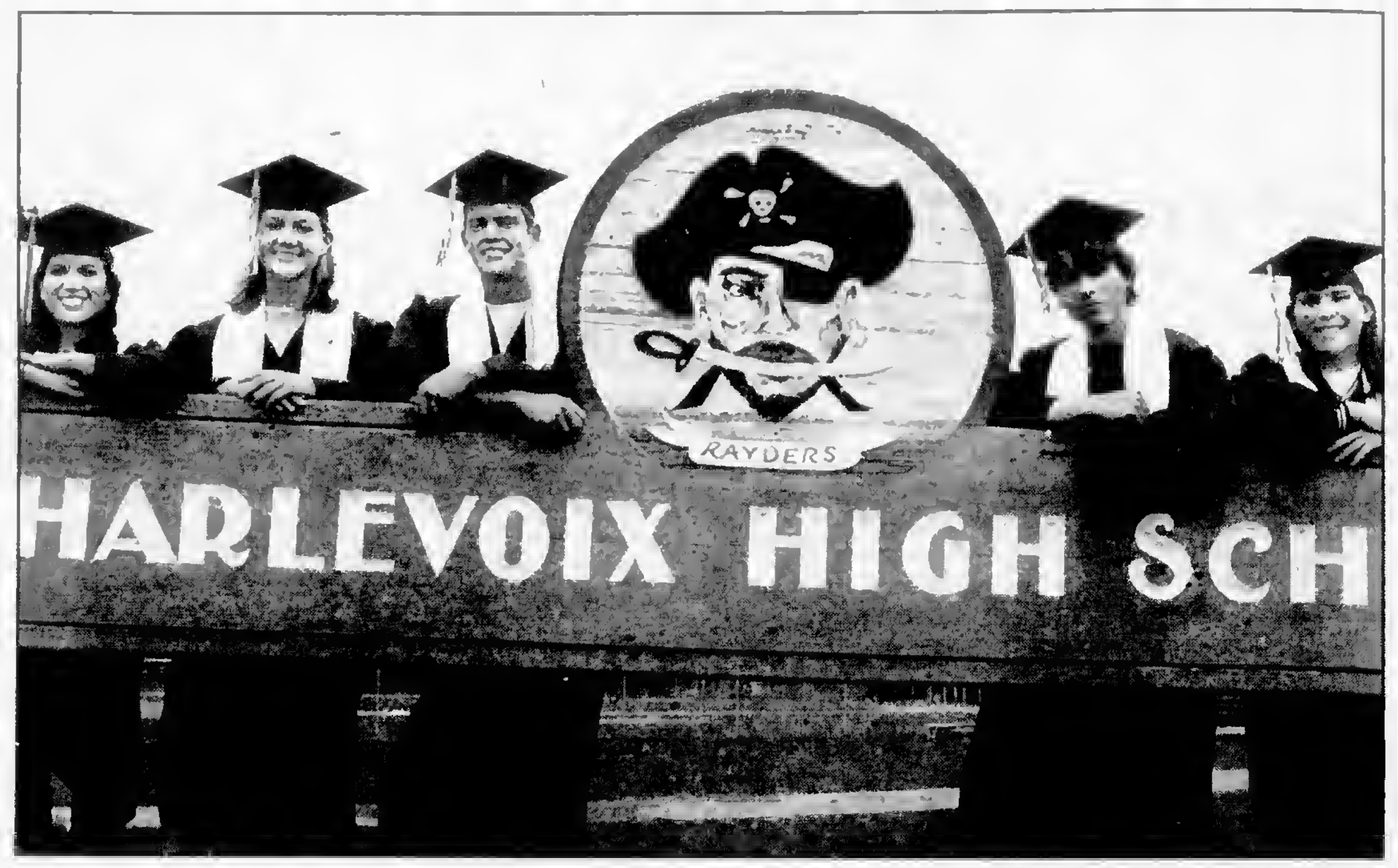

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix High School valedictorians and salutatorian will wave goodbye to high school this weekend at the graduation ceremony set to take place at 2 p.m. June 6 in the high school gym located off Marion Center Road. They are, Rebecca Kanine, Amanda Boss, Josh Fassett, Cody Priess and Andrea Ruhlman.

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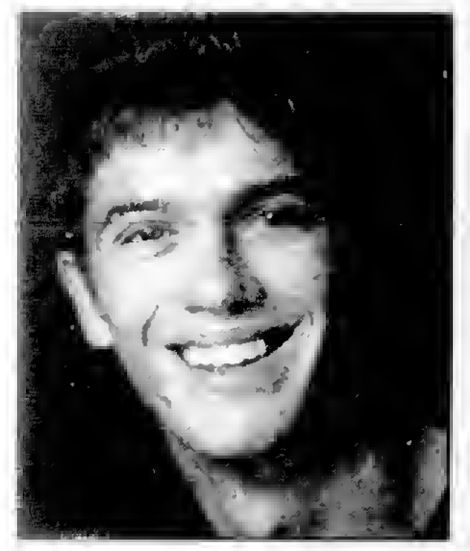
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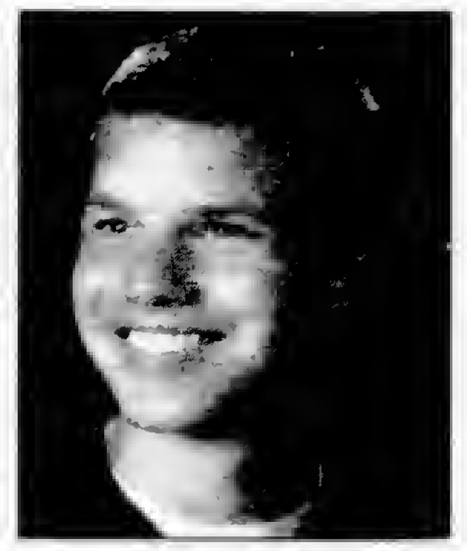
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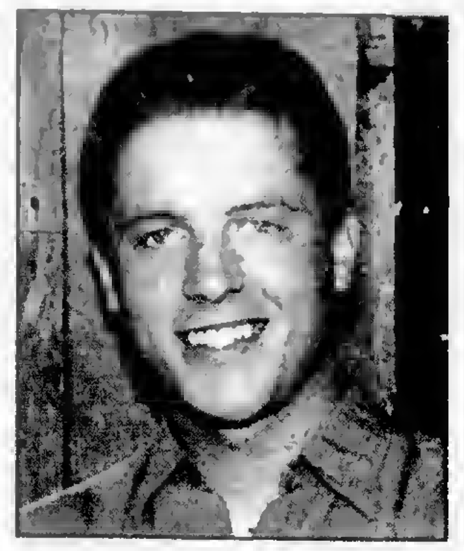
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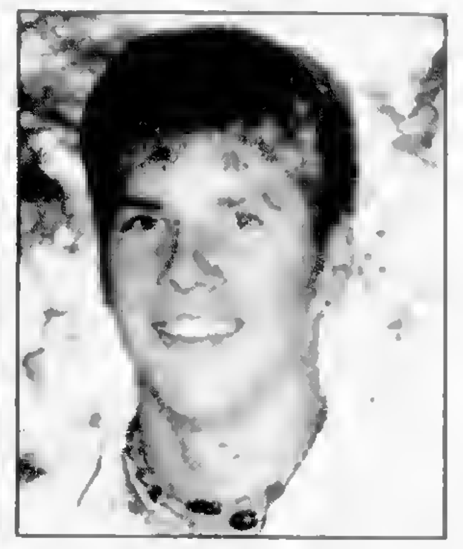
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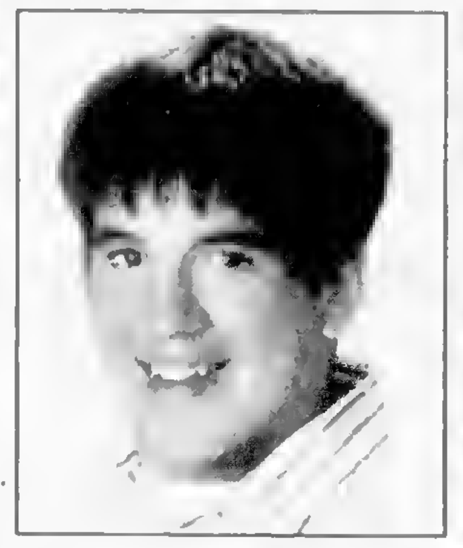
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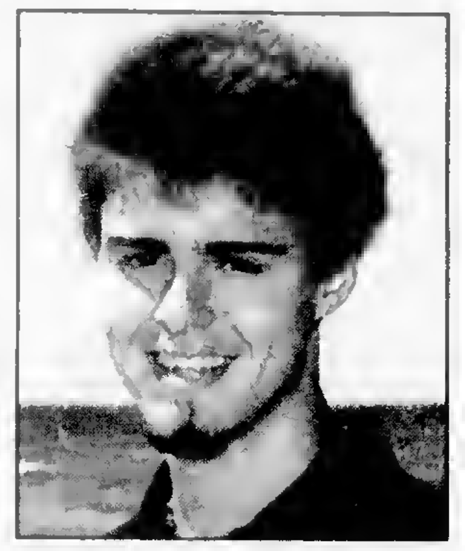
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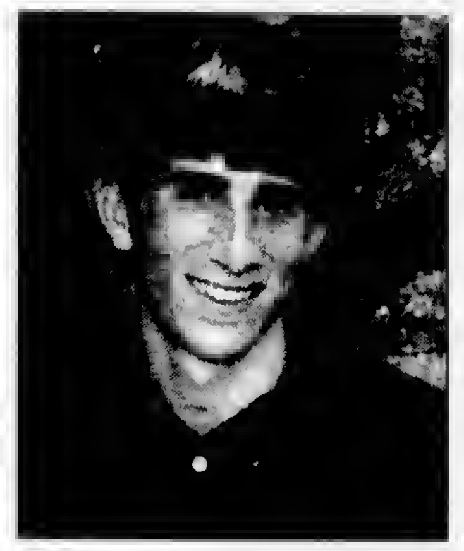
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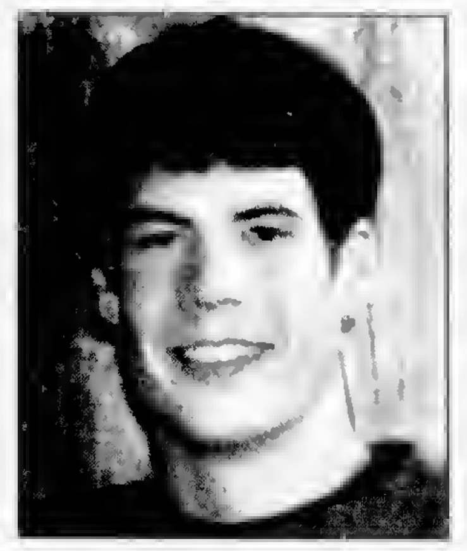
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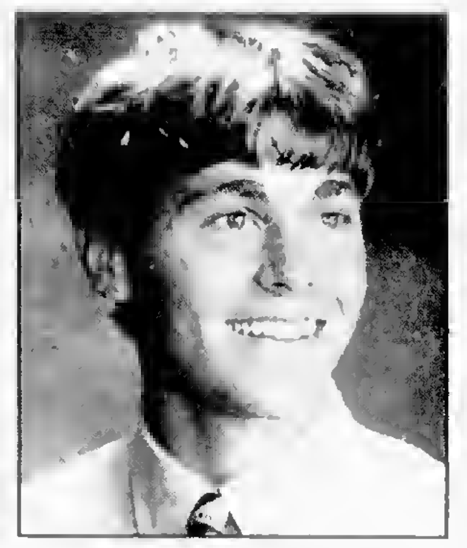
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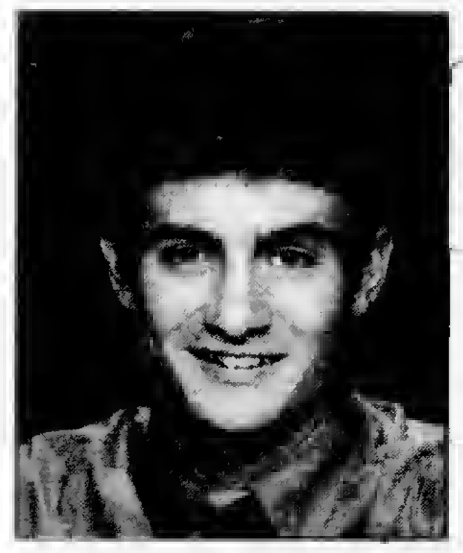
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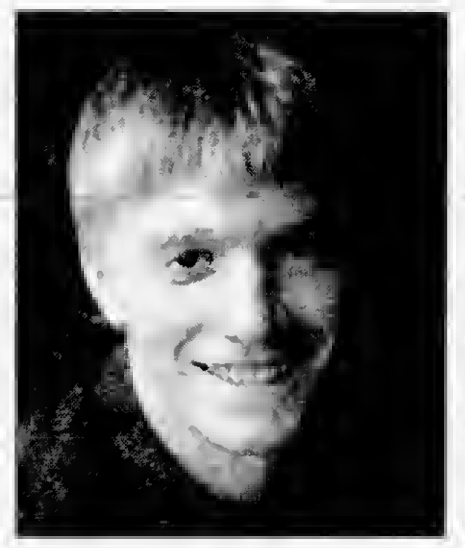
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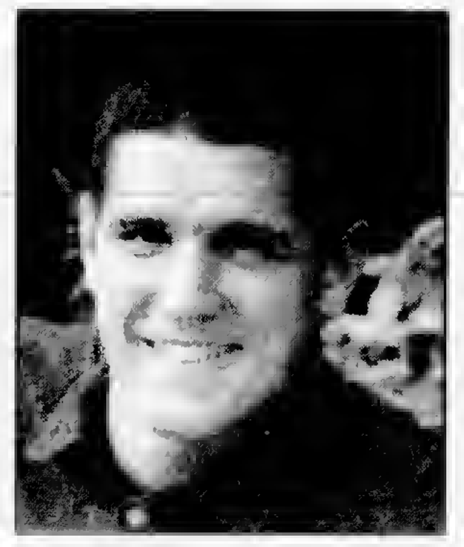
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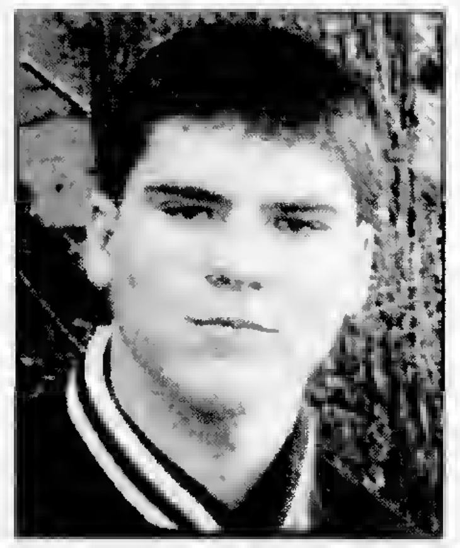
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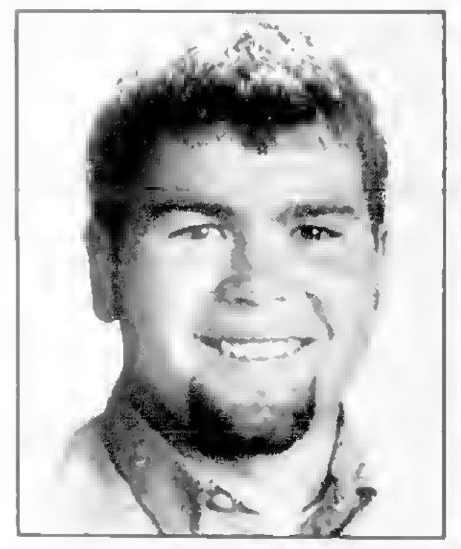
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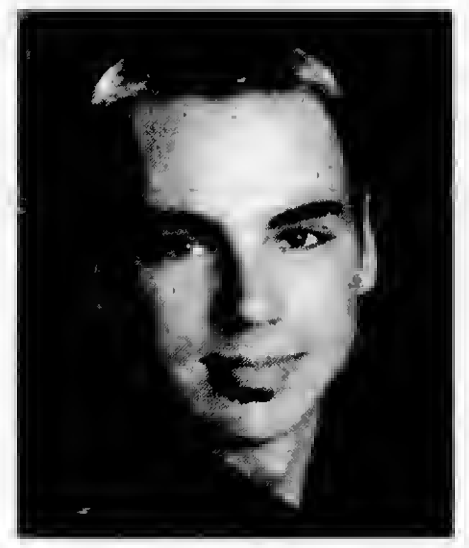
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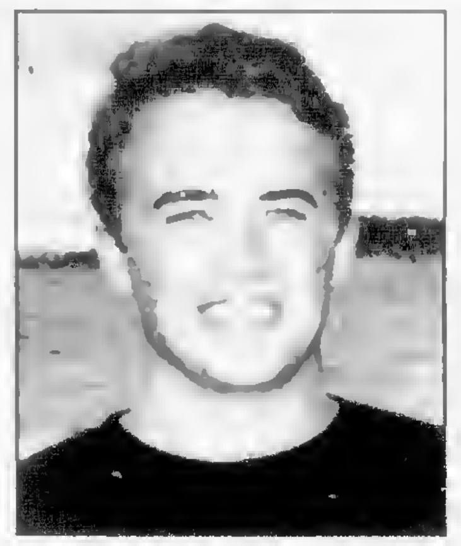
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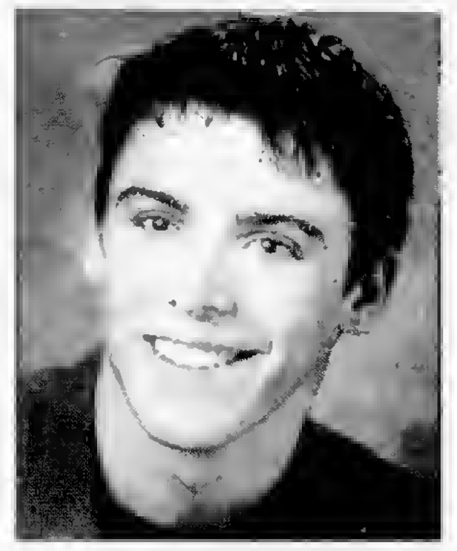
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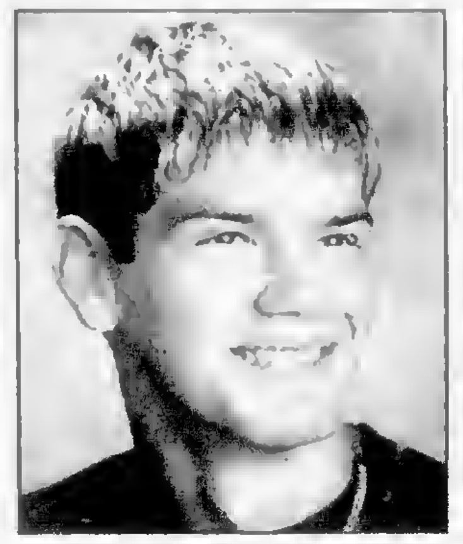
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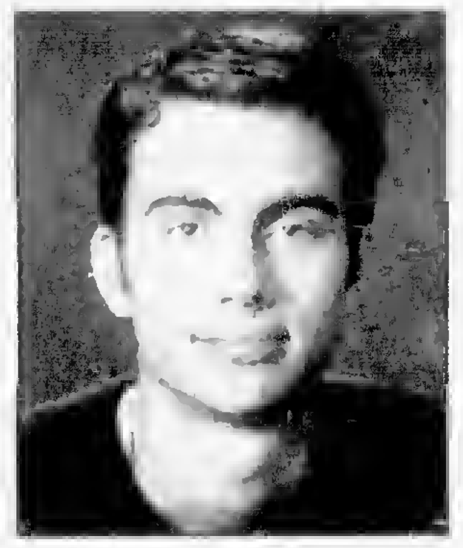
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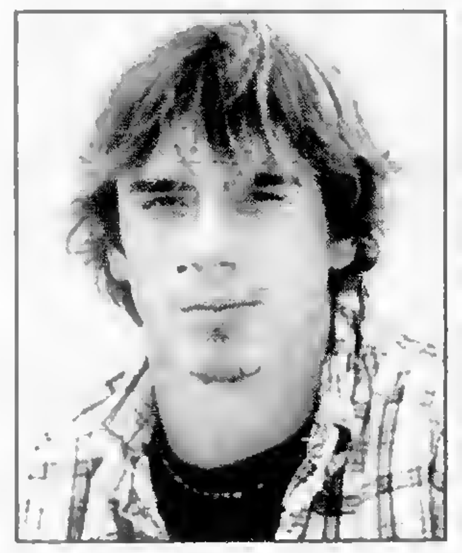
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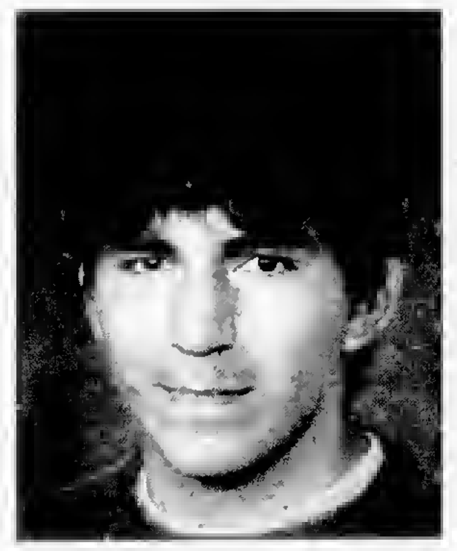
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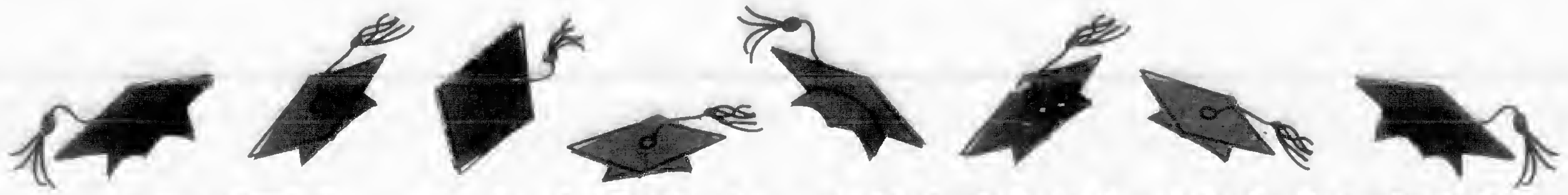

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18-year-old daughter of Charlevoix residents Bud and Judy Boss said she will miss her friends and family.

Rounding out the top four students is Ruhlman, who will join Kanine at the University of Michigan this fall.

Ruhlman, 17, will leave behind the only community she has ever know Charlevoix, and her mother and father, Mike and Barb Ruhlman, to start this next adventure.

She said she owes her high school success to her own desire to succeed and to her parents who encouraged her to do well.

Ruhlman's ability to multitask, that she learned as a Rayder student athlete will help her balance her work load in Ann Arbor.

During her four year high school career she played softball and volleyball and was a member of the Spanish Club.

While none of the four members of the valedictorian squad were able to edge the others out of the running, a fifth contender, Cody Priess, almost made the cut too.

Priess will graduate with a 3.976 just a hair shy of a top seat, making him the one and only salutatorian.

He is the son of Diane and Dennis Priess of Charlevoix.

He plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall to study engineering or history and said he's looking forward to being on his own.

These top academic achievers for this year's graduating class at Charlevoix High School will join their classmates, friends, family and teachers to wave their final good-bye to high school at the baccalaureate ceremony scheduled to take place at 2 p.m., June 6 in the high school gym located at 5200 Marion Center Road.

Trudeau, Attee tops at Northwest

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

> *"It took dedication, hard work and a lot of late nights."*
>
> **Kristy Trudeau**, Northwest Academy valedictorian

The high school careers of Northwest Academy's top graduates were marked by quality performances on stage and in the classroom.

The charter school's valedictorian, Kristy Trudeau, 17, the daughter of Art and Shawn Trudeau, started at the school seven years ago and has since become an accomplished flutist playing in the school's jazz and advanced bands.

She said her experiences at Northwest have better prepared her for college than the education she would have gotten in a typical classroom.

"It's a different experience. It's not like normal schools — we have more freedom and do different activities that open us up to things that most schools don't," she said. "I think I'm more prepared because I've been exposed to so much."

While her flute was a focus of her studies, Trudeau excelled in traditional classes as well and closed out the year with a 3.91 grade point average.

"It took dedication, hard work and a lot of late nights," she said.

Outside of the classroom Trudeau was a prom committee member and was involved in class government.

This fall she will attend the Art Institute of Portland in Oregon to study design management in hopes of becoming an events coordinator.

"I'm looking forward to new experiences, meeting new people and seeing new places," Trudeau said.

Northwest's salutatorian Gina Attee, the daughter of Keith and Karen Attee, was a new face at the school this year.

The 18-year-old trumpet player transferred to Northwest from Charlevoix High School to participate in the school's well-known band program.

But when she made the move, Attee brought with her more than just stealthy musical performances, she brought a strong work ethic. Her desire to succeed in the classroom earned her a 3.89 grade point average and admission to the Grand Valley State University Honors College located in Allendale where she will pursue an English degree this fall.

These two graduates will join their 10 classmates at 7 p.m., June 4 at Charlevoix's First Congregational Church off State Street to celebrate their accomplishments at a baccalaureate ceremony and take the next step toward their future.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Northwest Academy Valedictorian Kristy Trudeau (left) and salutatorian Gina Attee will join their 10 classmates at 7 p.m. June 4 at Charlevoix's First Congregational Church off State Street to celebrate their accomplishments at a baccalaureate ceremony and take the next step toward their future.

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Good times

(Left) Like many graduating seniors, Amanda Boss, a Charlevoix High School valedictorian pictured at center, spent part of her high school career in performing arts. Here she had the lead in The Sound of Music. (Below) Students put on their best outfits for the junior and senior prom at Belvedere Casino in Charlevoix

Northwest Academy Graduates

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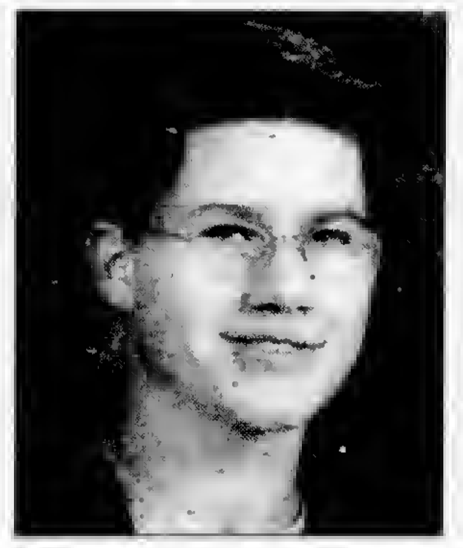

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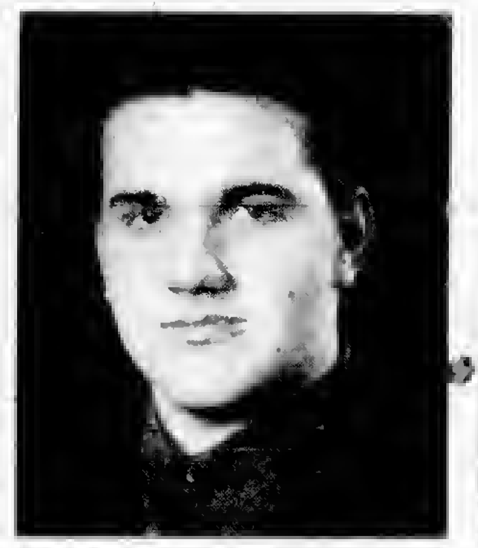

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Gillespie named top graduate at Beaver Island

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff writer

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>
> **Kerrie Gillespie**,
> Beaver Island salutatorian

Following a 12 year run as a dedicated student, in just two weeks Kerrie Gillespie will graduate from the Beaver Island Community School with top honors and officially start the next chapter of her life.

Kerrie, 17, the daughter of Rich and Laura Gillespie, was named the school's salutatorian for 2004.

"I had to work hard to stay on top," she said.

During her high school career Kerrie balanced a busy schedule filled with athletic practices and games, community outreach efforts and of course academics.

Kerrie worked with Beaver Island Helping Hands visiting with the elderly and also spent time with Americorps Peer Mediation, a group specializing in conflict resolution at schools.

Her senior year included major milestones like being named captain of the successful volleyball team and the season's most valuable player. When she wasn't on the court you could find her putting her best effort forth on the soccer field.

Kerrie's athletic prowess and giving spirit coupled with her academic strength earned her two college scholarships, a $200 TDS Telecom Scholarship and a $400 21st Century Learning Scholarship. Both will be used to help fund her next big step, college.

Kerrie, an island native will make her mainland debut in the fall of 2004 at Lansing Community College.

She plans to take general studies courses there and then transfer to Michigan State University in East Lansing where she will study psychology.

Graduation marks an important time for native islanders like Kerrie, some of who will accept their diploma and say good-bye to their unique way of life.

"I've loved living on the island all my life. But I'm ready for a change now. I'm looking forward to moving to a bigger place, meeting new people and trying new things — new experiences," she said.

Kerrie will join her six classmates at the community school's graduation to take place at 1 p.m., June 5 in the Holy Cross Hall on Beaver Island.

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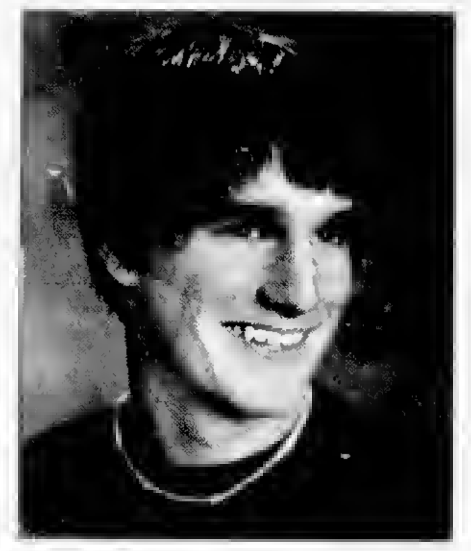
Kerrie Gillespie was named salutatorian of the Beaver Island School.

Beaver Island Community School Graduates

Laura Bousquet

Kerrie Gillespie



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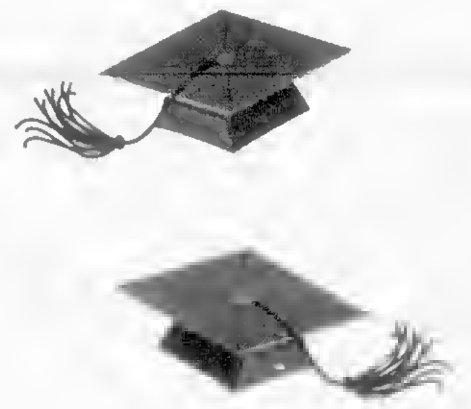

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Charlevoix's new grads

Vet gets degree after 60 years

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff writer

Almost 60 years after dropping out of Charlevoix High School, Winston "Lovell" McGinnis was handed a diploma.

At the commencement exercises June 6 at the school, McGinnis, 73, was the first person in the class of 2004 to cross the threshold and become an official graduate.

"It was awesome. It meant everything in the world to me," he said.

McGinnis, who currently lives in Melbourne, Ark., is one of many service men who served in World War II or Korea who due to a special act of Congress can be granted their diploma. He is the first to take advantage of this at Charlevoix High School.

"What is right about America you see in his eyes. He's a great man," Charlevoix High School Principal Gary Grundman said.

In 1947, McGinnis was 15. That year he decided to turn in what his fellow graduates remember as four, fun-loving years and lied about his age to enlist in the United States Air Force.

This was the same path his three older brothers had also chosen.

He then served in the Korean Conflict and in Vietnam.

After his tour in Korea, McGinnis was stationed in England. During his time there a devastating tidal wave hit a small town. He took it upon

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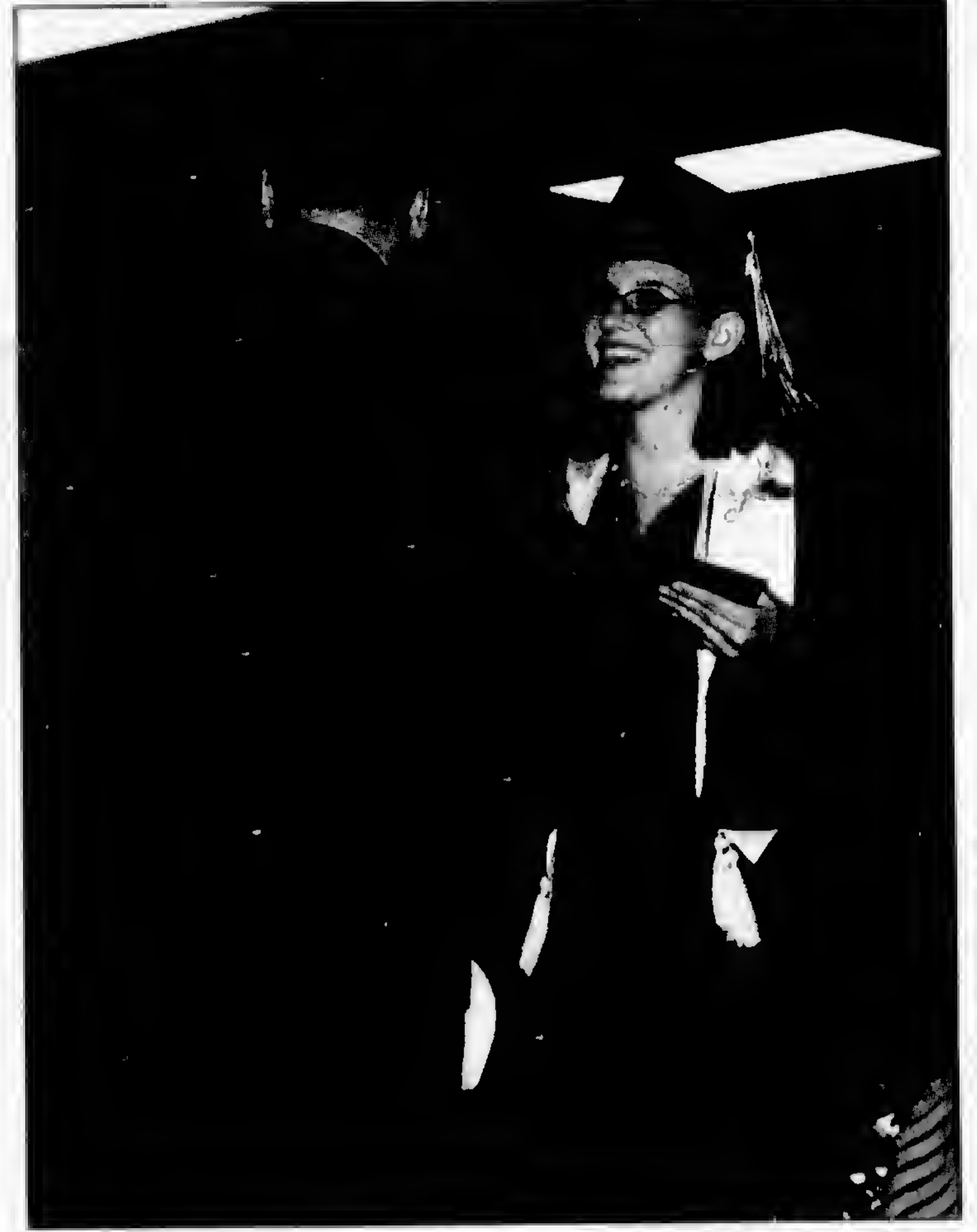
Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Director of bands for Northwest Academy, Gary Stutzman, leads most of the graduating seniors for the last time as the group played a number of selections at the school's graduation ceremony June 4. (Left) Charlevoix High School graduate Sam Kupka accepts her diploma from high school athletic director Jim Kanine, June 6. (Below) The Charlevoix High School graduating class of 2004 stands together for the last time.



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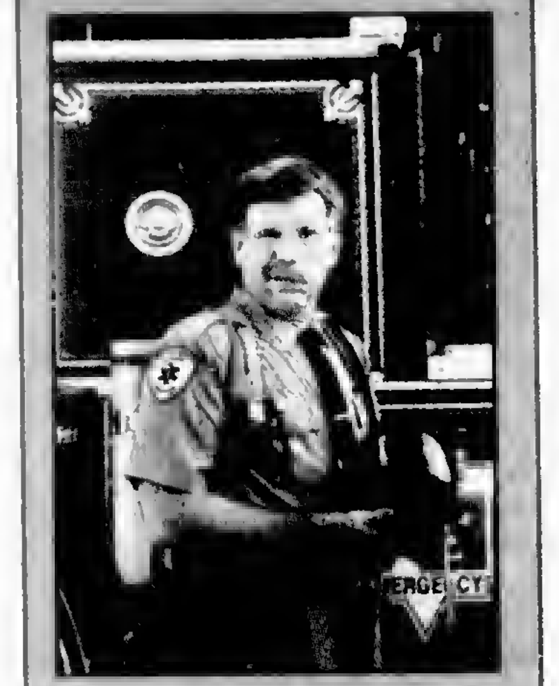

Thanks to a federal grant the Charlevoix City Fire Department has some new equipment.

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Alano hours

Due to financial pressures, the Alano Club has been forced to cut back its hours.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Bianca Buffolo Degoes, 17, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Aimee Lynn Hewitt, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Adam Paul Newville, 19, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Mike Edward Reffner, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Deborah Sue Mason, 18, Harbor Springs. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Michelle Elizabeth Swem, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Beth Ann LaBlance, 19, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Corinne Anne Higley, 18, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Scott Allen McNees, 18, Petoskey. Substance abuse counseling; $100 in fines and costs.

Jesse Paul Manthei, 19, Petoskey. Substance abuse counseling; $100 in fines and costs.

Audrey Grace Pellegrom, 18, Alanson. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Melody Ann Bishop, 16, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Nick E. Burris, 36, Leo, Ind. Motor vehicle passenger transporting open intoxicant. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Steven Michael McKinley II, 23, Allegan. Driving while license suspended. Serve 15 days in jail; $800 in fines and costs.

Scott Lane Forreider, 35, Charlevoix. Driving while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve six days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 71 days held in abeyance; $1,150 in fines and costs.

Stevie Paul Massey, 40, Boyne Falls. Attempted check — no account. Fines and costs totaling $387.30.

Jacob Alexander Pace, 17, Charlevoix. Minor driving with a blood alcohol content. Nine months probation; 10 days of community service work; $450 in fines and costs.

Kevin Joseph Kondrat, 19, Lapeer. Breaking and entering — illegal entry without permission; and malicious destruction of property, under $200. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 10 days, 81 days held in abeyance; $905 in fines and costs.

Rodney Louis Haas, 40, Northville. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $750 in fines and costs.

Daryl Arden Walden, 48, Mancelona. Driving while impaired. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Kurt Arthur Lance, 42, Indian River. Attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer; and driving while license suspended. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 15 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 331 days held in abeyance; $1,750 in fines and costs.

Sherry Jo Reid, 40, Petoskey. Driving while impaired by drugs. One year probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Renee Frances Snyder, 20, Ortonville. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend alcohol education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Dana Marie Fife, 19, Ann Arbor. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend alcohol education class; $100 in fines and costs.

David Barrett Vonce, 27, Grand Rapids. Motor vehicle passenger transporting open intoxicant. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Michael Andrew Daneff, 20, East Jordan. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Bound over to circuit court.

Jeffrey Lawrence Burkle, 19, East Jordan. Home invasion — second degree. Bound over to circuit court.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently applied for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Paint-Tech, 9973 US-31 North, Ellsworth, by James Girard

The Yellow House, 703 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, hy Katherine Campbell

Lost & Found, 118-120 East Water Street, Boyne City, by Nathan and Kristin Bates

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Mohamed Saleh, 29, Embaba Giza, Egypt and Pauline Ann Alfonso, 50, Charlevoix

Brian Patrick Cole, 36, Beaver Island and Rose-Marie Dorothy Smith, 40, Beaver Island

Lyle Richard Eisenmann-Sundelius, 18, East Jordan and Bethany Ruth Baker, 18, East Jordan

Paul Anthony Ramey, 29, East Jordan and Aimee Jean Prout, 27, East Jordan

Timothy John Baker, 25, Boyne City and Jessica Mae Hueber, 27, Boyne City

Stephen Ray Speigl, 24, Charlevoix and Crystal Marie Casciani, 22, Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Kristy Annette Coon vs. Bruce Larry Coon

Dawn Kane vs. Milo Kane

Kimberly Fackler vs. Barry Fackler

Eva Irene Kurburski vs. Michael A. Kurburski

Births

Heath John, weighing 9 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to Richard and Jennifer Hoffman of East Jordan on June 2, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has one sister, Haley. Grandparents are Tim and Dawn Derenzy of East Jordan, Ted and Roxanne Zell of Boyne City and Dick and Carol Hoffman of East Jordan.

Garrett Lyle, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to Timothy and Jennifer Wilson of East Jordan on June 2, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Kaitlyn Grace, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Scott and Lucinda Peebles of Charlevoix on June 4, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Jason Taylor, Jr. weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces was born to Jason Dan and Robin Moblo of East Jordan on June 4, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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Fire department gets grant for new equipment

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

City firefighters are breathing a sigh of relief thanks to a sizable federal grant the department received last week.

Congressman Bart Stupak announced last Friday that the city of Charlevoix Fire Department will receive a $60,712 federal grant from the Assistance to Firefighter Grants program at the Department of Homeland Security.

"This grant will help our small town and rural fire departments improve firefighter operations and safety," Stupak said. "This federal funding will help support the hard work and dedication of local people as they serve their own communities with a little bit of federal help. It's a good partnership."

According to city fire chief Paul Ivan the money will be used to replace the department's over 10-year-old self-contained breathing apparatuses.

This piece of equipment is what the firefighters wear including the oxygen tank, the regulator and mask.

The 25-member department currently has 14 of these devices. With the grant they will be able to buy 18 new ones. Ivan said the tanks they currently have cost about $1,700 and the new systems run about $3,700 a unit.

The new systems are equipped with several modernized features that will assist the firefighters. These include a buddy breathing system which will allow them to share oxygen, a heads up display in the mask that allows them to check their oxygen level without looking down at a gauge and a pass alarm hooked to the tank that alerts others when a fireman goes down.

"We'll be able to issue each firefighter their own mask," Ivan said. "It's big. Everyone is pretty excited around here."

This grant is part of what will ultimately be a pool of about 7,000 grants worth $850 million in direct assistance of firefighters. More of these grants will be announced on a weekly basis through the fall of 2004 as the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Fire Administration distribute the program funds.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix city fire chief Paul Ivan wears one of the department's over 10-year-old self-contained breathing apparatuses.

Corrections

The play on page 7 in a special graduation section in the June 2 edition of the Charlevoix Courier was misidentified. The play was the Pirates of Penzance.

Also in the special tab, a picture on page 6 should have said Gina Attee was the graduate on the left.

Weather

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June 1	53	45	—
June 2	60	43	—
June 3	58	41	—
June 4	61	45	—
June 5	65	54	.06
June 6	66	54	.08
June 7	88	63	—

Donations coming in for pool auction

Items are arriving for the annual Pool Auction at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at the Charlevoix Country Club.

There are many donations, such as 16 pairs of snowshoes, a week in Hawaii near Waikiki Beach, gourmet dinners at area homes, antiques, golf at Bay Harbor, Charlevoix Country Club and the Belvedere Golf Club and a birthday party at the pool this year which will include a ride on the City fire truck.

The public is invited to come to a dinner Saturday night, July 31, 2004, at the Charlevoix Country Club for an auction preview. Call 547-9796 for reservations. At the Pool Auction on Sunday, the charge is $50 per person and reservations can be made by calling the Pool at 547-0982 or the Club at 547-9796.

Committee members Nicki Thomas and Katie Stone are suggesting a nautical theme and guests are encouraged to dress accordingly.

Appealing to those who are unable to donate an item or attend the annual event at the Charlevoix Country Club, fundraising committee chairman Bruce MacArthur suggested that there are other ways to help underwrite pool expenses.

"One can help by becoming a sponsor at levels of $1,000, $500, $250 or $100," he said.

Donation may be dropped off at the pool, 11905 US-31 North. Those who wish to become sponsors should call auction coordinator Sue Herzog at 547-4077.

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Time for staff writer to take a leap in life

Julie Witthoeft

Goodbye Courier

At 5 p.m. today, Wednesday I'll leave my familiar desk with its familiar view of Round Lake, city hall and downtown, turn in my office key and take a deep breath as I move my life in a new direction.

I've accepted the marketing coordinator's position at the local lighting and refractor manufacturer, LexaLite. Oddly enough, I start on June 14, my first day at the Courier four years ago.

It doesn't feel like it was four years ago when I first walked into this office — wide-eyed, a little blonder and a little thinner.

I started with the paper in June of 2000, just over a month after graduating from the University of Michigan. I got lucky; I had moved to Charlevoix, a small town where professional positions for new grads are few and far between. Thankfully, Courier editor Jeremy McBain took a chance on a young, inexperienced reporter. I was excited and clueless, a perfect fit for the cuddly "cub reporter" tag my dad assigned me.

Since then, I've grown my bear claws, a necessity to survive in this business. They sharpened a little more with each story as I scratched my way to the truth or fought back tears in covering tragic deaths and other losses. Since I started I've covered exciting political showdowns, six deaths of children, school happenings, environmental snafus and community outreach efforts.

Each story and event I covered brought me closer to the pulse of Charlevoix and introduced me to new people across the country.

It is these people, my sources of information and inspiration, that made my stories in the Courier strong, trusted news. In some cases these sources have also become friends, who after being drilled about the latest happenings, sigh and ask me about life and share glimpses into their world with me.

But the true backbone of the Courier can't be attributed to sources or the fact that Charlevoix, in spite of its size, is a political hotbed. The over 30 awards that the Courier has won for excellence in news and advertising, the top notch county-wide guide we put out called the *Charlevoix Community Compass* and the skyrocketing circulation are the results of blood, sweat and tears from the four-person team the Courier staff has become.

Anyone who has been in the Courier office on a deadline day knows the joint's downright hums. We pride ourselves on the quality product we publish each Wednesday. There isn't an issue that goes out that doesn't challenge us mentally and physically.

The real glue to the operation isn't just our desire to cater to the needs of readers, it's our belief in one another.

Valerie Pedersen, Kim Taylor and yes, even the pit hull I call my boss, McBain, have become an extended family — three people I was excited to come to work and see. Three people that mopped up tears when they fell, calmed me down during moments of frustration and celebrated life's greatest successes.

While the past four years have gone quickly, they have been packed with some of life's greatest moments for the Courier staff.

They were there for my marriage and to support me during my pregnancy and delivery of my first child. I have watched as one lost a parent, another sent a son off to war and a third struggled with a disease and prepared for the birth of his first child.

I sat next to Pedersen at Charlevoix High School's graduation Sunday and got to share another amazing moment — the celebration of watching her youngest child, Danielle Kimble, accept her diploma.

The commencement was my final weekend photo shoot, a fitting way to bid adieu to this phase of my life and start fresh.

While I'm excited about this next phase, change is never easy and I'm anticipating the walk down the two steps that lead out of our office today feeling like a leap off the roof.

I'm sure the graduates over the weekend felt the same uneasy excitement of a new world peppered with fear of change that I feel now as they left the hallowed halls of the high school.

But as I learned in a recent interview with renowned author and journalist Larry Smith, professional success comes from taking chances and it is time for me to take that leap.

So, bear with our strong staff as they train a new reporter. McBain is in the process of interviewing candidates and the quality product readers have come to expect will continue to be found in the pages of the *Charlevoix Courier.*

Julie Witthoeft was a staff writer at the Charlevoix Courier.

Botanist group can help you with your love of area plant life

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

I spent most of the Memorial Day weekend in the company of an interesting group of people.

The Michigan Botanical Club met at St. Ignace and operated field trips for three days over much of the Upper Peninsula. You might not automatically think of a group of botanists as interesting, but bear with me. Some of the members are serious professional botanists who spend their lives finding, studying and writing about plants, but the majority of the membership consists of very interested amateurs who care deeply about the wild flowers and trees of Michigan.

If you have some interest in the wild flowers of Michigan you might consider becoming a member of the organization. The goals of the club are worthy ones.

They include conservation of all native (wild) plants in Michigan, and the education of the public to appreciate the magnificent plants that surround us. They sponsor legislation to promote and preserve our plant heritage, and they were very instrumental in having the Dwarf Lake Iris declared the state flower a couple of years ago.

The organization can have considerable legislative clout. And finally, they cooperate with other individuals and groups on wise use and conservation of Michigan's natural resources and scenic features.

One of their most interesting projects is to find, measure and catalog the largest of each kind of tree and shrub that grows in the state. Up to now almost 250 different kinds have been designated as champion trees and shrubs — champions being the largest of each kind in Michigan. The club members and other interested folks are constantly on the lookout for additional large trees of all kinds.

Up to now, only one of those 250 is to be found in Charlevoix County: a white poplar more than six feet in diameter and almost 90 feet tall, growing along Barnard Road. Maybe more could be found if more of us begin looking.

The club publishes the Michigan

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

Charlevoix School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix High School.

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Letters to the editor

True patriots

Editor:

Recently, our President Bush attending a Republican congress pep rally, refused to acknowledge any questions about his Iraq war, whereupon Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi said his mishandling of the Iraq war shows, "AN INCOMPETENCE IN TERMS OF KNOWLEDGE, JUDGMENT AND EXPERIENCE IN MAKING THE DECISIONS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN NECESSARY TO TRULY ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION WITHOUT THE DEATHS TO OUR TROOPS AND COST TO OUR TAXPAYERS."

Predictably, house majority leader, Tom Delay, weighed in with a standard right-wing, neo-con response as follows, "...her words are putting American lives at risk," and that she has "a responsibility to the troops and to this nation to show unity in this time of war."

But House Majority Leader, Delay, has it bass-backwards. As fellow Republican John McCain, retorted when asked about dissent while he suffered in a prison in 'Nam, "That's what I was fighting for!"

And what had President Theodore Roosevelt to say? "To announce that there must be no criticism of the President, or that we are to stand by the President right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public."

Let us support patriots like Nancy Pelosi and condemn unpatriotic and treasonable people like House Leader Delay.

John R. Alberts
Charlevoix

Keep eyes on the ball

Editor:

"The law does not make mere size an offense," the Supreme Court declared famously in a 1920 antitrust suit against U.S. Steel. So despite the giant company's control of one-half of the country's steel business, the court refused to dissolve it.

Today, most people think the court was right. For myself, I disagree. I think the existence of huge unelected corporations like U.S. Steel or Wal-Mart dominating the marketplace and controlling people's lives around the world offends democratic ideals.

But sometimes there are ways to fight back. The people of Charlevoix Township and surrounding communities showed the way in stopping Wal-Mart last month.

Even if the company is not a monopoly, under the township rules "mere size" made all the difference. The supercenter would have been more than twice the size of any other area retailer. Sites are supposed to be harmonious with the vicinity. They are supposed to preserve natural resources.

Just as important was the united effort of community people. It was unusual because everyone in town — left, right and center — kept their eye on the ball. The ball was Wal-Mart's mere size and the economic dislocation that would have caused.

One of the reasons U.S. Steel won in 1920 is none of its customers or competitors would testify against it. Just the opposite happened in Charlevoix.

The effort here was led by "This Is Our Town," formed last fall. Today, "mere size" can be used in a positive way, as this small and democratic organization grows in numbers and expertise. Our mission now is to promote zoning changes to prohibit big box stores county-wide.

We have regular meetings. You know where to find us. The more people that attend (and increase our size!) the better we will do the job.

Ellis Boal
Charlevoix

Vote for library

Editor:

Voters in the Charlevoix School District will soon have the opportunity to vote for two millage proposals that together will vastly improve our community's library and the services it offers to area residents. It has been said that the quality of a community can be judged by the value it places on its schools and library. This observation seems particularly apt in an age when access to information plays an even more important role in our work, entertainment and continuing education.

The millage proposals before the voters on June 14 will greatly and appropriately expand the library facilities, staff and the multimedia services it offers the public. Among its many other benefits the proposal will rehabilitate one of Charlevoix's historic buildings while at the same time create a safe and comfortable learning environment for people of all ages. Yes, the millage proposals entail a sacrifice but it is also an investment in our collective future. We hope you will join us in supporting both proposals.

Charles and Nancy Cleland
Charlevoix

Thank you Hoffman

Editor:

Thank you Bob Hoffman and his crew and all the people of Charlevoix who banded together to "Keep Charlevoix Beautiful." It just shows when people pull together what can be accomplished.

Also I want to mention the editorial in the May 26 paper stating that perhaps the merchants would take in consideration the needs of the residents who live in Charlevoix year-round and who make it possible for merchants to get through the winter. There, too, it's a pulling together, being aware of each other's needs. Walk hand in hand.

Jeanne Gainer
Two Harbors, Minn.

Vote yes on library

Editor:

The citizens of Charlevoix can stand tall. Our lone voices merged and were raised as one, and David slew Goliath. The experts said it couldn't be done, but our town persevered and we saved ourselves from the "big box" mentality and indifference.

The citizens of Charlevoix must once again stand and be counted. The charm of our downtown is wonderful and a good library is a must to ensure the cultural quality of our community.

The Charlevoix Public Library's mission is to support the community by providing resources which aid the pursuit of information and by providing recreation and cultural enrichment throughprint media, electronic resources, and planned programs.

A brand new library with expanded

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Botanists do good things for state's plant world

KNUTSON

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Botanist, which goes to members four time a year and sends a periodical newsletter titled Arisaema (the Latin name for jack-in-the-pulpit) to all members. All of this can be yours for only $17 per year.

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I am tempted to close with something like "Botanists Rule!" But we all know they don't. They have accomplished some good things for Michigan and will continue to do so.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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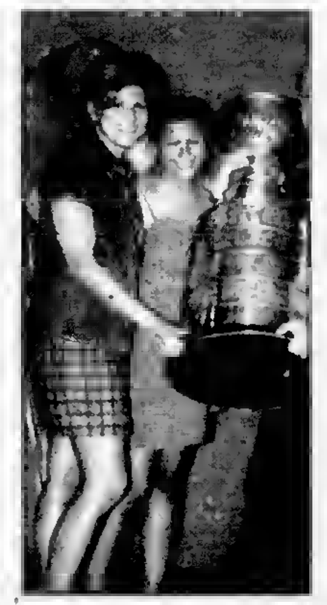

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Letters to the editor

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space, additional services and many more books and movies for 1.4 mills! This is a very exciting concept. It is time to update and expand our library. The library will meet the expressed community needs for a one floor library. Community meeting space, program rooms, youth and children programming centers, quiet reading areas and special collections. Remember to vote yes, twice, on June 14.

Berta Meyerson Molasky
Charlevoix

Vote for library

Editor:

The Charlevoix area community has the unique opportunity to preserve the past, serve the present and meet the needs of the future.

We are talking about the Charlevoix Public Library building project. The 1927 old middle school will continue to be a building where learning takes place by providing resources and information, and cultural enrichment through print media, electronic resources and planned programs. The new library will provide increased library services, school collaboration, computer services, youth and adult programming and community meeting space. We feel this is a worthwhile project for the entire community.

The cost for many of us will be much less than basic cable. We support the library millage. Please vote yes on Monday, June 14.

Karen and Barry Pierce
Charlevoix

Support library

Editor:

I would like to express my support for the Charlevoix Library building project. The trustees have listened to the public in regard to the project by utilizing the old middle school, a symbol of community history.

The current library has fallen short in all library standards for years due to under-funding. My concern is the children. They need ready access to material for study and a quiet place to use it. There are a number of taxpayer funded buildings going up in the area, isn't it time for a new library?

Please vote yes on June 14.

Don Scheck
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to more fully thank all the people and organizations that made the 2004 Memorial Day Celebrations a successful event.

Numerous individuals assisted in this event; however, by group I would like to thank Coast Guard Station Charlevoix and the Michigan Army National Guard; the Rayder Marching Band and it's director Jane Bennett, Gary Stutzman and the Northwest Academy Choir for both technical support and wonderful singing, American Legion Post 226 and Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153 and Auxiliary, the Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League; Charlevoix Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Charlevoix Civil Air Patrol. We were also honored by the presence of the Charlevoix Friends of the Library, Dale Boss and the Charlevoix "Custom Classics" Car Club and special thanks to Gregory Henderson of Crown Motors.

We continue to collect names of those deployed to the theater of operations for our "Yellow Ribbon" honor roll and the names of those who have died in active service to our nation. Once again, thanks to all these groups and to the community for contributing to our remembrance celebrations.

Joseph F. Seidel
Commander Legion Post 226
U.S. Army Retired

Say yes to library

Editor:

Kudos to the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees for their planning of the new Charlevoix Library. The trustees have asked and listened to the public in regards to their project. The public said one floor, they are planning one floor.

The public requested that the library utilize the old middle school in order to save a piece of our community's history, and they are planning to renovate the school as our new library. Thank you, trustees, for a job well done. Good luck on June 14.

Robert and Marilyn Silver
Charlevoix

Yes on library

Editor:

Congratulations to the Library Board and administration! You asked for public input regarding future library needs and are presenting a plan which reflects that input.

Our community has progressed nicely in the past few years with improvements made in our hospital, government buildings, parks and school facilities as examples. In order to keep this progress balanced, we feel a new library is in order.

Someone once said that a lihrary is a reflection of the quality of the community it serves. Let's continue the quality of our community hy approving the library proposal.

Please vote "YES" on June 14.

Susan and Gordon Van Wieren
Charlevoix

Support schools

Editor:

Proposal 1 of the Charlevoix Public School's Annual School Election on Monday, June 14, would renew the district's operating millage of 18 mills against non-homestead property for five years. This is a renewal of the current millage which expired with the 2003 tax levy.

There would be no increase in millage for non-homestead property such as commercial properties, second homes and vacant land and it has no effect on homestead property tax rates for people like me that call Charlevoix home.

Although this proposal hasn't had much publicity, it is vitally important for the operation of our public schools. Almost half of the Charlevoix Public Schools' entire operating budget this year came from non-homestead tax dollars. Our schools are already having to make significant budget cuts for next year. Defeat of this proposal would be nothing short of disastrous to the quality of education our schools would be able to provide.

Therefore, as president of the Charlevoix Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, an organization of parents that works cooperatively with teachers in the education and best interests of our children, I urge you to support the renewal of the operating millage. Vote yes on proposal 1.

John F. Young
Charlevoix

Good job Seidel

Editor:

I have been a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to V.F.W. Post 1153 and also of the Ladies' Auxiliary to American Legion Post 226, for several years. I have participated in all the parades in which both veterans organizations were involved.

In spite of the chilly and damp weather, the Memorial Day parade in Charlevoix on May 31 was the best parade we have had. The enthusiasm and appreciation of the spectators gave a real boost to the spirits of the marchers. There were more groups involved than ever before: The Coast Guard, Northwest Academy, Charlevoix High School marching band, Friends of the Library and Boy and Girl Scouts.

Everything was very well organized and went very smoothly.

Joe Seidel, commander of the American Legion Post 226, did an excellent job in making this not only the largest, but the best Memorial Day parade.

The ceremony in Veteran's Park was most appropriate and moving. As a community we owe our thanks to Mr. Seidel for his leadership.

Marabeth Belenski
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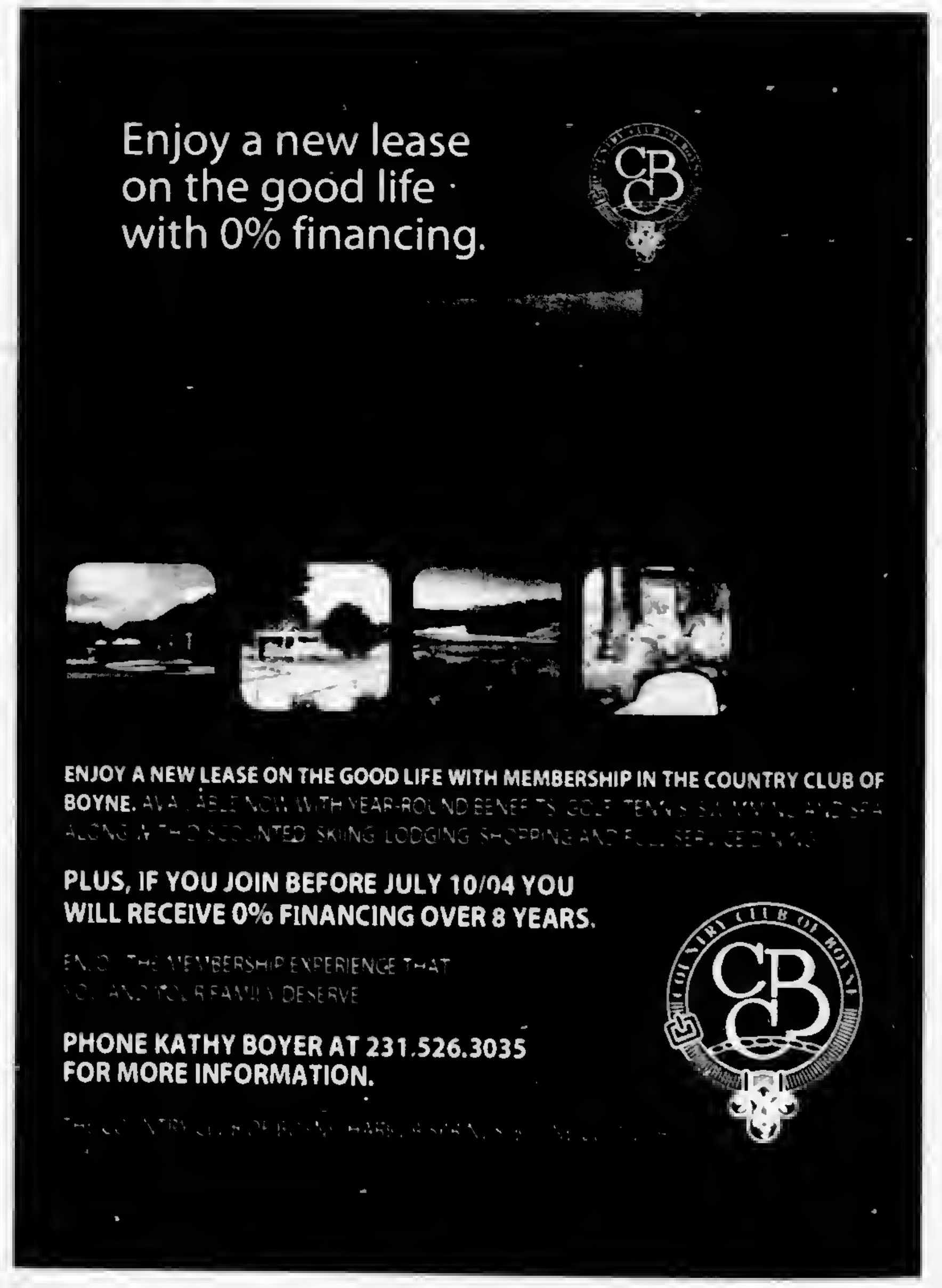
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Weddings

Brodin — Russell

Tonya Dee Brodin of Charlevoix and Sean Michael Russell of East Jordan were married July 7, 2003, in a double ring ceremony, performed by the pastor Paul Wise, at the Holy Trinity Fellowship Church Boyne City.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents Gary L. Brodin and Rita Brodin of Charlevoix. The groom is the son of Arlane Russell, and the late Clifford Russell of East Jordan.

The bride wore an ivory organza gown, accented with delicate seeded pearls on a overlay of silk tulle, pearls were scattered across the skirt and sweetheart neckline, and into a chapel train.

The tiara style comb was accented with seeded pearls over the veil. She carried baby pink and white roses with seeded ribbon streamers and cascading magnolias and ivy.

Rhonda Segraves of East Jordan was maid of honor. Alexis Russell, daughter of groom, was flower girl, she carried a basket of rose petals, both wore blush pink satin dresses. Tracey Segraves of East Jordan was best man.

Traditional wedding music was played at the ceremony.

Lake Charlevoix was the backdrop for the reception, given at the Pavilion at Ferry Avenue. An evening buffet was served for guests. Roses and greenery and candlelight decorated the outside tables. Music was provided for an evening of dancing.

Sean and Tonya are residing in East Jordan.

Wright — Roberts

Linda Wright of Fowler, Kan., and Sean Stewart Roberts of Charlevoix, Mich., were married Thursday, May 6, at the Riley County Courthouse in Manhattan, Kan. County Judge Meryl D. Wilson performed the 5:30 p.m. nuptials.

The bride is the daughter of Janell Darnell of Fowler, Kan. The groom's parents are Valerie Pedersen of Charlevoix and Stewart Roberts of Desert Hot Springs, Calif.

For her wedding, Linda wore a beaded knee-length halter-style dress. Following the ceremony, the newlyweds and their families celebrated with dinner together.

Linda and Sean are making their home in Junction City, Kan. Linda is attending Kansas State University, studying kinesiology and athletic training. Sean is a sergeant in the U.S. Army.

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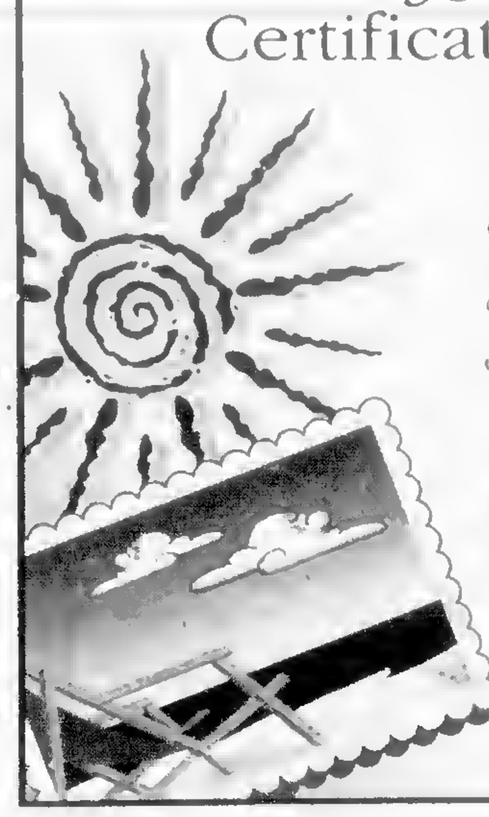
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Obituaries

Wilhelm Harold Bergmann: Jan. 15, 1916 - June 2, 2004

Wilhelm "Bill" Harold Bergmann, 88, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004 at Northern Michigan Hospital.

He was born Jan. 15, 1916, in Charlevoix to Fredrick and Syhil (Cook) Bergmann. He graduated from Charlevoix in 1935.

On May 14, 1938, in Charlevoix, Bill married Arletta Mitchell, who preceded him in death in 1987.

As a young man, Bill worked aboard as crew for the yacht "The Sylvia," until 1937. He then worked for Leland Sr. and Irene Bisbee family, as Captain for the "GeLe B." for 67 years, through five generations.

Bill was a member of the First Congregation Church of Charlevoix for over 50 years. He was part of the Central Drug Senior League Bowling Team at Paul Bunyan Lanes, until the age of 87. He enjoyed playing cribbage and also belonged to the Odd Fellows for 69 years, and last served as warden of the lodge.

Bill is survived by his daughter Billie Crain; grandsons, James and Casey Crain; brothers, Charles and Alfred Bergmann; and sisters-in-law, Rose and Maxine Bergmann. Preceding him in death are brothers, George, Ted, Richard, Robert and Eugene Bergmann.

An interment service will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 12, at Brookside Cemetery.

Refreshments will be served at the Bisbee home, 517 Lowell Park (Belvedere), following the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home or The Bergmann Center. The Winchester Funeral Home, in Charlevoix, is handling arrangements.

Mary Elizabeth Gallagher: Sept. 11, 1909 - June 5, 2004

Mary Elizabeth Gallagher, 94, of Traverse City, and formerly of Chicago, died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Mary is survived by her husband, Earl; son Patrick (Eileen) Gallagher of Glenmont, New York; daughter, Elizabeth (James) Whelan of Traverse City; grandchildren, Sean Whelan of Traverse City, Megan, and James Gallagher of Glenmont, New York, a niece, Lorraine (Cy) Messenger Cypher and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Mary Messenger was born Sept. 11, 1909, in Chicago, Ill. On Jan. 24, 1942, she married Earl Gallagher in Chicago. In 1996, she moved to Traverse City where she was a member of Saint Francis Church.

For the past year, she and Earl have been lovingly cared for by the staff at Highlander Assisted Living in Traverse City. Mass of the Resurrection was Tuesday, June 8, at St. Francis Catholic Church in Traverse City.

The Rev. Patrick Maher officiated. Interment will take place on Beaver Island at the Holy Cross Cemetery, Wednesday, with the Rev. Patrick Cawley officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Father Fred Foundation, P.O. Box 2260, Traverse City, MI, 49685. The family would like to Thank the "4 West" staff at Munson for their care during Mary's last days and also Dr. Schwert and his staff.

Marion M. Lawrence: Died May 30, 2004

Marion M. Lawrence, 81, of Charlevoix and Cape Coral, Fla., died Sunday, May 30, 2004, at Autumn Joy Adult Foster Care in Charlevoix.

She is survived by her sons, Ed (Sue) Blugerman and Jim Blugerman; and daughters, Jan (Tom) Miller and Carol (Herm) Madison.

Cremation has taken place. The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Edmond Jack McGee: Dec. 10, 1920 - June 1, 2004

Edmond Jack McGee, 83, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at his home in Charlevoix.

A funeral was Saturday, June 5, at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Todd Thompson officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Ed was born Dec. 10, 1920, in Somerville, Mass., the son of Edmond N. and Jennie A. (Hastings) McGee. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on July 27, 1942, and was discharged Nov. 4, 1945. After World War II, he enlisted in the Army Reserve where he was discharged as a sergeant in 1951.

Ed was a professional firefighter and worked in the aerospace industry for Rockwell International for 25 years, retiring in 1977. He moved to northern Michigan in 1980.

On May 1, 1994, he married Rose Mary (Orvis) Warner in Charlevoix. Ed was a Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild Volunteer and was the Guild's first male president. In addition, he was active in RSVP on the advisory board as well as an active member of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Mary; daughters, Alexis (William) Duff of Tipp City, Ohio, Claudia (Rick) Swift of Henderson, Nev., Betty Bidwell of Reston, Va., Francine (Robert) Parsons of Winston-Salem, N.C.; son Douglas (Elsa) McGee of Santee, Calif.; stepdaughters, Elaine (Richard C.) Ranshaw of Dimondale, Jacquelyn (Roger) Rozema, Jill Ostrum, and Rachelle (Carl) Plum all of Charlevoix; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sister Caroline A. (Anthony) Bellacqua of Grand Junction, Colo.

Ed was preceded in death by a son, Gail Earl in 1981; sister, Betty Jane, and brother William "Bud" McGee. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital, United Methodist Church of Charlevoix, or NWMCH-Hospice.

Hal Bischoff: Died May 31, 2004

Hal Bischoff, of Charlevoix, died of prostate and bone cancer at 5 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 31. His battle with cancer was fierce but thankfully brief.

He was born in Hamburg, Germany to Alma and Robert Bischoff in 1924. They immigrated on the Albert Berlin steamship through Ellis Island. He grew up in the city of Chicago, Ill. A child of the Depression, to help his family he would work for pennies setting bowling pins at night. He graduated from Lane Tech in 1942.

He married Irma Webber in 1948 and they had three children.

Hal then began his sales career in pharmaceuticals working for Beutlich Inc. He was then hired by Ciba-Geigy and moved to the White Plains, N.Y. office where he was the regional sales manager of the East Coast. He and his family resided in Stanford, Conn., where he enjoyed learning about sailing from a dinghy in the backyard pond to a 35-foot Pearson in the Long Island Sound. He was a member of the Power Squadron and the Halloween Yacht Club.

He was divorced from Irma Bischoff and found love with Marjorie Gutner, in 1982. She had three children from a previous marriage, Rodger Gutner, James Gutner and Nancy Clark. Hal and Marge moved to Charlevoix in 1993. They loved the beauty and the small town life. Margie died of lung cancer in 1995. Hal was enamored by the Chrysler Imperials. He enjoyed washing, waxing and kicking the tires of classic cars.

Hal was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, where he met his next bride, Bertha May Smith. They married in August of 1997. He was instrumental in the building the new church. He was an elder of the church.

He was well read and expression of ideas flowed easily. He was also a great listener and knew the fine line of just how much honest advice to give. He had a lightening quick sense of humor. He was thoughtful, giving, strong of convictions and soft of emotion.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha May Smith, of Charlevoix and her son, Kenneth Sternaman of Traverse City; his brother, Rudolph Bischoff, of Elmherst, Ill.; and his children, Eric and Kurt Bischoff and Lisa and Bruno Loubiere of Boulder, Colo.

A memorial service will take place at 7 p.m., June 12 at Bethany Lutheran Church. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to either Bethany Lutheran Church or Hospice of Charlevoix.

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Chorale to perform at Congregational Church

On June 27 the "Sundays at Four" concert series will present the Brazeal Dennard Chorale, the premier choral group which performs regularly with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The chorale, a favorite of Detroit audiences, has been featured several times on NPR during Black History month. It has a membership of professionally trained vocalists and is deeply committed to bringing a tradition of choral excellence to classical repertoire as well as performing significant choral works by African-American composers and the traditional African-American folksongs.

The "Sundays at Four" concerts are at 4:00 p.m. at the First Congregational/UCC Church of Charlevoix at 101 State Street.

For further information call (231) 536-7018.

There is a suggested donation of $7. A reception honoring Dr. Dennard and his chorale follows the program.

Girl Scouts to host Day Camp in Charlevoix

The Boyne Area Girl Scouts are hosting six days of camp memories.

Under the guidance of experienced older girls and their advisors, Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts will experience the beauty of Camp Charlevoix, while exploring our planet Earth and our solar system through hands-on activities, games and songs. Scouts will also be completing Brownie Try-It or Junior Badge requirements! All area girls are encouraged to join in on the fun.

Girls attend a three-day session: Brownie "Earth Explorer Camp" is offered July 14, 15 and 16 for girls who will be in grades one through three in the fall. Junior "Space Scout Camp" is offered July 21, 22 and 23 for girls who will be in grades four through seven in the fall.

Space Scout Camp also includes an optional overnight July 22-23.

The $30 per session includes all materials and a Day Camp patch. The optional overnight is included for an additional $10.

Girls can attend individually or in troops.

Day Camp runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, rain or shine, at Camp Charlevoix Girl Scout Camp in Charlevoix.

Non-Girl Scouts are also welcome.

Registration by June 15, 2004 is required. For more information or to receive a camp brochure, please call 582-2688.

Courtesy photo

Boss honored

The 2004 Margaret Duerr Book Award has been presented to Marilyn Boss by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library.

She was honored for her love of local history and her efforts to preserve Charlevoix's past. "The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas" by Jerry Dennis has been added to the collection in the library's Michigan Room with Boss's name inscribed on the inside bookplate.

Boss has been a contributor to the Charlevoix Courier since 1996, writing under the title "Days Gone By" with recollections of life in Charlevoix as a young girl, as a Charlevoix High School graduate, as a mother of seven and now as a grandmother.

A talented illustrator, she has done the ink drawings for books of two local authors.

With her husband of 53 years, Dale, she was instrumental in the revitalization of the Charlevoix Historical Society in the 70s and helped secure the Harsha House as a permanent home for the organization. She served as president of the group three different terms and annually compiles and presents the society with a scrapbook of the news articles of each year, creating a priceless record for future generations. Boss is the second recipient of the annual Margaret Duerr Book Award. The first was presented last summer to Margaret Duerr for her many years of service to the library and for her special interest in the Library's Michigan Room. Boss (center) is shown here with her husband, Dale.

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Builder's North wants to build your home

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix residents Bruce Beaudoin and Craig Seidell can help you build the house of your dreams.

Beaudoin, a licensed builder, along with his manager Seidell, also a licensed builder, started the new business Builders North on Aug. 1, 2003. With 35 years of experience between the two of them they can help you build or remodel your Charlevoix home.

They are members of the Little Traverse Association of Home Builders and the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

The two's relationship started back when Beaudoin was working for Seidell when he owned his own company. But, Beaudoin branched off into his own business and Seidell sold his company and came to work for Beaudoin.

Seidell had been in business for himself for 23 years.

The homes that Builder's North works on range from glitzy to affordable. One of their larger homes is a 3,200 square foot with a lot of wood work and a cathedral ceiling.

"It is a beautiful home," Beaudoin said.

However, he added that he would like to do more affordable homes or homes for middle income people. These range from $200,000 to $220,000 and ranch style to two stories.

Beaudoin said the time it takes to build a home depends on the customer and the difficulty of building the home. For example, a home with a lot of detailed wood-work will take more time.

The average time for home construction according to Beaudoin is five months to a year.

Beaudoin, whose family goes back many years in Charlevoix, is a graduate of Michigan State University. He has a wife, Karen, and two children, Jake, 2, and Abby, 9 months. Beaudoin's grandfather, Bert, used to own a gas station across from the Dairy Queen on Bridge Street.

Builder's North can be contacted by calling (231) 547-5000 or e-mailing brucebeaudoin@chartermi.net. Builder's North also has a Gaylord location.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Bruce Beaudoin (left) and Craig Seidell of Builder's North in Charlevoix.

Crooked Tree to host orchestra Sunday

The Crooked Tree Arts Center presents the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, in concert, at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 13.

The orchestra will perform the Peterboro Suite, a musical piece written by Lynn Palmer Warren and inspired by artist Betty Beeby. The Little Traverse Civic Theatre will read excerpts from the letters. Betty Beeby's artwork is currently on display in the Edith Gilbert Gallery of the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

The Peterboro Letters Suite was composed by Lynn Palmer Warren as a musical narrative, a tone poem, to Betty Beeby's set of lithographs and the story behend them. Beeby, an Eastport artist, discovered well over one hundred letters from Peterboro, Ontario in an old barn near Traverse City.

Tickets are $10 for all seats. For more information, please contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

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Mustang's Spring Fling was a Big Success!

Forty-two women met at Charlevoix Golf Club on May 22, 2004. They played 9 holes Scotch Doubles and went to the Flight Deck for lunch, then bowled 3 games. $765 was raised for Mt. McSauba Day Camp. Sally Nye was coordinator for the event. She would like to thank the local businesses and friends for their special help to make this a successful event.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, May 3, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.
109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Council discussed options for filling the position of City Clerk and determined that the position would be filled with an Interim Clerk until December 31, 2004 and the position would be placed on the ballot to finish the term.
- Council provided the Charlevoix Senior Citizen's Center with an endorsement to allow the Center to apply for the grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Council approved the Skateboard Park's use of the easterly portable at the old Middle School.
- Council rescinded the motion of April 5, 2004 regarding the establishment of a recreational authority, approved the establishment of a recreational authority and appointed Richard Joseph, Dave Garland and Sherman Chamberlain to the Board of Directors.
- Council approved, in form and content, the Consent Order Concerning Plaintiffs' Exclusionary Zoning Claim.
- Council approved the Photogrammetric Services Contract with Ayres and Associates for $58,456.
- Council approved the $20,000 budget to Advanced Geomatics and Ranger & Associates identification of GIS coordinates survey.
- Council approved Gosling Czubak as the planner for the planning initiative for $11,900.
- Council approved the contract for services for GIS services for the Smart Growth Land Use Planning Initiative to Design Associates for $13,000.
- Airport Manager Brooks reported to Council on the basis for the rental rate of the T-Hangar.
- Council discussed the possibility of installing parking meters in the loading/unloading zone at the airport and determined it was not necessary. A sign limiting parking will be placed at the site.
- Council approved the 2004 Airport Project list.
- Council approved the hiring of Rehmann-Robson for $19,000 and approved an additional $2,500 for a single audit for the audit year 2003-04.
- Council approved an amendment to the April 5, 2004 minutes.
- Council approved, by resolution, the waiving of launch fees for the 2004 Bass Tournament.
- Council approved, by resolution, a policy regarding the use of legal counsel other than the City attorney.
- Council approved, by resolution, the MDOT Cost Agreement for Traffic Signal Control.
- Council approved, by resolution, an Addendum to the Utility Service Extension Policy.

Council adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office), Charlevoix, Michigan.

Stephanie C. Brown, Deputy City Clerk
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Young Americans to sing at Venetian fund-raiser

In its ongoing effort to secure the financial future of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, the Venetian Board is promoting another professional entertainment offering for area residents and visitors.

The Young Americans, acclaimed coast-to-coast in reviews by such critics as the Los Angeles Times and New York Times, will perform the inaugural concert at the beautifully renovated Castle Farms on Friday evening, June 25, 2004.

The two hour, open air show will be the only 2004 Charlevoix performance by the Young Americans and will feature a rare combination of both the Boyne and the Traverse City performing troupes, comprising a total of 50 Young American singer/dancers.

"The festival continues to actively pursue income generating opportunities, so that we may maintain the quality and array of Venetian events such as fireworks," Venetian President Dan Barron said. "With the generous support of the owners of The Castle, Richard and Linda Mueller, we have been provided a wonderful opportunity to raise money and bring great entertainment to town."

Seats will be provided on a general admission basis.

No lawn chairs, coolers, food or beverages may be brought to the concert. Food and refreshments will be offered for sale the night of the show.

Tickets are $20 each and may be purchased in downtown Charlevoix at Bridge Street Book Shop (phone 547-7323).

Because the number of tickets is limited, tickets will be sold at the door only if they remain available.

Gates will open early at 5:30 p.m., to allow concertgoers to select their seating and to enjoy free of charge, Castle Farms lawn games such as shuffleboard, croquet, bocce ball and badminton. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Concert proceeds will help fund the sensational fireworks displays of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, which will be shot on July 23 and 24.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Poetry publishing

Kathy Gowell's sixth grade class at Charlevoix Middle School wrote and illustrated poetry and then formed publishing companies and produced books. To celebrate the completion of the books they had an Authors' Tea. Here Star Books Publishing member Shawn Nelson watches as Charlevoix resident Kay Britton looks over his book.

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Enrichment Foundation raffle raises funding

Charlevoix Schools Enrichment Foundation will be having a fund-raising raffle.

If you win the raffle, you could get a two night stay at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, complete with a bottle of champagne, free parking, and a $75 food and beverage certificate.

The mission of the Charlevoix Schools Enrichment Foundation is to provide funds for worthwhile educational projects in the Charlevoix Public Schools.

Presently the foundation is sponsoring a raffle to provide activities and materials that may not be available due to budget constraints.

The foundation has provided funding for worthwhile enrichment including; tents for the Advanced Biology class, items to support the special needs classroom, science lessons with Cheri Leach, graphing Calculators, photography equipment and Adventure Education through Camp Daggett.

As we are getting ready for the 2004-2005 school year we feel it's important to continue to strive for excellence and participate as a small piece of the puzzle by assisting our teachers. This raffle will help us do just that.

Tickets are $10 apiece and are available at Bridge Street Book Shop, The Coffee Shop or by calling 547-5598 and ask to speak with Gayle Gennett, Charlevoix Schools Enrichment Foundation Chair.

Fun Fly to be given on Father's Day

The Charlevoix Area Remote Control Buffs is having its annual Father's Day Fun Fly.

The event will be at Kerchak Field located west of Ironton Ferry on Sequonata Road South of Ferry Road.

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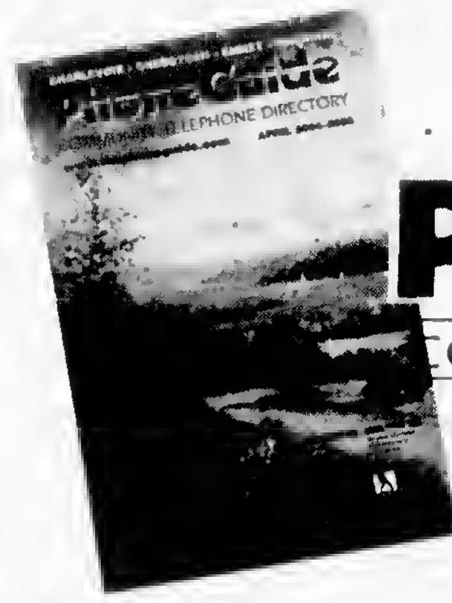

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Venetian Festival looking for local sports stars

The Venetian Sports Committee has rounded second and is heading to third base in its pursuit of the 2004 Venetian Festival theme of "Charlevoix Sports Legends."

The current focus of the Committee is on Charlevoix athletes who have excelled in team sports.

Any list of Charlevoix candidates has to start with Bob Carey, a multi-sports star at both Charlevoix High School and Michigan State University. While a collegian Carey earned All American football honors, started as the center for the Spartan basketball team and won the Big Ten shotput title. He later played in the National Football League with both the Rams and Bears. Carey's accomplishments were recognized through his induction into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

Carey's twin brother, Bill, also had a tremendous sports career at CHS and was one of a select few Michigan State Spartans who played and lettered in both football and basketball. Still another Carey, Keith, excelled in basketball at Alma College after a great stint at Charlevoix High School. Keith Carey finished his basketball career by playing professionally with Midland Dow.

No one in "softball crazy" Charlevoix accomplished more than fireball pitcher Bob Klooster. The Michigan Softball Hall of Famer captured state championships and appeared in the National Finals several times. Years later, Charlevoix High School graduate Scott Kelly pursued his own dazzling baseball career at Ferris State University leading the Bulldogs, as team captain, to several league championships while notching up the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference MVP award and the league batting title.

The Klooster and Kelly baseball trails may have been cleared as far back as the 1940s by the exploits of the brilliant and colorful pitcher Amos John, the only local player known to be given a professional minor league baseball contract.

Another Charlevoixian to brake into the ranks of the National Football League was Dick VanRaaphorst, who kicked his way to stardom at Ohio State University and later with the San Diego Chargers. Bob Alger was likewise an outstanding football player and team captain at Ferris State University, where his 104 yard interception for a touchdown still stands as an NCAA record.

Many Charlevoix women also attained athletic excellence. Meg Fowler Kitson distinguished herself as a two-sport star at Alma College in both softball and field hockey, following a standout multi-sport career at Charlevoix High School. Cheryl Pence also capped a fine Charlevoix High School basketball career by playing hoops at Central Michigan University.

Other standouts identified for consideration by the committee include: Mark Beaudoin-football (Michigan State University), Bill Bennett-basketball (CHS), Nate Boss-softball (Charlevoix), Jim Bowman-football (CHS and University of Michigan), Billy Carey-basketball (CHS and Princeton University), Dean Davenport-basketball (Central Michigan University), Chuck Fairbanks-football (Michigan State University), Melinda Klooster-basketball (CHS), Bud Klooster-basketball (Albion College), Kraag Lieberman-football (CHS and Alma College), Tiller Otis-basketball (Hillsdale College), Ted Potter-softball (Charlevoix), Ken Wojan-football (CHS), Ken Balch-softball (Charlevoix).

Sports enthusiast are encouraged to nominate other stars of the past who played team sports. Make your opinion known by calling Venetian Festival Headquarters at 347-3872. Star athletes from individual sports will be the next and final focus of the committee.

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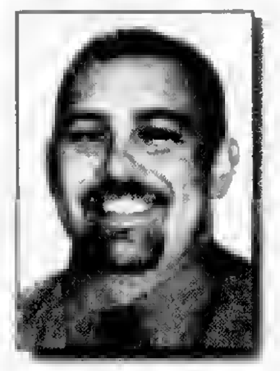

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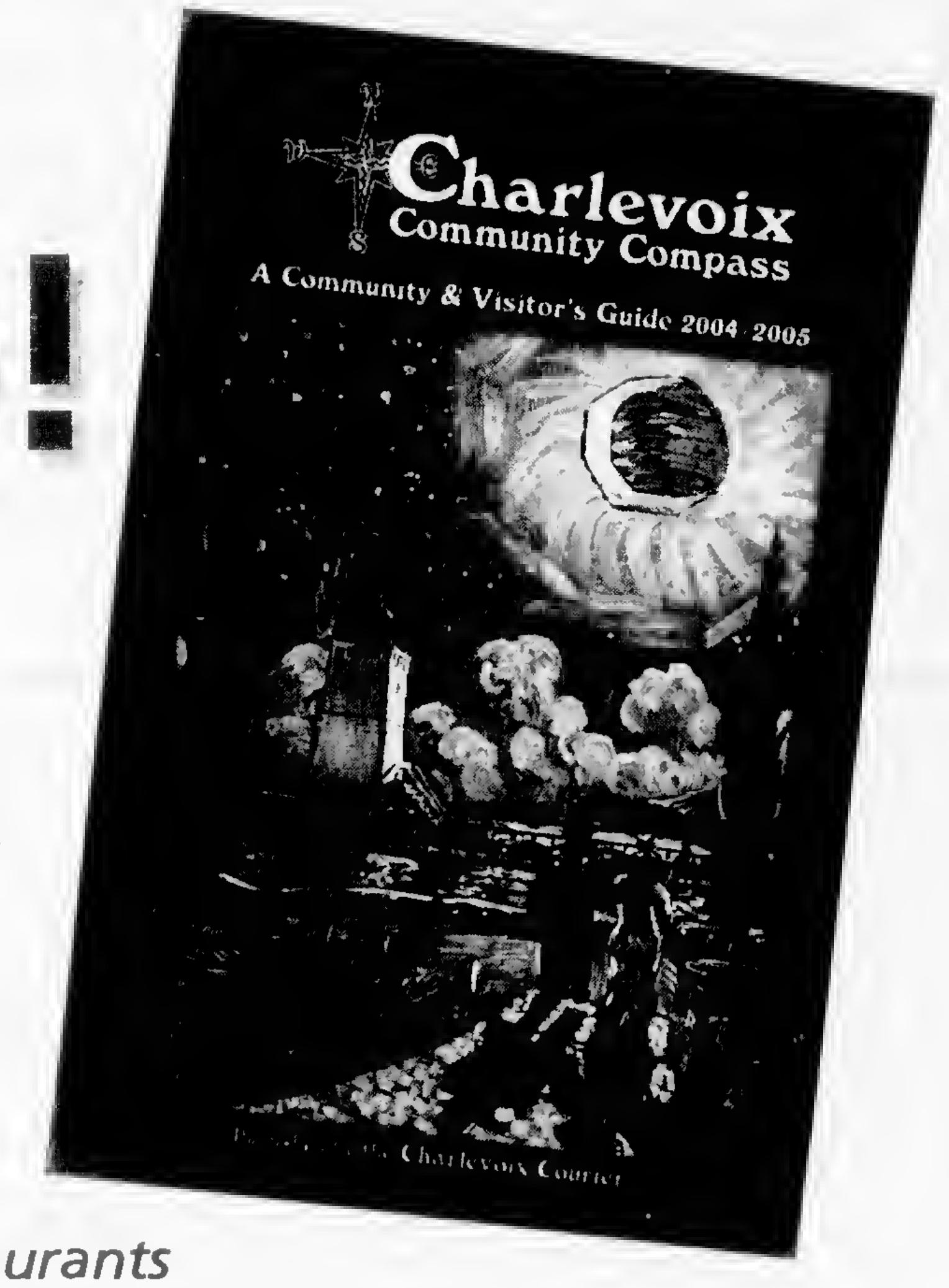

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Heritage Garden unveiled at Depot

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

A bright, new, colorful world is in bloom on Charlevoix's north side.

The Depot Heritage Garden was officially dedicated June 1. After the red ribbon tied to two pines was cut by former Depot property owners Mary and Robert Pew, a group of about 100 dedication attendees walked through the lush landscape.

The site is tucked behind the historic railroad Depot Museum, owned by the Charlevoix Historical Society, which shoulders the ever popular Depot Beach off Dixon Avenue.

Historical Society President Dave Garland said, "I just love it down there now. It's really beautiful."

While the heritage garden is a perfect fit that appears to have been there since the beginning of time, the site used to be a grassy area with little of the plant life passers-by see there today. The vibrant show piece is the product of 33 months of planning, digging and planting by three local service groups, the Charlevoix Historical Society Board of Directors, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club and the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club.

The huge undertaking started in August of 2001 when the Historical Society decided to install a set of gates dating back to the 1900s at the Depot.

Mary Adams, a member of the society who is also a Charlevoix Area Garden Club member, has an old photo of the Depot site that shows a garden area. Using this photo as her template she suggested recreating the garden in conjunction with the gate project.

The project then landed in the laps of garden club members Patti Aikin and Rhea Dow. Club members have said Aikin has determination and a keen eye for detail and Dow is known in the club as the plant expert.

After discussing the antique quilt show hosted at the Depot two years ago which is making its return this July and talking with club president Joan Nowak about the history of the Iris in her family, the dynamic duo recommended that the garden be dedicated to plants that grew in Charlevoix from 1870-1930.

"We wanted to tell the story of the historic plants so they aren't lost," Dow said. "To transplant history."

The garden club joined the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club and members of the historical society in gathering information about plants that have been part of Charlevoix's history. During this

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Depot Heritage Garden was officially dedicated June 1. Here, Mary and Robert Pew, former Depot property owners, cut the red ribbon and officially open the site to 100 dedication attendees, many of who volunteered to make the garden a reality.

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Garden clubs, historical society team up on garden

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discovery phase they even gathered a number of existing plants that have been in local families for ages. Some include the Loeb peony, Loeb narcissus, several types of hydrangea and Indian rose hollyhocks.

Nowak said the plants are a key element in creating an authentic heritage garden.

"Every plant has a story," she said.

While their stockpile of plants grew they planned their permanent home, the heritage garden. To do this they hired Brian Devlin of Garden Concepts in Livonia, a landscape architect who specializes in period specific garden landscape.

The layout he masterminded included four rooms to situate these budding beauties into.

The first room is where you enter the garden after coming through the old steel gates. Dow described it as a pleasant formal greeting.

Then, as walkers stride across the velvety grass they enter room two, where the child in all of us is alive and well. Dow said this was designed to evoke youthful feelings in those who experience it. Flowers here include daisies, black-eyed Susans, dahlia, snap dragons and other colorful and wild blooms.

Just when you thought there was no place more lush and alive, you enter room three where Dow said you can rest on a bench and feel right at home as you look out over Lake Charlevoix through a fragrant peony portal. She said this was created to epitomize a young woman in her 30s — "mature, a good friend you can sit with and chat forever." It is full of softer, delicate colors and flowers.

The group is currently in the process of rounding out the garden with elaborate amazing plans for room four. The proposal is to include a pergola that is 30 feet long by 10 feet wide with vines covering it. Behind the pergola they plan to build a gate like the metal one that sparked ideas for the garden. And in front of it, they'll extend a rose garden. They have already collected two historic roses that will some day make the garden their home.

So far about 50 volunteers have put over 5,000 hours into this project. They are continuing to raise money to make room four a reality. Funding for the project has come from grants and donations. While the group lines up funding for room four, 23 volunteers have signed on to maintain the site which is the garden club's largest garden in its group of 11. Room three will be maintained by the evening garden club.

Dow and Nowak said so far about 20 people walk through the garden every day. It will be a major attraction at the club's Sixth Annual Garden Walk July 14 when the Depot will host a standard flower show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The garden was also recognized by the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc. with an Award of Merit and a $100 prize.

Those who want to donate a historic plant, their time or money can contact Dow at 547-5301 or Nowak at 547-1388.

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Karen and Barry Pierce of Charlevoix, who donated heritage plants to the Depot Heritage Garden walk through the site at its dedication June 1.

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Alano Club decreases hours

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The local substance abuse support hub, the Alano Club, cut back its hours to address budget problems.

The club which is located at 106 Mason Street went from an all day refuge for people and families suffering from substance abuse to a part time place they can go. Its support groups meetings did not change.

The decision to make the change at the club house located at the front of the property came in early January when a new board of directors took office and quickly found the club's financial picture wasn't pretty.

Scott Kelly, a founding member of the club who has served on and off the board since the mid 1980s, said that when he came aboard as treasurer in January, the club had $340 in its checking account and over $1,000 in bills.

The new board, lead by president Sue Goodwin, decided to pursue a 90 day emergency plan that included cuts. They wanted to make sure the 20 plus support meetings that account for 35 percent of meeting attendees in Charlevoix and the surrounding counties were unaffected by any changes.

"AA meetings are critical for keeping hundreds of people sane and safe," Kelly said.

So, the first place they looked was at three part-time employees that staffed the club house from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. six days a week. This was costing the club about $3,000 a month as each was paid between $8 and $10 an hour.

"We can't continue spending 75 percent of our income on employees," Kelly said. "We were raising money to provide a job."

Consequently, all three workers were laid off effective Jan. 17 and the club house was closed completely for six weeks.

Kelly said the visitors the employees were interacting with in person and by phone, which former club manager Dave Juilleret estimated to be between three and 20 people a day, didn't justify the expense.

But Juilleret, who lost his job as a result of the board's decision after working there part time for about three years, disagrees.

"When you talk about numbers and helping people, as far as I'm, concerned, if you help one person, I'm happy," he said.

Kelly said in spite of the reduced hours people are still being helped.

Since March the club has been open when volunteers offer to staff it. Kelly said that means it is generally open during meeting times for various support groups and the board is trying to make sure it is open from noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Juilleret is sad to see the club house closed most of the time.

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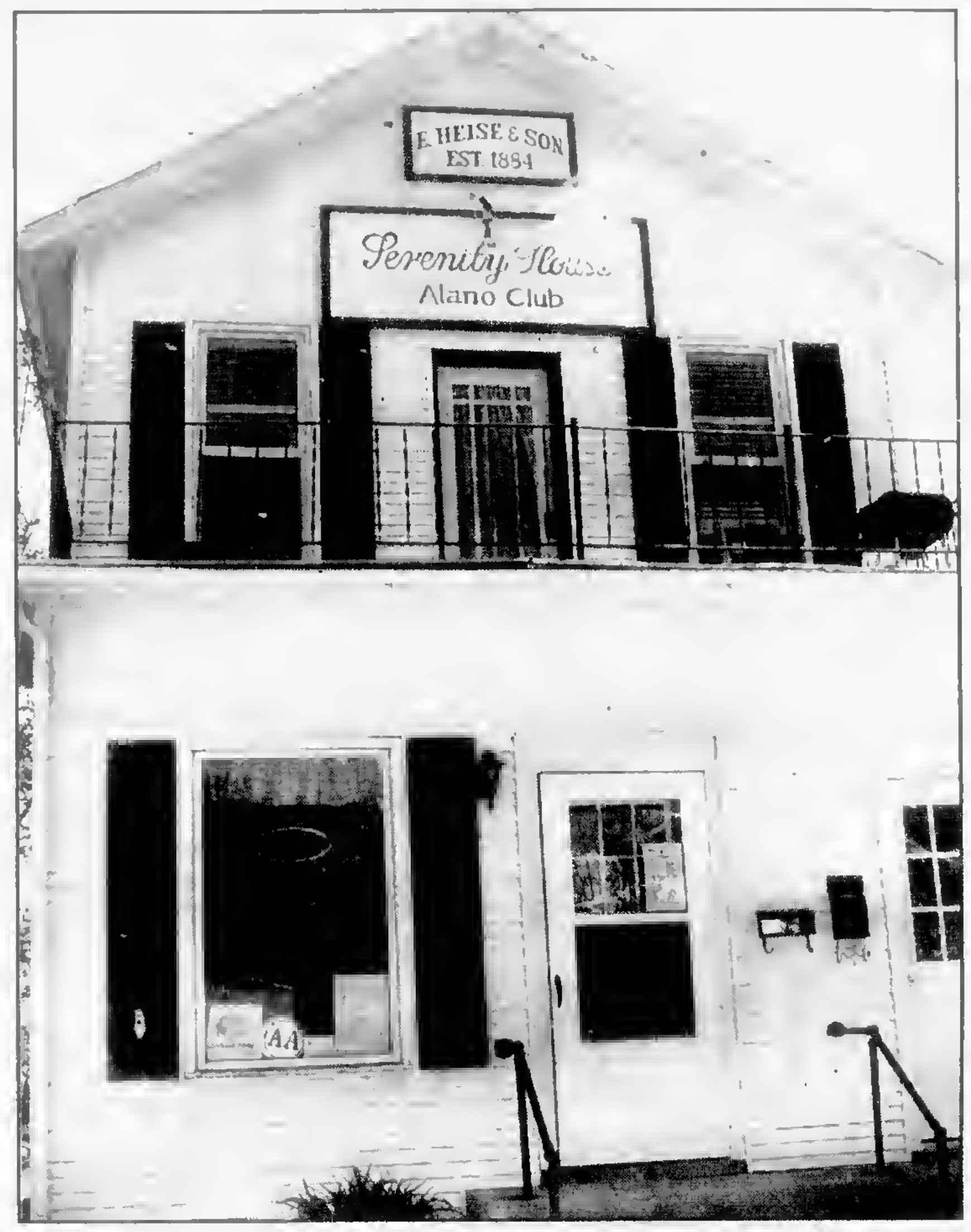

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AA programs not affected

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"The important thing was, it was a place for people to hang out if they were early in their recovery," he said.

Kelly said he is hoping to reinstate the former club hours with the help of volunteers, but at this time does not plan to hire employees to work there. To see what volunteer interest is out there a survey was recently sent to members.

"I want to see what the community and members are willing to participate in," Kelly said. "I am hoping members will volunteer. If not, we'll keep the meetings going, and how to use the club house aspect is the big question."

Charlevoix resident Bob Pardee who used to spend afternoons there and has been sober for 14 years said he hasn't been impacted by the change. He said he is retired and has opted to volunteer at Charlevoix Area Hospital and at Boulder Park instead of spending time at the club.

"The last thing I'm going to do is drink," he said.

Aside from this refuge the club provided when it was open more, Juilleret said it also served another important purpose for those that couldn't come in but called in.

"If someone was having a bad day, they knew they could call and get a human being to talk to," he said.

Currently if you call the Alano Club during hours that it isn't open a recorded message directs callers interested in Alcoholics Anonymous information to an "AA hotline" at 348-5005. Others are asked to leave a message.

Juilleret is also concerned that this new approach takes away from what he used to do with families that needed help understanding the disease. As a recovered alcoholic who has been sober for about 20 years Juilleret said he knows the importance of this service.

Aside from being a voice on the other end of the line and a safe harbor for those in recovery, Juilleret said the club was also a hub for those ready to go into treatment.

Kelly said those seeking either family counseling or treatment can call him at BASES at 547-1144 or Harbor Hall at 347-9880.

While these services are currently being out sourced, Kelly hopes that some day the club will be able to provide those services as a cooperative effort with area substance abuse clinics. But this will take money and time.

Since the club started its restructuring plan in reaction to the grim financial picture, they have increased membership from nine to 77 people. Membership dues which are $5 a month are one way the club generates income. Other sources are grants, projects like the food vending during the Venetian and Apple festivals and rental of the upper level apartment. The back building is leased to the Alcoholics Anonymous group who also pay the club.

This money helps cover their $10,000 a year expense budget.

Meeting schedules are posted on the door of the club house and are also available on the Internet at www.basesteencenter.com.

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Graduation is here

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Business Briefs

JUNE 17 SEMINAR "EXPLODE YOUR SALES," BUSINESS IDEAS THAT WILL BLOW YOUR MIND

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JUNE 19, CHARLEVOIX'S FIRST ANNUAL TASTE OF CHARLEVOIX

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June 26 - Ride the Charx 582-4030.

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July 4 - 4th of July Parade 10 a.m.

July 9 - Symphony on the Green at The Castle

July 10-11 - Chamber Arts & Craft Show

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The next Business After Hours is September 16, our Chamber Raffle Fundraiser at Belvedere Club. Don't forget to purchase your raffle ticket!

Business Breakfast

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is October 1, 2004 at 7:30am at Grey Gables.

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Beaver Island to be site of writing workshop

A writing workshop on Beaver Island will be reprised this summer by Western Michigan University.

"Writing for Publication: A Workshop on the Craft of Publishing Articles in Magazines or Professional Journals," will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 12 through 15, at the Beaver Island Community School in St. James.

This coached, hands-on writing experience is aimed at educators and others who have little experience in writing for or getting published in magazines, particularly professional journals. Attendees will leave with a completed article and submission letter.

The workshop will focus on how to perfect a clear, forceful writing style and will address effective ways to start articles, eliminate jargon and fuzzy writing and make articles attractive to periodical editors.

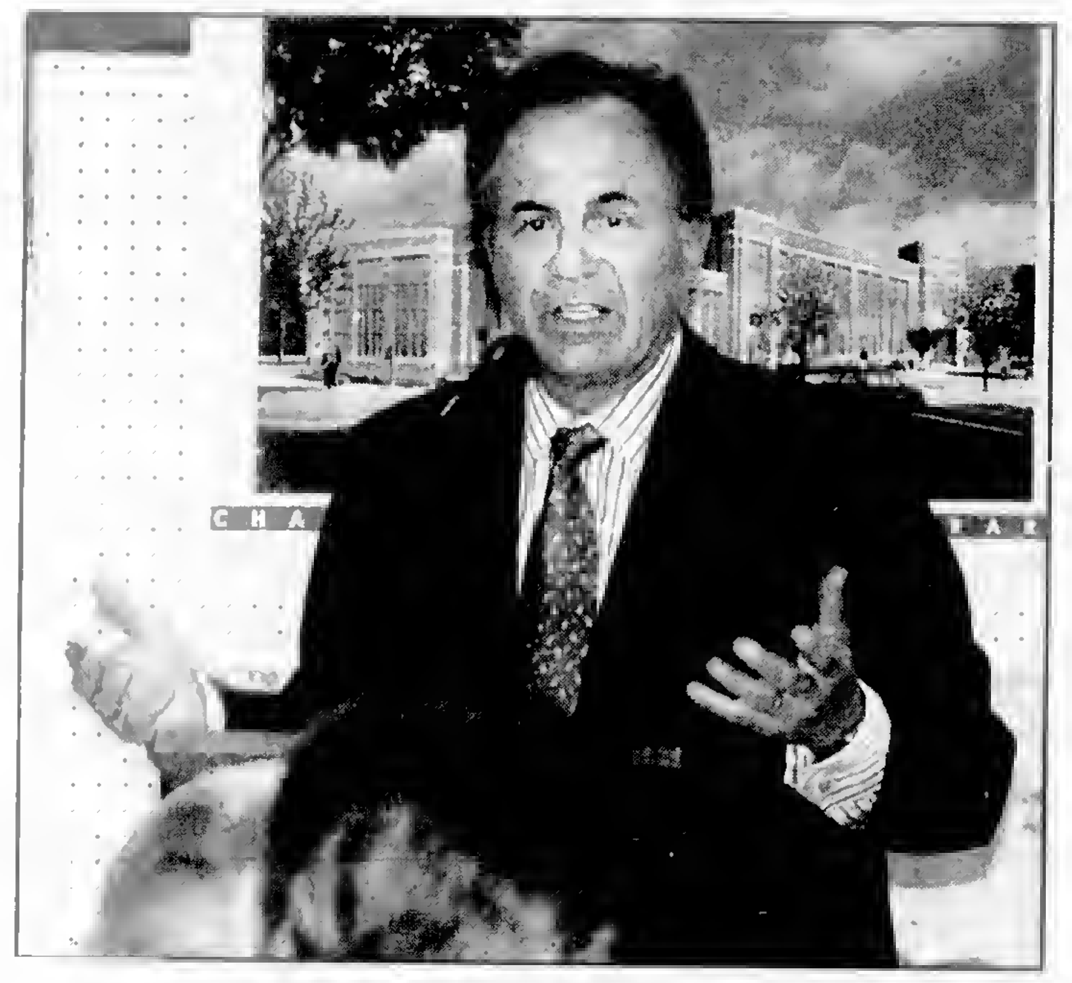
It is being given on Beaver Island as a way of stimulating the creative senses. Attendees will spend their mornings in an intensive learning environment, then have their afternoons and evenings free to continue working or tour Beaver Island and enjoy its recreational amenities. They are encouraged to use part of their free time to vacation on the island with family and friends.

Leading the workshop this year will he Dr. Lawrence B. Schlack, WMU associate professor emeritus of educational leadership and a former superintendent of the Barry Intermediate School District in Hastings. Schlack has taught writing for the past 20 years and has helped a variety of people produce articles suitable for publication in periodicals.

Preregistration by July 2 is required to attend the workshop, which costs $275 per person. An additional fee is charged for those taking the workshop for academic credit from WMU. Space is limited, so early registration is advised.

To register, follow the instructions in the event brochure, which is available by visiting the Web site at conference.wmich.edu or by calling WMU's Conferences and Seminars office at (269) 387-4174.

Those planning to attend the workshop also are advised to make their travel and lodging arrangements early, as Beaver Island plays host to numerous summer visitors. More information is available online at <www.beaverisland.net> or hy calling (231) 448-2505.



Speech at library

Charlevoix High School graduate turned accomplished author spoke to 105 people at Charlevoix Public Library June 1. He was in town to talk about his book "Beyond Glory — Medal of Honor Heroes in their own Words."

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Construction to begin on US-31 north, south Monday

Road work will get underway next week.

Rise Rasch, the manger of the Michigan Department of Transportation's Traverse City office, said maintenance crews will be working on the north and south sides of town all of next week.

They will be doing crack sealing along US-31 from Norwood to the M-66 intersection and north of the hridge near the city limits.

"This will be a fast moving operation. We want to get the work in before the heavy tourist season starts," Rasch said.

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Rebecca Kanine, out of curiosity, chose to explore why "Rayders" is spelled with a "Y." She knew that the mascot of Charlevoix High School was supposedly named after a famous coach and teacher, Ray Kipke, but then she heard that the "Y" was in Rayders before Ray Kipke's time. She attempted to uncover the mystery, but could not find anything as proof. She did however; discover why Charlevoix chose coach Kipke to embody the Rayders. She found his story inspiring and thought it was important for Charlevoix, especially the students, to remember this influential man.

Kanine will be attending the University of Michigan this fall and tentatively plans on pursuing the field of psychology.

York Smith wrote about Smith Farm and Lake Charlevoix or Schmidt Farm. Because of all the stories told him by his father and grandfather that had a special meaning to him, an interest was sparked to learn more about his family's historical ties to the Charlevoix community.

Smith plans on attending the University of Nevada-Reno's College of Engineering to pursue an education in the field of chemical engineering.

AnnaKate Trubilowicz, submitted an essay about "Big Rock Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." Big Rock has been a part of her life since she was born because her father has been employed at Big Rock for that long. She of course had access to a wealth of historical information as well as a lot of old photographs.

Trubilowicz will be attending the University of Michigan to pursue a degree in political science, after which she would love to become part of the political scene in Washington, DC.

John L. Wilkerson's essay was written on The Charlevoix Life Saving Station, Coast Guard Station 258. Wilkerson , his family and friends used to fish the site where the station was built. There was not a lot of information available about the station and because of his interest in it he began researching the history of the station.

Wilkerson plans on pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering at Kettering University in the fall.

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Libraries name 'Born to Read' babies of 2004

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(Above, from left) Geoff Linklater, Olivia and Heidi Peterson. (Below, from left) Catrina and RevaSue Norton.

The Alanson Area, Boyne District, Crooked Tree District, Jordan Valley District libraries and the Charlevoix and Petoskey Public Libraries, in cooperation with Northern Michigan and Charlevoix Area Hospitals are pleased to announce the 2004 "Born to Read Babies."

"These were the first babies born after 12 a.m., Sunday, April 18 — the first 'official' day of National Library Week," said Valerie Meyerson, Library Director at the Charlevoix Public Library.

The family of each baby has received a bag of reading related items, including some Born to Read clothing, books for the parents and baby, a "Reading...It Becomes You" book bag, "READ" coffee cups and a Michigan "READY Kit," among other things.

This is the eighth year that these libraries have cooperated in declaring a "Born To Read Baby" during National Library Week.

"We do this to publicize the fact that the foundations for lifetime learning and literacy are laid down in the human brain from birth," Meyerson said.

The Born to Read Baby from Charlevoix Area Hospital is RevaSue Norton of the Boyne District Library. Her parents are Catrina and Shawn Norton. She also has two brothers, Kaleb and Nickolas, and a sister, Angela.

The Born to Read Baby from Northern Michigan Hospital is Olivia Peterson of the Petoskey Public Library. Her parents are Heidi Peterson and Geoff Linklater and her sister's name is Chloe.

Meyerson said the participating libraries are gearing up for their summer programs right now and readers may wish to contact or visit the web site of their respective library for more information.

Contact the Charlevoix Public Library at 547-2651 or visit the web site at: www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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Monday, June 14, 2004

Charlevoix Public Schools Operational Millage Renewals

Proposal I – 18 mills non-homestead renewal

This proposal will **renew** the district's operational millage of 18 mills against non-homestead property for 5 years as provided by the Michigan Constitution. This is a **renewal** of millage which expired with the 2003 tax levy.

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- These proposals are **renewals** of existing millages and are not a tax increase.
- Without the **renewal** of these proposals Charlevoix Public Schools will face extreme financial hardship and would be forced to make deep cuts in all programs and services directly impacting students.

Please continue to support the Charlevoix Public Schools by VOTING YES on June 14, 2004 on Proposal I and on Proposal II.

Absentee ballots for residents of the Charlevoix School District are available at Central Office, 208 Clinton Street from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Central Office will also be open on Saturday, June 12, 2004 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. for absentee voters.

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Rayders make strong run, but lose in final game

The Rayders girls soccer team kicked off district play with a convincing win over Boyne City but couldn't hold out to claim the title.

Charlevoix opened up district play beating the Boyne City Ramblers 3-0 June 1.

The Rayders controlled play throughout managing 23 shots on net. Boyne City forced Charlevoix's keeper, Laura Nitchman into just six saves, with Nitchman earning her tenth shutout of the year.

Charlevoix scored early when Madison Ramsey sent home a cross from senior Shayna Drost. The Rayders followed shortly thereafter, when junior Jaime Pettis scored on a breakaway opportunity made possible by Ramsey's assists. The 2-0 lead stood through most of the match until senior Alyssia McDonough sent home a 24-yard shot, assisted by Pettis late in the game.

Charlevoix controlled the midfield, led by sophomore Stevie Murray, juniors Sarah Cross and Madison McKenzie and freshman Zita Anderson, who played her strongest game of the season. Murray stopped several Boyne scoring opportunities, tracking down and tackling the Rambler' strikers whenever they broke free.

Then, Charlevoix moved on to the district semi-final against Burt Lake NCMA June 3, where they continued their shutout streak winning 10-0.

Charlevoix scored early and often against the undermanned Eagles who were missing some key players. The Rayder defensive line of Cross, Murray, McKenzie and Lisa Kuebler dominated the midfield and sent consistent passes up to their waiting teammates.

Nitchman earned her eleventh shutout of the season, adding to her school record total in tuning away five chances hy NCMA.

Charlevoix goals were scored by Drost who had four, McDonough and Meghan Lame who each drove home one and Pettis and Ramsey who both had two. Assists went to Anderson, McKenzie, Ramsey, Pettis and Theresa Potter.

Head coach Carol Madison left that game ready for the district final against Harbor Springs.

"Our whole team is playing well together now, just at the right time," she said.

But the team couldn't beat the dominating Harbor Springs squad and fell 6-0 in that final match.

The Rams took advantage of their scoring opportunities to dismantle a determined Charlevoix team.

Kalie Grambeau took the Rams by the horns and led them to a district championship.

Charlevoix managed nine shots, missing a couple of open net chances, while Nitchman made 13 saves.

Nitchman had little to no chance of saving the Harbor goals as they were sent from short distances following the Harbor strikers breaking down the Rayders' defense.

Cross had her best game of the season, matching up well with the Harbor midfielders. McDonough, Ramsey and Anderson played strong throughout the match.

Strong efforts by Rayder strikers Drost and Pettis were consistently turned back by the Harbor sweeper.

The Rams had a tight rope on Drost, Charlevoix's all-time scoring leader, playing her final game. She graduates with the career school scoring record with 57 goals and 26 assists.

This game marked the end to Charlevoix's best ever season at 13-7-1 overall.

The team set the school season record for goals scored, best percentage of goals scored versus given up, wins in a season and shutouts.

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SPORTS

Track teams perform well at state finals

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

According to the Charlevoix High School track coaches the teams performed wonderfully at the state finals over the weekend.

"The boys all either had a personal record or did their personal best," boys' coach Ken Plude said. "It was a fun group of guys. They were a lot of hard workers."

Girls' coach Mary Plude said, "This was the first time we had a freshman (Lindi Edger) in an individual event at the state finals. She is our third best on all time list for the two mile. She ended the season on an outstanding note."

Mary said Edger finished twenty-second in the 3200 meter run with a time of 12 minutes, 21 seconds.

Individual results for the boys' team were:

- 3200 meter relay — The team of Ben Bergmann, Scott Plude, Brandon Stevens and Brian Christiansen finished eighteenth with a time of 8 minutes, 28 seconds.
- Pole vault — Kyle Kramer finished seventh in the pole vault with a height of 13 feet. Kramer was awarded a state medal for this.
- 400 meter relay — the team of Rusty Walters, Jeff Urban, Bergmann and Kyle Kramer finished with 44.2 seconds. This is a school record.
- High jump — Mitchell Klooster finished with a height of 18 feet, 7 inches.

Courtesy photo

Members of the Charlevoix High School track team that went to state were; (from left) Rusty Walters, Kyle Kramer, Jeff Urban, Nate Sotuyo, Darren Munson, Ben Bergmann, Lindi Edger, Brandon Stevens, Brian Christiansen and Scott Plude. Mitchell Klooster is missing.

Martial arts students compete at state tournament

Several students of Northern martial Arts, a Hap Ki Do schools located in Charlevoix, took home medals at the state inner school tournament.

The tournament, hosted by Master Dave Weatherly of World Martial Arts, took place May 8 in Fenton.

Students competed against about 50 other students in three categories — forms, board breaking and sparring.

Krista Bruce took first in breaking, first in forms and third in sparring.

Spencer Bruce took first in breaking, fourth in forms and first in sparring.

Travis Bruce took first in breaking, fourth in forms and fourth in sparring.

Chris Chubb took first in breaking, fourth in forms and fourth in sparring.

Alex Hagen took third in breaking, second in forms and third in sparring.

Jordan Hagen took third in breaking, second in forms and third in sparring.

Mike Hinkle took first in breaking, third in forms and fourth in sparring.

Ben Knapp took second in breaking, third in forms and second in sparring.

Michael Knapp took second in breaking, second in forms and third in sparring.

Zach Smith took first in breaking and second in sparring.

Jake Waterman took second in breaking, third in forms and fourth in sparring.

Dan Young took second in breaking, second in forms and third in sparring.

Northern Martial Arts is instructed by Timothy Bruce, a second degree black belt. The classes meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Northwest Academy in Charlevoix.

All ages are welcome to participate. For more information contact Bruce at 675-4414 or 547-0813.

Charlevoix women take part in Traverse City marathon

Tricia Hodge and Amy Phillips, both graduates of Charlevoix High School successfully completed the 26.2 mile Bayshore Marathon in Traverse City on Saturday, May 28, 2004.

The race is orchestrated by the Traverse City Track Club and sponsored by Running Fit. Of the hundreds more who entered, 926 runners actually finished the race.

Both women's times were impressive: Hodge at 3 hours, 41 minutes and 54 seconds and Phillips at 3 hours 51 minutes and 29 seconds, breaking out at slightly more than 8 minutes per mile.

Hodge was a medalist, finishing fourth in her age class, (20-24).

Phillips finished 17th in her age class, (25-29).

Official Notice

NOTICE
CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 16, 2004

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road on Wednesday, June 16, 2004 to consider the request of Steve and Kathy Paterka and Martha Paterka to rezone from Agricultural to R-1 (One Family Dwelling District) property identified by tax code numbers 15-004-024-010-10, 15-004-024-010-30, 15-004-024-010-20 and 15-004-024-010-25. The property is unplatted and approximately 12 acres, located at 12590 Waller Road and 08977 Martin Road.

Complete description and all pertinent data may be examined at the office of the Clerk at 12491 Waller Road from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please send written comments to the Clerk at the same address or Nancy Rajewski (Planning Commission Chairperson) at 14590 Park Ave., Charlevoix, Mi. 49720.

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Charlevoix Recreation League slow pitch softball results in

The Charlevoix Recreation Department's latest slow pitch scores are:

Men

June 4

- Cemex/D480 beat Lakeshore Tire/Top Rank, 22-10. For Cemex, Ryan Amsburg had two homeruns. For Lakeshore Tire, Travis Wood had a homerun.
- Fischer Restoration beat Ferguson and Chamberlain/Don's IGA, 24-5. For Fischer Restoration, Kyle Shumaker and EJ Castle both had a homerun.

Pre-season slow pitch tournament finals

- Game 1 — Cemex/D480 beat Grey Gables Inn, 19-7. For Cemex, Dave Storm had two homeruns. For Grey Gables, Brett Erskine had a homerun.
- Game 2 — Cemex/D480 beat Fischer Restoration, 17-16. For Cemex, John Parrish had two homeruns and Ryan Amsbury had two homeruns. For Fischer, Ryan Fischer, Billy Payton and EJ Castle all had homeruns.
- Final game — Fischer Restoration beat Cemex D480, 17-4. For Fischer, Brad Waldron had a homerun and Bob Sandahl had two homeruns.

Women

June 3

- Fieldcrest Inn beat Bingham Insurance, 24-6.
- Kwiki Duplicating beat Burger King, 16-1.
- Medicap Pharmacy beat Waterfront Salon/J. Arnold Painting, 16-13.

June 1

- Waterfront Salon/J. Arnold Painting forfeited against Bingham Insurance.
- Fieldcrest Inn beat Burger King, 18-2. For Burger King, Liz Grunch had an in the park homerun.
- Kwikie Duplicating beat Medicap Pharmacy, 12-0.

Tennis team gets some great experience at the state finals

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

While the Charlevoix High School varsity tennis team only scored one point at the state finals, coach Erik Lundteigen chalks this one up as great experience.

"It was our first time down there in about 12 years. I look at it as a real positive initiation to the state tourney," he said.

The state tournament was Friday in Holland.

The only win received by the Rayders was the doubles team of Mitch Klooster and Andrew Mailloux, 6-1, 6-1. However they lost their second match, 3-6, 2-6.

Other individual results were:

Singles

- First, Nate Turner lost 1-6, 2-6.
- Second, Josh Fasset lost 0-6, 0-6.
- Third, Matt Novotny lost 1-6, 3-6.
- Fourth, Tom Castilione lost 2-6, 0-6.

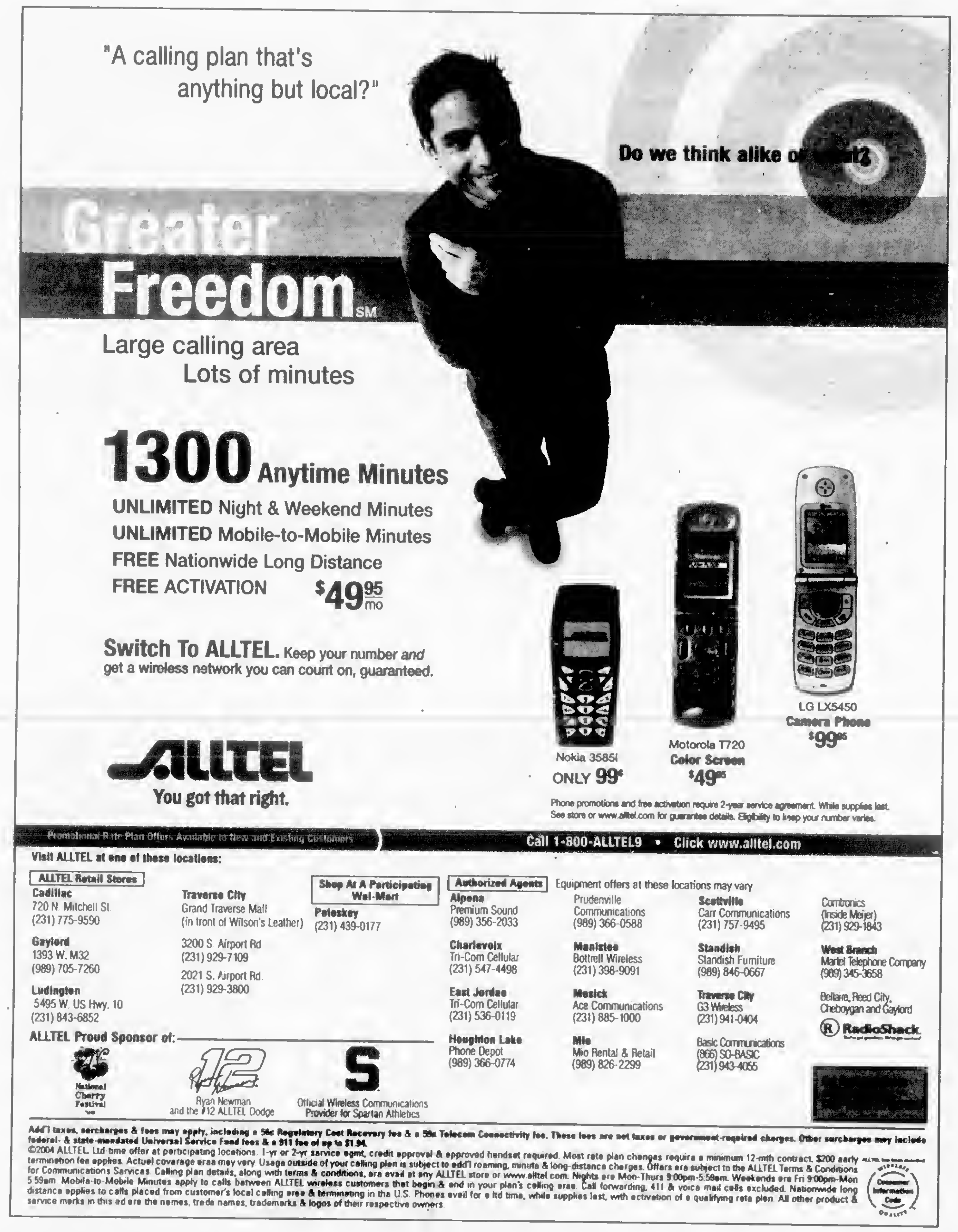
Doubles

- First, Adam Wager and Cody Wheat lost 1-6, 0-6.
- Second, Taylor Martin and Sparky Nitchman lost 3-6, 6-4, 5-7.
- Fourth, Dan Swenor and Mike Greyerbiehl lost 0-6, 6-3, 1-6.

Police log

The information contained in this report has been compiled from the Charlevoix Police Department's log book, which is open to public inspection under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Because some officers are still working on their reports, and they were not available before press time, not all of the reports from this period are listed. If you have any information on these reports, please contact the Charlevoix Police Department at 547-3258.

- There was a two vehicle accident around 5:30 p.m., June 5 near the intersection of Bridge and Carpenter streets. No injuries were reported.
- A 21-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested after fleeing from police officers around 3:30 p.m., May 29. Police spotted the man on Carpenter Street riding a motorcycle — he had a felony warrant out for his arrest. However, the man did not stop for them and police lost him. He was later captured by the Michigan State Police on M-66 near Ironton.
- There was a three vehicle accident around 3 p.m., May 30 near the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Pine River Lane. No injuries were reported.
- There was a two vehicle accident around 2 p.m., May 28 near the intersection of Bridge Street and Park Avenue. No injuries were reported.



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June 11, 12 & 13, 2004

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Get ready to fish!

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff writer

Anglers will flock to town this weekend to cast for bragging rights in Charlevoix's first tournament of the popular fishing season, the Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament.

The Twentieth Annual Trout Tournament will kick off with registration June 10 in East Park. Fisherfolks from land and sea are invited to compete. Everyone on a boat associated with the tournament and those who plan to fish from land must be registered by 8 p.m. that day. Registration fees are $25 for adults, $10 for kids ages 6 -14 and free for children five years old and younger.

After participants get registration squared away, the busy weekend on the water and in town will begin.

When coordinator of the event Dave Juilleret was asked what he is looking forward to as tournament weekend draws near, he said, "Fun, fun, fun."

The fun will officially start when tournament fishing opens at 5 a.m., June 11. Frenzied fisherman will have until noon Sunday, June 13, to reel in their prize winning catch. At that time all fish must be at the weigh-in corral in East Park where official time will be kept.

The corral will be open from noon to 8 p.m., June 11 and 12 and from 9 a.m. to noon, June 13.

Waters that are free game for fishing include all of Lake Charlevoix, Round Lake and the Pine River Channel. Lake Michigan from Norwood to Seven Mile Point, north of Harbor Springs, is also part of the tournament's approved area.

Weekend activities include Kiwanis Club concessions in the park, a children's fish pond on Saturday when the little ones can catch the big ones, sponsor displays and an official awards ceremony.

Anglers who drag in the largest brown and lake trout and steelhead will be announced at 1 p.m., June 13 and must be present to win cash and prizes.

There is a 20 inch minimum size rule in the brown trout and steelhead divisions and a 24 inch minimum in the lake trout division.

Juilleret said he has even seen 4 pound fish win prizes.

The first place trophy will have a $1,100 check attached with second place taking home $600 and third place winning $300. Fourth through twenty-fifth places will also be awarded money.

Last year's winner in the lake trout division, Cathy Packo, dragged in a 11.08 pound fish. But Juilleret said that in his 20 years with the tournament he has seen 16 pound fish come in.

He said he is expecting a good turnout with huge fish like that swimming around. Last year over 700 people participated about one third of which came from out of town. These fish fanatics were joined by hundreds of spectators who flocked to the park to check the leader board and join in the fun.

Proceeds from the weekend event go toward the many endeavors of the Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament Board of Directors including county-wide scholarships for students going into environmental studies, fish planting projects and aquarium school projects.

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Registration

Registration will take place at Tournament Headquarters in East Park - Bandshell. The deadline for registering will be 8 p.m., June 10th, 2004. The entry is $25 per adult, $10 for children ages 6 thru 14, children five and under are free, but must register. Registration fees must be paid in U.S. currency. For more information call (231)547-6805, (231)547-9054 or (231)547-6725.

More fun to be had

In addition to tournament fishing, there will also be: a Kids' Fish Pond in East Park on Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; food available in the park; an Awards Ceremony beginning at 1 p.m., June 13th in the park; Grand Prize drawings in the park in which you must be present to win, and sponsor displays in the park.

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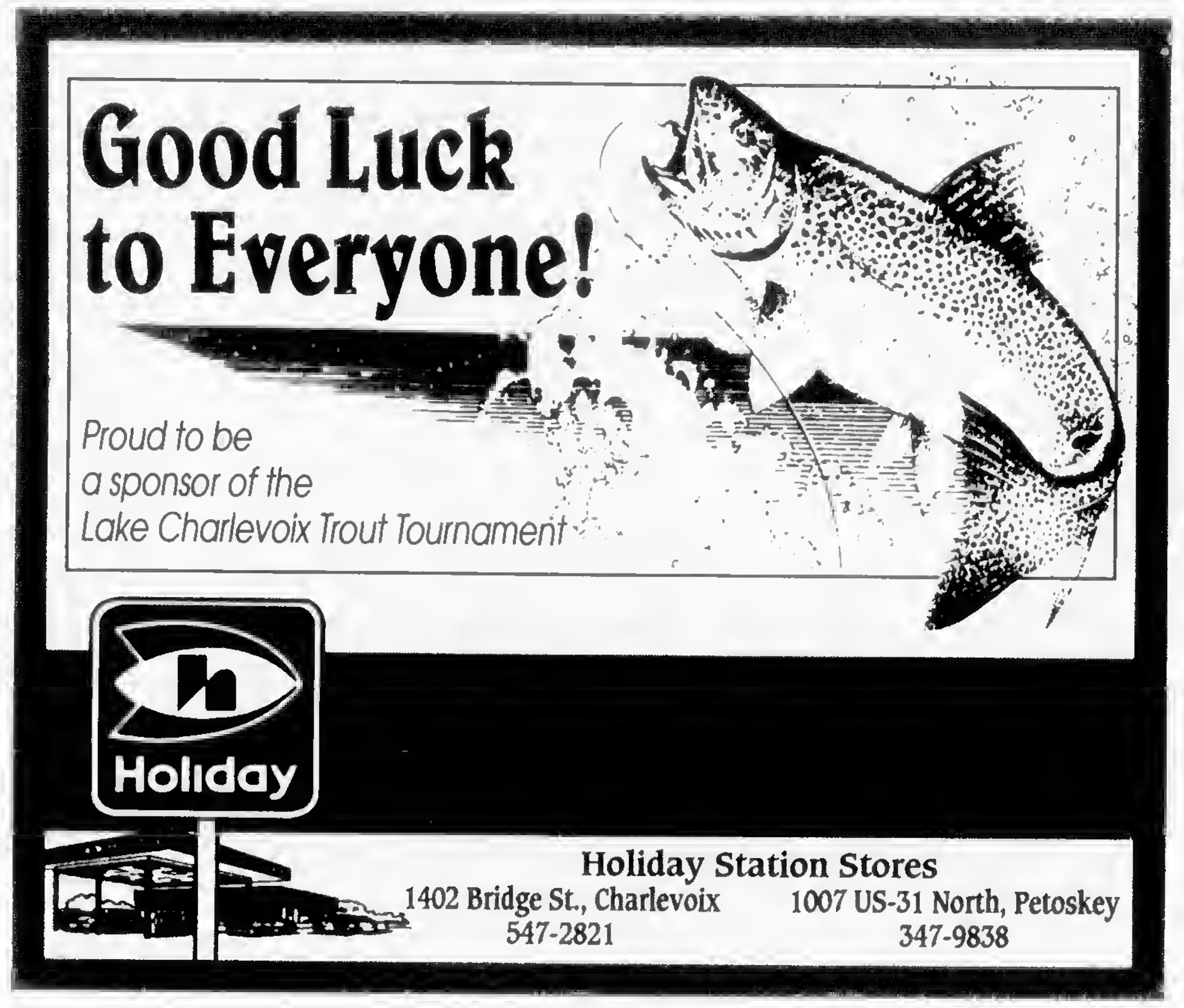
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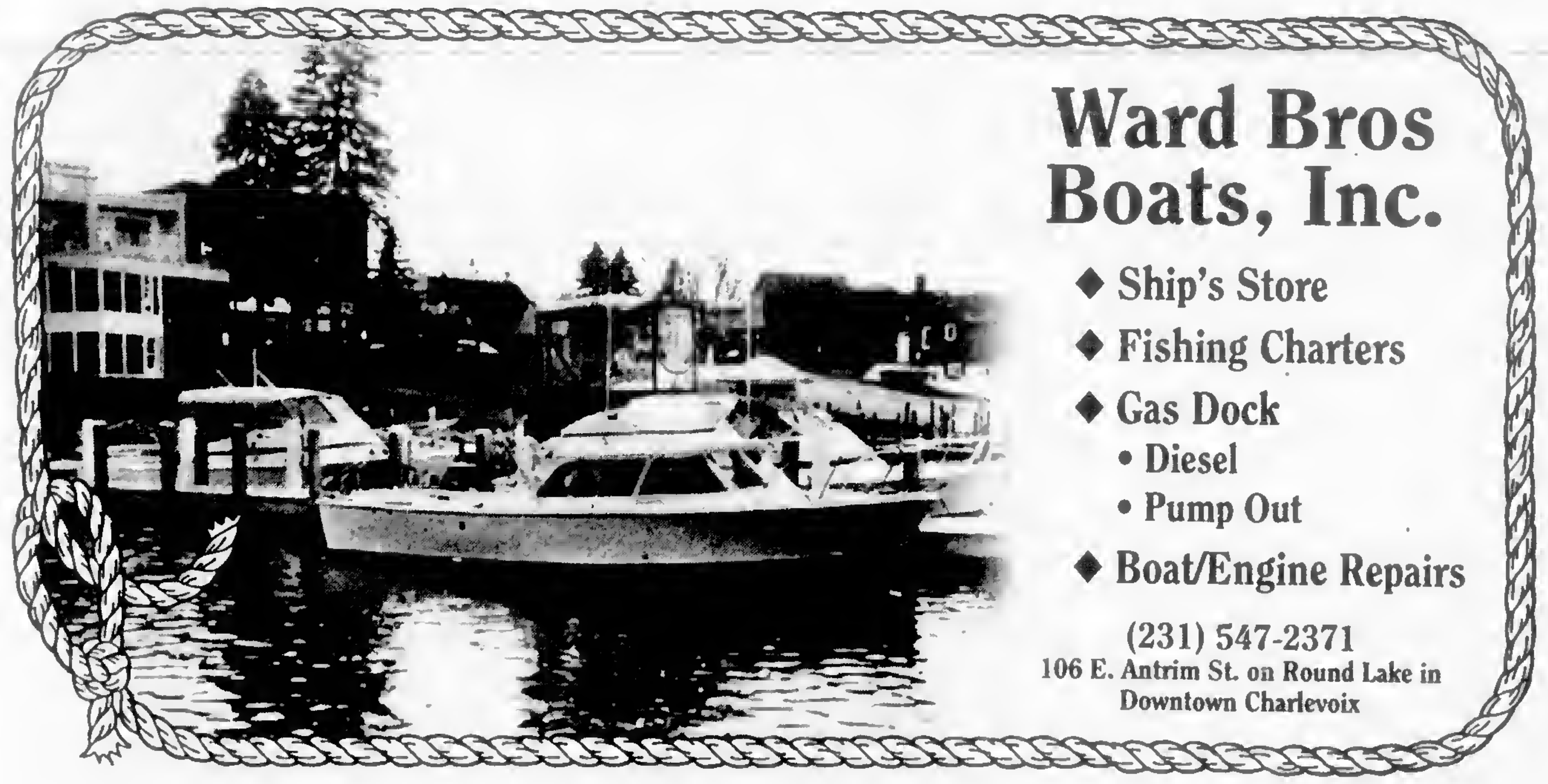
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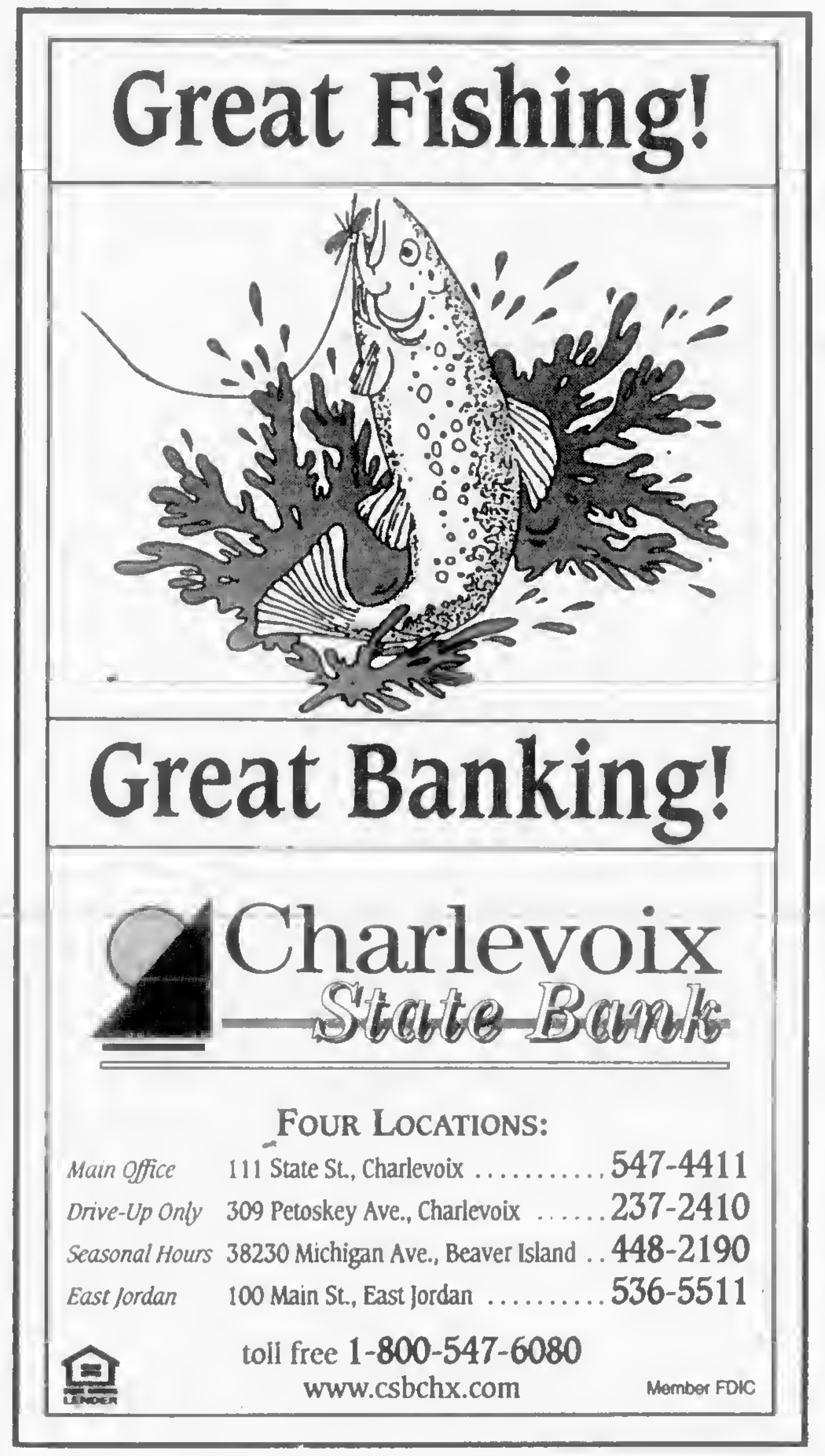
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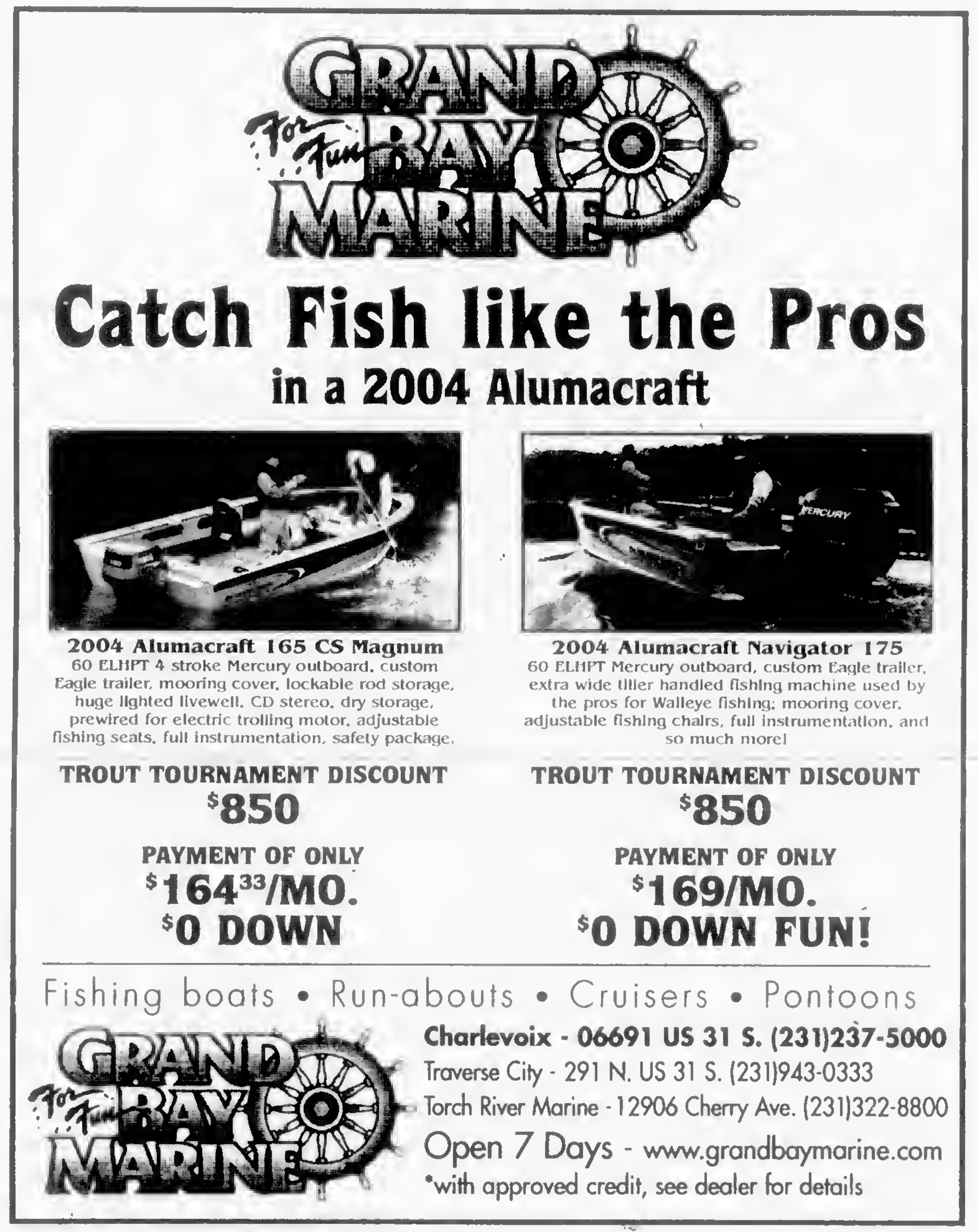
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I did not write, edit, approve, or contribute In any way to a published or unpublished book by Mary Ann Gibbons.

Date: March 27, 2004
Signed by: C. Marilyn Neff Gibbons
(Mrs. Michael A. Gibbons)

(6-9-2-076)

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to a recitation of the Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday evenings at St. Mary's Church, 1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix.

(6-9-1-076)

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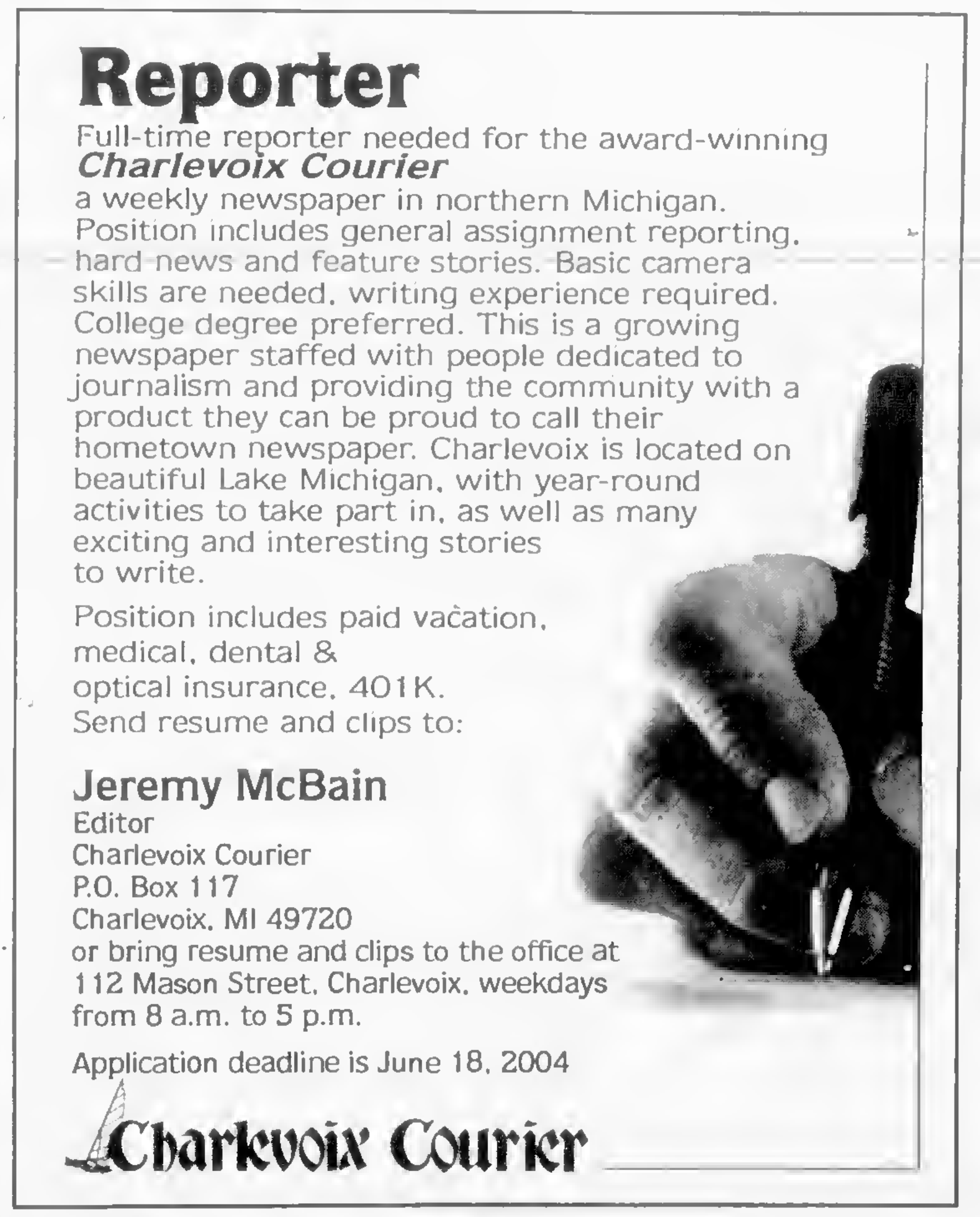
(6-9-2-086)



Reporter

Full-time reporter needed for the award-winning ***Charlevoix Courier*** a weekly newspaper in northern Michigan. Position includes general assignment reporting, hard news and feature stories. Basic camera skills are needed, writing experience required. College degree preferred. This is a growing newspaper staffed with people dedicated to journalism and providing the community with a product they can be proud to call their hometown newspaper. Charlevoix is located on beautiful Lake Michigan, with year-round activities to take part in, as well as many exciting and interesting stories to write.

Position includes paid vacation, medical, dental & optical insurance, 401K.
Send resume and clips to:

Jeremy McBain
Editor
Charlevoix Courier
P.O. Box 117
Charlevoix, MI 49720
or bring resume and clips to the office at 112 Mason Street, Charlevoix, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Application deadline is June 18, 2004

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HELP WANTED 086

EDUCATOR to provide sexual assault prevention program in area schools. An ability to work with high school students and young adults is required. A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree with work experience demonstrating a knowledge of teaching life skills relating to healthy relationships, self esteem, decision making, assertiveness and other youth related topics is necessary. Send resume to Chris Krajewski, Women's Resource Center, 423 Porter Street, Petoskey, MI - EOE.

(6-9-1-086)

HOUSING ADVOCATE to assist survivors of Domestic Violence in locating housing and maintaining housing. Managing leases, case recordkeeping, budgeting, client counseling and advocacy, and an ability to effectively communicate with landlords and program participants is essential. Must have a Bachelor's degree with experience in Human Services. Send resume to Chris Krajewski, Women's Resource Center, 423 Porter Street, Petoskey, MI - EOE.

(6-9-1-086)

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(5-26-4-086)

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SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION/ EMPLOYMENT PREP 090

CAREERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT North Central Michigan College offers classes that can lead to a degree and a career in law enforcement. Start taking courses as soon as this summer at NCMC, then attend a police academy at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City or Kirtland Community College in Roscommon. See our website, www.ncmc.cc.mi.us for details. Go to "Programs of Study," then "North Central," and click on one of the three highlighted programs. For more information, contact James Carter, NCMC Criminal Justice Program Coordinator at 231-547-6931 or via e-mail at crpc@voyager.net.
(6-9-2-090)

GARAGE SALES 100

ANNUAL COMMUNITY yard sale. Charlevoix Estates at M-66 across from Kmart. Saturday, June 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(6-9-1-100)

JUNE 11 & 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Two miles east of Ironton on M-66.
(6-9-1-100)

MISC. FOR SALE 134

MATTRESSES-Orthopedic, Brand New, still in plastic, factory direct pricing. King/Queen available. Double sided Pillow top. $295-$695/set. 231-675-8290.
(6-9-1-134)

SALMON/TROUT tackle box. Over 150 lures plus extras. Excellent condition. Value $750. Asking $275. 231-588-2915.
(6-9-1-134)

LAWN & GARDEN 139

LAWN MOWING, yardwork, tree trimming, gutters, painting. hauling/moving service also available. (231)547-5963.
(6-9-2-139)

ACREAGE FOR SALE 157

39.9 **ACRES** located between Elk Rapids and Charlevoix. Panoramic views of Lake Michigan, gorgeous building sites, hardwoods, small stream, county road. $280,000. Call David Felker Broker/Owner 45th Parallel Realty 101 River, Elk Rapids. Home Office Toll Free (877) 264-5440 or Cell (231) 649-3667.
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HOUSE FOR SALE 160

HISTORIC HORTON Bay home. Large garage, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, $154,900. Call Greg Bryan, Remax Charlevoix. Call 231-547-9980.
(9-10-tf-160)

VACATION PROPERTY RENTAL 163

CHARLEVOIX LAKEFRONT condos sleeps 2-8, pool, air, cable, walk to downtown. Call 248-855-3300 or 248-363-3885.
(5-12-6-163)

HOMES WANTED 164

ARE YOU THINKING OF SELLING YOUR HOME? PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL LOOKING FOR WELL MAINTAINED CHARLEVOIX/NORTH SIDE 3-4 BEDROOM/2-2+ BATH/APPROXIMATELY 2500+ SINGLE FAMILY HOME
CALL: 248-855-6849
CELL: 248-563-2921

(5-12-tf-164)

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

12,600 SQ. ft. Charlevoix, northside, ceiling heights 14 feet and 16 feet, 3 overhead doors, 2 truck wells. $2.50 sq. ft, +. Bob Kern, Real Estate One. 231-547-5100.
(11-24-tf-168)

APARTMENT FOR RENT 169

CHARLEVOIX, WALKING distance to downtown. Main floor, 2 bedroom, no pets, references and security deposit. $500 plus utilities. 547-5681
(6-9-1-169)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

SOUTH OF Charlevoix, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, acreage. $995 per month. 303-772-8352.
(5-26-3-170)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

ABIDE-An original Earl Young stone cottage across from Lake Michigan. Truly magical. Reserve now for summer. Email for more info: beth@stayatabide.com Call 231-547-3545.
(2-25-tf-171)

CHARLEVOIX CONDO for rent. Located downtown near the bridge. Available nightly and weekends. Call 231-881-3528.
(9-11-tf-171)

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate $1,000, weekly rates available. Phone 989-463-3937. Ask for Linda.
(11-1-tf-171)

STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X48 heated. Port Air Park. Call 231-347-7225.
(12-31-tf-174)

SELF STORAGE units 50 to 3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.
(3-31-tf-174)

STORAGE UNITS available. Charlevoix Mini Storage. 231-547-5838. Closed Thursdays.
(12-28-tf-174)

FARM EQUIPMENT 180

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.
(8-27-tf-180)

LIVESTOCK & FEEDS 181

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed, Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.
(8-27-tf-181)

AUTOS FOR SALE 191

2000 PLYMOUTH Grand Voyager. 59,000 miles. Excellent condition. Loaded. $8,000. 231-377-7059.
(6-9-1-191)

CLASSIC/SPECIAL AUTOS 192

CENTRAL LAKE Collector Car Show. Sunday, June 13, 2004. 72 trophies, 33 categories. Prizes/raffle info: 231-675-0965 or jdshooks@torchlake.com.
(5-5-6-192)

BOATS & MARINE EQUIP 203

BUOY FOR rent in Round Lake on the Northside. 1 parking space. 513-821-4338.
(5-19-5-203)

June Special Classified Deal
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24' CHAMPION Class A motor home, fully self-contained, ready to roll, for only $995 or offers. (231)838-8483.

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BID 209

BID PROPOSAL
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CARPET CLEANING

The City of Charlevoix will be accepting sealed proposals for carpet cleaning for City Hall at 210 State Street, and the City Electric/Water Department building at 401 W. Carpenter Street. Sealed bids will be for all cleaning services at City Hall with the exception of the Police and Fire areas. Include add/alternate bid for cleaning services for the police and fire areas, at a per clean rate. These areas will be added to the cleaning contract once construction is completed. Bids shall cover cleaning services for one year, commencing with the City taking possession of City Hall. (The city is anticipating a move back into City Hall on about July 1, 2004).

The proposals will be accepted until 11:00 A.M. on June 14, 2004 in the office of the City Clerk at 109 Mason Street, Charlevoix. Proposal packages and all inquiries are to be directed to Fire Chief Paul Ivan at 231-547-3279.

The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.

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BID 209

BID PROPOSAL
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
WINDOW CLEANING

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BID 209

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Peaine Township
Owner

36825 Kings Highway
Beaver Island, MI 49782
Address

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of a 1-story, approximately 4,000 SF fire station building and its related site and utility work will be received by Mr. John Works, Supervisor, at the Peaine Township Hall, 36825 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782, UNTIL 2:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, July 9, 2004, and then at said Township Hall publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:
-Architecture Technology, P.C.
1304 Business Park Drive
Traverse City, MI 49686
-Builders Exchange of Northwest Michigan
1373 Barlow, Suite 4
Traverse City, MI 49686
-Builders Exchange of Grand Rapids
4461 Cascade Road, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
-Construction Association of Michigan (CAM)
43636 Woodward
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Architecture Technology, P.C., located at 1304 Business Park Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686, upon payment of $70.00 for each set.

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition, will be refunded the payment, and any non-bidder upon so returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be refunded $30.00.

DATE: June 2, 2004

Richard A. Skendzel, President
Architecture Technology, P.C.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE

Notice is given that Evelyn M. Murphy, of 01712 Greenleaf Avenue, East Jordan, Michigan 49727, died on January 27, 2004. All creditors of Evelyn M. Murphy are given notice that they must present any claim which they may have against Evelyn M. Murphy to John Hudson, 801 Frederick Avenue, Laurinburg, NC 28352, Successor Trustee of the Revocable Living Trust of Evelyn M. Murphy, within four (4) months from the date of this publication.

John Hudson, Successor Trustee
Evelyn M. Murphy Revocable Living Trust

(6/9, 6/16,6/23)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 04-010652NC

In the matter of Kevin Taylor Schloemp

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including* those whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 7, 2004 at 1:15 p.m. at Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The Petition(s) to Change Name filed by Kevin Taylor Schloemp requesting that the name of Kevin Taylor Schloemp be changed to Kevin Taylor Trower.

Dated: June 4, 2004

Kevin Taylor Schloemp
08420 Hoffman
Elmira, MI 49730
(231) 549-2789

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

SECOND SUMMONS
STATE OF MICHIGAN
33RD CIRCUIT COURT
Case No. 2004-018320-DP
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7243

CHRISTIE GRANDY,
****

Plaintiff,
v
MARK CAPLAN,
104 HARLEY BEAGLE,
HARRISON, MI 48625

By: Mary Beth Kur P44424
Prosecuting Attorney
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7241

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the People of the State of Michigan, you are notified:
1. You are being sued.
2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this Summons to file an answer with the Court and serve a copy on the other party (Charlevoix Prosecuting Attorney's Office), or to take other lawful action (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside this state).
3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Issued: April 1, 2004
This summons expires: July 2, 2004
Court clerk: Sharon M. Selissen, Deputy
COMPLAINT PROVISION
There is no other pending or resolved action within the jurisdiction of the Family Division of Circuit Court involving the family or family members of the parties.
VENUE
Defendant(s) residence:
104 Harley Beagle Road
Harrison, MI 48825
Place where action arose or business conducted:
Charlevoix County
I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.
Date: April 1, 2004
MARY BETH KUR P44424
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
By: Kerry B. Zahner P55809
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
L(6/2,6/9,6/16)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

PATERNITY COMPLAINT
STATE OF MICHIGAN
33RD CIRCUIT COURT
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas
CASE NO. 04-0183-20-DP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7243

CHRISTIE GRANDY
Plaintiff
v
MARK CAPLAN
Defendant

BY: Mary Beth Kur P44424
Prosecuting Attorney
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7241

The Plaintiff states:
1. CHRISTIE GRANDY gave birth to the child(ren): STELLA J. GRANDY born on 10-09-2003.
2. The child is living with CHRISTIE GRANDY in the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.
3. The child was born out of wedlock.
4. The child was conceived on or about the date(s) and in or near the place(s) listed below:
Child Name
STELLA J. GRANDY
Date of conception
January 10, 2003
Place of conception
HARRISON, MI
5. The Defendant is the father of the child.
6. The Defendant is of sufficient ability to provide support for the child(ren).
The Plaintiff requests that a Judgment of Filiation be entered establishing paternity of the child(ren) under the Paternity Act, and that the Court grant such other relief as provided by law.
I declare that the statement above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.
Date: January 7, 2004
CHRISTIE GRANDY
Plaintiff
Date: January 7, 2004
MARY BETH KUR P44424
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
BY: KERRY B. ZAHNER P55809
ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

ORDER FOR
ALTERNATE SERVICE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
33RD CIRCUIT COURT
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas
CASE NO. 2004-018320-DP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
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MARK CAPLAN
Defendant
BY: Mary Beth Kur P44424
Prosecuting Attorney
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7241

THE COURT FINDS:
Service of process upon Defendant, **MARK S. CAPLAN**, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:
Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s):
First class mail to Defendant
Posting & Publication pursuant to court rule.
For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT, pursuant to MCR 2.106(C):
1. This action involves a paternity and support matter under the Paternity Act/Family Support Act.
2. The Defendant has 28 days from the filing date for the Return/Proof of Service to file an answer or take other action permitted by law or court rule, with the Charlevoix County Clerk or the Charlevoix County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.
3. If the Defendant does not take the action described in paragraph two (2) of this notice, a Default Judgment of Filiation may be entered without the Defendant's input, which may address the issues of paternity, custody, parenting time, child support, medical/confinement cost, and medical coverage for the minor child of the parties.
Date: May 19, 2004
RICHARD M. PAJTAS
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PO Box 30204
Lansing, Michigan 48909

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC HEARING
TAKE NOTICE, that the public hearing scheduled by the Geological and Land Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to be held at the Charlevoix High School, Auditorium, 05200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, on Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. has been cancelled. The applicant, Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust, Attn: Michael E. Gardner, 702 W.W. 8th Street, Bentonville, Arkansas, has withdrawn its Application for Permit 04-15-0022-P to construct a retail department store and associated facilities off US-31.
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
By:____________________
Wendy Fitzner
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Lakeside Worship

Lakeside Worship each Sunday starts at 8:30 a.m., on June 13, and continues until Labor Day rain or shine. It will be lead by the Rev. Mary Willis of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please call 547-9122 or e-mail ehxucc@core.com.

Identity theft speech

State Trooper John Ferguson of the Michigan State Police Department will talk about Identity Theft at 10 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 14 in the large conference room at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. The program is sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild and is free to all.

Republican women to meet

The Northern Michigan Republican Women's Club will host a Charlevoix County candidate meet and greet on June 16, at Grey Gahles Inn from 5 to 7 p.m. All republicans and like-minded friends are encouraged to attend. Cost is $5 per person. For information please call Susan Flanders 547-4887 or Linda Wertz 547-8980.

Library meeting changed

The regular meeting of the Charlevoix Library Board of Trustees scheduled for June 10, has been changed to June 17. The June 10 meeting date is canceled. Board of Trustees meeting is at 4 p.m., on Thursday, June 17, in the library basement at 109 Clinton Street.

Concert in the park

The Charlevoix Concerts in the Park series begins at 8 p.m., June 17, in East Park downtown Charlevoix. The Northwest Academy Jazz Combo and Friends will perform. They have become known as one of the premier small band programs in Michigan. "Friends" will include former members that are back in the area for the summer. Please hring your own seating. In case of rain, concerts will be at the First Congregational Church.

Breast cancer bike ride

The Pink Ribbon Bike4Breast-Cancer ride is Saturday, June 19 in Boyne City. There are short rides (7 miles) medium (20 miles) and long (40 plus miles). Proceeds from the ride benefit both the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation and Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation.

This is an event where 85 percent of the proceeds stay in our communities.

Funds from last year's ride have enabled the foundation to establish a Cancer Support group at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

For more information about the Pink Ribbon Ride, call 547-8502. To talk with someone regarding the cancer support group for you, a family member or a friend call 547-8950.

Reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, or phone 248-473-1324 or e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com. Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. They are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colburn (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

Breakfast stops

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will discontinue its monthly pancake breakfast during the summer months. The monthly pancake breakfasts will resume on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m, every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flap Jack Resturant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-7545.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

Adolescent groups —

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SCRAPBOOK

Charlevoix Directory gives a peek into history

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

As the years go by, I realize more and more that living in the late 1930s and early 1940s was so much simpler, and we enjoyed the beauties of our area, just as we do today.

Things have become more complicated, and we are more restricted by countless laws, but living here is still a cherished privilege.

I am fortunate to own a 1940 Charlevoix Directory. The *Charlevoix Courier*, Usher and Usher publishers, presented this wonderful book to the general public.

This publication also included summer residents on the north and south shores of Lake Charlevoix, including Ironton and Sequanota, and all rural residents. A company canvassed the entire town and rural areas.

All the residents are listed, with their name, their wife's name, their address and occupation. They also listed the names of all their children.

The publishers were very proud of the fact that they had each firm and corporation in the city, and the designation of tenant-owned homes and the listing of telephone numbers opposite house numbers.

The books sold for $5, which was quite a bit of money then. The merchants who put an ad in, received a free book.

It has been so enjoyable to go back and reminisce with all that information. Every once in a while I get it out and am thankful it was done at that time. There are a few around today but most are gone. I only wish someone would put one out today, but with the transient public we have now, it probably wouldn't work.

The book listed Charlevoix's attributes with a map of the city, pictures of the new city hall and the modern sewage disposal plant and an airplane view of Charlevoix looking west. In the comments in the book, they were especially proud of their classified business directory which under appropriate headings listed in alphabetical order the names of all businesses and professional concerns of the whole community.

One interesting observation on the map of the city, is that the land one block over from Petoskey Avenue to the north and bordered by an unnamed street to the east was called Lake Breeze Park. Some of the other additions listed were Mason's Addition, Dixon Addition, S.M. Moore's Addition, Lindsay Farm Addition and Chicago Resort. The Belvedere was called Resort Park.

Charlevoix was called Green River; then Pine River. In 1865-66 it was platted as a village, incorporated and named in 1879 in honor of Pierre Francois Xavier de Charlevoix, an early French missionary and explorer. "The Beautiful" was combined with the name in 1882.

The first house was built in 1856, the first post office in 1867. The Belvedere resort was started in 1878 and the Chicago Club in 1880. The railroad arrived in 1892. The Inn Hotel was built in 1896. Charlevoix Golf Course was built in 1895. Charlevoix's newest resort section was Boulder Park, with Lake Michigan frontages on Lake Shore Drive. Boulder Park on Lake Michigan was restricted to summer homes built with stone.

Many of the summer residents came here because of the delightful climate and the westerly prevailing winds which swept over 80 miles of lake, bringing the refreshing water-splashed air. Hay fever sufferers experienced instant relief after arriving and many of them stayed until autumn. The Pere Marquette Railway provided overnight service from Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Toledo, Indianapolis, Louisville and other cities of the middle west.

To assist visitors in selecting activities, the Charlevoix Board of Commerce maintained an information bureau. There were ample hotel accommodations, including The Inn with 250 rooms, the Belvedere Hotel with 75 rooms, Lakeview Inn with 75 rooms, the Alhambra, Bartlett and Tower hotels. There was also the Charlevoix Hotel, which provided year-round service.

The Board of Commerce also touted the abundant Lake Charlevoix fishing for Mackinaw trout, steelhead trout and small mouth bass. There were also spring and fall "perch runs" and fall fishing for smelt, which at the time were plentiful off the docks in Round Lake. Of course dozens of small inland lakes were close by with an abundance of bass, pike and pan fish. No wonder the resorters flocked here.

Then, we boasted two 18-hole golf courses, The Belvedere Golf Club and the Charlevoix Golf Club of course. Also, there was our municipal bath house on Lake Michigan with playground equipment for children.

Both Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix offered beautiful sand beaches. Truly a wonderful place to live all year, or vacation for the summer.

There were two bathing beaches on Lake Charlevoix, complete with lifeguards. They also had a picturesque auto camp on the terrace on Lake Michigan where the hospital is located today. One of the things I remember most was the large horse swing in one of the tall trees. It was so popular with the kids, that it took some waiting to take a ride.

There were also camps. Camp Charlevoix, a boy's camp, was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Reimann, and Kamp Kairphree, a girl's camp on the north shore of Lake Charlevoix, nine miles east of town. The directors were Mr. and Mrs. George Swain of Ann Arbor.

Tennis was also very popular in town and the Charlevoix Tennis Club sponsored tournaments which were held. Of course, the yachting, boating and sailing, were unsurpassed, with our land-locked harbor and docks. By the way, the docks were free then.

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Monday, May 17, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.
109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Council determined that applicants for the position of Interim City Clerk would be interviewed by Council.
- Council accepted Charlevoix Band Boosters bid for Petunia weeding at $20/hour, not to exceed $14,000 which would entail four weedings, provided that they supply the City with all proper insurance certificates.
- Council received the Tree City USA award on behalf of the City.
- Council approved the purchase of a Ford Expedition from Bob Mathers Ford for $25,685 to be used by the Fire Department, a patrol car for the Police Department, a TORO Workman 3200 for use by the Golf Course and lease of two copiers for use in City Hall.
- Council approved, by resolution, the establishment of exemptions to the Water and Sewer Service Policies.
- Council approved, by resolution, the waiving of launch fees for the 2004 Trout Tournament.

Council adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office), Charlevoix, Michigan.

Stephanie C. Brown, Deputy City Clerk   Gabe Campbell, Mayor

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Veteran honored at ceremony with degree

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himself to do damage control helping carry out bodies and assisting the families living there. While he was working, a woman approached him and thanked him for his help. She asked him to attend her coronation that evening. That woman was queen Elizabeth and he attended that historic event.

In the early 1960s he was in a Jeep in Guam loaded with supplies for Vietnam that was involved in an accident. The accident left him paralyzed and wheelchair bound for life. He retired from the Air Force in 1966 with 20 years of service.

In spite of the accident, McGinnis said he wouldn't have changed any of his decisions.

"The experiences I had are something you can't even explain," he said.

Grundman described him as a very positive person who never complained about being in a wheelchair.

"In fact he said it was the best thing that ever happened to him," Grundman said.

Since his retirement, McGinnis has spent time driving his fellow veterans to the hospital, volunteering at four different veterans hospitals and being active in veterans affairs. He received a 100,000 mile award from the veteran's administration for the miles he drove to help his fellow vets.

In 1999 his work earned him the prestigious title of AmVet of the Year and the Silver Helmet Award.

His graduation with the over 100 students at the high school was not only meaningful for him but carried a special message for students.

"It showed them how important getting a diploma can be and it showed them what unselfish service is all about," Grundman said.

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Due to a special act of Congress, almost 60 years after dropping out of Charlevoix High School, Air Force veteran Winston "Lovell" McGinnis was handed a diploma at the commencement exercises June 6 at the school.

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MDEQ: Marina plan flawed

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

Charlevoix's initial proposal for renovations to the municipal marina have come under fire by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

The marina planning process was finalized in late September of 2002. The proposal replaces the sea wall and removes the current 17 docks that at the furthest point extend 75 feet into Round Lake and puts in their place a 67-slip state-of-the-art floating dock system that extends 220 feet into the lake at its furthest point.

In December of 2003, with this $4.8 million plan in place, 75 percent of the project funding from the Michigan Waterways Commission was secured and it was announced that Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority could pick up the rest.

But having money secured to pay for it doesn't mean the final product the community agreed on almost two years ago will come to fruition. The project needs permits from several agencies including the MDEQ, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Michigan Department of Public Health.

The first step, a permit to construct the facility, is sitting in the

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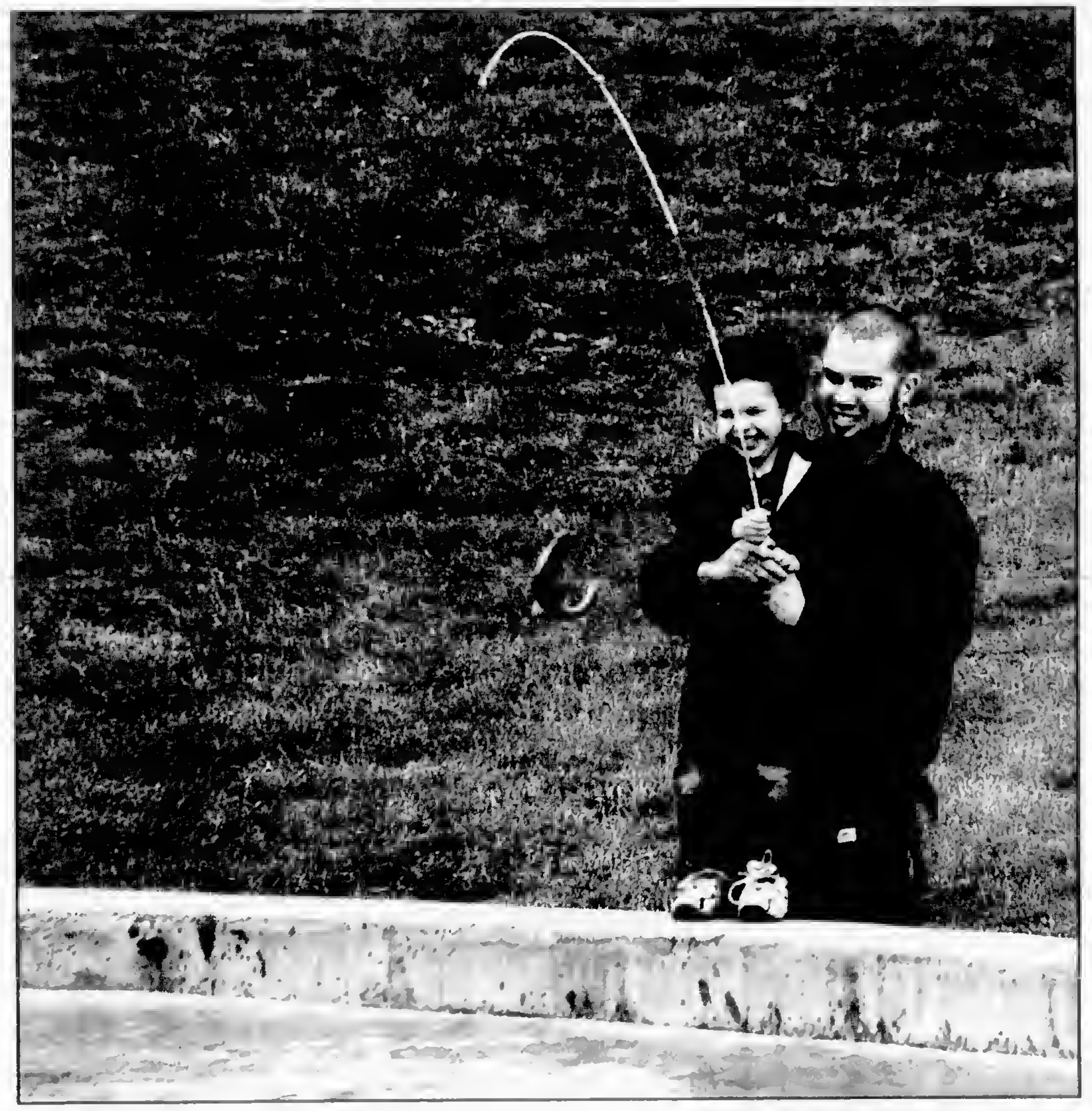
Future trout champion



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Ryan Cunningham helps his son Ginovici Cunningham, 4, both of Alaska, as he reels in a fish during kids fishing at the Charlevoix Trout Tournament Saturday. The tournament annually fills the fish pond in East Park with trout and children can purchase a chance to catch one, just like the competitors in the tournament.

Voters approve library plans

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix will be getting a new library following its approval at the polls Monday.

Registered voters in the Charlevoix School District which includes, the city of Charlevoix and Charlevoix, Eveline, Hayes, Marion and Norwood townships voted for a new library to be located at the old Charlevoix middle school 942 in favor to 776 against.

"We couldn't be happier," Charlevoix Library Director Valerie Meyerson said. "We are all very excited about this next phase and incorporating the community into the design part of the project."

This millage would be levied for a time period not to exceed 20 years and will cost a homeowner whose taxable value is $100,000, $75 a year. It is a .75 mill bond that would cover $7.45 million of the $8.5 million transformation of the former Charlevoix Middle School off Grant Street into a new library.

The renovation and expansion project at the 80-year-old school will result in a 24,000 square foot brick facility, with all the library's main functions on the first floor.

This primary floor will include small additions, totaling just under

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Christopher Paul Ferguson, 18, Charlevoix, Domestic violence. Not guilty by jury.

Kevin Louis Whisler, 19, Ellsworth. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. $180 in fines. Attend BASES Impact Program.

David Henry Walston, 55, Elmira. Driving while license was suspended. $400 in fines.

Tammy Lynn Matuszczak, 29, Boyne City. Open intoxicant in a motor vehicle. $250 in fines.

David Matthew Lashway, 25, East Jordan. Retail fraud, second. Bound over to circuit court.

Kenneth Paul Waldron, II, 23, Petoskey. Non-sufficient funds checks, three within 10 days. $1,184.58 in fines and costs.

William Armas Sampson, II, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. $250 in fines.

Charles Gerard Fischer, Jr., 25, Walker. Driving while license suspended, first. $500 in fines and costs.

Adam Gene Knapp, 31, Boyne Falls. Domestic violence. $600 in fines and costs. Serve 93 days, with credit for one day. Serve six days on an electronic monitor with 86 days in abeyance. Probation for one year.

Matthew David Hague, 21, East Jordan. No operators license on person. $150 in fines and costs.

Christopher James Colson, 21, Ann Arbor. Use of marijuana. $455 in fines and costs. Serve 90 days. Serve 10 days, 10 days on electronic monitor, 10 days of community service work. Probation for one year.

Robert Paul VanHamlin, 45, Gaylord. Operating a vehicle while intoxicated. $1,165 in fines and costs. Serve 93 days, with credit for one day. Twelve days in jail, four days on electronic monitor with 10 days in abeyance and 10 days of community service work. Also must attend substance abuse classes.

Dax Edward Fritz, 23, Prescott. Open intoxicant while the driver of a vehicle, operating under the influence and driving while his license was suspended. $1,663 in fines and costs.

Richard Raymond Allen, 44, Boyne City. Impaired driving. $260 in fines and costs. Serve 93 days in jail with one day credit. Serve 15 days, with 45 days on electronic monitor for 51 days in abeyance. Twenty days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail. Probation for one year. Must attend substance abuse classes.

Christopher Adam Jones, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. $255 in fines and costs. Forty hours of community service work and probation for one year.

Patrick Clifford Bearden, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. $255 in fines and costs. Forty hours of community service and one year of probation.

Mathew James Trojanek, 29, East Jordan. Driving while his license was suspended, second. $850 in fines and costs.

Daniel Vincent Schultz, 42, Boyne Falls. Driving while his license was suspended. $500 in fines and costs. Serve 12 days in jail.

Lacey Ann Denzer, 23, Burton. Impaired driving. $760 in fines and costs. Thirty-four days in jail, with credit for one day. On electronic monitor for 30 days; three days of community service. On probation for six months.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently applied for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Foggy Mountain Woods Works, 2685 Kuzmik Road, Boyne Falls, by Jeff Denise

Pillow Talk Designs, 26140 Pine, Beaver Island, by Linda McDonough

Kowalske Accounting and Tax Service, 406 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City, by Lon J. Kowalske

Crystal Clean Cleaning, 40 Manning Drive, East Jordan, by Christy M. Sevenski

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses hy the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jared Ryan Lucas, 26, Charlevoix and Ruth Ann Lashmit, 26, Charlevoix

Jerrole Joseph Hosler, 31, East Jordan and Marsha Marie Aimesbury, 35, East Jordan

Jeremiah Lee Zeitler, 21, Charlevoix and Jennifer Lynn Oliver, 25, Charlevoix

William Robert Riley, II, 23, Boyne City and Melissa Jean Martinus, 23, Boyne City

Michael Edward Shuman, 25, Charlevoix and Sarah Ann Marquardt, 18, Charlevoix

Zachary James Dennis, 21, Hudsonville and Gretchen Vogen Knight, 22, East Jordan

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Tansley Jean Stewart Vs. Fraley James Stewart

Sheriff to assign patrols based on citizen concerns

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater said any concerned resident of Charlevoix County who has a concern of traffic safety for a specific road to contact the sheriff's office for concentrated patrol consideration.

The traffic safety concerns may be speeders, careless or reckless drivers, drunk drivers and others

One or more deputies in marked and unmarked patrol units will be assigned to the concentrated patrol for designated periods of time. The residents or group of residents requesting the service will be supplied with a written report after the concentrated patrol effort with the number of citations issued, traffic stops made, arrests and number of patrol hours spent on the problem area.

When a resident is requesting this service from the sheriff's office, please be able to supply the following required information:

- Specific roadway requested for concentrated patrol.
- Nearest cross road.
- Types of violations the citizen has observed.
- Suspects, if any, type of vehicle.
- Time of day and day of week violations take place.

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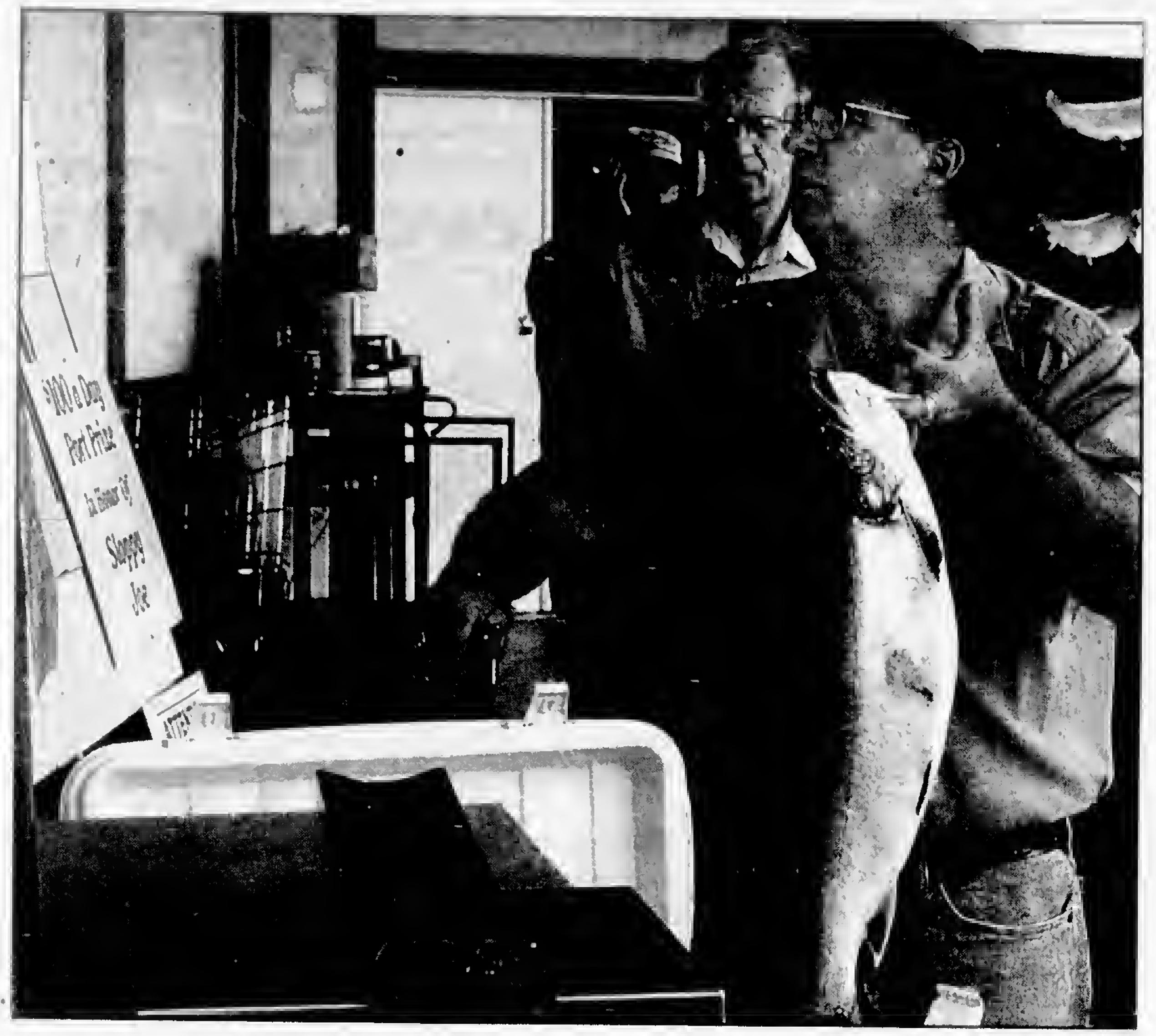

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Fishy job

A Charlevoix Trout Tournament judge weighs and measures a fish caught by the team of Tom Musselman and Jim Musselman at the annual tournament Saturday. Angelers from across the state converged on Charlevoix for the tournament.

Chamber to present a 'Taste of Charlevoix'

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

The "Taste of Charlevoix" is a family event that combines food from local restaurants along with entertainment to provide a new fun pre-season activity for Charlevoix residents and visitors.

The event will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 19 in East Park. Tickets will be $1 each or six for $5 and there is no need to pre-register or buy tickets in advance.

Maura Snabes, chairman of the board, said, "The overall scheme is to support the community and bring in a new event. It's not only to benefit the restaurants, but the rest of the community in general."

Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce relocation and operating budgets. The chamber would like to relocate to the old Charlevoix post office building on Mason Street. Their current location will be torn down in the near future for planned rennovations to East Park and the Charlevoix Municipal Marina.

Snabes added that she hopes the event will become a tradition "as renowned as Apple Festival." This is the first year for this event.

Participating area businesses are hopeful that the event will generate more business in the downtown area.

Chuck Whitney, owner of Whitney's Oyster Bar, said the event is "an opportunity to show off premier products," and he hopes that people will find more opportunities to go out and have dinner after sampling some of the town's finest foods. Whitney also said that the event is "a nice opportunity for people to support downtown businesses and restaurants."

Jacqueline Merta, president of the chamber, said, "Setting the event in the shoulder season (sic) will hopefully increase activity and business."

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
June 8	87	52	—
June 9	69	52	.10
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Blaming it on the media, sports everywhere

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

Here it is, the start of another summer in Charlevoix.

In addition to the usual busy office, the Courier is in hyper tizzy lately. We are out of a reporter — Julie Witthoeft has left us for a job at LexaLite International — thus leaving me to be the only one writing, editing and taking pictures for the Courier. On top of that, I am expecting a daughter any day now.

Instead of running down the street screaming, I want to get some of my stress out through words. So here are some of the issues boggling my brain.

Green Dye

Recently I was having a chat with a resident who was telling me about a conversation he had with another resident on the whole green dye in the Pine River Channel issue. If you remember, on St. Patrick's Day this year someone dumped a bunch of green dye into the channel during the Pub Crawl. This was done even though the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce was told several times by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality not to do it.

Thus, the MDEQ was a bit miffed. Therefore, the MDEQ may slap the chamber with a hefty fine.

But it seems that some people just don't get it. According to this friend of mine, some of these people are blaming me for all of their troubles. They are saying if I did not report about it in the Courier, then the MDEQ would have dropped the matter.

These people are probably the same people who, when horsing around in their family living rooms when they were children and they broke their mother's favorite lamp, would blame the dog — even if they didn't have a dog.

Therefore, let me explain the situation one more time to these folks. The MDEQ is very upset because after telling the chamber several times not to do something, someone went and did it anyway. Plus, when the MDEQ went to investigate the matter, they ran into a bunch of tight-lipped people who seem to think the rule of the playground — never snitch — still applies.

Therefore, the MDEQ, in order to prove that it is not an elementary school hall monitor with no power, must use Charlevoix as an example. Hence the civil fine that may be levied against the chamber.

Let's rehash this. The MDEQ said no. Someone did it anyway. The MDEQ is forced to punish.

The media has nothing to do with this. Only the egos of a select few people, whose fingers are dyed green, are to blame.

If you still don't understand this, please give the MDEQ a call and complain to them about how you believe I am the one to blame.

I am sure they will be understanding.

Fun with weights

Here is an update on your beloved editor's insane hobby called the Highland Games. If you remember, last year I started taking part in this Scottish strength sport. In it, I dress in a kilt and throw various sized weights for distance and height, as well as throwing what looks like a large telephone pole called a caber, while competing against very large men also dressed in kilts.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Courier Editor Jeremy McBain tosses the caber at the Alma Highland Festival Memorial Weekend.

At the end of May, a new season of Scottish sports started for me with the Alma Highland Games.

While there I broke four personal records in the hammer toss, 28 pound weight for distance throw, 56 pound weight for distance throw and the stone put (which looks like a shot put with a boulder). I was not able to keep my winning streak that I started last summer with the caber going — I placed second in the caber at the Kalamazoo Highland Games in August 2004 — and could not get the Alma caber turned this year.

I ended the games sore, but it was good to get back out on the field once again to relieve a little stress and have some fun with other large men in kilts. At least I know I won't have to endure any kilt jokes while around those guys.

Sports mania

While I appreciate that Charlevoix loves sports, sometimes we go just a little too far. Take for example the Charlevoix Venetian Festival's new theme of "Charlevoix Sports Legends."

While it is odd, to me, to have a theme for a festival whose theme should already be something to do with Venetian, sports legends just kind of bugs me.

Again, I appreciate our love of sports and the fine abilities that locals have been showing on the field of competition in Charlevoix and I appreciate the hard work put forth by Venetian Festival volunteers.

I just wish we had this same kind of love for the rest of education. How about Charlevoix science legends as a theme? Or Charlevoix math greats? You know, someone whose genius helps put us into space or invents cures for diseases.

All this hoopla about sports is fine, but we should spread around the honors a little to the non-sporting public.

Before sending me nasty letters on this, remember to take this with a grain of salt. I am the type of person who believes in making all after-school sports pay-to-play in order to save money for educational opportunities in our school district — you know, the reason we have schools.

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Letters to the editor

Historical help

Editor:

Please help preserve our Charlevoix County History!

I am writing as many people that I can think of that might be interested in preserving the history of Charlevoix County. Many histories have already been written but I am concerned that we are losing records that may never be recoverable. They are sitting in individual's homes, in township halls, in boxes in libraries, and in the basements of city and county halls. I have already heard of cemetery records that cannot be replaced being destroyed years ago in Eveline Township. Where else have we lost records, photos, interviews, stories, books, newspapers and other histories?

My name is Carol McWain Goodenough and I have been a permanent resident of Charlevoix County for three years now. Prior to that time I spent every summer here at our summer home, now our permanent residence, in Chula Vista, off Ferry Road in Eveline Township. My McWain family has been in the Boyne City Area since the late 1880s. I am a member of the Charlevoix County Genealogical Society and I am a professional

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genealogist. I have been enjoying teaching some classes at the Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan libraries. It was while teaching those classes that I have found out that there are no complete histories of the county, by townships.

Other counties have completed comprehensive books including geography, township histories, city, town and village histories, biographies of pioneers, histories of community buildings, businesses, churches, schools, libraries and clubs and groups. Is this the time that Charlevoix County begins such a project?

To discuss the possibility I have set up a Feasibility Meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 28 at the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main, Boyne City.

Anyone with an interest in Charlevoix County History is invited. Please get the word out to anyone that you can think of. This meeting is to decide if we should proceed with such a project and to brainstorm what type of project it should be and how to carry it out. In this day of many types of communication we can consider 1 book, several books, CDs, videos/DVD or some combination.

If the project proceeds we will need the help of many, many people — and they do not all have to be historians, genealogists and writers. We will need note takers, interviewers, proofreaders, photographers, scrap bookers, fund-raisers, grant writers and lots more.

Will you help us decide if this is a worthy project? Will you ask others to join you? Will you pass this information on to others? I sincerely hope that you will read this letter seriously and make a commitment to "pass the word on" and encourage everyone to "attend the feasibility meeting."

Would you like more information? Please contact me at 582-7042 or e-mail me at cgooden123@aol.com. If you can't attend the meeting but are willing to work on such a comprehensive project let me know. And, if you know of someone that you think might be interested in the project get me their name, address and phone number. I appreciate your willingness to do this. You are out in the community and you know the people that are interested in local and family history.

At this time there is not an organization sponsoring this project. It is just me, a concerned genealogist, trying to interest others to join me in a very important project.

Carol McWain Goodenough
Eveline Township

The black hole

Editor:

Our president sure has a short memory. In 2000 he promised to fix our national park system which needed $5 billion to make repairs to the deteriorating parks. Four years later still no money and the cost has risen to $6 billion.

This past week our president showed concern for our Great Lakes with the promise to appoint a new interagency task force. Again, there was no money put forth to correct the problems of the Great Lakes.

Fortunately, Representative Bart Stupak co-sponsored the Great Lakes Restoration Financing Act which would provide $4 to $6 billion over eight years for existing programs.

While our president is spending $200 to $400 billion in Iraq and is the only president to create his own "black hole," it is obvious money is no problem for "black holes." The National Parks and the Great Lakes are nearer and dearer to our hearts and will show greater dividends.

Paul Richards
Charlevoix

Road follow up

Editor:

This is a follow up letter on the road situation in Norwood Township. After seven months of asking for a road report, I still don't have it and Mr. Boss said at the last township board meeting that he doesn't plan to do one.

Money spent on road projects in Norwood Township comes from tax dollars collected from Norwood Township citizens. So is it asking too much from the supervisor (who incidentally is also the road commissioner and road engineer) to make public his plans for the use of the public's money? I have recently gotten a copy of the road proposal that was written by Mr. Boss before the last road millage was passed in July of 2001.

It is interesting to note that the most expensive road undertaking we are currently paying for, Ferry Road, was not even on the millage proposal, yet our tax dollars are being used for that road. What will be on the proposal this August and can we believe what Mr. Boss' proposes?

We citizens of Norwood have a right to complete disclosure of where our tax dollars are being spent. I think it is about time that Mr. Boss begins to respond to the public's desire for information on road plans and expenditures of money to be used on roads.

Marion Shea-Light
Norwood Township

Kids time at the movies

Editor:

For the benefit of our community, I think we should have a kid's time at the movie theater.

Recently, this past month, a group of about eight sixth-graders went to the movies on a Saturday night. When we first walked into the theater, a man in about his early 50s shouted to us that kids our age are really loud and rude. I can see where he was coming from. Some kids our age are obnoxious, but instead of him judging us on our behavior level, he judged us on our age. That wasn't fair to us, and it hurt our feelings.

I would also like to include that there is a senior time at most theaters. If the elders can get a special privilege like that, I think that kids 20 years and younger should get a privilege like this too.

You may think that if you have just kids in the theater that they will be destructive, but usually the only reason kids rebel is because nobody trusts them. If you do trust us enough as to letting us get this privilege, then kids are less likely to be destructive.

Also, the adults that are there are very rude to us. A girl got up to go to the bathroom and fell. Out of courtesy I asked how she was in a whispered voice and a lady behind us stood up and yelled, "Sit down and shut up!" My point is that no one else in the theater was obviously bothered by it and yelling like that was atrocious and completely unnecessary. We all thought what the lady and man said was rude, but we didn't make a scene about it and they shouldn't have either.

In conclusion, I would first like to thank you for your time, and second, I hope you support my idea and have a kids time at the movie theater.

Caroline Dupuis
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Need a mini mall

Editor:

Do you have to shop everywhere in Charlevoix? If so think about putting a mini-mall in Charlevoix. That way you won't have to go to places like Traverse City.

One reason is you have to go to

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Traverse City to buy decent clothes. We have to make a one-hour drive to Traverse City and it wastes car gas. If you need to get clothes in a hurry, it wouldn't be such a hassle if we had a mall in Charlevoix.

We don't have a lot of clothes places in Charlevoix. We need more clothes places in Charlevoix to shop at. In Traverse you have JC Penny, Target and American Eagle. You can't find a lot of kids clothes in our city.

If you think about it, we only have Kmart that carries certain varieties of clothes for kids. They don't always have the right sizes. Sometimes they're out of stock on certain brands and colors.

In conclusion, I think Charlevoix would be a great place for a mini-mall. More people would shop here. There would be more choices for buying clothes.

Sarah Green
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

No smoking

Editor:

Do people really understand how harmful smoking really is? What about secondhand smoking? If people knew that other people were breathing smoke in and were getting hurt, what would they think? I think that smoking in restaurants should be illegal.

One very important reason why I think smoking should be illegal in restaurants is because not many customers can enjoy their food if there is smoke in the room. For example, on Sunday mornings I like to go to one of my favorite restaurants, Flap Jack. I love Flap Jack's food, but because of secondhand smoking I sometimes may lose my appetite. Even though I sit in the nonsmoking area I still smell and breathe in the smoke.

Another reason why I think smoking in restaurants should be illegal in restaurants is because of secondhand smoking. Secondhand smoking is very unhealthy for your body. Also, smoking can really affect your breathing to the point of not breathing at all.

People shouldn't have to worry where to eat because of smoking. This is another important reason why smoking in restaurants should be illegal. Parents shouldn't have to be concerned where they or their children sit in restaurants because of smoke from smokers. I know that my parents try to get us a seat away from the smoking area. Being seated in a non-smoking area is better than being in a smoking area but the smoke still can get to people in the non-smoking area.

In conclusion, I think smoking in restaurants should be illegal. Everybody that goes into a public restaurant is entitled to breathe in smoke free air. I believe that smoking is a very harmful way to live your life and wish that smoking should be prohibited from restaurants just like New York and California do.

Chelsey Haske
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Make school later

Editor:

I am a sleep deprived sixth grader writing to you to talk about the daily school starting time. Upon completion of this letter I hope to convince you, with my fact-based opinion, that school needs to start later in the morning through the middle school and high school years. As a result of a later starting time, adolescent health and behavior would certainly improve.

I know parents and adults think it is our own fault that we are sleepy, because we stay up too late. However, investigators in Brazil, Japan and the United States of America think that our sleep-timing mechanism is reset along with the other changes our bodies are going through in the teen years. Our bodies are telling us to go to bed later and also to sleep later in the morning.

The average 13-year-old should be getting 10 hours of sleep in a 24 hour period. Numerous students get on the bus as early as 6 a.m., which means they have to wake up at about 5 a.m. In order to get enough sleep at night they would have to be in bed and sleeping by 7 p.m.!

Sleep deprivation affects us by impairing memory and blocking creativity. When you're in your class, you can't pay attention as well. It's very hard to focus on each subject when you're thinking about sleeping.

Sleep deprivation adds on to what we are going through in the teen years. So as you can see in the above information teens need more sleep.

In conclusion I hope this letter has really inspired you to consider a later school starting. Thank you for your time.

Jenna Kirby
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

School too early

Editor:

I think students of Charlevoix Middle School need to start school no earlier than 8:41 a.m. Right now the school board is making students get up at 6:30 a.m. to go to school.

The reasons for my concern are that students can't concentrate in class in the early morning. Furthermore maybe they would get a bad grade on a paper because they're just too tired to concentrate. There could also be a big test that day and they're too exhausted to concentrate.

Another reason which happens to me a lot and probably other people too, is that I get in trouble because of my grumpiness. Then you probably are going to get grounded by your mom or maybe get sent to your room because you're moody. Worst of all you get in trouble at school because you are impatient, and that wouldn't be cool.

Tardiness is bad too because school starts too early. You might be tardy three days in a row because of when you're tired you might wake up later. Also you might be really tired lying on the couch not ready, and the teacher will give you a tardy.

It will make a difference if you change it. So make the right choice.

JT Lawrence
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

More sponsored sports

Editor:

I'm a sixth grader at Charlevoix Middle School and I think the fifth and sixth grade students should have school sponsored sports. I came up with a couple of reasons why I think we should have sponsored sports.

First of all, the only sports our parents have to pay for us to be able to play them. Some children can't even play those sports because their parents can't afford to pay the high prices. Besides, we can't get rides to some of the games because of the price for gas.

Secondly, we could be more fit and not overweight because of the exercise from the sponsored sports. If we can't play the other sports, we might not get enough exercise. Sports might make us want to be more fit so we can play better. We would also learn a fun way to stay in shape.

Last of all, with sports that we can play, we would have better grades. We would have more confidence in ourselves to do better and to keep our grades up. We would keep our grades up so we won't get kicked off the team. for low grades.

I really think my idea is great. Don't you agree with me about how the fifth and sixth graders need school sponsored sports?

Brooke Nemchak
Sixth grade student
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Jennifer is the daughter of Joseph and Melinda Mezzadra of Baltimore, MD.

Colin is the son of Donald and Marsha Exelby of Grand Rapids. They also spend their summers in Charlevoix.

A wedding is being planned for Oct. 23, 2004 in Baltimore, MD.

The bride-to-be graduated from Parkville High School in Baltimore, MD. and Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD. She works at Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center in Edgewood, M.D. as a chemist.

The groom-to-be graduated from East Grand Rapids High School in East Grand Rapids and Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD. He works as a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley in Baltimore, MD.

Wedding

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Stacey Lynn Osburn and Forrest Michael Omland, both of Grand Rapids, were married on May 1, 2004 at Fallasburg Park in Lowell.

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The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a 32-year old Wilson Township man around 6 p.m. Monday, June 14 at his residence.

Thomas E. Sheldon was working on the exhaust system of a friend's car.

Sheldon had used a vehicle jack to raise the vehicle; the jack slipped on the sandy soil pinning him underneath. Friends inside his residence heard him call for help but were unable to raise the vehicle.

A Boyne City Police Department patrolman and a sheriff's deputy extracted Sheldon when they arrived 8 minutes later, however efforts to revive him failed. He was pronounced dead at the scene by the Charlevoix County Medical Examiner's Office.

The Sheriff Office was assisted at the scene by the Boyne City Police Department, Boyne City Fire Department, Boyne City EMS and the East Jordan EMS.

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Practice makes perfect in living a faithful life

By **FR. JIM GUNN**
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Beacons of Blessing

When I drive into town to my office I pass right by the golf course (out by one of the "Charlevoix the Beautiful" signs that I mentioned last month!)

This morning I was thinking about this Beacons of Blessings article as I drove and I was struck by an analogy. First of all, let me say that I am familiar with the joys and frustrations of chasing a tiny white ball over miles of grass and trying to get it in the elusive little cups spread around on those miles of grass! I started playing as a teenager and played for probably about 30 years. I was never "good," but there were times when I "wasn't bad."

In any case, it seems to me that we can draw some parallels between playing golf and living a life of faith. The first is the variety of situations you encounter on a golf course. There are short holes and long ones. There are straight holes and dog-leg left and dog-leg right. The greens are different shapes and sizes — and some are flat and some have more than one level. And yet the purpose is always the same— get your ball in the cup with a minimum amount of effort and mistakes. So too is our life. We encounter situations that call on us to solve problems and get from point A to point B in a way that accords with God's will. There are general lessons that we can learn but each hole (or each situation) has to be approached on its own.

Secondly, if you "hit the ball" wrong, you may end up in the rough or in a trap. Sin or bad choices can get us off the "fairway of life" and into some kind of difficult place. Sometimes we can recover (through repentance and forgiveness) and sometimes we face a "penalty stroke." One big difference is that there is no "par" for the situations of life. We do not judge ourselves against the abilities or performance of others.

If there is any comparison to be made, it is to prior times that we have faced similar situations. That helps us to evaluate if we are growing in our understanding and application of God's will.

Golf is actually two games. The first game consists of the drives and approach shots and the second game consists of putting. Many a good round of golf has been ruined by two-putting and three-putting the greens. When you get close to your objective, you have to make some fine calculations about that final stroke.

Which way is the grass lying? Is there a slope to the ground? How far are you from the hole? Too light a touch will bring you up short; too hard a hit will carry you past the hole - sometimes well past. Bringing things to a conclusion is a task requiring judgment and skill.

One last thought about analogies. Something I learned about golf is that you have to play frequently if you want to play well. The only time I ever broke 90 was when I had been playing on a weekly basis for a while. Practice is usually the only way to work out problems in your game. We also need to practice using the standards and directions of our faith is dealing with the situations of our lives. If we use the parameters of the world around us to "play the game," we may end up "getting the ball in the hole," but it won't be a good score for the life of faith.

We all have a tee time every day when we wake up. We play a new course each day on a different course. Well, tee off! I'll see you on the links.

Skatepark plans coming along, fund-raiser planned

At a recent planning meeting, Charlevoix students got a peek at their proposed plans for a new skatepark layout and design they helped create with two nationally recognized professional skatepark designers and vendors.

The group is in the final decision making stage for choosing the vendor. Over 30 kids and parents gathered at the temporary site for the Charlevoix Community Skatepark, located at the old Middle School on Mason Street, where the portable classroom once used by Mrs. Garver's English class is being transformed to function as the skatepark's office and entrance to the park.

Parent volunteers were on hand to offer their assistance for many of the upcoming events and operational needs of the skatepark.

"We really need parents and people in the community to help us complete this project. There are many opportunities at every level for people to become involved; fundraising, volunteer park supervision, grant writing, clerical, concession and serving on special committees," said group member Vickie Daman.

The group's goal is to have phase one of the skatepark operational by the end of June and the reality of seeing their dreams taking shape is creating excitement among the kids who have worked so diligently.

The skatepark is currently pouring a new cement slab and will be moving the existing fencing to fit their plans for a fully enclosed, outdoor, supervised park. The community will soon begin to see the temporary equipment (three ramps, a 7 foot half pipe, rails and a spine) they will use until funding can be obtained to purchase the permanent equipment from the selected vendor.

Cost for the permanent equipment is estimated at $100,000.

Laura Stebe, a group member, said, "This equipment can be purchased in stages as money becomes available and can be added to over time."

The skatepark has been invited to participate during Venetian week, beginning with a exhibition at 4 p.m.. on July 22 at the Castle. Semi-pro and local skaters will be on hand to demonstrate their sport.

They will also participate in the Venetian Parade on Saturday, July 24.

The group is also planning a fundraising event entitled "Sk8-A-Thon II, 20/20 Vision: See The Park" from 7- 9 p.m. . July 22 at the skatepark.

Each student has a goal of collecting $20 from 20 people and those reaching that goal will be able to attend a skateboard, in-line or BMX clinic at no cost. The clinics will be presented by semi-pro's and a nominal fee will be charged for those who do not meet their goal.

Charlevoix Community Skatepark will soon be launching its capital campaign with hopes that area businesses and individuals will help meet their financial and long term goal for providing a year round, indoor, skatepark. Opportunities for advertising sponsorship displayed on fencing and equipment will truly make this a "community built skatepark."

In-kind material and in-kind service donations will be welcomed as well. Total construction cost for Phase II is estimated at $220,000. The equipment to be purchased for the temporary park will be transferable to the permanent location.

If you are interested in assisting the skatepark in any way, please contact Daman at 547-8063 or e-mail Vicki Hankins at vichankins@hotmail.com.

Information can be obtained on the group's web site by visiting planner.eskal8.org/charlevoixskate.

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Bailey Massey, 2, and her grandma, Jean Weber, of Boyne Falls, try to bring in a trout in the kids' fishing pond during the annual Charlevoix Trout Tournament Saturday.

Northwest student wins viola

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff writer

Andy Tuck, the youngest member of the esteemed Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, was recently awarded a high quality instrument to enhance his studies.

Tuck, a 13-year-old Northwest Academy student from Charlevoix, entered the American String Teachers' Association national contest in late March hoping to win a Potter's viola. The association gives away three Potter's instruments annually, two violins and a viola, with a total worth of $10,000.

He was the first Northwest student to enter the contest and was shocked to find out in early June that he won.

"I didn't think I would ever have a chance of winning. They were giving away one viola for the entire United States," he said.

The music prodigy plays trumpet at Northwest Academy in the school's intermediate, advanced and jazz bands and dabbles in piano and violin. But his real passion is the viola.

His interest in the viola was sparked in fifth grade when he attended Charlevoix's St. Mary School and Crooked Tree Arts Center Strings teacher Karey Johnson came to the school to teach an introductory to string instruments course.

"She played the viola for us and I just loved the sound," Tuck said.

Now, two years later, Tuck can play with the best of them. His instructor is David Holland, the principal of the viola program at Interlochen Arts Academy, and he is also one of 15 students in Northwest's new strings program. Tuck said his specialty on the viola is classical music, but he said he can also "fiddle" playing songs like "The Devil Went Down to Georgia."

While Tuck was shocked to come away with the viola, Northwest administrator Scott Cochran wasn't surprised he was selected. He said the instrument couldn't be in better hands.

"One of the neat things about this to me is he is obviously a gifted, talented musician. But he also works really, really hard at it and holds himself to such a high standard. I just know the instrument is going to get its due use and that's awesome," Cochran said.

Tuck said the viola he currently plays is a beginners viola that isn't capable of producing the caliber of music he can make.

He said he will use it to practice frequently for his orchestra performances in both the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, who he started playing with in January, and the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra.

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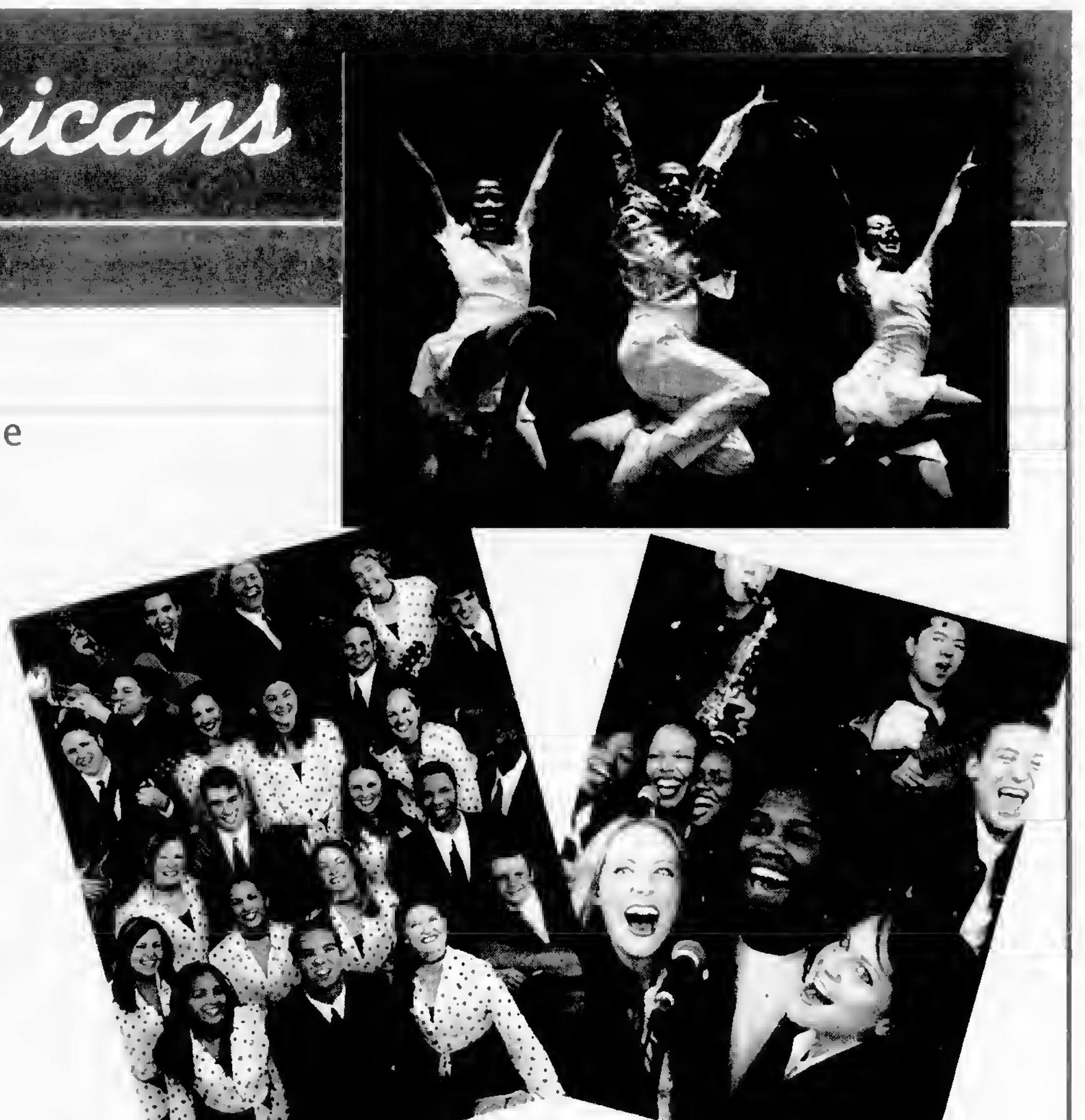

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Woman arrested for credit card scam, thefts

After an 18-month investigation involving the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, the FBI and a multi-jurisdictional task force, a 36-year-old Miami, Fla. woman was arrested in Utah last week concerning the theft and use of stolen credit cards in the area.

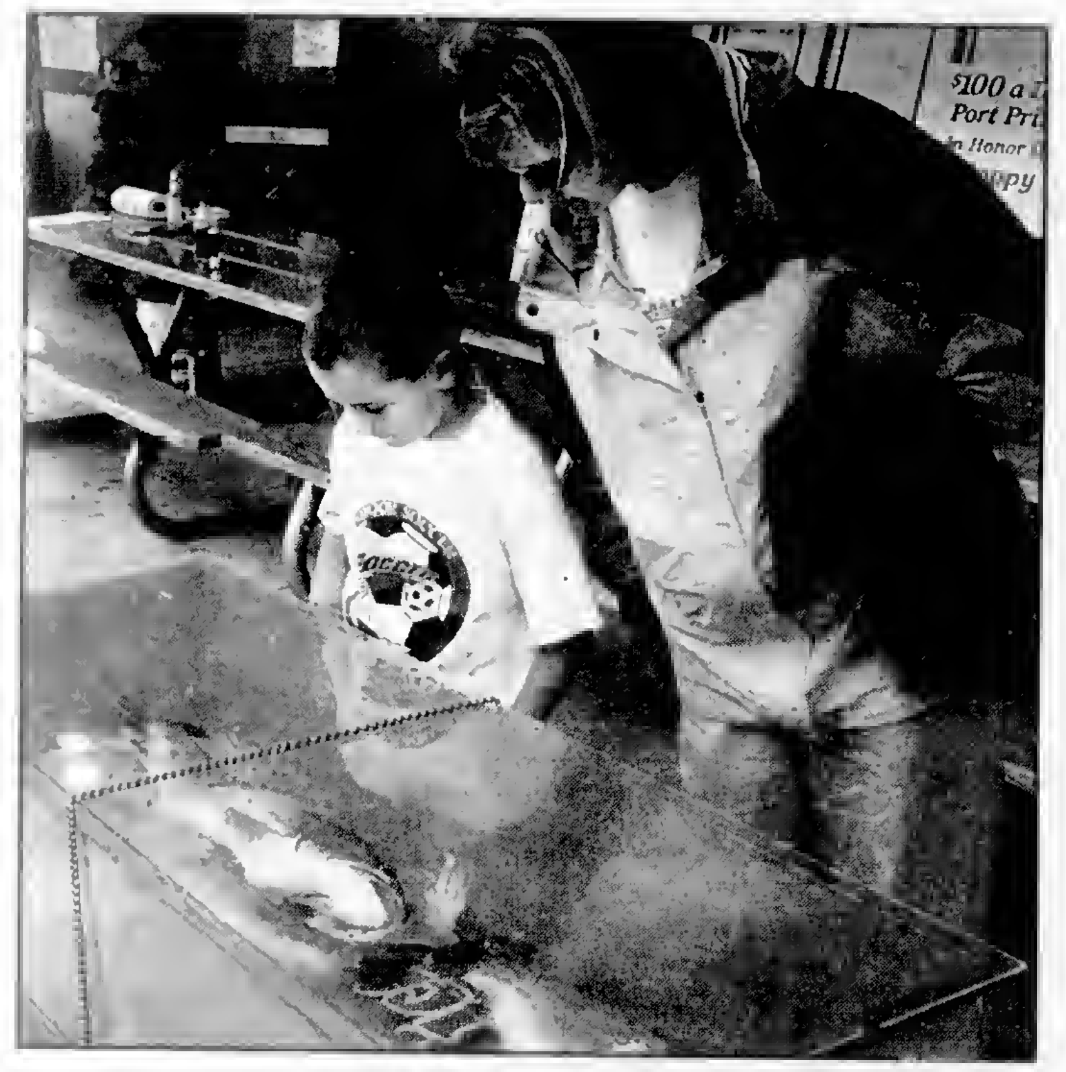
Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater said Julissa Veronica Roman was extradited back to Charlevoix on Thursday for a Friday arraignment following her arrest in Utah, where she had been serving a prison sentence for similar crimes.

He said Roman and several other accomplices would enter parked vehicles at ski resorts, beaches and other large parking lots in Charlevoix County and steal credit cards. She also did this throughout the nation to thousands of cars.

Her and her accomplices would then use the credit cards, within minutes of stealing them, at chain stores to buy electronics and phone calling cards. These items were shipped out of the state and even out of the country.

An investigation into her activities began in February 2003. She has already been convicted in Colorado and Utah on state charges.

Additional state and federal charges are forthcoming against Roman and her accomplices.



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Trophy dreams

Kevin Daniels, 6, of Troy, checks out some of the trophy trout in a display case in East Park during the annual Charlevoix Trout Tournament. His mother, Julie Daniels stands behind him. The tournament brought fishermen from across the state to Charlevoix to catch the biggest fish and take home the trophy.

City Council appoints Ochs to clerk's position

By **JULIE WITTHOEFT**
Staff writer

Charlevoix native Carol Ochs has been appointed to the vacant city clerk's seat until November.

Carol Ochs

At its June 7 meeting, city council unanimously selected Ochs over one other candidate to fill the rest of former clerk Liz Gooch's term.

Gooch resigned unexpectedly in April, a year and a half before her term expired. Since then, Stephanie Brown, the city's deputy treasurer/clerk has filled the vacancy.

Third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain who made the motion to appoint Ochs, said, "Carol demonstrates the maturity it takes to take care of the needs of the city of Charlevoix."

Ochs, 35, is the daughter of Bill and Shirley Ormsby and the wife of Tom Ochs, who is the son of John and Lani Ochs.

She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1986 and then attended Hope College in Holland where she earned her bachelors degree in English. Her appointment to the seat is a temporary position. She has to win in the November general election to secure the seat for the next two years. She has filed to run.

Ochs' name will be the only one on the ballot for city clerk. Which means a write-in candidate is the only one that can steal the seat from her. But right now, she isn't worried about a write-in campaign, she is concentrating on the work at hand.

"I'm excited to get in here and get caught up," she said.

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Coast Guard to have boating safety event

Coast Guard Station Charlevoix will host a series of family-oriented events from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 25 in recognition of National Safe Boating Week.

The event is open to the public and will be at East Park in downtown Charlevoix. It will feature activities for children and boating safety demonstrations.

The demonstrations will include how to use fire extinguishers and flares, cold water and drown-proofing demonstrations, damage control (how to stop a sinking boat) and knot tying.

"Coastie," a radio-controlled talking boat will be at the park to educate children on boating safety. There will also be a children's boating safety obstacle course where children race to rescue "Oscar" and become an honorary boat crewmember of the Coast Guard.

The final demonstration of the day will be a Coast Guard rescue vessel and helicopter performing a simulated rescue mission of a sinking boat and person in the water.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will also be conducting free vessel safety examinations at the Charlevoix City Marina. Representatives from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Charlevoix Fire Department will also be providing safety information.

How to get your event news in the *Charlevoix Courier*

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Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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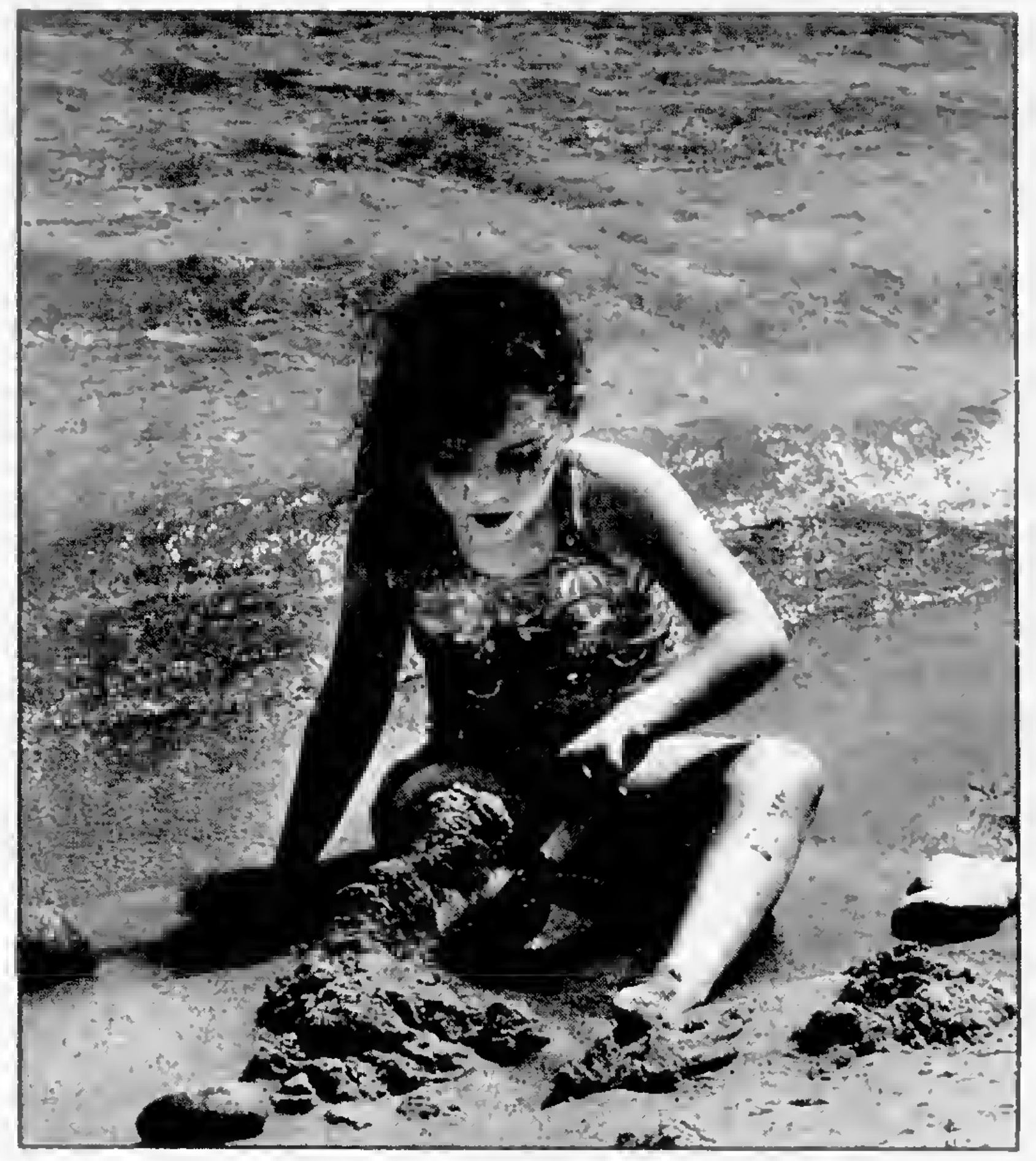

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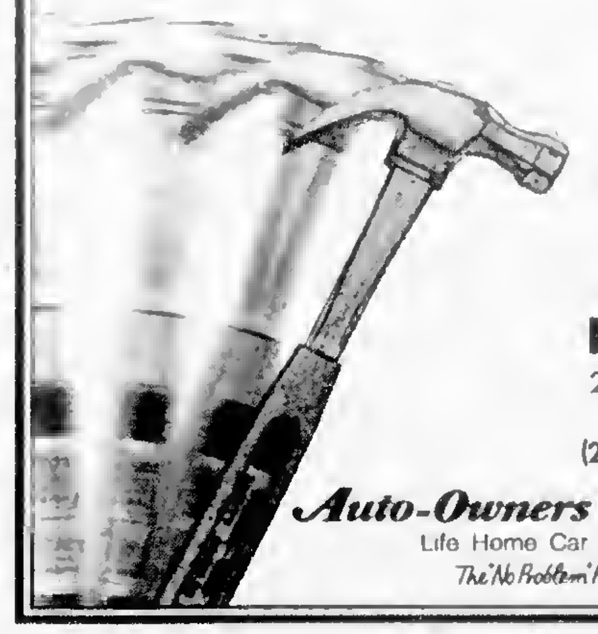
Nothing like cool sand on a hot day

Hannah Sandow, 6, of Charlevoix was keeping cool at Depot Beach June 8 when temperatures rose to about 20 degrees above normal. While the week got off to a hot start, temperatures regulated mid-week.



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Venetian looking for individual sports stars

The Venetian Sports Committee has sprinted down the home stretch in its quest to identify "Charlevoix Sports Legends," the 2004 Venetian theme.

The committee, which previously completed its initial review of "Coaching Legends," "Legendary Teams" and "Team Sport Stars," set it sights on "Individual Sport Standouts" in its final category of review.

The highest of laurels rests with the many individuals who have starred on the most successful series of teams in the history of Charlevoix High School sports, the seven time state champion cross country team. Heading this list is the beloved and departed Jeff Drenth, in whose memory the annual Venetian footrace has been named.

Drenth was a 1978 Charlevoix High School All Stater and All American at Central Michigan University. Drenth also participated in the 1983 World University Games, the 1984, 1985 and 1986 USA World Cross Country Teams and qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials in 1984.

The Charlevoix High School cross country stage is shared by other Rayders with similarly brilliant careers.

Bill Taylor, IV was an All State runner in 1982 and a high school All American and State Champion in 1983. Taylor earned NCAA All American honors in track at Central Michigan University in 1988 and 1989, qualified for the 1992 U.S. Olympic Trials in the 5,000 meter and 10,000 meter distances and was a participant in the 1990, 1991 and 1992 World Cross Country Championships.

Another Rayder distance runner who excelled both at Charlevoix High School and in college is Scott Miller, who earned All State honors in 1987, was the State Champion in 1988 and 1989 and was an NCAA Nationals qualifier at William and Mary College.

Doug Bergmann likewise had a fantastic career, earning All State honors at Charlevoix High School in 1985 and qualifying for the NCAA Nationals at Central Michigan University in 1988 and at William and Mary College in 1989. Other Rayder distance runners with impressive credentials include Becca Chamberlain, Mike Bush, Matt Smith, Matt Dickinson, Christopher Meier, Michael Sevenski III, Matt Peterson, Patrick Rajewski, Mark Russell, Walt Drenth, Tricia Hodge, William Crook, Gerhy Wiesner, John Tunison, Liz Ulrich, Kati Swenor, Gordie Selph, Peter Gorkiewicz and Julie Bush.

Local golf achievements are more recent in vintage, led by the Rayders' David Shearer who currently plays at North Kentucky University and Keith Grunch, the Aquinas College standout. Mark Custer was also a Charlevoix High School All State golfer who advanced to the "Sweet 16" State Amateur Tournament. Several local players have also earned reputations of excellence, including Joe Etienne, Bob Wallace and Bob Livingston.

Charlevoix High School track and field accomplishments date back to the opening era of Rayder football and basketball brilliance.

Richard "Big" Bergmann looms large in this regard, having won three individual events in the State Championship track meet in 1938 to single-handedly score all the points which Charlevoix High School needed for a second place finish. Bob Carey, the Charlevoix High School multisport star who excelled in football and basketball at Michigan State University, also brought honor to the Spartans as the Champion Shot-putter of the Big Ten Conference.

The exploits of Jason Whitley remain noteworthy, as Whitley won State Championships in the 300 meter hurdles in 1987, 1988 and 1989, along with the 110 meter high hurdles in 1989. Whitley still holds the Charlevoix High School record in the pole vault, the 300 meter hurdles, the 110 meter high hurdles as well as in the 800 meter relay.

Others who have earned consideration for outstanding track and field careers include Gary Stutzman, Larry McBride, John Ferguson and Steve Smith.

Several Charlevoix High School wrestlers have earned All State honors and individual weight championships, including Phil Christ, Ken Wojan and Jason and Greg Whitley. Other champion Rayder grapplers under consideration include Craig Golovich, Jason Pajtas, Mike Kiteley and Keith Parish.

The Pace sisters, Noni, Lauren and Chris, were the dominant consideration for legends of the ski slopes. York Smith, a recent graduate, also schussed to excellence.

Charlevoix bowling circles reverberate with the mention of Randy DeYoung, who has dominated the local circuit, passing opportunities to go professional.

The Venetian Sports Committee again encourages interested sports fans to weigh in with their opinions and provide the Committee names of other local standouts who have excelled in individual sports.

You may make your opinion known by calling Venetian Festival Headquarters at 547-3872 or by conveying your information to any of the Committee members who include Dwight (Ike) Boss, Leroy Buchanan, Toni Felter, Jim Lewis, Jack McKenzie, Marilyn Novak, Dave Novotny, Ken Plude, Vane Smith or Dean Davenport.

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Charlevoix Children's House to have Summer Discovery Camp

As the school year comes to a close, Charlevoix Children's House is gearing up for its Summer Discovery Camp. As a day camp for 3 – 6-year-olds, this program is unique in the Charlevoix area and filled with surprises throughout the summer.

On tap for this year are visits from an array of animals with hooves, scales and feathers. Fur and Feather of Petoskey will visit, and there may be a pony dropping in from time to time.

There will be instrument making, songs, water play and crafts. Reportedly, there will also be some serious clowning around in the first week and harvesting of fresh vegetables from the school garden as they mature. The close of each camp day is at 1 p.m.

To cap off each week, area restaurants are donating special lunches on Fridays.

Sessions run from June 21 to Aug. 13. Children can be registered for any or all weekly sessions. For more information call the Charlevoix Children's House at 547-5599 or visit its web site at charlevoixchildrenshouse.org.

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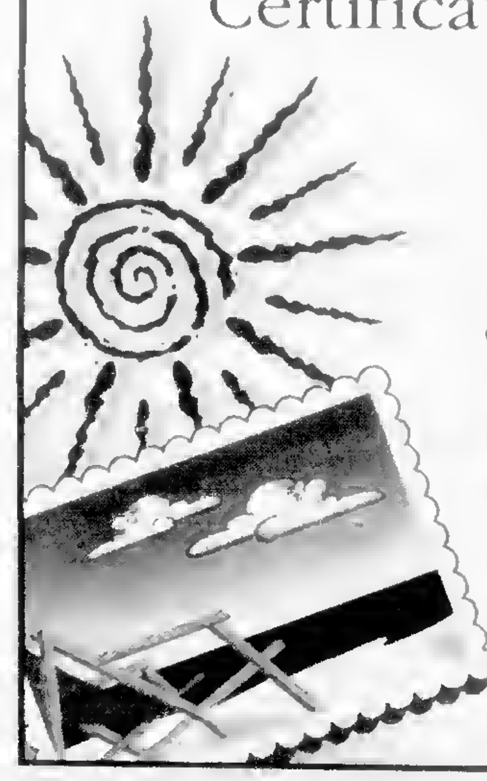

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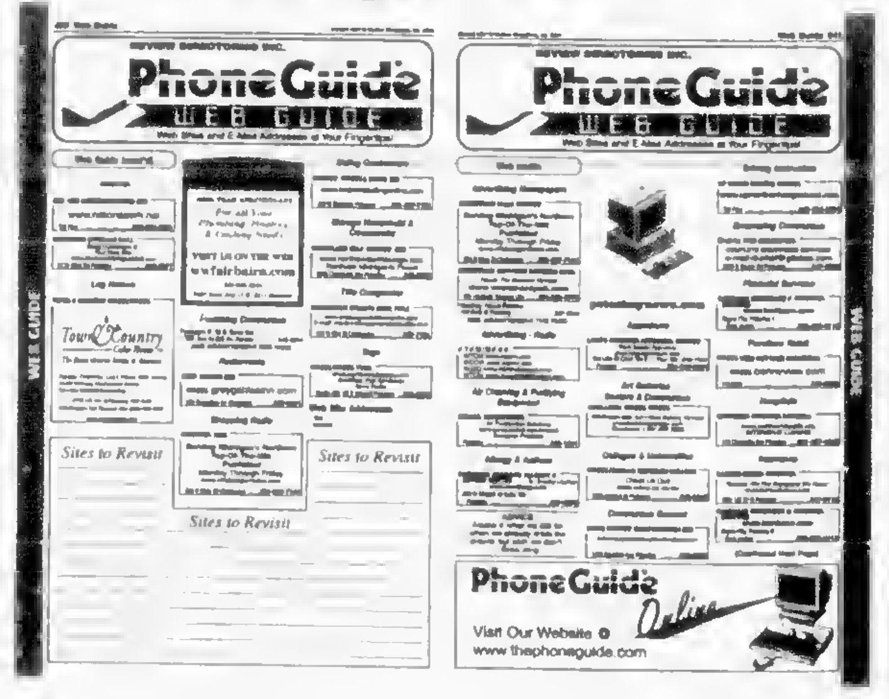

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Northwest's jazz band to open summer concert series

The first of eight Thursday night concerts in the park June 17 will feature the very popular Northwest Academy Jazz Combo and "friends."

These concerts sponsored by the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau have become a welcomed addition to the events that take place at the East Park Odmark Pavilion during the summer months.

The Northwest Academy Band program has become known as one of the premier small band programs in Michigan. The band was one of 13 groups throughout Michigan that was invited in January to perform in Hill Auditorium for the 59th annual Music Inservice Conference for Music Educators throughout the Midwest held each year in Ann Arbor. This is a very prestigious event and only the very best bands have the opportunity to be invited to audition and perform.

Many area businesses supported the group through donations and new uniforms were purchased and contributing individuals and businesses names were sewn into each uniform.

This year the Jazz Combo will feature Trish Watkins on keyboard and bass, Gina Attee and Devin Toton on trumpet, Trevor Lundgren on trombone and Joe Sievertson, Dan Sanchez and Liz Shepard anchoring the Saxophone section.

"Friends" will include former members of the group that have graduated and are back in the area for the summer. Rachel Bellairs, CJ Toton and Carolyn Bellairs will be featured guests during the summer.

Road construction underway on US-31

Road work is underway around Charlevoix.

Rise Rasch, the manger of the Michigan Department of Transportation's Traverse City office, said maintenance crews will be working on the north and south sides of town all this week.

They will be doing crack sealing along US-31 from Norwood to the M-66 intersection and north of the bridge near the city limits.

"This will be a fast moving operation. We want to get the work in before the heavy tourist season starts," Rasch said,

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Health department offers immunizations

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency will offer meningitis immunizations at local health department offices during the summer months so that college freshmen, especially those who will live in dormitories, can be vaccinated before the school year begins in the fall.

"Most colleges now recommend a meningitis immunization for incoming freshmen," said Patricia Fralick, Director of Family Health Services for the health department.

"Freshmen live in close quarters with lots of other people so they have a higher risk for communicable diseases. Meningitis can be a deadly disease, but it's preventable with just one dose."

Meningitis vaccines will be offered during June, July and August at health department locations in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties for a cost of $75.

"It's an expensive vaccine," Fralick said. "We're offering it at our cost to encourage as many college freshmen as possible to protect themselves from meningitis."

Because appointments for immunization clinics fill up quickly, Fralick recommends booking an appointment soon by calling (800) 432-4121, during business hours.

Meningococcal disease is a serious illness, caused by bacteria. It is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children ages 2 to 18 in the U.S.

Meningitis is an infection of the brain and spinal cord coverings. Meningococcal disease vaccine can prevent two of the three important types of Meningococcal disease in older children and adults.

About 2,600 people get meningococcal disease each year in the U.S.

Ten to 15 percent of these people die, in spite of treatment with antibiotics. Of those who live, another 10 percent lose their arms or legs, become deaf, have problems with their nervous systems, become mentally impaired or suffer seizures or strokes.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

For additional information about meningitis vaccines, contact your health care provider, local health department office, or visit www.cdc.org.

Venetian to host Young Americans at Castle Farms

In its ongoing effort to secure the financial future of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, the Venetian Board is promoting another professional entertainment offering for area residents and visitors.

The Young Americans, acclaimed coast-to-coast in reviews by such critics as the Los Angeles Times and New York Times, will perform the inaugural concert at the beautifully renovated Castle Farms on Friday evening, June 25, 2004.

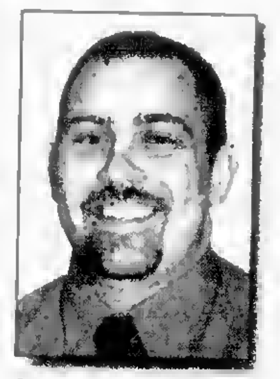
The two hour, open air show will be the only 2004 Charlevoix performance by the Young Americans and will feature a rare combination of both the Boyne and the Traverse City performing troupes, comprising a total of 50 Young American singer/dancers.

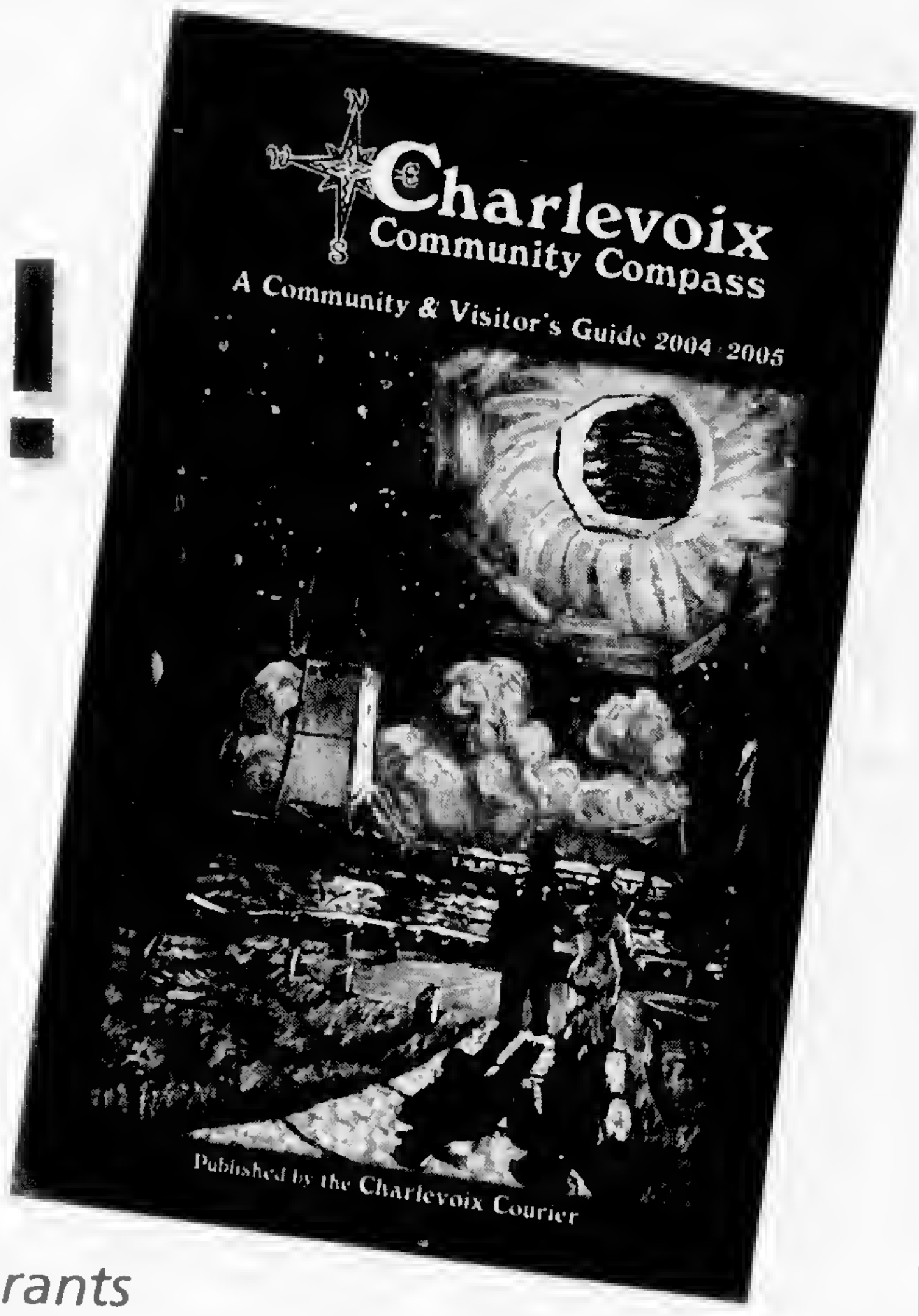
"The festival continues to actively pursue income generating opportunities, so that we may maintain the quality and array of Venetian events such as fireworks," Venetian President Dan Barron said. "With the generous support of the owners of The Castle, Richard and Linda Mueller, we have been provided a wonderful opportunity to raise money and bring great entertainment to town."

Seats will be provided on a general admission basis. No lawn chairs, coolers, food or beverages may be brought to the concert. Food and refreshments will be offered for sale the night of the show.

Tickets are $20 each an may be purchased in downtown Charlevoix at Bridge Street Book Shop (phone 547-7323). Because the number of tickets is limited, tickets will be sold at the door only if they remain available.

Gates will open early at 5:30 p.m., to allow concertgoers to select their seating and to enjoy free of charge, Castle Farms lawn games such as shuffleboard, croquet, bocce ball and badminton. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Concert proceeds will help fund the sensational fireworks displays of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, which will be shot on July 23 and 24.

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WMU to have writing workshop on island

A writing workshop on Beaver Island will be reprised this summer by Western Michigan University.

"Writing for Publication: A Workshop on the Craft of Publishing Articles in Magazines or Professional Journals," will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 12 through 15, at the Beaver Island Community School in St. James.

This coached, hands-on writing experience is aimed at educators and others who have little experience in writing for or getting published in magazines, particularly professional journals. Attendees will leave with a completed article and submission letter.

The workshop will focus on how to perfect a clear, forceful writing style and will address effective ways to start articles, eliminate jargon and fuzzy writing and make articles attractive to periodical editors.

It is being given on Beaver Island as a way of stimulating the creative senses. Attendees will spend their mornings in an intensive learning environment, then have their afternoons and evenings free to continue working or tour Beaver Island and enjoy its recreational amenities. They are encouraged to use part of their free time to vacation on the island with family and friends.

Leading the workshop this year will be Dr. Lawrence B. Schlack, WMU associate professor emeritus of educational leadership and a former superintendent of the Barry Intermediate School District in Hastings. Schlack has taught writing for the past 20 years and has helped a variety of people produce articles suitable for publication in periodicals.

Preregistration by July 2 is required to attend the workshop, which costs $275 per person. An additional fee is charged for those taking the workshop for academic credit from WMU. Space is limited, so early registration is advised.

To register, follow the instructions in the event brochure, which is available by visiting the Web site at conference.wmich.edu or by calling WMU's Conferences and Seminars office at (269) 387-4174.

Those planning to attend the workshop also are advised to make their travel and lodging arrangements early, as Beaver Island plays host to numerous summer visitors. More information is available online at <www.beaverisland.net> or by calling (231) 448-2505.

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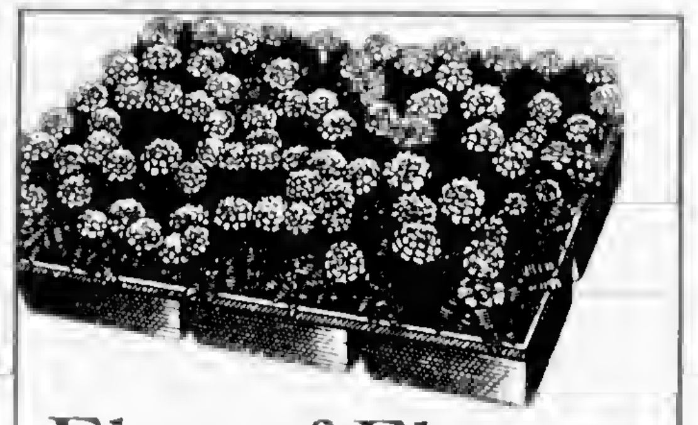

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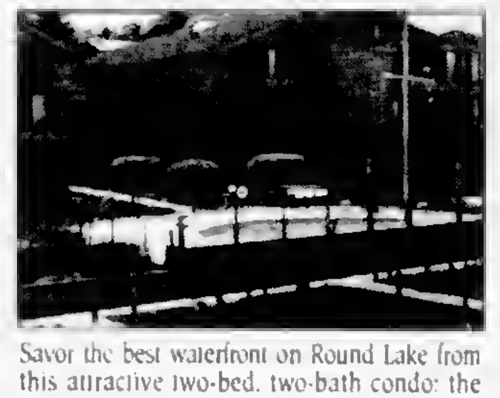

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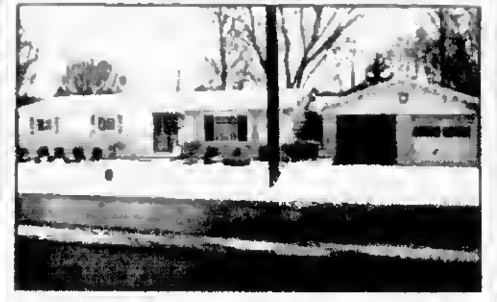

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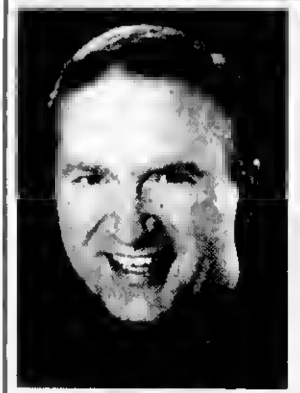
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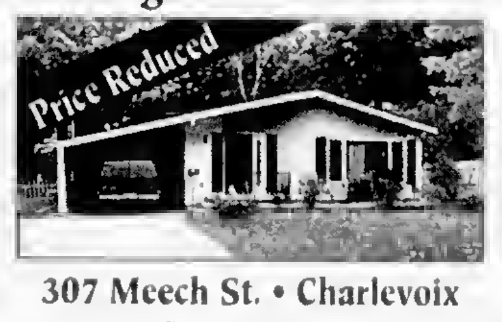

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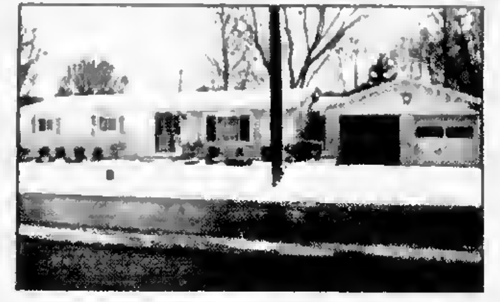

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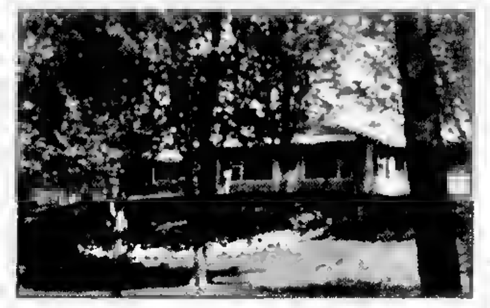

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Invention leads to new venture for area men

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Thanks to Dan Fenwick and Joseph Wilson's invention, sports enthusiasts can practice improving their skills by throwing or shooting at their own garage.

Fenwick and Wilson are the owners of Garage Door Sports, a Charlevoix business that has created a sports training device and toy for children and adults.

"The concept comes from playing sports as youngsters and utilizing my garage door for hockey and basketball," Fenwick said.

However, this left the garage door with several dents.

"Over time, my dad came up with an idea of hanging a painter's tarp under the door. It's evolved into a targeting system which crosses over into the toy world as well as the sports world."

Garage Door Sports design is a tarp-like sheet that hangs down from the bottom of a garage door that is up. A sports figure, such as a hockey goalie, is painted on it and there are various targets on the sheet to shoot at.

The sheet hangs from the garage door with Velcro straps, thus eliminating any damage to the door.

Garage Door Sports currently only has a hockey version of the target out, but will soon be releasing a baseball version. Versions for football, soccer and lacrosse are also being planned.

Wilson said the product has been in development for over a year and the company started selling it in March. And there are more developments, besides additional sports targets, that are being worked on.

Garage Door Sports is working on systems that can keep score or light up when you hit the target. They are also working on creating targeting systems with team logos on it, so you can pitch to your favorite team or shoot the puck at your favorite team's goalie.

Fenwick said currently they are selling their product through advertisements in var-

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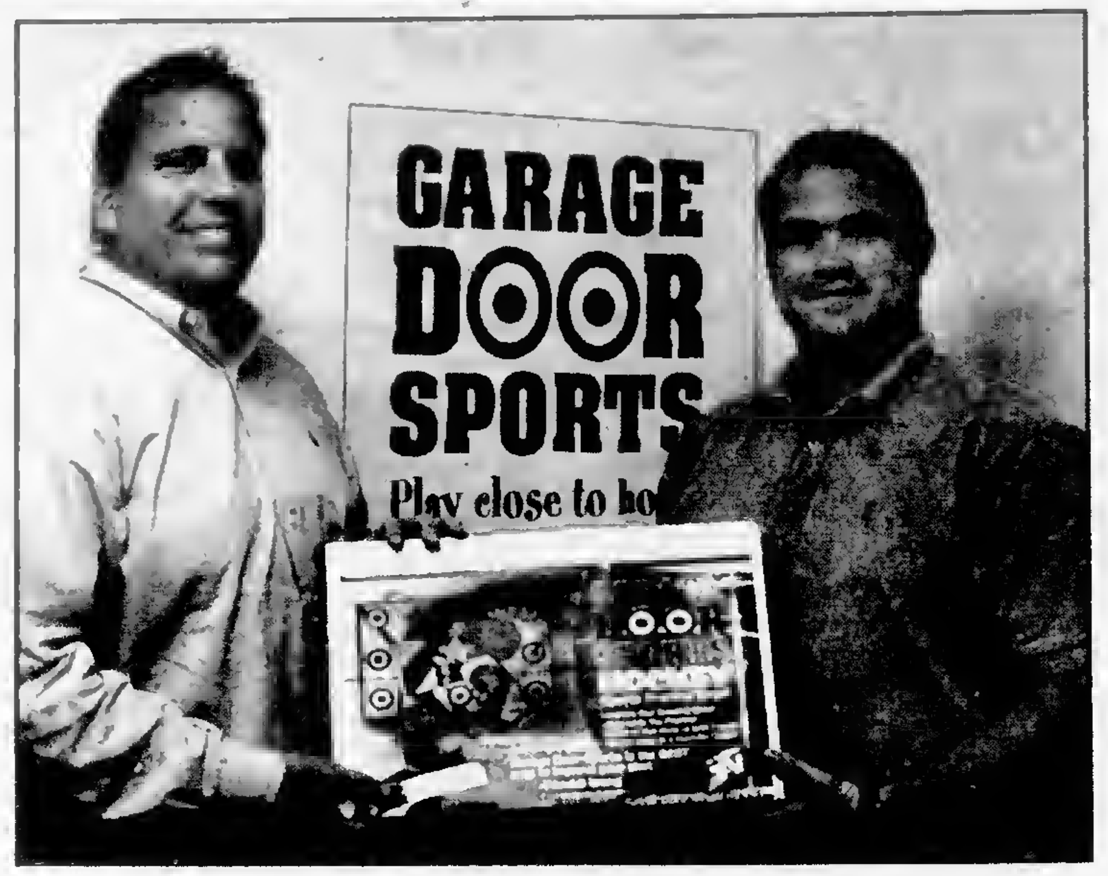

Dan Fenwick, left, and Joseph Wilson are hoping their invention will help coaches, players and anyone looking for a new toy. Their targeting system allows users to throw baseballs, pucks, footballs and other sports balls at various targets that hang down from their garage door. So far, the men have only a hockey version of their invention, but are planning to expand to other sports soon.

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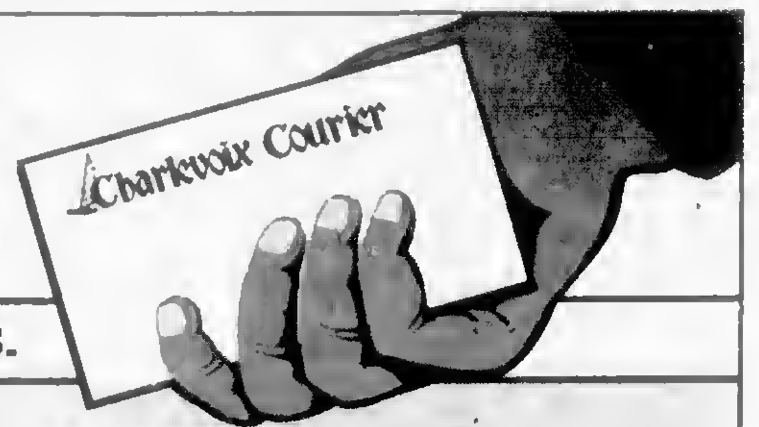

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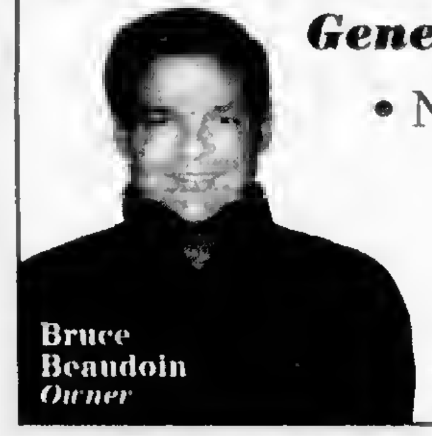

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Fenwick added they are looking for more retailers and in the process of signing up with a distributor out of Chicago.

Wilson added, Garage Door Sport's system is also available at wholesale prices to parks, municipalities, coaches and leagues.

He said people can also use them for fund-raisers. All an organization has to do is put down a deposit on the targeting system, and Garage Door Sports will let them use it to raise money for their group.

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Fenwick and Wilson are both Charlevoix residents. Fenwick has been in Charlevoix for the past two years and is retired from the cellular industry in Chicago. He has a wife, Suzy, a son in second grade, Tucker, and a 2-year-old daughter, Hope.

Wilson has been a resident for the past six years. He is a landscape designer for a local company and has a 2-year-old daughter, Gabrielle, and a wife, Lisa.

Garage Door Sports can be contacted by calling (231) 237-9028, e-mailing source3@charter.net or visiting their web site at www.garagedoorsports.com.

Their office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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SPORTS

Student's soccer season ends with many awards

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

Shayna Drost, a recent graduate, has set many impressive records on the soccer field of Charlevoix High School.

Drost has been playing soccer since she was around 6 years old with the 4-H soccer program. Since then, she has made many accomplishments in the sport including four all-time scoring records, a record for the most season goals, a record for the most assists in a season and a record for the most goals in a game.

"Being on the field feels right," Drost said. "It's the perfect spot to let out everything that's been bothering me."

She also feels that a lot of her success has to be attributed to her teammates, and she also said that her parents and grandparents have been a big motivation for her.

"I'm thankful that God gave me the talent," she said.

Drost says that watching her sisters play soccer helped her decide between soccer and softball. Soccer has kept Drost active and focused, and has played a big role in teaching Drost how to achieve her goals.

Drost does not just excel on the field. She recently graduated with honors and said "on the field, I gave 100 percent to soccer, and in school, I gave 100 percent to school," to successfully fit it into her soccer schedule.

Drost said she keeps herself focused by concentrating on the goals that she sets for herself.

For the future, Drost has decided to pursue intramural soccer so that she can focus on getting her elementary education teaching degree at Hope College. She hopes someday that she will have the opportunity to coach soccer so that she can help younger kids find the joy in playing.

"We're definitely going to miss her," said coach Carol Madison. "She's contributed a lot."

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Shayna Drost has a great school career in soccer.

Charlevoix Yacht Club racing results

Despite a weather alert prior to the June 9 race good conditions were experienced for the Charlevoix Yacht Club races.

The first part of the triangle, windward-leeward course was with16-18 knots of wind and mist. It later tapered off to light wind and no rain.

The results for the June 2 and June 9 races respectfully are:

- J-22: 1) Superfluous (Jensen) 2) Rock Steady (Burley) 3) What's Her Name (Robinson) 4) Hog Tide (Clagett)
- Jib and Main: 1) Booma (Gosling,Tyra) 2) Flash (Gordon) 3) Flasher
- Pearson-26: 2) Cygnus (Stewart) 1) Lost Vermonter (Tinney) 3) Artemis (Bowerman)
- Spinnaker A: 1) Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller) 2) Northern Light (Orlow) 3) Hoi Polloi (Attee) 4) Padawan 2 (Lamb) 5) Windrunner (Pirie) 9) Blasen IV (Jurries) 6) MJ2 (Begrow) 7) Stringthing (Thomas) 8) Kamikazee (Funck)

Following the first three races of Spring Series and with two races to follow the results are:

- J-22: 1) Superfluous 2) What's Her Name 3) Rock Steady 4) Hog Tide
- Jib and Main: 1) Booma 2) Flash 3) Flasher
- Pearson 26: 1) Cygnus 2) Lost Vermonter 3) Artemis
- Spinnaker A: 1) Gotcha! 2) (tie) Northern Light and Hoi Polloi 3) Padawan 2 4) Stringthing 5) Kamikazee 6) Windrunner 7) (tie) Blasen IV and MJ2

For information on joining the Charlevoix Yacht Club call 547-9170 or visit the web site at www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

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Charlevoix slow pitch scores

The Charlevoix Recreation Department's slow pitch results were:

Women

June 10

- Fieldcrest Inn beat Medicap Pharmacy, 28-11.
- Burger King beat Bingham Insurance, 15-2.
- Kwiki Duplicating beat Waterfront Salon/J. Arnold Painting, 18-9.

June 8

- Fieldcrest Inn beat Kwiki Duplicating, 10-4.
- Waterfront Salon/J. Arnold Painting beat Burger King, 4-2.
- Medicap Pharmacy beat Bingham Insurance, 12-0.

Men

June 14

- Fischer Restoration beat Lakeshore Tire/Top Rank, 14-2. For Fischer E.J. Castle had a homerun.
- Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Boss Engineering, 13-9. For Boss Engineering, Dennis Avery had a homerun.
- Grey Gables Inn beat Cemex/Local D480, 6-2. For Grey Gables, Bret Erskine had a homerun.

June 7

- Swanson K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Pat McKeown Ford, 23-4.
- Grey Gables Inn beat Pat McKeown Ford, 21-6.
- Cemex/Local D480 beat United States Coast Guard Acacia, 8-7.
- United States Coast Guard Acacia beat Grey Gables Inn, 12-9.

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Voters pass all school requests Monday night

LIBRARY

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4,000 square feet of space — one will house the program room and the other, a children's activity room.

The facility will offer adult, children's and teen collections as well as a popular reading room, quiet reading areas, gardens, a self check out, a staffed circulation desk and outdoor landscaped plazas for reading.

The rest of the $1.6 million price tag that isn't covered by the bond request is currently being collected in fund-raising.

So far a library support group chaired by Charlevoix resident Don Heise has raised $1,009,000, two thirds of the way to that $1.6 million goal.

But that was not all the good news for the library. The library's operational millage also passed Monday night 991 in support and 760 against.

According to Meyerson hoth the huilding and operation millage requests had to pass for the project to move forward.

This operating millage would bring in approximately $395,063 in 2005 and would be in addition to the .46 mills currently levied for operations. The additional millage would cost a homeowner whose taxable value is $100,000, $65.

It will allow the library to double its collection budget to buy more hooks, add new collections like music, double its staff and beef up resources like computer classes and coordinated programming with the schools.

In a previous interview, Meyerson explained that if the two pieces to this puzzle do pass, the library will start a six to nine month design process and will likely break ground on the project in the winter of 2005.

The Charlevoix Community School District and Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District also came out on top Monday night. All of their ballot questions passed.

Voters had to decide whether to renew a 1.16 mills special education millage for the Charlevoix-Emmet County Intermediate School District and a five-year 18 mills non-homestead property renewal.

Charlevoix school's operational millage passed 1,228 yes to 503 no. The intermediate school district's special education millage passed 1,090 in support to 644 against.

Charlevoix Public School Superintendant John Sturock said, "We are real pleased the community has supported our school system once again. It was a positive night for Charlevoix Public Schools and the library."

Also on the ballot were school hoard secretary Larry Levengood and trustee Dianne Kilkenny. They hoth ran unopposed.

Chorale to perform at area church

On June 27 the "Sundays at Four" concert series will present the Brazeal Dennard Chorale, the premier choral group which performs regularly with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

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The "Sundays at Four" concerts are at 4:00 p.m. at the First Congregational/UCC Church of Charlevoix at 101 State Street.

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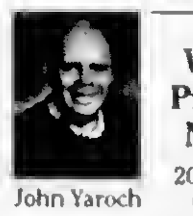

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John Hudson, Successor Trustee
Evelyn M. Murphy Revocable Living Trust

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

SECOND SUMMONS
STATE OF MICHIGAN
33RD CIRCUIT COURT
Case No. 2004-018320-DP
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7243

CHRISTIE GRANDY,
Plaintiff,
v
MARK CAPLAN,
104 HARLEY BEAGLE,
HARRISON, MI 48625

By: Mary Beth Kur P44424
Prosecuting Attorney
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7241

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Court clerk: Sharon M. Selissen, Deputy
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VENUE
Defendant(s) residence:
104 Harley Beagle Road
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Place where action arose or business conducted:
Charlevoix County
I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.
Date: April 1, 2004
MARY BETH KUR P44424
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
33RD CIRCUIT COURT
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas
CASE NO. 04-0183-20-DP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7243
CHRISTIE GRANDY
Plaintiff
v
MARK CAPLAN
Defendant

BY: Mary Beth Kur P44424
Prosecuting Attorney
301 State Street
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The Plaintiff states:
1. CHRISTIE GRANDY gave birth to the child(ren): STELLA J. GRANDY born on 10-09-2003.
2. The child is living with CHRISTIE GRANDY in the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.
3. The child was born out of wedlock.
4. The child was conceived on or about the date(s) and in or near the place(s) listed below:
Child Name
STELLA J. GRANDY
Date of conception
January 10, 2003
Place of conception
HARRISON, MI
5. The Defendant is the father of the child.
6. The Defendant is of sufficient ability to provide support for the child(ren).
The Plaintiff requests that a Judgment of Filiation be entered establishing paternity of the child(ren) under the Paternity Act, and that the Court grant such other relief as provided by law.
I declare that the statement above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.
Date: January 7, 2004
CHRISTIE GRANDY
Plaintiff
Date: January 7, 2004
MARY BETH KUR P44424
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
BY: KERRY B. ZAHNER P55809
ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
33RD CIRCUIT COURT
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas
CASE NO. 2004-018320-DP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7243

CHRISTIE GRANDY
Plaintiff
v
MARK CAPLAN
Defendant

BY: Mary Beth Kur P44424
Prosecuting Attorney
301 State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-7241

THE COURT FINDS:
Service of process upon Defendant, **MARK S. CAPLAN**, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:
Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s):
First class mail to Defendant
Posting & Publication pursuant to court rule.
For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT, pursuant to MCR 2.106(C):
1. This action involves a paternity and support matter under the Paternity Act/Family Support Act.
2. The Defendant has 28 days from the filing date for the Return/Proof of Service to file an answer or take other action permitted by law or court rule, with the Charlevoix County Clerk or the Charlevoix County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.
3. If the Defendant does not take the action described in paragraph two (2) of this notice, a Default Judgment of Filiation may be entered without the Defendant's input, which may address the issues of paternity, custody, parenting time, child support, medical/confinement cost, and medical coverage for the minor child of the parties.
Date: May 19, 2004
RICHARD M. PAJTAS
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE- Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by MARY JO McGEE, a single woman, Mortgagor, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, Mortgagee, dated December 30, 2002, and recorded January 8, 2003, at Liber 509, Page 860, Charlevoix County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof, the sum of $11,732.65, including interest at 6.750% annum.

Under Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statue in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 22, 2004.

Said premises are located in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as:

All that part of the South half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Town 34 North, Range 8 West described as: Commencing at a point 2 rods West and 2 rods South of the Northeast corner of said South half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 27; thence South on the West line of State Street 783.75 feet for the point of beginning of this description; thence South on the West line of said State Street 73.75 feet: West 264 feet; thence North 73.75 feet to a stake; thence East 264 feet to an iron stake at the point of beginning of this description.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: June 10, 2004

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK
BY: JOHN A. JAREMA (52949)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Robert R. Graves and Linda T. Graves, husband and wife, mortgagors to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 3, 2000, and was recorded on October 6, 2000, in Liber 398 on pages 393 through 399 of the Charlevoix County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $6,887.46, including interest at 9% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.
The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, July 16, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Michigan.
The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgage before the sale.
The property to be sold is located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:
The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section.4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.
The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

Dated: June 10, 2004

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Republican women to meet

The Northern Michigan Republican Women's Club will host a Charlevoix County candidate meet and greet from 5 to 7 p.m. on June 16 at Grey Gables Inn. Cost is $5 per person. For information please call Susan Flanders 547-4887 or Linda Wertz 547-8980.

Board of trustees to meet

The Charlevoix Library Board of Trustees meeting is at 4 p.m., on Thursday, June 17, in the library basement at 109 Clinton Street.

Cancer ride

The Pink Ribbon Bike4Breast-Cancer ride is Saturday, June 19 in Boyne City. There are short rides (7 miles) medium (20 miles) and long (40 plus miles). Proceeds from the ride benefit both the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation and Northern Michigan Foundation. This is an event where 85 percent of the proceeds stay in our communities. Funds from last year's ride have enabled the foundation to establish a Cancer Support group at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

For more information about the Pink Ribbon Ride, call 547-8502. To talk with someone regarding the cancer support group for you, a family member or a friend call 547-8950.

Golf outing

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel, Charlevoix, Chapter, will meet for its Fourth Annual Golf Evening Out starting at 3:30 p.m. with tee off time and evening out at 5:30 p.m., on June 23.

Greens fees are $19 for nine holes with a cart. Walk and golf is $12. Bring a friend and/or a dessert to share. Call Paul Richards at 547-1341 to register. Also, remember to send your dues to Lansing this month.

Forum on alcohol poisoning

The general public is invited to a community forum/informational meeting to reach out to parents concerning the dangers of alcohol poisoning at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 24, at Bethany Lutheran Church at 11906 US-31 North, across from the Charlevoix Community Pool. A medical professional will present the facts on alcohol poisoning in addition to guest speakers talking about the risks of under-age drinking. The purpose of this meeting is to draw parents and teens together to understand the critical risks involved in teen alcohol consumption. Laura and Dwayne Farmer may be reached at 547-4861 for further information.

Concert at Safe Harbor

Safe Harbor Baptist Church will host a father and son dinner at 6 p.m., on Saturday, June 26. Chris Dominic will entertain the guests after dinner with his singing. This will be followed by a message from Pastor Blane Barber of Petoskey. Safe Harbor is located in Charlevoix at 06046 Old US-31 South, near the intersection on US-31. Call 547-6283 for further information.

Volleyball camp

Charlevoix Rayders Third Annual Summer Volleyball Camp is July 5-8, at the Charlevoix High School gym. Times are as follows: Seventh through ninth grade, 10 to 12 p.m., fourth through sixth grade 12 to 2 p.m., tenth through twelfth grade 7 to 9 p.m. The price is $40. Players will learn the fundamentals of volleyball while spending some quality time with their friends. The following fundamentals will be stressed at the Rayder Volleyball Camp: Serving techniques, spiking, passing, setting, offensive plays and defensive strategies Contact Elizabeth Grunch at 437-0844 or 547-3222, extension 2025.

Reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, or phone 248-473-1324 or e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com. Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. We are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colburn (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

Lakeside worship

Lakeside Worship for Sundays this summer starts at 8:30 a.m., and continues until Labor Day rain or shine. It will be lead by the Rev. Mary Willis of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please call 547-9122 or e-mail chxucc@core.com.

No breakfast

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will discontinue its monthly pancake breakfast during the summer months. The monthly pancake breakfasts will resume on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m, every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flap Jack Resturant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

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MDEQ, city trying to agree on marina plan

MARINA

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MDEQ's lap and according to a department representative won't be going anywhere unless several changes are made to the plan.

Brian Bury, an environmental quality analyst with the MDEQ, said there are three review criteria the marina project has to meet for the department to issue a construction permit and the city's plan doesn't meet any of them. These include an evaluation of its impact on the environment, the public trust and riparian owners.

In an April 19 letter Bury wrote to city manager Mike Wiesner, he outlines the MDEQ's concerns.

One problem he mentioned is with the plan to replace the old, dilapidated sea wall which separates the land and water.

The proposal is to run the new wall in front of the existing one in order to minimize the disruption of contaminated soils in that area.

Bury said the proposal moves the sea wall "substantially further out into the water" which would require back filling into the open water area, posing an environmental impact as it constitutes habitat removal.

He advised the city to bring the wall toward land and limit the amount of open water filling that would be required.

The 67-slip dock system was also a target of criticism. And Bury made recommendations to change the plan to minimize unnecessary occupation of Round Lake.

Piers in the plan extend 220 feet at the furthest point. The northernmost pier extends 186 feet with a viewing pier running perpendicular to it.

The pier below that extends 195 feet from shore, the pier south of it 220 feet and the southernmost pier 175 feet.

Wide, open fairways in between, open view corridors to Round Lake from shore.

The pier length didn't concern Bury as much as the width did.

He said the width is an "excessive occupation of public surface waters."

"The head piers are more than what is necessary to facilitate docking or mooring of water craft," he said.

The proposed piers are about 12 feet wide and the MDEQ asked to see them reduced to about 10 feet.

Bury recommended elimination of the 130 foot dock that runs parallel to the water near the sea wall because of its occupation of public surface water.

The 30 foot wide viewing pier at the end of the northernmost pier was also frowned on as excessive.

Bury advised that this be shrunk to the size of the 10 foot head piers.

"Using a dock system to view the water is not a water dependent activity. The same area can be viewed from shore," he said.

The concerns surrounding "unnecessary infiltration of the water" Bury said constitute an impact on the public trust.

On the south side of the project, the MDEQ has also asked that the 175 foot pier be reconfigured as it impacts access to the Ward Brothers business and infringes on their riparian rights.

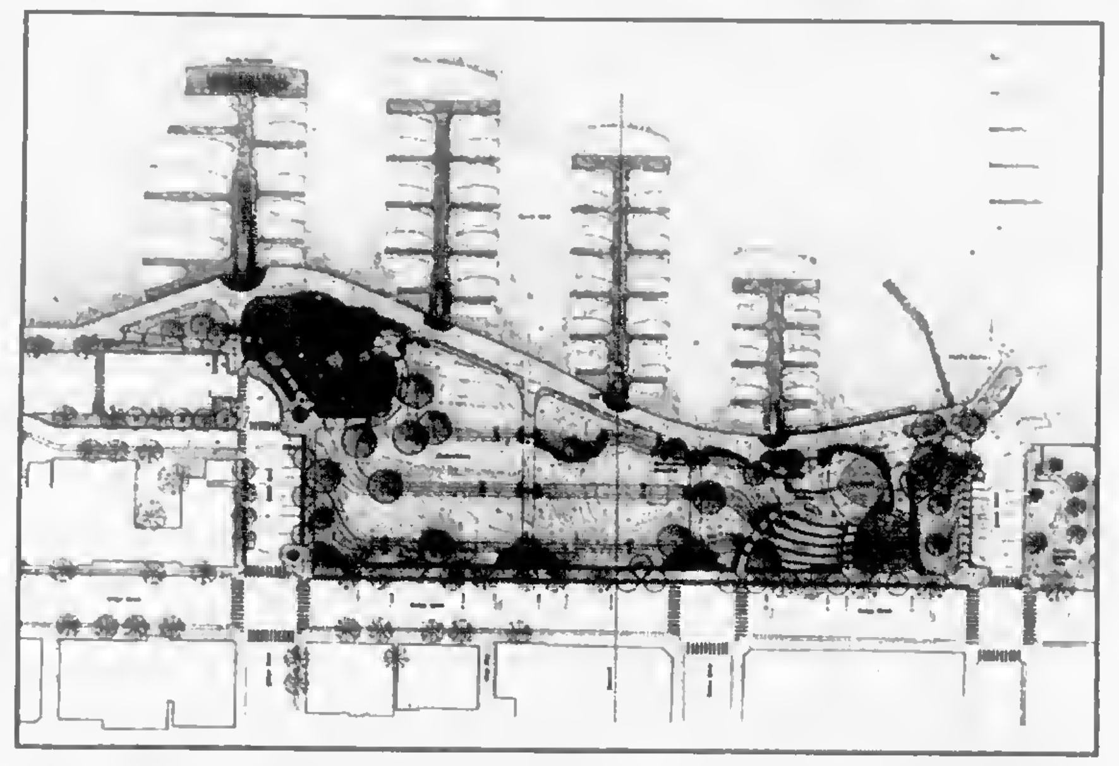
Bury said the department did receive a letter from the Ward Brothers objecting to the plan and in evaluating the project, concurred with them.

Based on these recommended changes Bury asked that a revised plan be submitted by May 24.

On May 19, John Schlak, with United Design Associates of Cheboygan, the city's project engineer for the sea wall and docks, submitted a letter to Bury requesting an extension to July 9 to respond to the concerns.

The extension was granted.

In the meantime Wiesner said he plans to schedule discussions with the MDEQ on this issue. And it looks as though these suggestions may be a point of contention for the city and the department.



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The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has many concerns about Charlevoix's plan for a new marina.

Wiesner said that the marina design team is not working on revisions right now. He is hoping that in discussions with Bury and his staff both the city and the department will find "room for give and take."

"What was developed by the community is still our goal," he said. "I don't think it's anything we can't work out."

Wiesner is hoping they will see eye-to-eye on the viewing pier which he says gives the non-boating public access to the lake.

He also claims that the 12 foot docks are necessary and that 10 foot docks are restrictive to users.

"With electrical boxes, you're down to about six feet which will just let two people walk side by side," he said.

In January, Wiesner said he expected permits for the project to come through mid-year which would be sometime this summer. Bury said if the revised plan to be submitted in July fits the requirements of the permit the MDEQ could grant it in a matter of weeks.

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New writer

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Fire

The Charlevoix City Fire Department responded to a fire at an abandoned building on Marion Center Road last week.

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Budget forces school layoffs

By KRISTINA HUGHES
Petoskey News-Review Staff Writer
And by JEREMY MCBAIN
Charlevoix Courier Editor

Jane Kanine, a support staff member at Charlevoix Elementary School, will miss watching a kid learn to read or accomplish a new task and the friendships she's forged with teachers and staff.

Monday she was one of the eight support staffers laid off.

"I'm going to miss the kids the most," Kanine said. "I'll try to volunteer, because these kids have a connection with me, and I want to see them succeed."

Kanine said she was pretty sure she would be cut.

"As far as the layoffs, they were inevitable. I know it was a hard decision," Kanine said. "But these positions are crucial to the classrooms."

Kanine's story is duplicated by the layoffs of eight teaching aides, the school nurse and a part-time teaching position, stories which are becoming too common across the state because of the state's education budget deficit.

The Charlevoix School Board approved the layoff of Debbie Boss, the library assistant at the high school, Brenda Bryan, Kim Drost, a support staff member in the middle school counseling office, Sue Goss, of the responsible thinking classroom and 2003 OPIE (Outstanding Person in Education) winner, Kanine, Margaret Myers, Tyvin Whittaker, of the focus room in the middle school, Bonnie Withrow and Sue Dixon, the elementary school nurse.

"It broke my heart to make the cuts," board member Diane Kilkenny said after the meeting. "These are people I know. They're not just people who have a job, they're community members and friends."

One of those laid-off, Goss, said she is not sure what the schools could do to save her and the others' positions.

She said cuts to the busing routes and athletic department were discussed by some of the teachers in the elementary school.

"I would like to think they have already though of those," she said.

Goss said the people that were cut are instrumental to the education of our children.

"I know four people in our building that are being cut worked directly with kids every day," she said.

Goss said she is planning on going back to school to get her master's degree in counseling.

Superintendent John Sturock met with the employees last week, and the layoffs started with the lowest seniority.

"These people are outstanding employees in the district, but unfortunately, we have to draw a line somewhere

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A tasty downtown event

Hundreds of people converged in Charlevoix's East Park Saturday for the first Taste of Charlevoix. The event gave residents and visitors a chance to try the tasty treats offered by the many Charlevoix area restaurants. (Left) Bianca Drumstedt, 1, of New York opens wide for a bite to eat at the event. (Below) Jeff Sprecksell, of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant, serves up some soup.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Photo by Jeremy McBain

City making fixes to plant

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor
And by JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff writer

The city of Charlevoix is hoping its corrective action plan will be enough to save it from hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) could levy for discharge permit violations that happened at Charlevoix's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In early April the city hired Tim Truax, a Traverse City based consultant, to identify problems at the plant and to make recommendations as to how to solve them.

Truax's report was completed late last week and included recommendations for the city and 17 equipment and safety fixes needed.

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Weisner said Monday, "We already will have, by the end of this week, 15 plus of the items taken care of."

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Peter John Dishnow, 26, Alanson. Operating while intoxicated. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day. 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor; $1,100 in fines and costs.

Jamy Brooke Warner, 18, Gaylord. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Abby Jane Everest, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Eric David Williams, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $100.

Kaley Marie Weller, 18, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Amanda Jean Vigneau, 18, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Shawn Michael Kenny, 19, East Jordan. No valid driver's license. Fines and costs totaling $275.

Kristen Lynn Smith, 17, Wolverine. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $375.

Jessie James Wisdom, 21, Boyne City. Assault with a dangerous weapon. Bound over to Circuit Court.

Jessie James Wisdom, 21, Boyne City. Fleeing and alluding officers, third degree. Bound over to Circuit Court.

Emily Pauline Blackburn, 24, Boyne City. Larceny of a building and forgery. Bound over to Circuit Court.

Scott Edward Pair, 47, Charlevoix. Disorderly person/drunk. One year probation; 90 days in jail with credit for two days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 73 days on electronic monitor, must attend substance abuse classes; $500 in fines and costs.

Joseph Henry Hull, 32, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, first degree. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 45 days on electronic monitor, 41 days held in abeyance; $1,175 in fines and costs.

Alana Rose Gusmano,17, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Francis Thomas Roselli, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Zachary Scott Carlston, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Tyler Patrick Kalbfleisah, 17, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Michael Thomas Kucera, 27, Boyne City. Domestic Violence. Nine months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for two days, 91 days held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Michael Roy Graus, 50, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, second degree. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 52 days held in abeyance; $1,100 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Sonya Walden, 31, Charlevoix. Forgery. Two years probation; 11 months in jail with credit for one day, serve 150 days.

Carol Anne Zipp, 36, East Jordan. Maintaining a drug house. Twenty-four months probation; 180 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 150 days, must complete rehabilitative services.

John Wesley Curtis,18, Charlevoix. Maintaining a drug house. Twenty-four months probation; 180 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 150 days, must complete rehabilitative services.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Trillium Hill Naturals of Boyne, 516 E. Division St., Boyne City, by Lois McCurdy

Marriages

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Colin Daniel Carr, 23, Denver, Colo. and April Marie Roberts, 23, Boyne City

Patrick Jay Eeker, 25, Boyne City and Melissa Kay Daniels, 19, Boyne City

Timothy Clinton Kelley, 32, East Jordan and Angela Jo Ciesielski, 26, East Jordan

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

William W. Lovett vs. Marilyn K. Hall

Michael Dohm vs. Donna J. Dohm

Births

Savannah Lindsay weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces, was born to Luke Hausler and Melanie Hubble of Boyne City on June 16, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Aiden Lewis, weighing 9 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Joel and Jessica Clark of Charlevoix on June 8, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Zander Brice, weighing 9 pounds, was born to Travis Johnecheek and Shannon Skrocki of East Jordan on June 9, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Austin, Rebecca, Jony and Logan, Grandparents are Dave and Dee Skrocki of East Jordan and Kelvin and Cindy Johnecheck of Boyne City.

Mallory Joann, weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces, was born to Mark and Larissa Staley of East Jordan on June 10, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
June 15	68	54	—
June 16	74	57	.01
June 17	63	53	.78
June 18	71	47	.02
June 19	63	47	—
June 20	72	58	—
June 21	71	52	—

Church to present concert Sunday

At 4 p.m., on Sunday, June 27 the "Sundays At Four" concert series hosts the Brazeal Dennard Chorale at the Charlevoix Congregational/UCC Church.

This group of trained singers is one of the premier chorales in the country. Its annual "Classical Roots" concert series with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra is a favorite with Detroit area audiences.

The concert will include works by Handel, Mendelssohn and Rossini as well as significant choral works by American composers.

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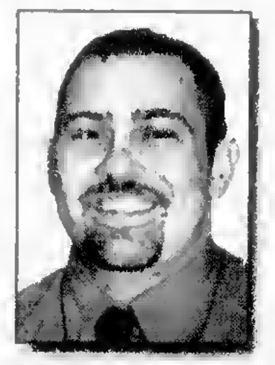

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Charlevoix Courier

Former Courier intern, Pace, hired as staff writer

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The *Charlevoix Courier* has hired Charlevoix resident Courtney E. Pace as the new staff writer.

Courtney E. Pace

Pace began working at the Courier on Monday and will be filling the shoes of former writer Julie Witthoeft — who left the newspaper for a career as a marketing coordinator with Lexalite International in Charlevoix.

"Pace is a welcome addition to the staff and I am sure she will do a fine job keeping the citizens of Charlevoix up to date on all that is happening in this area," Courier Editor Jeremy McBain said.

This is not the first time Pace has been a member of the *Charlevoix Courier* staff. In 2002 she was the summer intern at the Courier, covering various feature stories around town.

In her current position, Pace will be primarily reporting on the city government of Charlevoix and the school district. She will also be writing many stories about the people and events that make Charlevoix unique and keeping readers updated on what is happening in the townships.

Pace is a December 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University with a double major in journalism and creative writing. She also graduated Magna Cum Laude from her school.

Before attending Western Michigan University, she graduated from Edward S. Marcus High School in Flower Mound, Texas.

Her mother, Diane Pace, and sister, Lindsey Pace — a Charlevoix High School graduate — live in Charlevoix.

Pace said she decided to go into journalism because she always liked writing and wanted a job where she can do what she loves and get paid for it.

"It is hard to get a job as an author, so I was looking at other writing careers," she said. "I took a journalism class and liked it."

She said it was a perfect marriage between her love of writing and her love of asking questions and finding out about new ideas and people.

In addition to being an intern for the Courier, Pace also wrote for her campus newspaper, *The Western Herald* for about a year-and-a-half.

Pace said she applied for the Courier position because she had worked here before and knew what it was like.

"By working here I get to know the community I live in," she said.

As for the future, Pace said she would like to write for the *New York Times* or *Vogue* magazine.

Attee hired as intern

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Northwest Academy salutatorian Gina Attee, 18, of Charlevoix, has joined the staff of the *Charlevoix Courier* as its summer news intern.

Gina Attee

Attee will be writing about two stories a week this summer on everything from the interesting people of Charlevoix to the many events that keep us entertained.

"Attee already has the makings of being a fine journalist after college. Once her schooling is up, I am sure she will make the Charlevoix community proud," Courier Editor Jeremy McBain.

Attee has been a resident of Charlevoix since her kindergarten days at Charlevoix Elementary School. When she was in the eleventh grade at Charlevoix High School, she switched to Northwest Academy because of its fine music program.

After spending the summer writing for the *Charlevoix Courier*, Attee will be attending Grand Valley State University where she will be majoring in English.

She said she wants to be an editor when she graduates.

She said she decided on the internship at the Courier because she wanted to learn more about the journalism profession.

Attee also works at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, where she is a lifeguard, watersafety instructor, coaches the swim team and helps out with the "aqua-size" classes.

Attee enjoys sailing, swimming and music. She plays the trumpet, flute, French horn, baritone, trombone and piano, plus she is a member of the Northwest Academy Jazz Band and Charlevoix Community Band. Her parents are Keith and Karen Attee of Charlevoix. Attee also has a brother, Cameron, who will be a junior at Charlevoix High School.

Health agency offers HIV testing

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is expanding its hours to accommodate persons who want to get tested for HIV infection in observance of National HIV Testing Day, set this year on Sunday, June 27.

To schedule an appointment for confidential and anonymous HIV testing, call (800) 432-4121 during regular business hours. Appointments are available in Emmet and Otsego counties.

Obtaining a sample for testing is quick and painless.

"We don't use needles any more to obtain a testing sample - just a mouth swab," said Bert Notestine, who coordinates the HIV Testing and Counseling Program a the health department. Notestine said it is important for everyone to know their HIV status, especially people who have engaged in risky behaviors like unprotected sex or sharing needles.

In the 20 years since the epidemic began, the medical community has made a lot of progress in diagnosing and treating HIV disease. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that between 850,000 and 900,000 Americans are infected with HIV.

An estimated quarter of a million people do not know they are infected, and may continue to engage in behavior that could jeopardize their health, and the health of others.

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Tax cuts can have a downside to area

EDITORIAL

Last week the Charlevoix Public School's Board of Education had to make a tough motion — to lay-off eight teacher's aides and the school nurse because of budget cuts.

These cuts come because there simply is not enough funding coming into the schools from the state. Charlevoix is not the only school facing this problem. Almost every school around us in northern Michigan is facing difficulty.

To make matters worse, the future does not look promising and we may have to make more cuts next year. So, while it is tough enough to lose some very valuable teacher's aides, we could be facing the prospect of cuts to the teaching staff next year, the athletic programs, the music programs, busing or any number of other departments.

So, what is the cause of this problem? Well, it all starts back in the 1990s with the passage of proposal A. Proposal A was a fantastic idea that allowed for the funding of schools in the state of Michigan, without the schools having to rely on raising property tax millages to do so. But, part of the funding for proposal A came from other state taxes, such as the gas tax, that state politicians did not like too much.

So, because the economy was so good, these politicians — who have never seen a tax they really like — started cutting away at the little taxes and not really caring or realizing that they could affect the school funding.

Then the economy went south and with it the funding for the schools. Those little meaningless tax cuts started to hurt.

While cutting taxes is always great and popular, the problem is many politicians do not realize the impact of those cuts. They do not realize that sometimes we need some taxes in order to fulfill our responsibilities to the people of Michigan — one of them being good schools.

And they still don't get it. Recently the state house passed a tax exemption for home developers because they felt this industry needed some help — which it doesn't. However, this cut will take $90 million out of the school funding budget. This tax cut does nothing to help out the people of this state, other than developers.

We need our politicians to think before they make mindless tax cuts. Yes, tax cuts are great, but can we afford it and do we have funding resources available to replace them?

Now is the time to make the right choices for school funding on the state level. Reject this lame tax exemption for developers, make other intelligent tax decisions and give our students a good education.

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Keep an eye open for the destructive ash borer beetle

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

As a group, beetles are almost surely the most common sorts of creatures on land.

According to biological legend, Thomas Huxley, a diligent defender of Charles Darwin, was once asked by a clergyman what his long study of biology had taught him about the nature of God. Huxley is supposed to have replied that God must have an inordinate fondness for beetles, since he had made so many of them.

A book listing and describing only the common insects of North America has more than 600 kinds of beetles in it. If we counted the rare ones as well, around us here in America, we might find ten times that number. Worldwide the number of kinds of beetles is well up in the hundreds of thousands.

With that many possibilities, the chances are pretty good that at least a few of them cause harm to plants or animals we care about. And with all the movement of people and their products around the world, the chances of a half-inch long beetle stowing away and traveling between continents are very good indeed. Humans collectively have aided the transport of hundreds of kinds of beetles and other insects for all the centuries we have been traveling and transporting our goods and belongings.

All this is preparatory to announcing the arrival in at least one place in northern Michigan of a new and potentially destructive beetle from Asia. A creature called the Emerald Ash Borer has been in southeast Michigan for as many as 10 years. And it was found in northeast Michigan within the last year.

To put it simply, the activities of the worm-like, pre-adult ash borers can kill ash trees. They have killed thousands of ash trees in southeast Michigan and have the potential to do the same anywhere ash trees grow in the state.

The adults are pretty easy to recognize. They are a half-inch long, slender and are a brilliant emerald green. They would be out crawling and flying around near Ash trees at this time of year, especially on sunny days. You won't see the tree-boring young worms, since they are chewing away at the vital, food-transporting wood layers just under the bark. But if your ash tree is infected, you will see falling leaves and dead branches early in the summer. If there are a large number of borers, they can kill a healthy, large ash tree in two or three years. Only ash trees are harmed by the beetles and their young ones.

It is impossible to spray for only the emerald ash borer. General spraying would kill hundreds of kinds of worthwhile insects and other animals. What can be done is to help prevent them from spreading. An adult beetle can fly only a short distance and on their own the beetles would find their way to our area only after decades. But transporting ash wood, with the bark on it can carry the dormant beetles for hundreds of miles. And if the wood comes from the infested southeast quarter of Michigan, those destructive beetles can get here in one day.

Ash makes great fireplace wood and many people seek it out for that purpose, but transporting ash firewood into our area will almost certainly speed up the arrival of troublesome pests.

Over the next hundred years emerald ash borers will live and thrive anywhere there are ash trees, and we will have added an attractive beetle to our locality. But for now, protecting your ash trees is best done by trying to ensure that we don't haul the beetles around with us. The beetles are just trying to make a living and raise a family, but we don't have to help them.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letters to the editor

Confusing remarks

Editor:

I'm confused regarding Charlevoix city Manager Mike Wiesner's recent comments in the *Charlevoix Courier* regarding property tax revenues and the city budget. I challenge Mike and the City of Charlevoix to publish the amount of tax proceeds collected from non-residents of second homes (especially condominiums), boat slips and other properties that don't benefit from Proposal A or require little or no city services. In addition, Charlevoix should consider reducing its capital spending on new "Bricks and Mortar" rather then taxing non-residents to the maximum and reducing teachers and other valuable city workers and services.

Daniel Fair

Troy

School should start later

Editor:

I think Middle School students should start school one hour later. The students wouldn't be as tired. Children need about 10 hours of sleep to have a good day at school.

First of all, the students are getting up too early in the morning. A) A lot of kids don't eat a great breakfast in the morning. B) Some kids have to get up at 5:30 a.m. If we start school one hour later, the parents could take their child or children to school, so the

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child or children wouldn't have to stay outside waiting for the bus when it's dark. They now have to go outside at 6 a.m. when it's dark out. C) Some busses are picking up kids at 6:15 a.m. to arrive to school on time.

Second of all, kids are coming home to an empty house earlier in the day. A) Both of the parents are usually working when the kids get home. B) 9-and 10-year-olds shouldn't be left home alone after school is over.

Third of all, kids are really tired during classes. A) Kids are not getting enough sleep at night. B) Students are falling asleep during classes. C) Kids don't have as much energy like they do on Saturdays and Sundays.

That is what I think should happen. I hope you enjoyed reading this letter. Thank you for your time.

Hillary Lutz
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Gymnastics center needed

Editor:

Do you want your children to stay occupied through the whole year? I am proposing a new gymnastics and dance center in Charlevoix. The center could be located at the old Quality Farm and Fleet. My first reason, gymnasts have to go out of town because there is no place for them to go in Charlevoix. Children and parents have to go to Petoskey or Boyne City for their class. Also, they have to leave early to get there on time. Another reason is, parents hate driving out of town. It takes up a lot of gas and homework time for the kids. Besides, it takes up relaxation time after a long day at work. Parents also have to stay at the center and watch their children. It would take too much gas and time to go back out of town, and then back in.

Another important reason is that the Quality Farm and Fleet is just sitting there! We should use the building for something. There is a ton of parking space as well. The building is also huge! We could fit two of everything in there. For example, bars, beams, pits, vaults and a gigantic floor!

For my last reason, East Jordan could share the new center with us. It's only 10 to 15 minutes away. While their children are in class, parents could go and shop at Kmart. It's also way overcrowded at Boyne and Petoskey.

In conclusion, the people of Charlevoix should consider putting a gymnastics center in the Quality Farm and Fleet. I really hope you go with my idea!

Taylor Storm
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

The small town spirit

Editor:

What wonderful small town spirit was illustrated by all those in Charlevoix who pulled together to 1) defeat Wal-Mart and 2) support the new library millages.

Whether we agree with the outcomes, we can all be proud of the "people power" who cared so much that they were willing to "think outside the box" and dare to make their dreams come true.

As a relative newcomer to the community, I was not directly involved with either project but I certainly am in awe of the pride shown and I congratulate those who made the commitment to "go the extra mile" to retain the spirit of our special community.

The Rev. Mary Snell Willis
Charlevoix

Wal-Mart will be back

Editor:

Charlevoix thinks they have won a victory over Wal-Mart.

Well, think again. This is not over by far.

Wal-Mart pulled out as they did in several other places. So our so called Our Town people did not win a victory. Who knows when Wal-Mart may choose to return and if so they will win just as they would have if they had not backed out.

These people who say they belong to Our Town Charlevoix, just how many of them are true natives?

How long have they been in Charlevoix? Just where did the $5,000 come from to pay for the speech of Mr. Al Noman for two hours work. Where did it come from? Us taxpayers?

The money could have been better used, than to waste it on Norman's speech. We were handed out cards to write questions and/or comments on for Norman to read and answer. But did they get to him, did they get read or answered? No!

I know for a fact that three or four cards were handed to a lady and they never did get turned in.

Linda L. Frye
A native of Charlevoix

(Editor's note: The speech by anti-sprawl author Al Norman was paid for by the private group This Is Our Town.)

Letter response

Editor:

This is my response to Alec Sheets' letter to the editor in the *Charlevoix Courier* June 2 edition.

It is extremely puzzling to me as to what the reasoning was that prompted Mr. Sheets to divulge how the various police department unions serving Charlevoix County voted on who they are supporting for prosecutor. Because of Mr. Sheets' earlier career as an officer of the law, perhaps he feels "As go the police unions' vote," - "So should go the vote of Charlevoix County"? Is this some form of subtle coercion? My first thought was what a "cheap shot" to even do it, and then to also make it public. My second thought was most important to me and that was when Mr. Sheets referred to the prosecutor as the "Chief Law Enforcement Official." The police union ballots revealed so many votes against our Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur. This made me think, "This lady runs a 'tight ship', 'a no nonsense type person', 'do your job and do it right'"! My guess is that this would be exactly what we taxpayers deserve from our law enforcement, since our tax dollars pay their wages. Is it possible that some of those police officers aren't performing their duties to the degree they should be? In addition I also feel the people of Charlevoix County deserve to know that Mr. John Haggard, Charlevoix County Republican Party Chairman, is the father-in-law of Mr. Alec Sheets, which makes Mr. Jarema's Campaign Manager, Barbara Sheets, Mr. Haggard's daughter. (This serves as further clarification to the editor's note of 6-02-04). Several Charlevoix residents have commented to me that as chairman of the Charlevoix County Republican Party, Mr. Haggard and family shouldn't be taking sides until after the primary is over. In conclusion, to be politically correct, if the Haggard family has a personal problem with our prosecutor and wish to go public with their opinions, then Mr. Haggard should resign as chairman of the Charlevoix County Republican Party.

Jill Picha
Charlevoix

(Editor's note: As of this date, John Haggard has not personally endorsed any candidate.)

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Wedding

Meyerson — Dewey

Benjamin Tauber Meyerson and Nicole Rae Dewey, both of Sandy, Utah were married on May 22, 2004 at Zion National Park in Utah.

They were married by the mayor of Hurricane, Utah.

Nicole is the daughter of Donna and Larry Dewey of Saskatchuan, Canada. Ben is the son of Berta Meyerson Molasky of Charlevoix and West Bloomfield.

The couple biked along the coast from San Francisco into Sonoma and Napa Valley as a wedding trip.

They are making Sandy, Utah their home.

After the wedding, the Meyersons-Molaskys boated on Lake Powell on a large houseboat for three days and a great time was had by all from ages 3 to 75.

Engagement

Swenor — Matkovich

Jennifer Swenor and Victor Matkovich are engaged to be married.

Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Swenor of Charlevoix. Victor is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Velimir Matkovich of Columbus, Ohio.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Charlevoix High School. She graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2002, with a degree in cytogenetics, and she is employed by Ohio State University as a cancer research assistant.

Her fiance' is a graduate of the University of Southern California with a bachelor's degree in cinema television. He currently owns his own video production company called Outsider Entertainment.

Jennifer and Victor are planning a Aug. 28, 2004 wedding at the Belvedere Club.

Book shop to feature local author

The Bridge Street Book Shop of Charlevoix is hosting local author Suzy Farhman this week.

She will be signing copies of her hook, "Back From Betrayal," at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 26.

"Back From Betrayal," is a brutally honest account of marital infidelity and the long journey back to reconciliation. This personal odyssey is one of the first published by a woman who confronted infidelity and went on to save her marriage.

Also included in the hook are the revelations and insights of Suzy's husband, Burton.

Farbman has been a journalist for more than 30 years, writing for the *Detroit News, Women's Wear Daily, Cosmopolitan*, as well as serving as a regional editor for *Better Homes and Gardens*. The couple have a home near Charlevoix and downstate.

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Gilbert completes her wedding book update

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

With the finishing of the updated book, "The Complete Wedding Planner," Edith Gilbert will present a book signing at 7 p.m. on June 24 at the Bridge Street Book Shop.

Edith Gilbert

The edition of the planner, which was released in May, is the fourth since 1982.

The book covers everything from marriage preparations and ceremony traditions to announcement stationery and wedding music.

"There are a lot of little things throughout the book that are helpful," said Gilbert.

Gilbert said she included "a lot more amplification on ethnic weddings, scattered families, and proxy weddings" to account for "changing lifestyles."

For example, proxy wedding details range from the history of the proxy wedding to the proxy wedding laws.

A proxy wedding occurs when either the bride or groom or not able to be present for the wedding ceremony. In this case, someone stands in to say, "I do," for the absent person.

Also, the book has information on religious faith wedding traditions, such as the new Catholic wedding tradition where the bride and groom act as hosts when the guests arrive, instead of not seeing each other before the ceremony.

Interesting heritage wedding customs range from traditional wedding dress to flower superstitions and music choice.

In the Latino wedding, for example, flowers have meanings. Dahlias and chrysanthemums may be associated with death, and yellow flowers represent contempt. Roses, on the other hand, are generally a safe choice for the wedding flowers in heritage weddings.

Question and answer sections throughout the book answer many real-life questions about the wedding as well. Inquiries such as "My fiancé would like to be married in a church, but I've always dreamed of a home wedding. How can we reach a fair decision?" and "We have chosen a beautiful wedding cake…can we freeze the top to be enjoyed on our first anniversary?" are answered in depth in the book.

You can, by the way, freeze the top of the cake if it is a commercial cake or made from fruitcake. Otherwise, homemade cakes only last about three months.

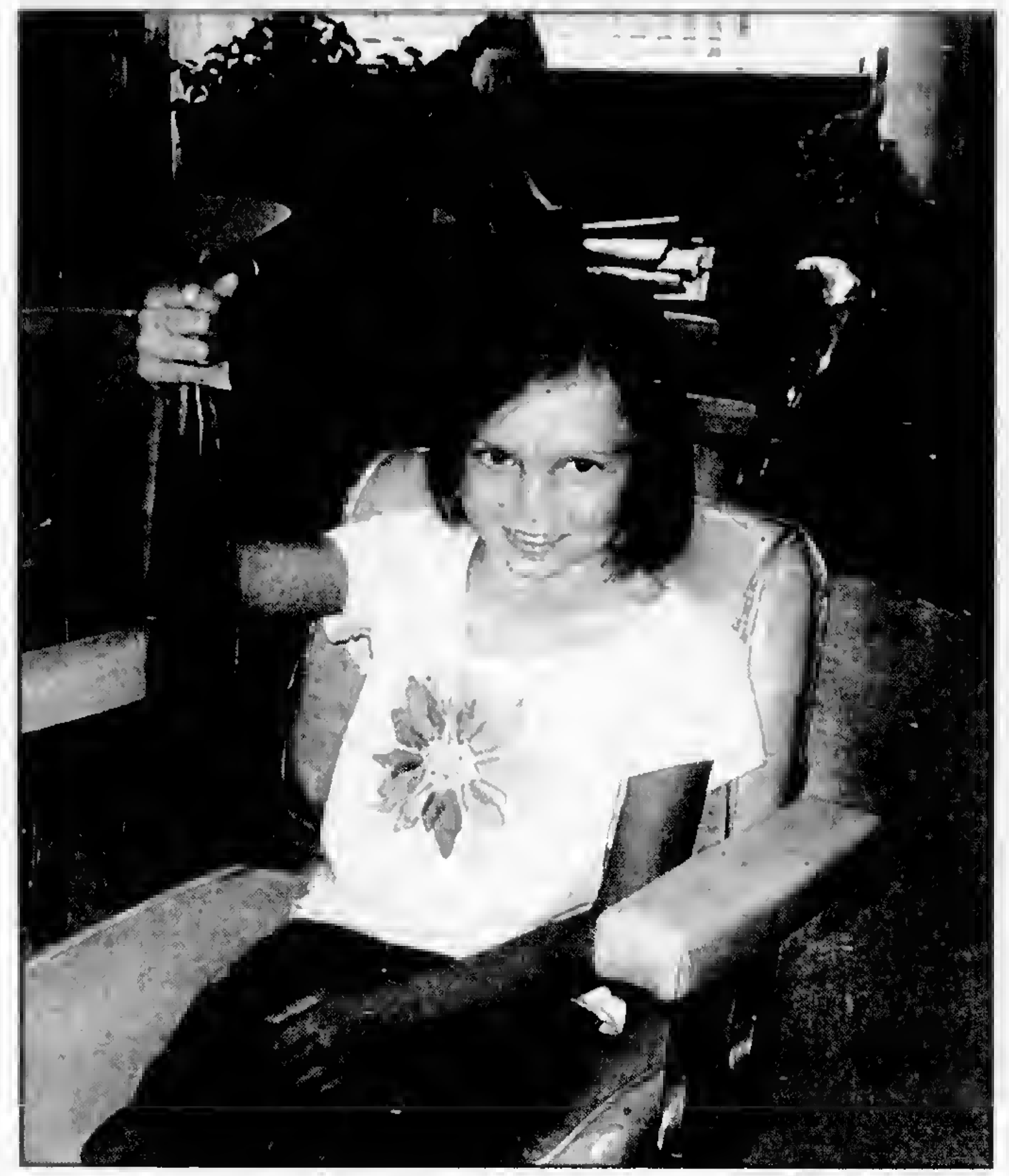
Overall, the book has undergone minor changes in all areas, with more major changes in some.

"Every chapter has amplification," Gilbert added.

Other Gilbert books that will be available for signing are "Easy Entertaining" and "Summer Resort Life: Tango Teas and All." Gilbert said she is "still very proud of 'Easy Entertaining.'"

She added that the popularity of "Summer Resort Life" has recently taken on "a second life."

Gilbert is a writer for the *United Features Syndicate*, the *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, and a columnist for the *Charlevoix Courier*. She has written several other books on entertaining, and is a long-time Charlevoix resident.



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Locks of Love

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Diane Kiefer, RN, District Manager for Arbonne International, will offer classes on skin care and natural hormone therapy on **Tuesday, June 29.**

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Obituaries

Clara Roberta Foster: April 11, 1931 - June 13, 2004

Clara Roberta "Pat" Foster, 73, died Sunday, June 13, 2004 at Grandview Medical Facility in East Jordan.

She was born on April 11, 1931 in Ypsilanti, the daughter of Cliffton and Mary (Howling) Ledbetter.

Pat left Chelsea in 1981, moving to Beaver Island and Charlevoix. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Senior Citizens. She was a former employee of the Chelsea Retirement Community and the Chelsea School District.

On March 19, 1949, she married Robert L. Foster in Lapeer and he preceded her in death on Sept. 30, 1992.

Survivors include two sons, Michael (Brenda) of Chelsea, and Mark of Ypsilanti; one daughter, Mrs. Steven (Carolyn) Pullen of Roseville; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sons, Scott Foster and Terry Foster.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 27, at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix.

Burial will be at Oak Grove East Cemetery in Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix.

Jean Marie Graves: Died June 13, 2004

Jean Marie Graves, 72, of Grand Rapids, passed away June 13, 2004 at Spectrum Health Hospital - Butterworth Campus after a sudden illness.

Jean was a loving mother and wonderful wife, and touched the hearts of many others. She worked for 25 years as a medical surgical clerk for Charlevoix Area Hospitals.

Jean is survived by her husband Russ Graves, a former counselor, athletic director, and coach at Central Lake High School.

She was preceded in death by her son, Robert, and is survived by her children, Debbie, Pete, Russ, Rhonda and Andy, as well as 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Visitation was Wednesday, June 16, with a private graveside service for the immediate family afterwards.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Jean Graves to one of three charities: Central Lake High School Jean Graves Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 128, Central Lake, MI 49622; Cook Valley Benevolent Fund, 4450 Cascade Road, Grand Rapids, MI 49546; Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, 14700 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720, 547-8502, cah.org.

Donations can also be sent to the Mortensen Funeral Homes P.O. Box 488, Central Lake, MI 49622.

Shirley Gregory: Dec. 24, 1926 - June 14, 2004

Shirley Martha Johanna Gregory, 77, of Charlevoix, formerly of Mancelona, died Monday, June 14, 2004, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral was Friday, June 18, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

The Pastor Brent Bontrager officiated and interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Mancelona.

Shirley was born Dec. 24, 1926, in Highland Park, the daughter of Bruno and Olga (Schiller) Mueller. On Oct. 29, she married Roy Gregory in 1955.

They made their home in Ferndale before moving to Mancelona in 1972. Roy preceded her in death on April 15, 1991, and Shirley moved to Charlevoix in 1996 where she became an active member of the Charlevoix Senior Center and its crafts group. She enjoyed craft making, cross-stitching, and helping with the senior center dinners.

She is survived by her son, Alan L. (Janine) Gregory, of Charlevoix; grandsons, Brendan and Christopher Gregory; brothers, Elmer Mueller of Rochester Hills, and Ken (Betty Jo) Mueller of Royal Oak. Shirley was also preceded in death by a brother, Herb Mueller.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northwest Michigan Community Health (NMCH)-Hospice.

Timothy Read Ives: April 9, 1928 - June 14, 2004

Timothy Read Ives, 76, of Bloomington, Ill. died June 14 at his residence.

He was born April 9, 1928, to Ernset L. Ives and Elizabeth (Stevenson)

On June 23, 1954, he married Adrienne Osborne in Lake Forest, Ill.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Alison A. Ives of Lake Forest, Ill. and Sandra I. (William) Powell of Shaker Heights, Ohio; and one son, Timothy O. (Wendy) Ives of Bloomington, Ill., as well as eight grandchildren.

A graveside service for Mr. Ives will be later this summer.

He attended Brooks School in North Andover, Mass. and was a member of the class of 1951 at the University of Virginia.

He was chairman and past president of Bloomington Broadcasting Inc., retiring in 1988.

He was an active supporter of many community organizations, including serving as Director and President of the McLean County Historical Society, Bloomington Unlimited, the Association of Commerce, the National Radio Broadcasters Association and the Bloomington Country Club.

He also was a director of the Daily Pantagraph.

He was a U.S. Air Force pilot in the Korean War and retired as a captain. He was also a member of the Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. Memorials may be made to the McLean County Historical Society of a charity of the donor's choice.

Michael Arthur Nelson: Aug. 27, 1985 - June 19, 2004

Michael Arthur Nelson

Michael Arthur Nelson, 18, of Charlevoix died Saturday, June 19, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He was born Aug. 27, 1985 in Pontiac, the son of Michael Loren and Lori Ann (Tulgetske) Nelson. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2003.

He worked for Siegwart Building Company in Charlevoix. He was an assistant soccer coach for the 4H team.

Michael is survived by his mother and stepfather, Lori Ann Nelson-Gaudette and James Gaudette of Charlevoix; grandparents Geraldine and Richard Arthur Tulgetske of Rogers City and Leroy and Joyce Nelson of Fenton; sihlings, Cassandra Nelson of Petoskey, James Gaudette II of Charlevoix, Joey Gaudette of Cheboygan and Wendy Gaudette of Onaway; Godparents Rachael and David Harris and their children, Andrew and Kailee Harris, all of Holly; as well as the "Love of Michael's Life," Star Harp of Charlevoix.

He was preceded in death by his father, Michael Loren Nelson in 1989.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given to the Nelson Family, 749 Petoskey Avenue, Charlevoix.

Arrangements were handled by the Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix.

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05291 M-66 North

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Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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11906 US-31 North

Divine Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson .... 547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Father Jim Gunn. 547-6322

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205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
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Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.

President Michael Robbins 588-2112
or Missionaries 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Dinner & Program	6:00 p.m.

Reverend Mary Willis 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
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Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Mike Mitchell 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm

Pastor Greg Timmins 231-238-0052

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.

Pastor Carrol (Pete) Aronson 547-6283

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A refreshing drink

Jean Morrow, of Scovie's Dell, rearranges some wine bottles in the beer and wine tent at the first Taste of Charlevoix Saturday in East Park. Visitors could try out several different brands of wine.

Obituary

David L. Gerritsen: Died June 15, 2004

David L. Gerritsen of Rochester, N.Y. died on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 at the age of 48.

David passed away at home after along courageous hattle with cancer.

Predeceased hy his father, Kenneth, he is survived hy his mother, Gloria Gerritsen of Greensburg, Pa.; sister, Sandra (Michael) Hogan; hrothers, Mark, Larry (Marla) and Steve (Sharon); nephew, Michael; nieces, Lauren and Haley; and many wonderful and supportive friends.

Crawford Funeral Home in Rochester, N.Y. conducted a memorial service Sunday, June 20, at Ashury First United Methodist Church, Rochester, N.Y.

Those who wish may contrihute, in lieu of flowers, to Gilda's Cluh of Rochester, 255 Alexander Street, Rochester N.Y. 14607 or the American Cancer Society in David's memory.

Cancer resources available at library

A Cancer Resource Program involving not only resources, hut also, education, support (in many forms) and training; is a partnership venture of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation and the Charlevoix Puhlic Library.

"We've both had increasing requests for additional educational programs, the electronic support needed to pursue information and the training to be ahle to use the new technologies," said Val Meyerson, director of the Charlevoix Public Library.

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation received its initial donations designated for Cancer Support services, from the "Pink Ribbon Ride Bike4Breast Cancer" fund-raiser in memory of Kathleen McDonald of Boyne City.

The Pink Ribbon Bike Ride had its second annual ride on June 19 .

This year an additional 1.4 million Americans will have that most frightening of conversations with their doctor.

Having a cancer diagnosis can he a life-changing experience for family, friends and co-workers, as well as the cancer patient.

Dr. Ervin A. Hire, Jr., M.D., director of Northern Michigan Hematology/Oncology in Petoskey, has had a weekly clinic in Charlevoix since March 13, 2001. He is very pleased to have the Cancer Resource Program available locally.

Hire is a member of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Consulting Physician staff. Having him in Charlevoix keeps many area and local residents close to home for treatment.

Hire feels that having support in many ways helps the "patients cope with the physical and psychological ramifications of the disease."

Many support services are offered through this "Circle Of Strength." Many people find help from talking with other people who have experienced the same challenges.

Joint computer training to help people access the Internet to search out medical information will soon he offered.

Charlevoix Lihrary Director Val Meyerson said she has Linda Adams availahle at the lihrary to teach medical Internet searches. There will he quiet areas availahle hoth in the library and in the hospital, where patients and their family/friends can learn to search the internet.

For Cancer Resource information call 547-8950.

Those calling may leave a private and confidential message, and they will receive a call hack if volunteers are not immediately available.

For information ahout the program or to make a donation in support of the program, you may call the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Office at 547-8502. For information about cancer resources at the library call the Charlevoix Public Library at 547-2651.

Official Notice

Charlevoix Township
MINUTES OF REGULAR - June 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Glass with board members Martin, Rajewski and Center present.

The minutes of the May 10, 2004 meeting were approved.

The financial report was presented.

Resolution adopted to award the bid for the Pine Point Sewer to MDC Contracting, LLC.

Motion carried to contribute $5,000 to the Venetian Festival Inc.

Motion carried to direct the township planning commission to work on lowering the square footage of buildings in the Commercial zone and to consider a Blight Ordinance for the township.

Motion carried to adjust the budget to meet the expenditures.

Motion carried to transfer $3,000, from gen. fund to water fund for rent by the fire department.

Motion carried to schedule the Settlement Day Meeting for June 30th at 9:00 a.m.

Motion carried to schedule Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing for July 12th at 7:00 p.m. prior to Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Correspondence was read requesting a street light at the corner of McSauba Rd. and Carson Ave.

Motion carried to allow the Clerk to pay bills presented and appropriated.

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Kur harassment case back in the court room

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

A case pitting two former employees of the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office against Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur and the county may be headed back to court.

"It is absolutely necessary for the citizens of Charlevoix County to know of the misconduct in Kur's office and the county's liability for allowing violations of the law simply because Kur is an elected official," said one of the former employees, Sandra Ward, in a written statement.

Earlier this spring a lawsuit brought by former employees Ward, the victim assistance coordinator, and Jacqueline Rozema, an office manager for Kur, against Kur and the county for violating the Whistleblowers Act and subjected them to retaliation and a hostile work environment after giving depositions in another Whistleblowers lawsuit filed last year by former Chief Assistant Prosecutor John Jarema.

However it was dismissed by Thirteenth Circuit Court Judge Thomas Power in April because neither Rozema nor Ward were fired or forced to quit their jobs.

But, Ward and Rozema's case has new life because Ward has resigned from her position and Rozema has retired. Therefore, Powers recently granted a motion to amend the case he dismissed due to this new information.

Kur's attorney, Dennis Taylor, said, "The judge thought they had the right under court rules to amend. I thought it was rather off to amend a case that has already been dismissed."

Taylor added, "They are on the canvas. Both those lawsuits (Ward and Rozema) had already been dismissed."

Taylor also represents the county in this matter.

Parsons said, basically the judget dismissed the case because the two women had resigned. So, now that they have resigned he was willing to allow it to come back.

He added this new information comes with the additional fact that Ward had tried to get a new job in the county — he claims there were 11 openings — and she had been turned down for all of them.

Therefore, the women have added a new claim to their lawsuits — that they were discriminated against because of a disability. The disability was severe stress, which was caused by Kur, they claim.

"Rozema said working there was like working in a concentration camp," Parsons said.

The two women had taken medical leave 14 months earlier, but had remained county employees using accrued sick leave. Once the sick leave was up, wages, medical benefits and retirement contributions for the women was discontinued.

Parsons is quick to point out this lawsuit is not just because the women had a stressful work environment and their boss was mean to them. What makes this different, he said, is the stress was caused by hostile treatment based on the women's testimony in the Jarema case.

In 2002 a lawsuit was filed by former chief assistant prosecutor John Jarema claiming a violation of the Whistleblower's Act. At the county insurance provider's insistence, Jarema's lawsuit was settled in late March with a $50,000 award in his favor. Jarema is currently running against Kur for the county prosecutor's position.

In the past, Kur has denied she treated Ward and Rozema any differently due to their testimony in the case. Plus, the county commissioners on the Charlevoix County Commission's Personnel Committee found that the conditions in the prosecutor's office were bad, but ruled the women were not being harassed because they were not being discriminated against.

And because Kur is an elected official, the committee said legally they have no say in what happens in her office.

In the first lawsuit, both women wanted a judgment in their favor and "compensatory economic and noneconomic damages in an amount that is fair and just exceeding $25,000, in addition to costs, attorney fees and any other relief..."

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Fire destroys abandoned building

A small fire broke out last Friday due to child's play.

The fire occurred at 3446 Marion Center Road on the property of Arthur Kuhafelhuhn in an abandoned building.

According to Fire Commander Joe Schwartzfisher, firefighters arrived on the scene at 3:52 p.m. and had the fire under control by 4:05 p.m.

"It was a misuse of ignition by a minor child," Schwartzfisher said. "It was a total accident."

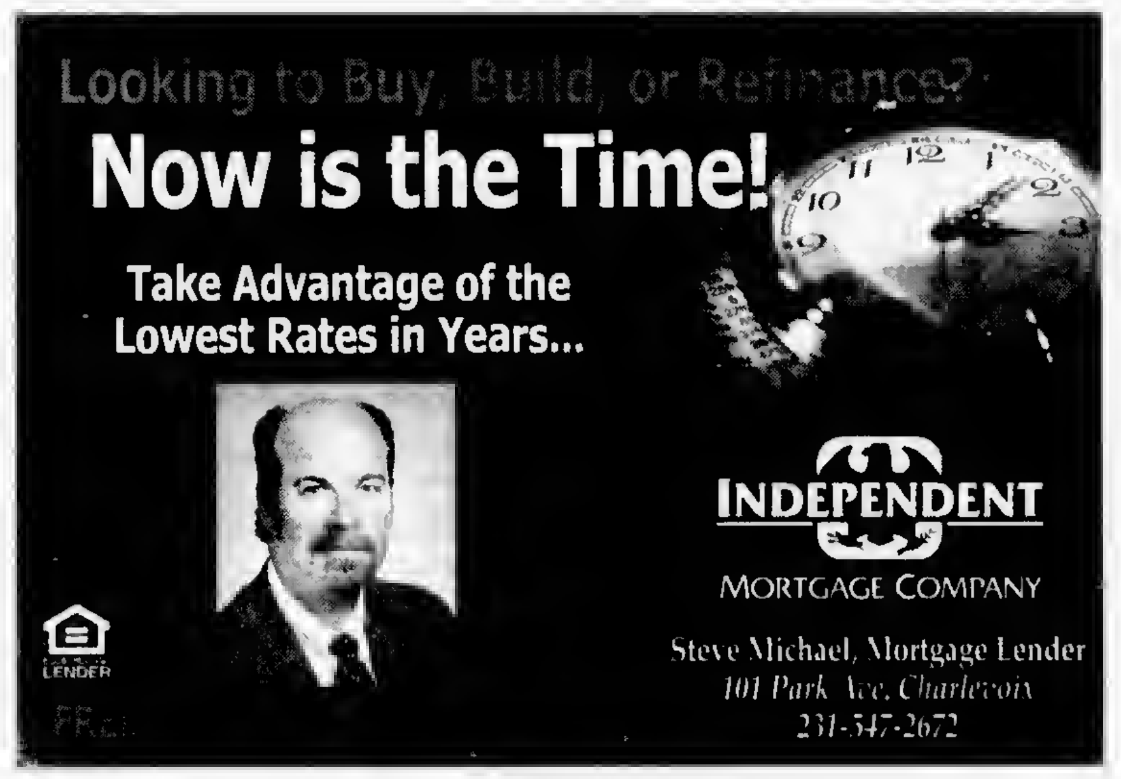
No one was injured and the only damage occurred to an old abandoned building located on the property that the child was playing near.

Schwartzfisher said the abandoned building was destroyed, but will not be a monetary loss.

"The building was not worth anything," he said.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Firefighters try to smother out the flames of this abandoned building on Marion Center Road with a special foam.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The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Council approved the major development plan amendment for the Weathervane Restaurant.
- Council accepted and approved the Carson sewer application for 13402 Stover Rd.
- Council appointed Carol Ochs as City Clerk until an elected Clerk takes office in January, 2005.
- Council reduced J. Campbell's FOIA bill by $657.15, making the current amount due zero (0).
- Council met in closed session to discuss union negotiations.

Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office), Charlevoix, Michigan.

Stephanie C. Brown, Deputy City Clerk   Gabe Campbell, Mayor

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At the city or township clerk's office where your residence is located or at the office of the Charlevoix County Clerk during normal business hours.

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By Mail:

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NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

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The rules of summer in Charlevoix in effect

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Sometimes the little things are forgotten when summertime rolls around and the town's population swells.

In order to keep things simple, Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson has compiled a list of eight common issues facing the city.

Halverson said the issues are not in a particular order. They are:

1) All of the city parks and beaches close at midnight.

2) No alcohol is allowed at any of the beaches after 9:30 p.m.

3) No alcohol is allowed in city parks that are within 100 feet of US-31 such as East and Hoffman parks.

4) While walking a dog the owner must possess a waste bag and be able to produce one on demand.

5) No dogs are allowed on any of the sand beaches.

6) Rollerblades, bicycles and skateboards are prohibited on sidewalks in the downtown area. Rollerblades and skateboards are also not allowed to be used on the highway.

7) No diving and/or jumping off the bridge into the canal.

8) Pay special attention to posted parking regulations such as yellow curbs and specific prohibitions at the airport, launch ramps and certain parking lots in the downtown facilities.

Halverson said all of these issues are civil and subject to ticketing at the officer's discretion. The fines for violating these issues range in cost.

Halverson said there is a $2 fine for violating meter parking and a $50 fine on the first offense for walking a dog without a waste bag and for rollerblading or skateboarding where prohibited.

But, the police department is not setting out to ticket people.

"We would rather have complaints as opposed to ticketing," Halverson said.

Flower show to be hosted on July 14

Courtesy photo

Rhea Dow with one of the flowers that will be in the flower show.

Along with its 6th Annual Garden Walk, "A Basketful of Gardens," the Charlevoix Area Garden Club will host a Standard Flower Show, "A Tisket, A Tasket — A Room Full of Baskets" on Wednesday, July 14.

The gardening public is invited to enter the Division II - Design Class, which entries must be preregistered by July 7. You are also encouraged to submit horticultural specimens, which may be annuals, perennials, bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers, hosta, hydrangea or herbs.

The Flower Show will be at the Historic Depot on Lake Charlevoix at the foot of Chicago Avenue. Both Design and Horticulture entries are to be submitted between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (latest) on Tuesday, July 13, the day before the Garden Walk and Flower Show.

Judging will begin at 4 p.m. No entries will be accepted after 3 p.m.

For information call Rhea Dow at 547-5301 or Linda Weston at 547-6603.

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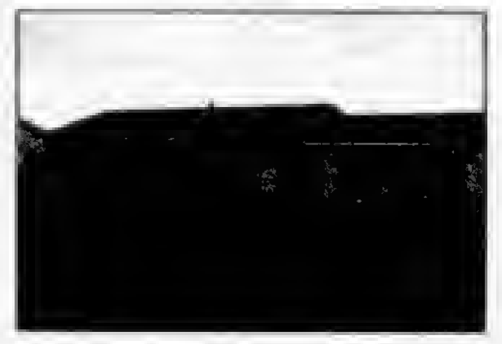

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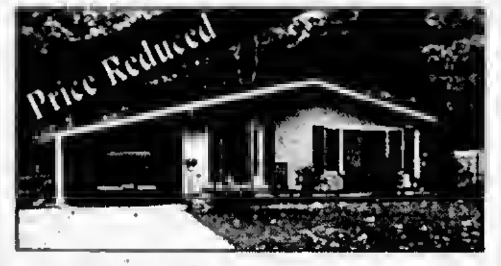

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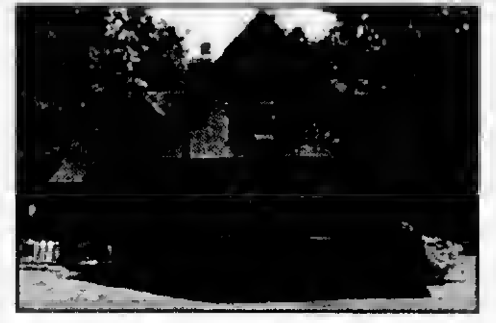

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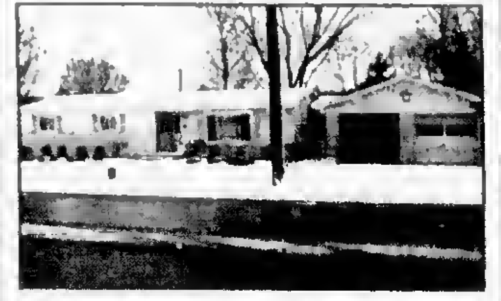

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Area men open floating restaurant on Round Lake

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix residents Christopher Ames and Bill Schulman are giving boaters another option for food in Charlevoix, however their restaurant is right out in the harbor with those very boaters.

Using an idea they got from the Florida Keys, Ames and Schulman have created a floating restaurant in Round Lake. Boaters can pull up to their ship, the Orca, and order some breakfast or lunch. They can also call the Orca on the telephone or CB to have some food delivered to them.

"To my knowledge this has never been tried before. I do remember someone sold stuff from the docks, but not out in the water like this," Ames said.

The Orca is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, starting this week. It

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Christopher Ames with the Orca in the background on Round Lake.

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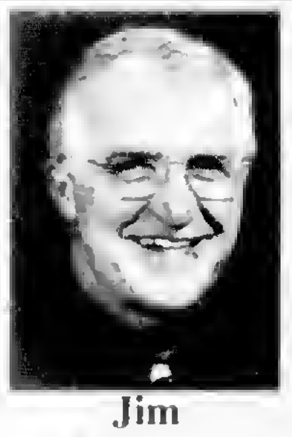
Democratic candidates for 105th seat discuss economy

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Candidates for the 105th District Democratic candidacy have some ideas of what to do about the state's economy, but unlike republicans — whose focus was solely on tax cuts — they see investment and preferences as the key.

Candidate Jim McKimmy said he has five points he believes will help the current economic environment in Michigan and the 105th District and one point that could help the future picture.



Jim McKimmy

First, McKimmy said he would support net tax incentives against the single business tax for employers whose have a net increase in "well paying" jobs. Well paying jobs, according to him, are those that pay $8 to $10 an hour, plus benefits.

Second, McKimmy said he would like to see contractor preferences in the state of Michigan for those companies that can provide goods of services to the state that are made in America.

Third, he said we would like to see the state use its investment funds — such as retirement — with the priority being on companies that can provide goods or services that are made in America. Basically, he is saying if a company can provide American made goods or supply American jobs, they will be the first choice to get funding from the state.

Fourth, McKimmy would support a plan that would give "preferred status" for contractors who bid on state work that show they have an increase in jobs at their companies.

Lastly, for short term solutions, McKimmy said when a company announced that they will be leaving the state of Michigan, he would like a rule that states they must give a 90 day notice and contribute to a retraining fund for the employees that company is leaving behind.

In the long term, McKimmy said he things the state needs to deal with heath care costs.

"This could be a significant incentive for people to come to Michigan," he said.

Currently the high cost of health care is having a negative impact on the state's economy. For example, McKimmy said GM is having trouble being competitive with other car makers due to health care costs.

McKimmy said he understands the republican candidate's desire to cut taxes, but he said the state needs to realize that we have to have money to fund our commitments — such as schools and road improvements.

"We simply cannot afford to continue to give away our tax resources without funding our commitments," he said.

For example, McKimmy pointed to a recent bill passed in the state house that would give developers tax exemptions on homes they are building for three years. While lawmakers claimed it would help revitalize the home building industry, McKimmy said what they don't realize is that this move will create a $90 million short fall in the school aid budget — which is already under financial pressures.

"It (the tax cut) exacerbates the problem," he said.

As for further promotion of the state to prospective companies — which is being pushed by several republican candidates — McKimmy pointed out that the state already has an organization called the Michigan Economic Develop-

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Orca can deliver or just dock beside it

ORCA

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opened for business on Memorial Weekend and has been open every weekend since.

Ames said business has been good, but it is still the slow season in Charlevoix.

"It won't pick up for another week or so. But the weekends have been a nice steady flow (of customers)," he said. "Probably after another week it is going to start getting a little crazy in town."

The Orca features fresh Dunkin' Donuts daily, fresh pressed coffee and fresh bagels and muffins for breakfast each day. For lunch, it has burgers, Chicago-style hot dogs, whitefish fillets and various wraps. You can even order an appetizer of Cross Fisheries' whitefish paté and crackers or chips and gourmet salsa, as well as a host of beverages.

The Orca was originally a Department of Natural Resources research vessel that was constructed in 1946. After a lifetime on the Great Lakes, it was bought by Ames and Schulman, who outfitted it as a floating restaurant, complete with grills and coolers.

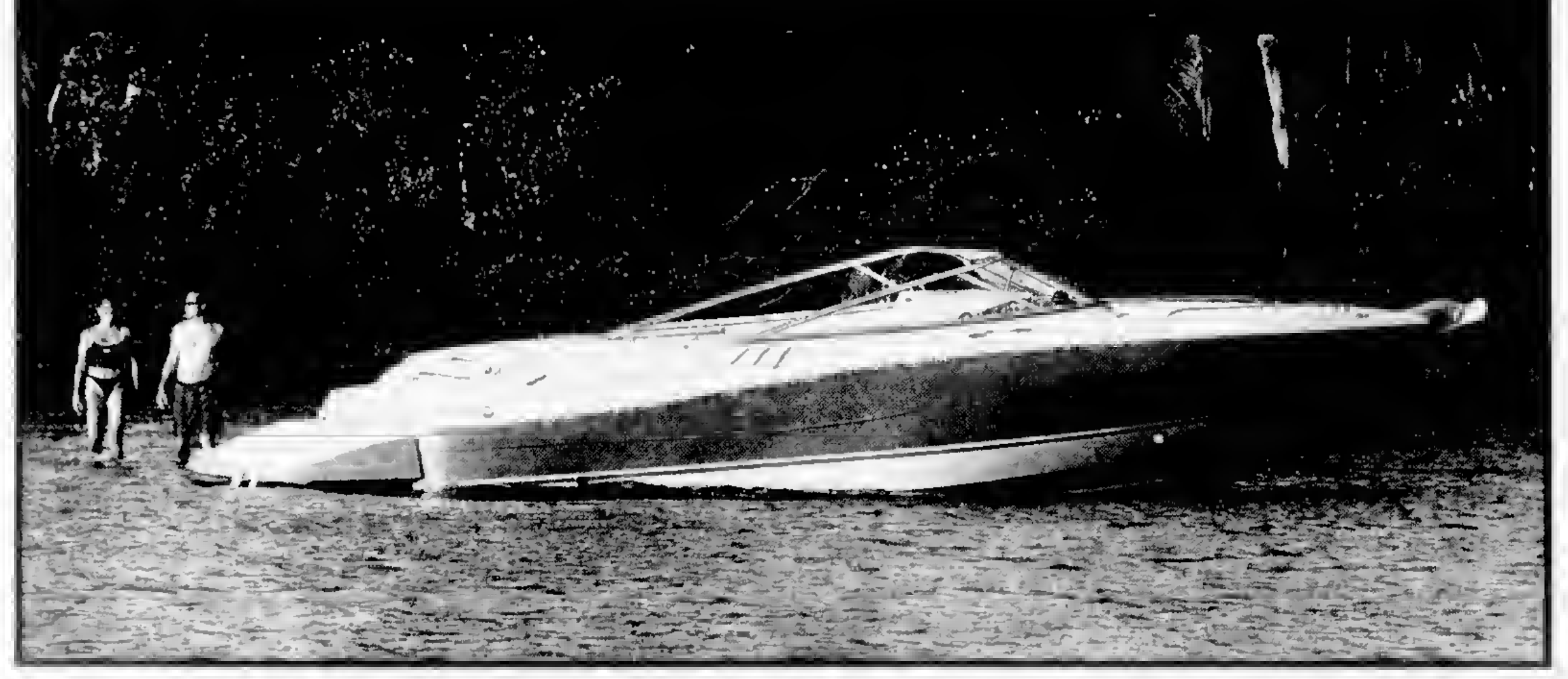
Ames said, besides the usual restaurant requirements, the Orca also has permission from the United States Coast Guard and the Charlevoix Harbor Master.

He said the rules are the Orca cannot block the shipping channel and customers cannot be on the vessel — otherwise they would have to have a ferry license.

Both Ames and Schulman are normally teachers when they are not operating their floating restaurant. Ames is a government teacher in Boyne City and Schulman is retired from a private school in southern Michigan.

Ames has a wife, Robyn, and a 7-year-old son, Brady. Schulman also has a wife, Lori, and two children, Blake, 10 and Kelsey, 12.

The Orca can be contacted by calling (231) 631-8987 or hailing it on VHF channel 9. It will have extended hours for festival weekends, including the Venetian Festival and the Charlevoix Art Fair.



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McKimmy, Dean: Single business tax needed

ELECTION

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ment Council whose job is to do just that.

"How much more to they (republicans) think we need to spend?" McKimmy said. "Our mission is to make sure it (the development council) is adequately funded."

Candidate Greg Dean said the key to the economy is to create an environment "that is going to make business prosper here in Michigan."

He has four ways he believes this can be done.

First, Dean said we need a properly trained workforce.

Second, he advocates the construction and maintenance of state infrastructures, such as roads. Without good roads, he said, companies can not ship their goods.

Third, he is a supporter of tax credits and abatements for new businesses — not just those who show net increases in jobs or have only American products.

Fourth, Dean said it is very important that we craft an environment that "allows the flexibility businesses need to compete on a global scale." This can be done through more smart zones and Renaissance zones that support businesses.

The point here, he said, are many of these items are already in place to help businesses. They just need to be used effectively.

As for giving state contracts only to Michigan companies, Dean said he is hesitant on supporting that. He said the state needs to get the best price for its work, plus this type of rule does not foster the spirit of competition.

And he disagrees with the republicans on ending the single business tax.

Dean said every state has some sort of corporate tax such as this and ending it is "not fiscally responsible.....unless we have something to make up for it."

Dean said the single business tax makes up about 10 percent of state funding.

"We can't just eliminate that. Ultimately we will pay for it," he said.

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Mackinac Bridge climb part of annual pool auction

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

A donation from the Mackinac Bridge Authority will add a view of the Straits to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool's annual auction.

The auction will be at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 1 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

For the past three years, the auction revenue has brought in around $70,000 and is important to the yearly pool budget.

Al Gooch, director of the pool said, "The auction is critical to the budget. It accounts for 22 to 24 percent of the budget in one night."

The pool received the Mackinac Bridge tour through a lottery program run by the Mackinac Bridge Authority. The drawing, which takes place only once a year, is restricted to charitable organizations. Twenty-five are chosen in the lottery.

The organizations that receive the tour will send two people up to the top of the Mackinaw Bridge. Only 50 people a year are able to see the site.

"There's no selling (the tours). You just can't do it all the time," said Bill Gnodtke, chairman of the Mackinac Bridge Authority. "The weather has to be right and you have to shut down one lane of the bridge to operate the elevator."

After taking an elevator to the second tier and a rung ladder to the third tier, visitors will be over 550 feet above the water. When the visibility is good, you can see over 30 miles.

"It's an awesome sight. Not many people can do it," Gnodtke added.

Among other items donated to the pool for the auction are: a cruise on the Ramsey boat, a garden party, an evening patrol with the city police, a bed and breakfast stay during the color season in Vermont, a bed and breakfast stay at the Bridge Street Inn, tennis and golf lessons, H&D road construction vehicle rides, a pool birthday party including the new pool inflatable, and a city fire truck ride, and a stay in John Haggard's Beaver Island home. To donate an item to the pool auction, contact Sue Herzog, auction coordinator, at 547-4077, call the pool at 547-0982 or pick up a form at the pool.

On watch

Charlevoix lifeguard Tina Clark keeps watch over the swimmers at Lake Michigan Beach last week. Regardless of the cool temperatures that have fallen over Charlevoix lately, the city lifeguards began their duty last week.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Hospital to offer cancer education

A diagnosis of cancer brings many challenges.

You and your loved ones may have questions and concerns about your cancer, treatment choices, and how the entire experience will affect your life.

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Educational and support classes are being offered by cancer specialists who will give you information and skills on a variety of topics related to cancer. Charlevoix Area Hospital, in conjunction with Munson Medical Center is offering a "Living With Cancer" series via the REMEC Telehealth Network system and will be broadcast weekly from 12 until 1:15 p.m. on Thursdays.

This series of classes is presented on a continuous basis throughout the year so you can join at any time. You may choose to attend only the classes that interest you or the entire series. Classes are located at Charlevoix Area Hospital, lower level in Classroom A.

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Sheriff warns about teenage alcohol use in county

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater reports that deputies of his office arrested 16 minors last weekend for a variety of alcohol related offenses.

All arrests took place in Hayes Township in two separate incidents.

The first arrests took place around 1 p.m on Friday, June 11 on US-31 in Hayes Township, when two Harbor Springs teens (both girls) were stopped and arrested for drunk driving, being minors in possession of alcohol, having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and illegal use of a chemical substance. The girls both had a blood alcohol content of .22 percent.

An investigation revealed that they had purchased 16 aerosol cans of whipping cream within the last hour to inhale the nitrous oxide propellant. The investigation further showed that they had a false ID in possession and had just purchased additional beer at a Charlevoix store minutes prior to being stopped.

The second incident resulted in the arrest of 14 area teens early Sunday morning on June 13 at a residence.

Seven boys and seven girls were arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol when deputies responded to a party at a residence in the Susan Shores area. The majority of the teens at this location were almost twice the legal limit of an adult BAC of .08 percent, some being as high as .18 percent.

Lasater said he has continued concerns about teens abusing alcohol especially since he had just investigated a case of a youth being treated for alcohol poisoning at a local hospital.

Parents are asked to monitor their teens more closely and to be aware of the increasing abuse of inhalants, which can prove fatal to even a first time user. Inhalant use interrupts the flow of oxygen to the vital organs and brain and the results are usually irreversible.

Local author to have book signing at Bridge Street store

The Bridge Street Book Shop of Charlevoix is hosting local author Suzy Farbman this week.

She will be signing copies of her book, "Back From Betrayal," at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 26.

"Back From Betrayal," is a brutally honest account of marital infidelity and the long journey back to reconciliation. This personal odyssey is one of the first published by a woman who confronted infidelity and went on to save her marriage.

Also included in the book are the revelations and insights of Suzy's husband, Burton.

Farbman has been a journalist for more than 30 years, writing for the *Detroit News*, *Women's Wear Daily*, *Cosmopolitan*, as well as serving as a regional editor for *Better Homes and Gardens*. The couple have a home near Charlevoix and downstate.

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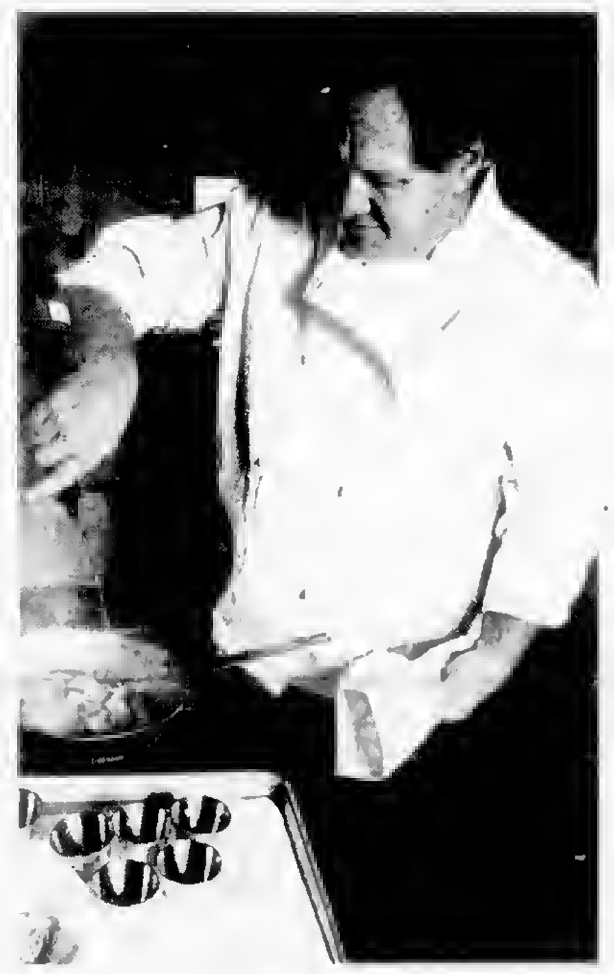
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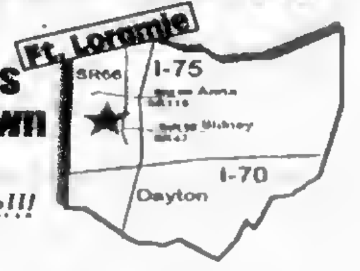

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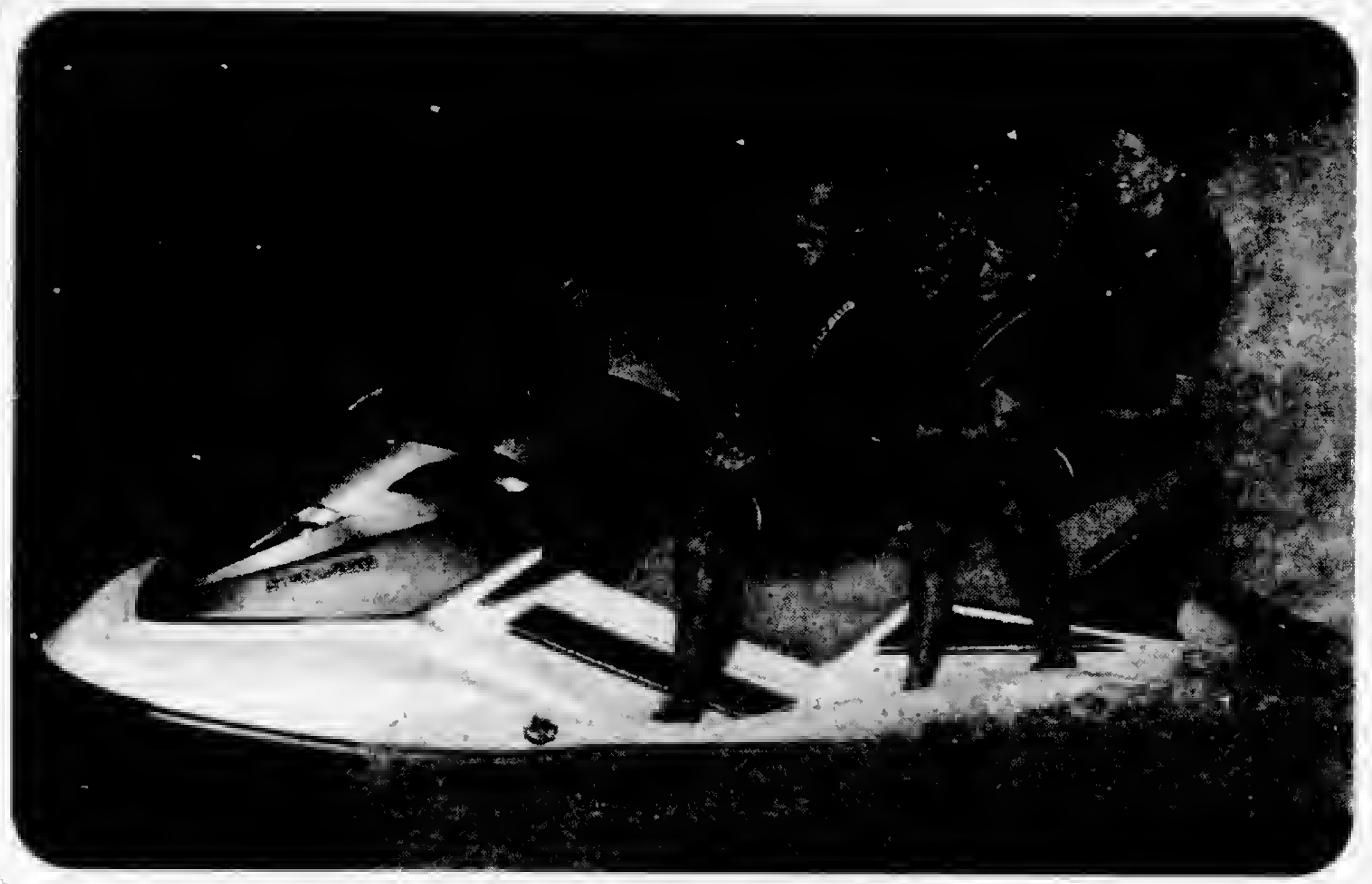

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SPORTS

Charlevoix Yacht Club weekly racing results

There were 22 boats out for the fourth scored Charlevoix Yacht Club Spring Series Race.

June 23 will be the last race of this series. The June 16 race was unique in that it was started with moderate winds which lightened and then came back.

However, the race was called after just three legs-one weather leg and two downwind legs. The new breeze filled in from the windward mark which proved to be quite advantageous to the smaller boats behind the larger, faster ones.

The June 16 race results are:

- J-22: 1) Paleface Lite (Grove) 2) Swine Flew (Strawbridge) 3) Superfluous (Jensen) 4) Fourth Rock Steady (Burley) 5) What's Her Name (Robinson) 6) Fifth-Hog Tide (Clagett)
- Jib and Main: 1) Our Thyme II (Herald) 2) Apothecary (Ochs) 3) Booma (Tyra/Gosling) 4) Flash (Gordon) 5) Flasher 5
- P-26: 1) Lost Vermonter (Tinney) 2) Artemis (Bowerman) 3) Cygnus (Stewart)
- Spinnaker A: 1) Kamikazee (Funck) 2) Stringthing (Thomas) 3) Hoi Polloi (Attee) 4) Gotcha! (Dow-Mueller) 5) Northern Light (Orlow) 6) MJ2 (Begrow) 7) Blasen IV (Jurries) 8) Windrunner (Pirie) 9) Padawan 2 (Lamb)

The current Spring Series standings are:

- J-22: 1) Superfluous (Jensen) 2) Swine Flew (Strawbridge) 3) What's Her Name (Robinson) 4) Rock Steady (Burley) 5) Hog Tide (Clagett) 6) Paleface Lite (Grove)
- Jib and Main: 1) Booma (Tyra/Gosling) 2) Flash (Gordon) 3) Our Thyme II (Herald) 4) Apothecary (Ochs) 5) Flasher
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Belvedere Club hosts golf tournament Sunday

Fifty teams of PGA Golf Professionals and top amateurs from all over the state of Michigan competed Sunday in a scratch Best Ball event at the Belvedere Golf Club.

Three teams tied for first place with rounds of seven under par 65s. They were Bob Makoski and his amateur partner John Cedore from Warren, Jeff Stalcup and his amateur partner Gene Saigh from Washington and Larry Mancour and his amateur partner Bill Kirby from Harbor Springs.

Belvedere assistant professional Dennis Joy and Belvedere bag staff member David Shearer tied for sixth place with a round of 68.

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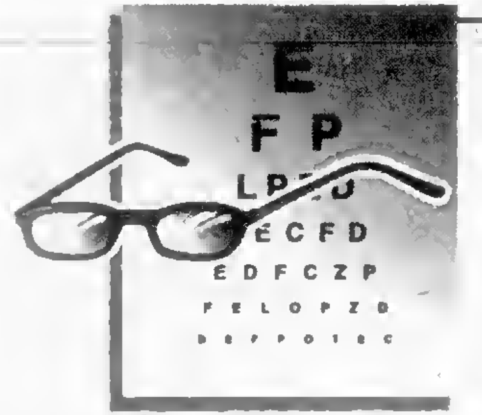
Trout tournament winners

Winners of the Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament June 12 are shown here holding their prize catches in East Park. They are: (from left) Sam Washburn of Charlevoix with the largest brown trout, Kurt Roelofs of Royal Oak with the largest lake trout and Tom Musselman of Indian River with the best steelhead.



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LOST 073

LOST FEMALE German Shepard. Sable/black color. No collar. Her name is Sasha. Last seen in Bay Harbor area. 347-9270. Reward.

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SPECIAL NOTICES 076

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to a recitation of the Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday evenings at St. Mary's Church, 1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix.

(6-23-1-076)

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(6-23-2-086)

PART-TIME HELP WANTED 087

CHARLEVOIX GYM has a part time job opening, 5-9:30 p.m., 3-4 days a week. Call 547-0246.

(6-23-1-087)

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GARAGE SALE 100

COMMUNITY YARD SALE at Pine Cove Apartments, 1001 May Street, Charlevoix. June 25, 26, and 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(6-23-1-100)

MISC. FOR SALE 134

TWO CEMETERY PLOTS
For sale in the old section of Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Please call 231-533-8872.

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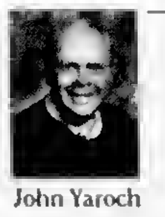

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(8-27-tf-180)

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(8-27-tf-181)

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DATE: June 2, 2004

Richard A. Skendzel, President
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE

Notice is given that Evelyn M. Murphy, of 01712 Greenleaf Avenue, East Jorden, Michigan 49727, died on January 27, 2004. All creditors and interested persons of the decedent are notified that any claims against the estate or trust of Evelyn M. Murphy, or Evelyn Murphy, will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, to John Hudson, 801 Frederick Avenue, Laurinburg, NC 28352, within four (4) months after the date of this notice.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE- Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by MARY JO McGee, a single woman, Mortgagor, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, Mortgagee, dated December 30, 2002, and recorded January 8, 2003, at Liber 509, Page 860, Charlevoix County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof, the sum of $11,732.65, including interest at 6.750% annum.

Under Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statue in such case mede and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgege will be foreclosed by a sele of the mortgaged premises, or some pert of them, at public venue, et the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 22, 2004.

Said premises are located in the City of Cherlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as:

All that part of the South half of the Southeest Quarter of Section 27, Town 34 North, Range 8 West described as: Commencing at a point 2 rods West and 2 rods South of the Northeast corner of said South half of the Southeast Quarter of seid Section 27; thence South on the West line of State Street 783.75 feet for the point of beginning of this description; thence South on the West line of said State Street 73.75 feet: West 264 feet; thence North 73.75 feet to a stake; thence East 264 feet to an iron stake at the point of beginning of this description.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordence with 1948 CL600.324(a), in which cese the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: June 10, 2004

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Golf outing

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Greens fees are $19 for nine holes with a cart. Walk and golf is $12. Bring a friend and/or a dessert to share. Call Paul Richards at 547-1341 to register.

Concert in the park

Charlevoix Concerts in the Park presents Concrete Country, not your ordinary country band, Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in East Park downtown Charlevoix.

Their music has country roots, but they throw in elements from other forms of music. Songs range from ballads to rockin' modern county/blues songs. The band was originally formed by two local musicians and they have since added several members to add more dimension to their music.

Please bring your own seating. In case of rain the concert will be at the First Congregational Church.

Father and son dinner

Safe Harbor Baptist Church will host a father and son dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 26. Chris Dominic will entertain the guests after dinner with his singing. Safe Harbor is located in Charlevoix at 06046 Old US-31 South, near the intersection on US-31. Call 547-6283 for further information.

Bicycle ride

North Country Bicycle Club is sponsoring a bicycle ride around Lake Charlevoix on Saturday June 26. Ride the Charx is a nonprofit ride. Your fee is used only to provide ride related services.

- 20-Mile Ride — This ride goes from Boyne City to Ironton Ferry and back. Registration or map pick-up starts at 10 a.m. and the riders depart no later than 11:30 a.m.
- 43-Mile Ride — Registration or map pick-up starts at 7 a.m. and the rider depart no later than 8:30 a.m.
- 62-Mile Ride — Registration or map pick-up starts at 7 a.m. and the riders depart no later than 8:30 a.m.
- 105-Mile Ride — Due to time constraints maps only are supplied for the 43 mile ride after lunch; no other support.

Rides start and finish at the marina at Veteran's Park on Lake Charlevoix in Boyne City.

Cost is $20. No refunds.

Non-riders are welcome to join the riders for lunch. Cost is $10.

For more information contact North Country Bicycle Club, 232 Water St., Suite 138, Boyne City, MI 49712 or phone (231) 582-3468 or email servaispm@aol.com or visit the website at www.lmh.org/nmb

Summer reading

Charlevoix Public Library is having a Summer Reading Club. The club is for all children up to 11. Registration and reading are required to complete the club. Completion of the club will get you an invitation to our final party. Stop in or call the library to register or ask questions, 547-2651. Programs will run every Tuesday starting June 22 from 6:45-8 p.m. Events are as followes:

- June 29 — Kris Daman fur trader extraordinaire, complete with proper dress.
- July 6 — "See North" will be presenting their live raptors for our enjoyment.
- July 13 — Department of Natural Resources discussing our great lakes and the animals that live there.
- July 20 — Ultimate Craft Night
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Registration begins June 14 and ends July 20

Story hours begin June 24. Get more details when you register for the Summer Reading Club. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton. Phone 547-2651 or e-mail youth@charlevoixlibrary.org, visit the web site at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Volleyball camp

Charlevoix Rayders Third Annual Summer Volleyball Camp is July 5-8, at the Charlevoix High School gym. Times are as follows: Seventh through ninth grade, 10 to 12 p.m., fourth through sixth grade 12 to 2 p.m., tenth through twelfth grade 7 to 9 p.m. The price is $40.

Players will learn the fundamentals of volleyball while spending some quality time with their friends. The following fundamentals will be stressed at the Rayder Volleyball Camp: Serving techniques, spiking, passing, setting, offensive plays and defensive strategies. Contact Elizabeth Grunch at 437-0844 or 547-3222, extension 2025.

Venetian Queens sought

Venetian planners are seeking past Venetian Queens in an effort to recognize them at the 5th Annual Venetian Queen Candidates noon luncheon scheduled for the Charlevoix Country Club on July 9. Venetian Board President, Dan Barron, issued the request for former queens to call Venetian headquarters at 547-9950 to receive the complementary invitation and to be recognized at the luncheon where local media, present queen candidates, and the public will learn of the plans for this year's week long festivities. The noon luncheon will cost $10 and will be the first public forum where new features of the 2004 Venetian Festival will be discussed. The public is encouraged to attend and reservations may be made by calling the Country Club at 547-9796.

Senior picnic

The 25th Charlevoix County Annual Senior Picnic is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 14. The picnic is at Whiting Park in Boyne City. Tickets are a suggested donation of $3 for seniors and $5 for people under 60 years of age. Tickets may be purchased at the Boyne City and East Jordan Senior Centers or at the Commission on Aging at 207 Antrim Street, Charlevoix.

Barbecued chicken with all the fixings will be served.

Reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, or phone (248) 473-1324 or e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com. Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. They are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colburn (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

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City moving quickly with wastewater plant changes

PLAN

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Truax said the most significant problem at the plant is the Inadequate Quality Assurance/Quality Control program. He said operators have made some improvements to this area, but more needs to be done.

This is vital to the city, Truax said, because it is the key to restoring trust with the MDEQ.

Truax suggested the city adopt a "sound and aggressive" Quality Assurance/Quality Control program "that demonstrates the ability of the laboratory to produce reliable and legally defensible analytical results."

He also said the city should put in place a comprehensive maintenance program that protects the ratepayers' investment in the plant.

And Truax said the city must "develop an overall strategy for managing solids" at the plant, as well as strength and extend the existing safety program for workers.

Of the equipment and safety issues Truax found, some examples were: a failed water circulation pump, a 6-year-old grit slurry pump, a missing rotating assembly in the RAS pump, potential ground water pollution sources from metal barrels stored on the site, abandoned equipment near drying beds, leaking ferrous chloride from a containment structure, an unsealed digester cover that creates a source of odor at the plant and unsafe concrete on a digester cover and on some stairs.

According to the city's action plan, it has been working to solve each of these issues. For example, a new water pump has been ordered, the grit slurry pump is going to be cleaned and painted, the barrels have been removed, the leak in the containment structure has been repaired for the short term until new containment structures are built and the stairs are being removed.

Weisner said next month the city also plans to bring in John Adams, an engineer from Ann Arbor.

The possible fines are related to an investigation the MDEQ started in January at the plant after receiving information from city staff that things over there just weren't adding up.

According to a letter written by Dustin Ordway, a city attorney, to Barry Selden, chief of the MDEQ's Cadillac enforcement unit, this winter city staff discovered what appeared to be violations reaching back over a three year period due to employee problems.

After getting the word from the city, the MDEQ brought in its investigative team, including Vince Woods, a detective with the MDEQ's office of criminal investigation.

The department's findings were recorded in a March report given to city manager Mike Weisner. The report included 31 chlorine limit exceedences and false reports for 15 phosphorus results and 32 fecal coliform results. The report also noted there were 27 days when monitoring did not take place and other instances when proper protocol wasn't followed.

He said one problem at the plant was that unnamed staff members were overfeeding chlorine into the treatment process. In the contact tank the water needs to mix with chlorine for 30 minutes to kill the bacteria. Shoemaker said that instead of giving the water the time it needed, an unnamed person was just adding more chlorine.

"There was too much chlorine going out," he said.

He said the high concentration of chlorine that was discharged to Lake Michigan probably killed some zebra mussels around the discharge line, but wouldn't have killed any fish.

He said aside from over-treating with chlorine, the plant also had pump problems.

According to a letter from Selden to Weisner written April 9, the city may be subject to a maximum penalty of $25,000 per violation per day and there are over 80 violations.

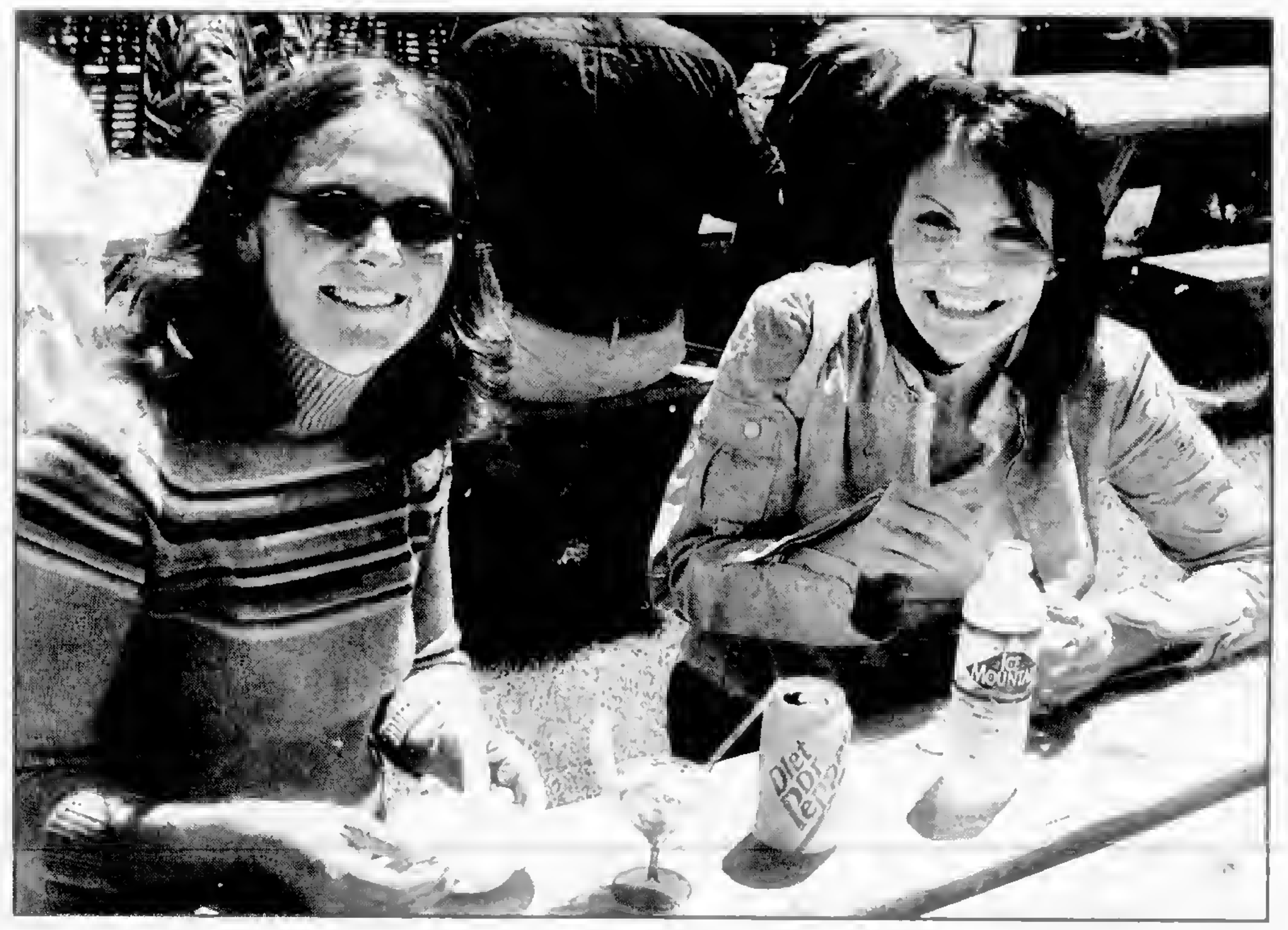
In a response letter from city counsel Ordway he requests that the MDEQ give the city more time to investigate and correct the problems.

"This will not only allow the city to demonstrate further its good intentions and ability to manage the WWTP (wastewater treatment plant) in a professional and compliant manner, but also will encourage all other entities to self-report and correct violations rather than attempt to hide or ignore them to avoid enforcement penalties," he wrote.

The MDEQ has not responded as to whether it will give the city more time.

Future plans for the plant as things stand right now are for a $1.5 million expansion in 2006 that will give the city 200,000 gallons a day of greater capacity. Funding for the expansion will come from $3,000 tap in fees paid by customers outside the city.

The acting supervisor there is now Jim Caldwell.



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Enjoying the weather and the food

These two women, along with many other Charlevoix residents and visitors, took part in the first Taste of Charlevoix sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Saturday in East Park. Several area restaurants showed off their skills. Pictured are: (from left) Jen Vollmer, of Charlevoix, and Heather Luberto, of Ann Arbor.

Coast Guard to have boat safety program in East Park

Coast Guard Station Charlevoix will host a series of family-oriented events from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 25 in recognition of National Safe Boating Week.

The event is open to the public and will be at East Park in downtown Charlevoix. It will feature activities for children and boating safety demonstrations.

The demonstrations will include how to use fire extinguishers and flares, cold water and drown-proofing demonstrations, damage control (how to stop a sinking boat) and knot tying.

"Coastie," a radio-controlled talking boat will be at the park to educate children on boating safety. There will also be a children's boating safety obstacle course where children race to rescue "Oscar" and become an honorary boat crewmember of the Coast Guard.

The final demonstration of the day will be a Coast Guard rescue vessel and helicopter performing a simulated rescue mission of a sinking boat and person in the water.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will also be conducting free vessel safety examinations at the Charlevoix City Marina. Representatives from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Charlevoix Fire Department will also be providing safety information.

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School budget already looking grim for next year

BUDGET

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and draw a line now," Sturock said.

Sturock said to meet the school board's policy for a fund balance, the school had to make the cuts of $800,000 going into the 2004-2005 school year.

The school board approved $796,078 in budget cuts; $384,733 through attrition — two teachers and three support staff members retired, the positions will not be filled, $298,305 through the layoffs of eight teaching aides, a part-time teacher and the school nurse; $8,000 to eliminate the subsidy of the driver education program, $40,000 to reduce teaching supplies.

If the school made no cuts, Sturock said he anticipates that the fiscal year would end with less than $100,000 in the fund balance.

The school board policy requires a minimum fund balance of 8 percent of the previous year's expenditures, which would cover operational costs for two months.

Sturock said the decision, which was difficult, was unavoidable. The board's first priority was to maintain its academic programs and class size, despite stagnant state funding.

Across the state, stagnant state funding, rising costs of health care and retirement are forcing schools to not replace retiring teachers, lay off teachers and increase class sizes.

"We could be sitting here next spring looking at another round of cuts," Sturock said. "I hate to paint a picture of dark and gloom, but unfortunately that is the picture for state funds.

"We're not out of the woods yet, the cuts could be deeper next year."

Sturock said the only way to help schools is through the legislature. He said, past legislature cuts to taxes which were used to help school funding have contributed to this problem.

"During the 1990s we had a general surplus of money. So our legislature and governor (John Engler) decided to reduce other taxes schools get money from (gas, lotto and others). There have been 20 to 30 different initiatives that have been passed through those years that have taken away from the school fund. Now we are losing $500 million a year."

He added, "We are bleeding slowly until some of those things happen (increases in state funding to the schools). I don't think legislators have an understanding of what is going on at the local school level. Parents need to write them and tell them."

Elementary school principal Dick Swenor said the schools were fortunate to not have to lay off any teachers. Swenor said the district's objective was to affect programming as little as possible.

Amid all the cuts, the Charlevoix school board did not cut athletic staff positions this year. The school board plans to generate approximately $65,000 by raising ticket prices, passes and implementing reserved seating.

"We did look at trying to maintain the athletic program, it's not that we didn't touch it, we looked at an alternative way to fund athletics by the outside to continue to offer the program," Sturock said. "If we didn't do that we would have had to make cuts to the athletics."

However, the athletic budget was cut, along with others, last year.

Last year, the school cut more than $800,000. The district reduced the staff by three full-time and three part time teachers and two support staff. The athletics department was reduced by nine assistant coaches and the middle school athletic director position.

The school reduced teaching supplies, textbooks, office supplies and library supplies by 70 percent, travel and fees were reduced by 20 percent.

The school district hopes to maintain its programs with less support staff.

Some support staffers who were not laid off were put in different jobs. Kanine spoke on behalf of Coreen Henry and Judy Russell, library staff members at the Charlevoix Elementary School and Middle School media center for more than 25 years, whose positions were eliminated.

Kanine asked the board to consider keeping their positions.

"Your disregard for Henry and Russell and their commitment to their jobs is very difficult for me to understand," Kanine said. "You have made these two individuals and what they do for Charlevoix Public Schools expendable."

The school board did not comment on their positions.

Sturock said he appreciates the position of the letter Kanine gave to the board, but the positions are determined by the building principals. Sturock said unfortunately these decisions have to be made, "Can we afford someone in the library when we need someone in the classroom or in a different capability?"

Henry, the 2004 OPIE winner, who has played an instrumental role in the library for 26 years, loves the interaction with kids and teachers. Henry said she's been lost since the news.

"I'm dazed," Henry said. "I would like to finish 30 years in the school. I'm single, I have to rely solely on my income; I would like to have a retirement I can survive on," she said.

Henry said she realizes what's happened to her is part of a domino effect from the state and federal funding, and is more concerned for her friends who were laid off.

"My heart goes out to the assistants laid off; they come in contact with the children and the children will all suffer from it," she said.

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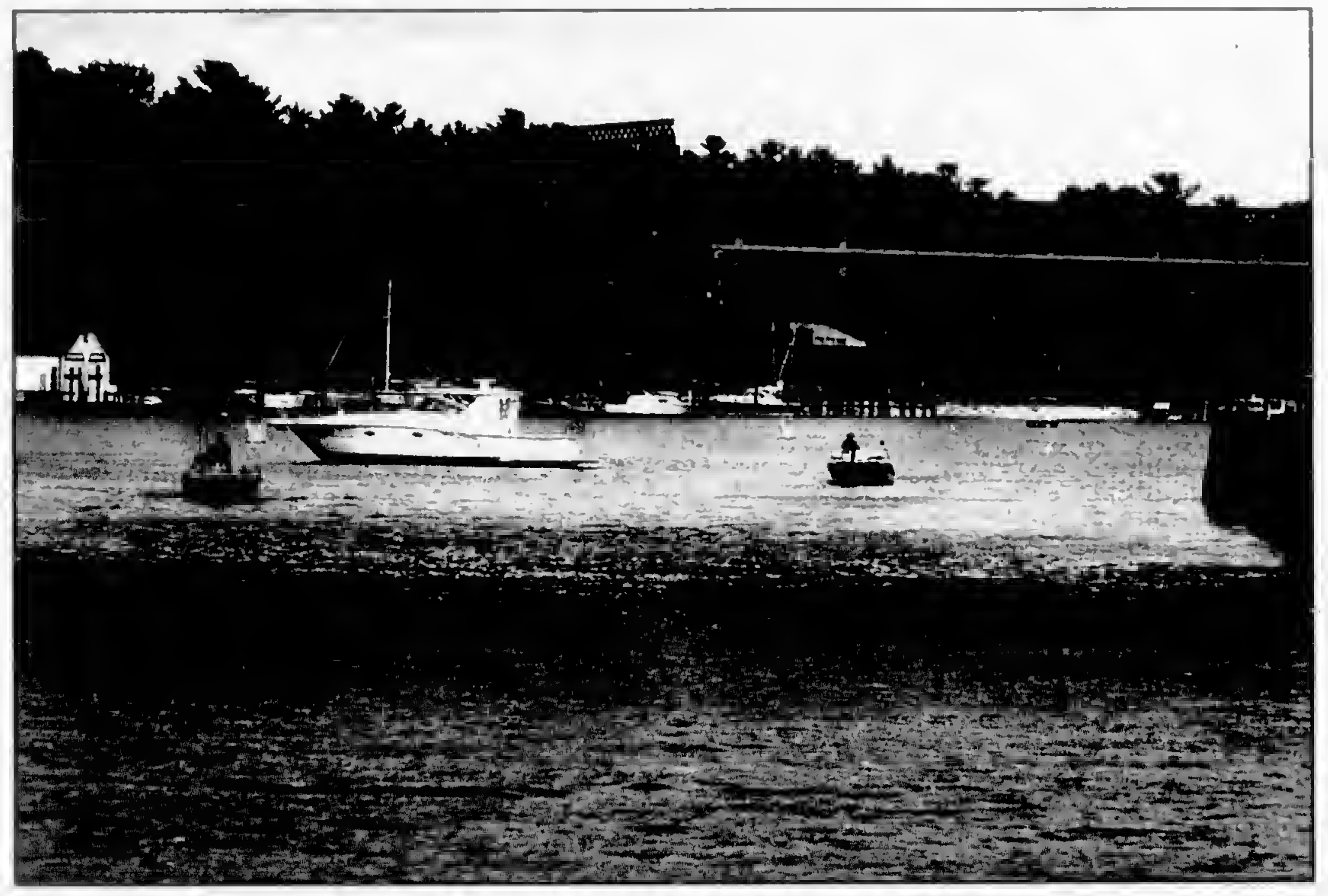
Bridge gets stuck

Local traffic rerouted around lake

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer



Photos by Courtney E. Pace

(Above) The downtown Charlevoix bridge was stuck open at 5 to 6 feet for about two hours. Traffic on the roads and waterways backed up. (Below) The Emerald Isle had to back in and dock at the South Pier until around midnight because the bridge couldn't open. People and luggage were taken off the boat, but the vehicles remained.

On Sunday night many visitors and residents of Charlevoix had to change their evening plans when the Charlevoix bridge refused to go down.

During the 5:30 p.m. opening of the bridge in downtown Charlevoix everything was running smoothly until the bridge would not close, leaving a 5 to 6 foot gap. The interruption in traffic kept both sides of the bridge isolated.

"It's just one of those things that happens," said Tom Irvin, North Region Maintenance Superintendent for Michigan Department of Transportation.

Irvin, who has been in bridge maintenance for 35 years — with 10 years in this area — has never seen anything like it before.

He said the bridge stopped functioning due to a limiter switch that functions similar to a sensory switch in a car that prohibits the engine from starting if the car is not in park.

"It was sending a false signal that the brakes were on, but they weren't, so it wouldn't allow power to the bridge," Irvin said.

The bridge was open for about two hours until workers managed to close it, allowing traffic through.

Irvin said electricians from the Department of Transportation who are familiar with the bridge drove up from Lansing in order to diagnose the problem. Once the problem was identified a replacement part was put in, which cost $50.

Irvin said the bridge became fully functional at about 2 a.m. Monday morning.

The bridge caused not only traffic to back up, but boater traffic as well. The Emerald Isle was coming into port from Beaver Island while the bridge was still not fully functional.

The boat docked at the South Pier and stayed there for several hours. Emergency personnel helped passengers off the boat and helped to unload luggage. Everything was taken off the boat except vehicles.

The Emerald Isle stayed docked in Pine River Channel until about midnight when the bridge was able to be opened.

Beaver Island Boat Co. General Manager Margo Marks said there were four cars and one semi-truck aboard when the boat docked in its usual spot in Round Lake.

"Most people were cooperative," Marks said. "There was one couple where the woman had to have a kidney dialysis (the next day)."

Marks said there was an incident with the bridge last year, but the boat was not affected because of the timing.

City Manager Michael Weisner said police, fire and emergency medical service (EMS) personnel

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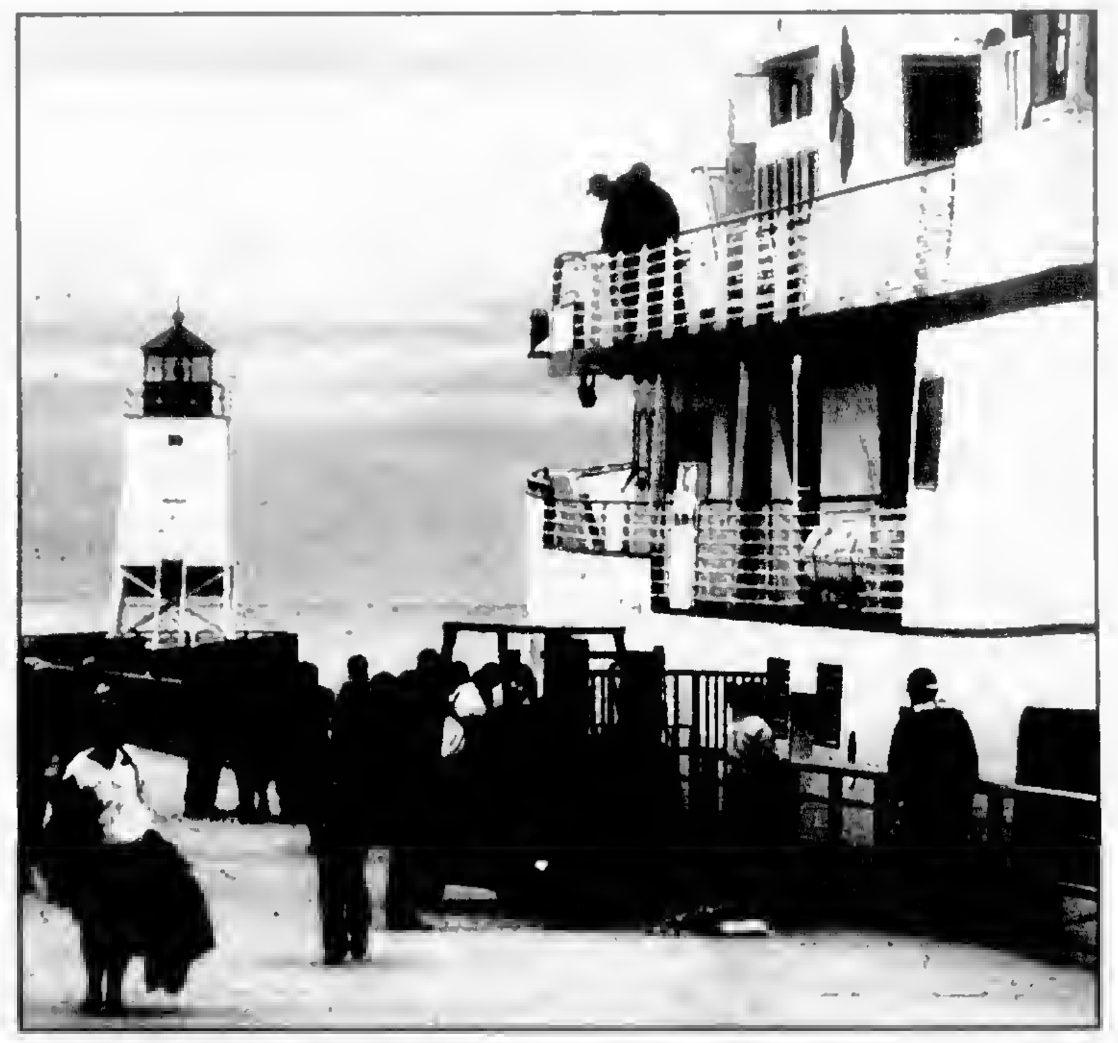

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Scott A. English, 20, Warren, Ohio. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Ralph Edward Lahr, 44, Charlevoix. Embezzlement-agent/trustee greater than $20,000; embezzlement relationship with vulnerable adult greater than $20,000; vulnerable adult abuse fourth degree. Bound over to Circuit Court.

Bonnie E. Farago, 19, Mayfield Heights, Ohio. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work. Fines and costs totaling $100.

Todd Christopher Houtman, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Attend BASES classes; $200 in fines and costs.

William Lloyd Miller Jr., 19, Charlevoix. Operating without a license/multiple license. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Kathryn Blair Lieberman, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Brandon Blaine Anderson, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Lee Elizabeth Meggison, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Daniel Allen Jadwin, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Donovan Lawrence Swanson, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Trevor Lewis Kline, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Carlie Louise Vanhorn, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Brian Keith Guzniczak, 23, Boyne City. Violation of restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Bartolome Jacobo Domingo, 26, East Jordan. Domestic violence. Fifteen days in jail with credit for 15 days.

Robert Michael Casey Jr., 33, Petoskey. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $850.

Matthew Wayne Czarnecki, 25, East Pointe. Possession of marijuana, first offense. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail, 324 days held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Ely Bingham, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Six months probation; attend BASES classes; $300 in fines and costs.

Robert Joseph Elliott, 27, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for five days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 78 days held in abeyance; $555 in fines and costs.

Stephanie Lynn Rice, 19, Cedar. Use of Clonazepan. One year probation; 180 days in jail with credit for four days, serve five days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 156 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $850 in fines and costs.

Nicole Marie Goodheart, 35, Grand Rapids. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,110 in fines and costs.

Michael George Karaszewski, 30, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for three days, serve five days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 75 days held in abeyance; $950 in fines and costs.

Sue Ellen Carey, 47, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $960 in fines and costs.

Blake Emory Miller, 30, Charlevoix. Checking-non sufficient funds less than $100. Fines and costs totaling $943.95.

Tony Blase Steele, 56, East Jordan. Disorderly person/drunk; trespassing. Six months probation; 90 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 14 days, 72 days held in abeyance; $350 in fines and costs.

David Maurice Owsley, 40, Alanson. False proof of insurance; operating unregistered vehicle. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Wayne Osborne Bernier, 33, East Jordan. Domestic violence. One year probation, 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 82 days held in abeyance; $600 in fines and costs.

Renne John Okkonen, 25, East Jordan. Home Invasion, second degree. Bound over to Circuit Court.

Melvin Todd Maier, 39, East Jordan. Domestic violence. One year probation, 93 days in jail with credit for 16 days, 77 days held in abeyance; $850 in fines and costs.

Ella Christine Patterson, 36, Sylvan Lake. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Matthew Daniel Macnaughton, 19, Boyne City. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Amy Fuller Laffrey, 33, West Bloomfield. Impaired driving/open intoxicant. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1080 in fines and costs.

Richard Francis Engelman, 60, East Jordan. Disorderly. Three months probation; $350 in fines and costs.

Michael Lyel Wiechert, 44, West Bloomfield. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $770 in fines and costs.

Brett Gerritt Healey, 32, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended, first offense. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Kevin Blake Andruszklewicz, 29, Westland. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $770 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Custom Tile & Stone, 408 High Street, Boyne City, by Brian Kuhs.

Quack-A-Doodle-Moo Farm,

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Correction

A cutline on page 12 of last week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier should have said Rhea Dow is holding a plant from a past flower show sponsored by the Charlevoix Garden Club.

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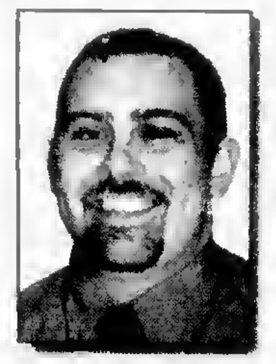

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00283 Peck Road, Boyne City, by Jennifer K. Evans and Nicholas A. Evans.

AD-Vantage Publishing and Design Co., 429 Clack Street, Boyne City, by Don Whitley.

Runberg's Red Hots, 37600 Old Brothers Road, Beaver Island, by John S. Runberg and Carol A. Runberg.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

David Jon Mutz, 49, Boyne City and Carol Lynn Mack, 53, Charlevoix

Richard Douglas Mishoe, 29, Cumming, GA. and Natalie Sue Sturdy, 26, Cumming, GA.

Matthew Edward Anthony, 21, Charlevoix and Ellen Ann Evers, 18, Parlin, N.J.

Michael Allan Haynes, 34, East Jordan and Katherine Anne Beaudry, 45, East Jordan .

Births

Isabella Louise, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to Clifford and Deah Carey of Harbor Springs on June 22, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Isabella has one big brother Jeremiah, 6, and one big sister Abigail, 3. Grandparents are Cliff and Catherine Carey and John and Ella Kerner and Bill Nowosislosky.

Kyri Monet, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Brian and Carrie Titus of Charlevoix on June 22, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Betty and Greg Martin of Charlevoix, Glenn and Kris Cunningham of Grand Haven and Mark and Diane Titus of Coopersville.

Horton Bay parade featuring 'parties'

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

Since 1976, the annual Horton Bay parade has been going strong, and this year the tradition will continue.

The Horton Bay parade isn't like other parades. Commercial entries are not allowed.

In response to commercial parades, John Rohe, the parade's coordinator, said, "That's not entirely what our forbearers had in mind."

Rohe added, "This parade is different. People don't come here with an economic motive."

Each year there is an extravagant theme for the parade, for which all the entries are based on. This year the theme of the parade is "Election Year Politics," and will focus on the different "parties" of the area.

Themes of past years range from last year's "The Cradle of Civilization" to "The Horton Triangle" and "Columbus's 500th Anniversary."

The parade, Rohe said, is a "resourceful and ingenious commentary."

Each year, an award is given to one outstanding citizen involved with the Horton Bay parade. Last year, it was awarded to Sheriff George T. Lasater. This year the award will go to Betty Kelts, who was born and raised in the Horton Bay area.

Despite losing both her legs to diabetes, Kelts has been faithfully participating in the parade since 1976. Inspired by John Hartwell, who participated in the parade yearly until his death, Kelts said, "I don't give up anything if I can help it."

When asked about her proudest moment in the parade, Kelts said, "I'm proud of it every time I'm in it."

This year Kelts will serve as Grand Marshall to the Horton Bay parade.

The parade will be at 1 p.m. on July 4 on Boyne City road in Horton Bay. The event will take place rain or shine. It is suggested that you come early for the event to find a place to park and somewhere to sit.

If you would like to participate in the Horton Bay parade, you can pick up an entry form at the Horton Bay General Store or call John Rohe at 347-7327.

Registration must take place on or before July 1.

Charlevoix veterans to host July Fourth parade

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

On July Fourth, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153 will be sponsoring a parade of patriotic proportions.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153 Commander Charlie Butcher said the parade will start at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Post in Charlevoix on East Garfield. The parade will progress down Bridge Street, culminating with brief ceremonies in East Park.

Guests featured in the parade will include the American Legion Post 226, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliaries and the Marine Corps League Northern Detachment. However, Butcher said the parade is not limited to those involved with any organization.

"All veterans are invited to march," he said.

Veterans will be accompanied by the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies. Children who want to decorate their bicycles are welcome to ride in the parade.

According to Butcher, all the candidates running for public office are invited to join in the march.

As every parade needs something that will enable it to stand apart from the rest, Butcher said onlookers will be able to watch as two historic vehicles roll past them.

A World War II 1941 General Motors Corp. 2.5 ton 6-by-6 from European Theater of Operations, owned by Butcher himself, will feature a replica of a .50-caliber Browning M2 machine gun, he said. The other vehicle is a Vietnam War Mighty Mite Jeep owned by Graham Barton.

Butcher said the marchers will be accompanied by Gary Stutzman and the Charlevoix City Band.

Weather

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June 22	71	52	—
June 23	67	53	.14
June 24	66	50	.01
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Summer events are already successful

EDITORIAL

This summer is already proving to be a great one in Charlevoix.

Already we have seen two new events taking place in Charlevoix's East Park — both of which were fantastic ideas.

First was the Taste of Charlevoix hosted by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. The chamber has been on a roll lately creating new and fun activities for Charlevoix residents and visitors, first with the Charlevoix St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl — which was slightly marred by someone who attempted to dye the Pine River Channel — and now with this Taste of Charlevoix event.

With this new event, restaurants from throughout Charlevoix gave visitors to East Park a taste of what they have to offer. East Park was packed with people munching on meat, soups and wonderful desserts made by local chefs. And they washed it down with their choice of delicious beverage — be it wine, beer or something non-alcoholic.

This was a great idea formulated by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. It not only brought people to the downtown area, but it also gave area merchants and restaurants a chance to show off what they have. Keep up the good work chamber.

The next great event was the Boating Safety Day sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, Charlevoix unit, in East Park. This event brought kids and adults to East Park to learn more about how to be safe while on the water and what the Coast Guard does.

This was done through a series of fun games for kids and adults — such as trying to walk with goggles that represent different levels of intoxication and learning water safety from a talking robotic boat.

Plus, this event was hosted at the perfect time for residents and visitors. With summer soon to get underway in full force, the lakes will be packed with boaters. Now, hopefully, those boaters know what to do in an emergency.

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Letters to the editor

Thank you

Editor:

The Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees would like to thank the community for passing the millage and bond proposal for the renovation of the old middle school.

The hoard appreciates the volunteers and Friends of the Library who helped make this project a success.

We are looking forward to the grand opening of the Charlevoix Public Library in the fall of 2006.

Mary Ann Chew
President
on behalf of the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees

Kur is a great prosecutor

Editor:

Charlevoix the Beautiful! — A town we always loved to visit, a town that we thought was safe and protected from crimes found in large cities. Never in our wildest dreams did we think our son would be in any danger. The most horrific act of violence was committed in your county, an act of violence that forever changed our lives. Scott was murdered by a stranger, someone who made the choice to take a life.

It became a nightmare for us. We were thrown into a world that we knew little about: lawyers, judges, juries, police policies and our justice system. We met at the office of the Prosecuting Attorney of Charlevoix County. We were scared to death, we had no idea what to expect or what kind of questions to ask. We are originally from the Detroit area and we were afraid we would just be a number, one more case on the docket. When we entered Mary Beth Kur's office, she showed compassion and kindness. She explained the process to us in terms we could understand and she showed us her determination that justice would be served.

We feel that we were very fortunate to have Mary Beth Kur on our side. Her knowledge and her experience in the courtroom proved to us that she would represent our son in a professional manner and that her skills would put our son's murderer behind bars.

During the trial, Mary Beth was there for all of Scott's relatives and friends that attended. If any of them had any questions or concerns, she always made herself available to answer them. It has been two years since the trial and in that time, Mary Beth Kur has kept us informed of any events that have taken place. Her character and her knowledge as a prosecuting attorney proved to be to our benefit. We cannot thank her enough. We have developed a friendship that is deep with respect and we are sure it will continue to grow.

We have heard from some friends in Charlevoix about the rumors that are being said about Mary Beth Kur. We all know that politics can be unfair and cruel, mudslinging is so unnecessary. Please remember when you, the Charlevoix County voter, go to the polls, please vote on the candidate's abilities, skills and experience. Vote on the facts, not the rumors. We would not have gotten through this heartbreaking ordeal without the skills and compassion of Mary Beth Kur.

Ken and Sue Cook
Elk Rapids

Bush should respect the law

Editor:

Great! We finally bave a president who is above the law.

The Geneva convention (includes rules governing the treatment of prisoners) is now null and void according to Mr. Ashcroft, our Attorney General, and Mr. Bush. This sbould make our own troops really happy if they ever are captured.

It's no secret that our president prefers to be the "Lone Ranger" and be above the law-whether it's about the Geneva Conventions, abandoning the ABM Treaty with Russia, the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, the treaty to rid the world of land mines or gutting the Clean Air Act. It's not just about us — "it's tbe world, stupid!"

You can't just set aside treaties that will protect our own troops, if captured, using the excuse that the Taliban or al Qaida do not represent a country and therefore are not subject to the Geneva Conventions on prisoners. We must remain a nation of laws and do the right thing.

Paul Richards
Charlevoix

Office not as described

Editor:

In a June 23, 2004 article in the *Charlevoix Courier*, Jacqueline Rozema was quoted as saying "working there [in the Prosecutor's Office] was like working in a concentration camp."

We have all worked in the Prosecutor's Office with Sandra Ward and Mrs. Rozema, and their statements of harassment are completely false.

The casual use of the term "concentration camp" to describe the conditions of working in the Prosecutor's Office is not only inaccurate but is an insult to the victims who suffered in such camps and diminishes the actual meaning of their horrific experiences. We are proud of our collective service to the citizens of Charlevoix County and look forward to continuing to serve.

Jennifer E. Deegan,
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Brian M. Seelye,
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Kerry B. Zahner,
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Letter response on Norwood

Editor:

I am responding to a letter written to the editor, published Wednesday, June 16, 2004, under the title of "Road Follow Up" by Marion Shea-Light.

In her letter about the township supervisor, (Mr. Wayne Boss), Ms. Light says and I quote, "After seven months of asking for a road report, I still don't have it and Mr. Boss said at the last township board meeting that he doesn't plan to do one." In our board minutes from the last meeting May 18, 2004 which are now recorded for public knowledge, Mr. Boss's response was, I quote, "The road priority plan will be prepared so the board can look at it in June." It was on the agenda for the June 21, 2004 meeting and Mr. Boss delivered it and it is now recorded in tbe minutes of that meeting for public knowledge.

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I have attended all seven meetings that Ms. Light has referred to in her letter, and I heard Mr. Boss respond, when asked about the delivery of the report, by saying he would try to have it at the next meeting. Only at the May 16, 2004 meeting did Mr. Boss say that he would have it at the June meeting, and he did. I would like to inform the public that Ms. Light's statement was a half truth and in my opinion I believe this was done to mislead the public as to the intent of our township supervisor.

Frankly I am ashamed of one of our planning commission members for making a half-truth statement like this about our supervisor. Mr. Boss has tried to keep peace in this troubled community for a while now and I believe it is because of the elections coming up in August that some people are trying to make him out to be a person of poor character. Shame on all of you people who try to resolve issues by attacking and trying to belittle someone just because you don't get what you ask for. This is not in the best interest of our township, nor is it a form of conduct to be used hy a person in a leadership position.

People of Norwood, please come and attend the meetings and see just what is going on here.

Unite for the sake of a better and safe township, one that is friendly and warm.

Barb Hamilton
Norwood Township

Thank you

Editor:

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in making our first "Taste of Charlevoix" event a big success! There was a large turnout, the weather was fantastic and we were selling tickets nonstop from 11 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Several vendors sold out of food early or had to re-stock during the day.

We even had people come after 4 p.m. wanting to know if there was any food left!

I had nothing but positive feedback from all of those who joined in on the festivities. I would like to thank all of our participating vendors, the chamber member businesses who donated their time or materials to the Taste event, the Taste of Charlevoix Committee members, the City of Charlevoix and its staff, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and its staff, and all of the volunteers who helped that day. Without all of you, this would not have been such a success!

We look forward to next year's event and making it even more successful and enjoyable for our community.

Maura A. Snabes
Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Chairman

Foundation's youth committee gives out grants

When the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee surveyed their peers last year, they found their highest concerns included alcohol and substance abuse, and lack of recreational facilities.

This spring with these issues in mind, the Youth Advisory Committee recommended awards totaling nearly $30,000 to republish a book to help counsel teens with substance abuse problems, as well as funding assistance for a variety of sports facilities from a skate park to a non-motorized trail.

There were 13 non-profit organizations receiving Youth Advisory Committee money for 14 programs within this funding cycle. The organizations, the successful projects and amount of the grant awards are as follows:

- Bay Area Substance Education Services (BASES) — $3,000 to support the reprint and update of the publication "Young People in Recovery."
- Camp Daggett — $2,600 to replace a variety of recreational equipment needed to expand programs, add variety and increase safety for the summer camping program.
- Challenge Mountain — $2,000 to add environmental education activities in a new program pairing seniors witb at-risk youth called "Bridging Bridges in the Volunteer Gap."
- Charlevoix Area Skate Park — $7,000 towards the construction of a skate park facility in Charlevoix to insure a safe place for skateboarders and in-line skaters.
- Child and Family Services — $1,350 to provide materials and instruction for foster parents to prepare a scrapbook style record of the life of the child in their care.
- East Jordan Public Schools — $228 to provide lunch for the East Jordan honors students during the third annual spring cleanup of the Jordan River.
- MSU Extension, Charlevoix County — $1,500 to provide stipends for low-income, high-risk youth to participate in 4-H programs.
- MSU Extension, Charlevoix County — $500 towards the "Take a Day On" program to promote leadership training and volunteerism among youth in Boyne Falls Public Schools.
- Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency — $425 to provide local match support for the Head Start "Reading is Fundamental" program.
- Raven Hill Discovery Center — $4,220 toward the "Backyard Environmental Education" BEE project that focuses on improving teacher and student science processing skills of observing and measuring.
- Top of Michigan Trails Council — $3,000 to provide engineering costs for the proposed Charlevoix to Boyne City non-motorized trail link.
- Crooked Tree Arts Council for VSA Arts of Michigan — $2,500 to support a barrier-free arts festival for special needs students.
- Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan — $487 to support the continuation of the "Out of the Locker Room" program for teenage boys.

Members of the Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee are Brittany Crandall, Danielle Cary, and Rachel McDonough from Beaver Island; Erin Moriarity, Reed Ameel, and Riley O'Brien from Boyne City; Megan Pernicano, Ashley Mauchmar, and Darryl Kowalski from Boyne Falls; Zita Anderson, AnnaKate Trubilowicz, and Matt Teuscher from Charlevoix; and Patrick Teske, Tabitha Grover and Sierra Roberts from East Jordan.

The next deadline for submitting a grant request to the Foundation for youth related projects is October 1, 2004. For more information about grant making opportunities, or the Community Foundation, call (231) 536-2440.

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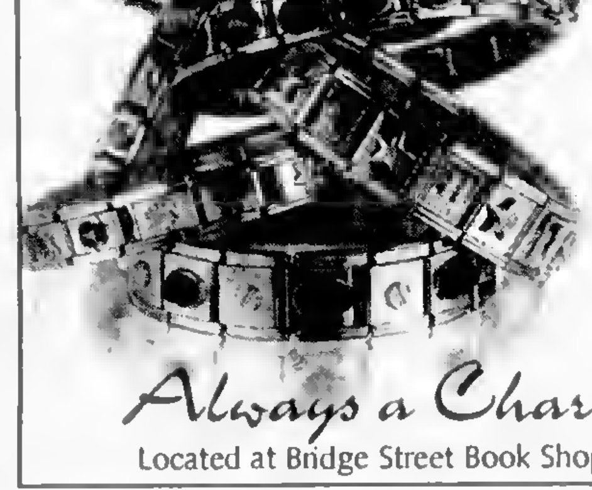

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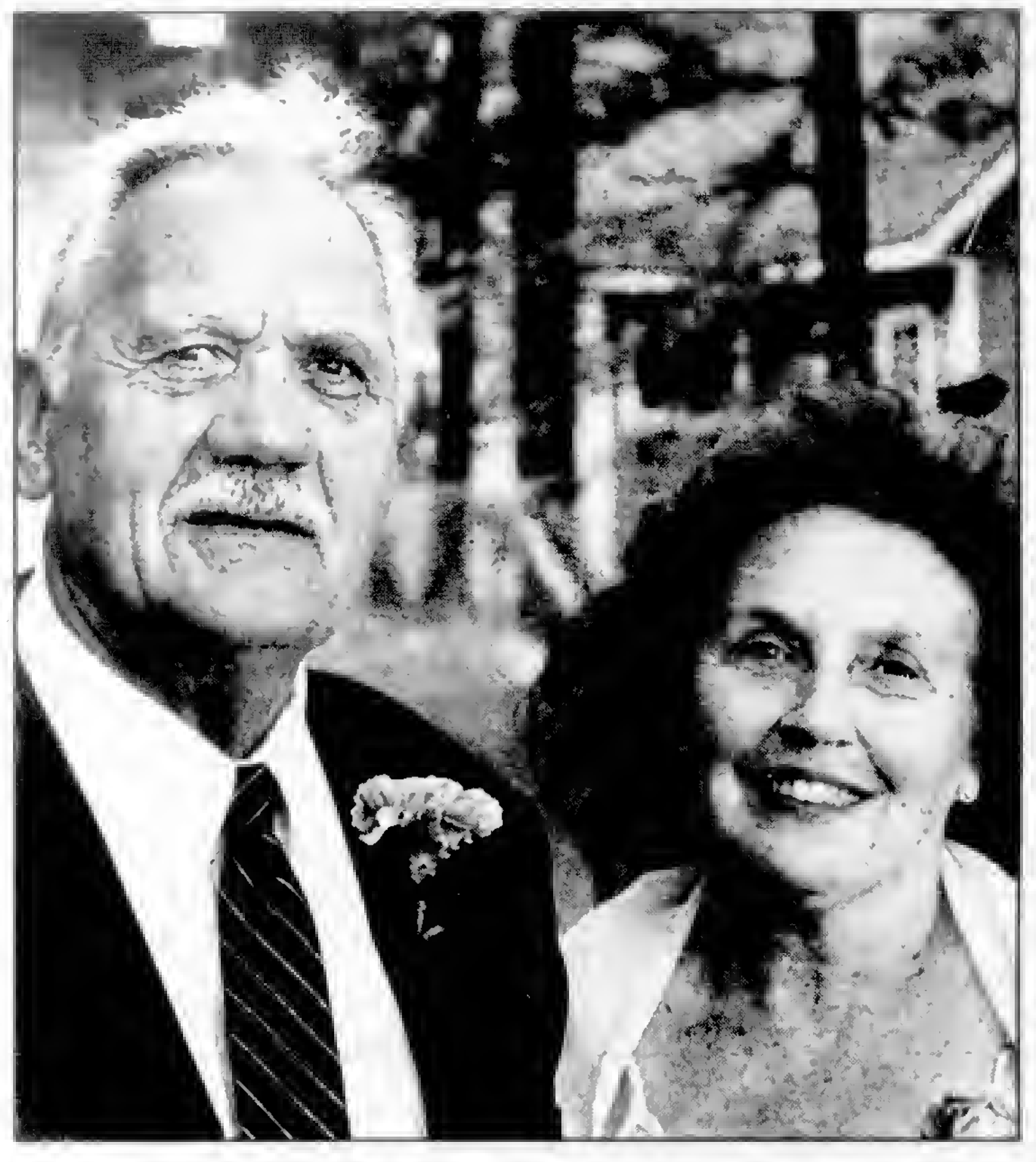

Barbara Smith, of Charlevoix, and Jack King, of Kalkaska, were married in a private ceremony at a home on Log Lake in Kalkaska on June. 10, 2004.

The Pastor Rex Kibler performed the double ring rites.

The bride's dress, flowers and cake were all in a pink floral designs.

The best man was Dayton Peck and the matron of honor was Floy Peck.

A reception was given after the ceremony at the Kalkaska Senior Citizen Center.

They are making Kalkaska their home.

Garden club announces poster contest winners at tea

Each May it may not be the goal of the Youth Education Committee Poster Contest Tea to enjoy the smiling or sometimes earnest faces of the Kindergarten-Sixth Grade children who are poster contest winners, but that is the outcome.

The tea is actually conducted to celebrate the accomplishments of children who create winning posters. The contest is offered by National Garden Clubs, Inc.

In the Fall of 2003 two art teachers — Lori Bolt and Mary Beth McGraw — assisted the elementary students in creating posters around two themes: the classic poster "Smokey the Bear/Woodsy the Owl," and the 2003 theme "Plant a Garden for the Future." The posters were then judged at four levels: Locally-by Charlevoix Area Garden Club Youth Education Committee; statewide-by Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan; regionally-by Central Region of NGC; and nationally-by National Garden Clubs.

At the May tea the committee announced to a gathering of parents, teachers and students the local awards of their second and first place by grade and the Grand Prize winners in both thematic categories.

The Grand Prizes of a Blue Ribbon, a U.S. Savings Bond, and framed certificate were awarded to: Sammy Hovie, first grader from Charlevoix's Elementary School for "Smokey the Bear/Woodsy the Owl" and Megan Zawisza, sixth grader from St. Mary's Elementary School for "Plant a Garden for the Future."

The committee also said Sammy Hovie, David Kirk, Erin Stebe, Josh Hogan, Trenton Bradley, and Krista Pischner received awards from the FGCM Committee. Later the committee learned that Sammy Hovie was awarded first place for first grade and Krista Pischner of St. Mary's was awarded first place for sixth grade for "Plant a Garden for the Future" by FGCM. Hovie also received an award of distinction and Krista Pischner placed First in her category at the Central Region level. Pischner then went on to receive a Third place award nationally.

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Children's House presents new web site

Charlevoix Children's House has just finished a very successful year and is reaching forward to the next with enthusiasm.

In its quest to stay current with the demands of modern technology, the Montessori school has launched a new web site, charlevoixchildrenshouse.org.

Barbara Godwin-Chulick, directress of the school, hopes the site will promote the Montessori community.

"The heart of a Montessori School is the community of its families and supporters. The heart of a community is communication. We hope to use the site to communicate not only with our families, but with the broader population and other Montessori communities," she said.

The site includes contact information and details of the Children's House philosophy. It also includes an extensive explanation of the Montessori Method and links to seek additional information through e-mail or other web sites.

Portions of the site that are soon to be added, include teacher's resource links to enhance the classroom activities and a funding page to address the growing financial hurdles quality education faces in today's economy.

Annette Nesburg, board president, is hoping the site will assist in the crucial area of fund-raising for the non-profit school.

"As funding becomes increasingly difficult, we need to be very efficient and creative in enhancing the program for our families. We strive to provide excellence in education, and a supportive community for our teachers and families. We hope the website will prove to be a creative and inexpensive resource to enhance our children's experience," she said.

The site will be updated routinely and is hosted free of charge by PSD Solutions of Charlevoix. For additional information on Montessori education and the Charlevoix Children's House, please refer to charlevoixchildrenshouse.org or call the Charlevoix Children's House at 547-5599.

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Doggone good time

Scooter, a nine year old Yorkshire Terrier/Chihuahua mix, ran free in East Park while enjoying a sunny afternoon. Scooter belongs to Tiffany Whitten of Charlevoix.

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Obituaries

Timothy Read Ives: April 9, 1928 - June 14, 2004

Timothy Read Ives, 76, of Bloomington, Ill. died June 14 at his residence.

He was born April 9, 1928, to Ernest L. Ives and Elizabeth (Stevenson)

On June 23, 1954, he married Adrienne Oshorne in Lake Forest, Ill.

Besides his wife, he is survived hy two daughters, Alison A. Ives of Lake Forest, Ill. and Sandra I. (William) Powell of Shaker Heights, Ohio; and one son, Timothy O. (Wendy) Ives of Bloomington, Ill., as well as eight grandchildren.

A graveside service for Mr. Ives will be later this summer.

He attended Brooks School in North Andover, Mass. and was a member of the class of 1951 at the University of Virginia.

He was chairman and past president of Bloomington Broadcasting Inc. retiring in 1988.

He was an active supporter of many community organizations, including serving as Director and President of the McLean County Historical Society, Bloomington Unlimited, the Association of Commerce, the National Radio Broadcasters Association and the Bloomington Country Club.

He also was a director of the Daily Pantagraph.

He was a U.S. Air Force pilot in the Korean War and retired as a captain. He was also a member of the Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Memorials may be made to the McLean County Historical Society of a charity of the donor's choice.

Lily Novotny: Jan. 22, 1916 - June 25, 2004

Lily Novotny, 88, of Charlevoix, died June 25, 2004, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

A graveside service was 2 p.m., June 28 at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Lily was born Jan. 22, 1916, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Petrik) Novotny. She graduated from Charlevoix High School, and attended two years at Charlevoix Normal School. Lily worked as a seamstress most of her adult life and was employed at the Polly Kay Shop in Charlevoix.

She enjoyed nature and art, especially painting and sculpting. Her passion was reading, and she had a variety of collections. Lily loved the outdoors and spent many hours walking around the woods on her farm. She enjoyed her pet cats. Lily also enjoyed her family and especially the young children.

Lily is survived by; sister, Edna (Chick) Gallagher of Charlevoix; brother Frank (Ester) Novotny Jr. of Bellaire; and seven nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by parents Frank and Mary Novotny Sr.; siblings, Jim, Mary, Rose, Helen, and an infant brother. Arrangements were handled by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

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Bible school

(Above) St. Mary's Principal Patty Troppman leads the closing ceremonies of the 4th Annual Vacation Bible School. The theme was Lava Lava Island: Where Jesus Love Flows and was held in the St. Mary's gymnasium. (Left) The Fourth Annual Vacation Bible School comes to a close with songs about worship and love.

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Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher..........547-9446

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Pastor: Dan Gilmore..........547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut
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Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
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Phone..........588-7805

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Charlevoix family takes part in 100 mile run

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Three Charlevoix residents and family members gave their time and energy to raise money to help save lives.

Tennille Dhaseleer, Josh Dhaseleer and Abraham Dhaseleer recently got back from Grand Rapids where they participated in the 26th Annual 100-Mile Run Against Cancer (American Cancer Society Run-Stride for Life). The race is given each year in Grand Rapids during the third week of June.

The race is organized by Strides for Life, but Tennille Dhaseleer said over 95 percent of the proceeds is given directly to the American Cancer Society, which is then given back to the county where each participant raised money.

Suzanne Kozloski, a committee member of Strides for Life, said the group raised about $25,000 to $30,000 this year. She said the total is not completely ready yet since some donations are still coming in.

Next year's goal is $50,000.

Dhaseleer said each participant is required to raise $125 a day, which over the four day period totals a minimum of $500 per entrant. Dhaseleer said she and her husband, Josh, raised more than the minimum each.

"Josh and I probably raised about $1200," she said.

Dhaseleer said the money she, Josh and her brother-in-law, Abraham, raised will come back to Charlevoix County to be used for several things such as research, county programs and educational programs put on through the American Cancer Society.

This year was Dhaseleer's fourth time to run the race, but the first time to do so while 15 weeks pregnant. Those close to her have joked about her baby being the youngest person ever to run 100 miles.

"I took everything easy," she said. "I felt great."

Dhaseleer became interested in Strides for Life through her father, Steve Tchozeski, who has run the race for 13 years. Dhaseleer said her father probably found out about the race through fellow runners or a flyer, but it was the cause that kept him coming back along with his love for running.

"He ran in high school and college and continued to run," she said. "He also coached high school cross country."

Dhaseleer said this was her husband's second year to run it.

"In December 2001, Josh and I got married and I brought him along," she said. "Then he roped his brother in."

Dhaseleer said the combination of running and fighting cancer is what keeps her coming back.

"It's gratifying to run that much and to raise money for a non-profit organization," she said.

The 100 miles is run in 25 mile increments spread out over four days. Food, water and medical aid are provided for the runners along the way by volunteers with Strides for Life.

"It's run by a committee comprised of both runners and staff volunteers, not American Cancer Society officials," she said.

The event is not run as a race, Dhaseleer said, but rather as a group effort.

"The goal is just to finish," she said. "When we approach the finish we all meet and then run in together."

Dhaseleer said the group starts out together, but each individual runs the first 5 miles according to their personal pace. Then all the runners congregate for a break and start out together again for the next 5 miles.

"You really feel like a community at the end," she said.

Suzanne Kozloski, a committee member of Strides for Life, said there is a time limit of completing five miles in an hour due to the groups' small size and the amount of distance the race covers each day.

"In order to make things happen on time and give people who donate meals a designated arrival time, we have the runners group every five miles," she said.

According to Dhaseleer, the race began when two or three men wanted to raise money for the American Cancer Society so they decided to host a run. The original distance was from Grand Rapids up to the Mackinaw Island Bridge, which Kozloski said proved too much for most people.

"Not everyone wants to run that far, but it was very successful," she said.

The race was then modified to 200 miles over an eight day period and ran from Detroit to Grand Rapids. Kozloski said it stayed at 200 miles for awhile until it was changed once more to the current 100 miles in a four day period.

Ages of participants range from about 17 to people in their 60s, but Kozloski said some children have run along side their parents for at least 5 miles.

The reasons people run vary, Dhaseleer said, but most know someone or were affected by cancer themselves or just want to help fight the disease.

"It seems like it's (cancer) so prevalent that we're all touched by the disease," she said.

The cost to register is $20, which Dhaseleer said is used to hold one's spot. Other than that Dhaseleer said there is not much expense because food and lodging is included.

For more information on Strides for Life visit www.stridesforlife.com. American Cancer Society information can be found at www.cancer.org.

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Runners were (from left) Abraham Dhaseleer, Steve Tchozeski, Tennille Dhaseleer and Joshua Dhaseleer.

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Band boosters weeding petunias for new uniforms

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Charlevoix Band Boosters weeding the beds.

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

The Charlevoix Band Boosters organization has committed to a summer of weeding the Charlevoix petunia beds to raise money for new marching band uniforms.

The organization is employed by the city and at $20 an hour per person they have raised about $3,000 in two days of weeding.

"We hope to raise between $10,000 and $12,000 doing the weeding," said Sue Barta, a band parent and an active participant with the band boosters.

The band boosters organization was granted the petunia weeding project as a result of a bid submitted to the city.

"That's what I wanted. We're paying for service, but it's going to the kids," said Gabe Campbell, mayor.

The city has put the cap on the amount at $14,000. The total cost of the uniforms is $35,000 and will be paid off over the next couple years.

The money that is collected will go to replace the over 20-year-old uniforms with new pants, tops and raincoats. The hats that the school has now are still relatively new and will not be replaced at this time.

With the uniform order placed already, Barta said that they will "hopefully be in for fall marching season."

"I just want new uniforms while I'm still drum major," said Jonathon Merrill, who will be a senior at Charlevoix High School in the fall.

Members of the band boosters are not the only participants in this fund-raiser.

"So far we've had between 15 and 20 people working on the weeding. We're looking for as many as we can get," Barta said.

If you would like to help out with the weeding fund-raiser or if you would like to make a donation to Charlevoix Band Boosters, please call Jamie Thomas at 582-0035 or Sue Barta at 547-4988.

Another fund-raiser for the uniforms is a raffle for a DVD player that members of the band won during their trip to the Great Wolf Lodge. Susie Wine is the winner of this raffle.

The spaghetti dinner event each February, put on by the band booster organization, also raises around $3,000.

Photos by Courtney E. Pace

Freedom!

(Above) A rooster was seen running loose in the downtown Charlevoix Area last week. The fowl didn't seem to mind the busy traffic and gazes from onlookers. (Left) Karen Golovich of Citizens Bank in Charlevoix managed to corral a rooster that flew the coop in Charlevoix.

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, June 24, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.

109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers except Karen Campbell were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Certificates of Appreciation were given to John Campbell and Steve Bennett.
- Council accepted the resignation of Patty Sitzema from the City Planning Commission.
- Council accepted the Mayor's appointment of Diana Gully to the City Planning Commission to fill vacancy with term expiring April, 2006.
- City Manager Michael Wiesner reported on the status of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Marina.
- Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. was granted a letter stating the City will act as Grantee until CCS, Inc. receives its 501-C3 status and verifying temporary land use as well as working with CCS, Inc. to find a long-term location. City Manager Michael Wiesner and City Attorney Jim Young will work with CCS, Inc. to provide proof of liability coverage for operation of the Skatepark.
- Council approved City Manager Michael Wiesner to negotiate a vendor license agreement for an on-site skateboard repair service on the old Middle School property, with fees for services going to CCS, Inc.
- Council approved a sewer connection request from Site Planning Development.
- Council tabled a transfer of liquor license and entertainment permit request from Pizza Hut.
- Council approved an amendment to the grant agreement for Depot Beach extending the time for project completion.
- Council appointed Stephanie Brown and Alida Klooster as Deputy Clerks.
- Council adopted a Resolution to set a Public Hearing July 19, 2004 for a Tax Abatement request from Harbor Industries.

Council adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Gabe Campbell, Mayor

Charlevoix High School building new fitness center

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With the addition of a new fitness center to Charlevoix High School, students will have access to workout equipment such as free-weights, machines and elliptical trainers without losing valuable practice space.

Charlevoix High School principal Gary Grundman said the center will be used in conjunction with the already existing sports deck, which is an open space where different sports teams can practice.

"We will now have a first class fitness center for students and auxiliary fitness area," Grundman said.

Construction of the new center was necessary, Grundman said, in order to keep the sports deck open for its intended use.

"All of the equipment would fit in the sports deck, but you could not do much else than use the track," Grundman said.

The new fitness center is located off the main gymnasium on the southeast corner of the school.

The facility will provide a workout area for weight-training while leaving the multi-purpose Sports Deck open for a wide variety of athletic use such as cheerleading, baseball and volleyball practice.

According to Grundman, the new center will be available during the school day for all athletes, physical education students and coaches.

Fitness for Life, Body Kinetics and Lifetime Sports are three classes that will be utilizing what the new fitness center has to offer.

Construction on the center began on May 3 and is scheduled to be complete by Aug. 15. Grundman said, a large number of Charlevoix High School students are involved in athletics and physical education, but the number of students will not be a problem due to the center's size.

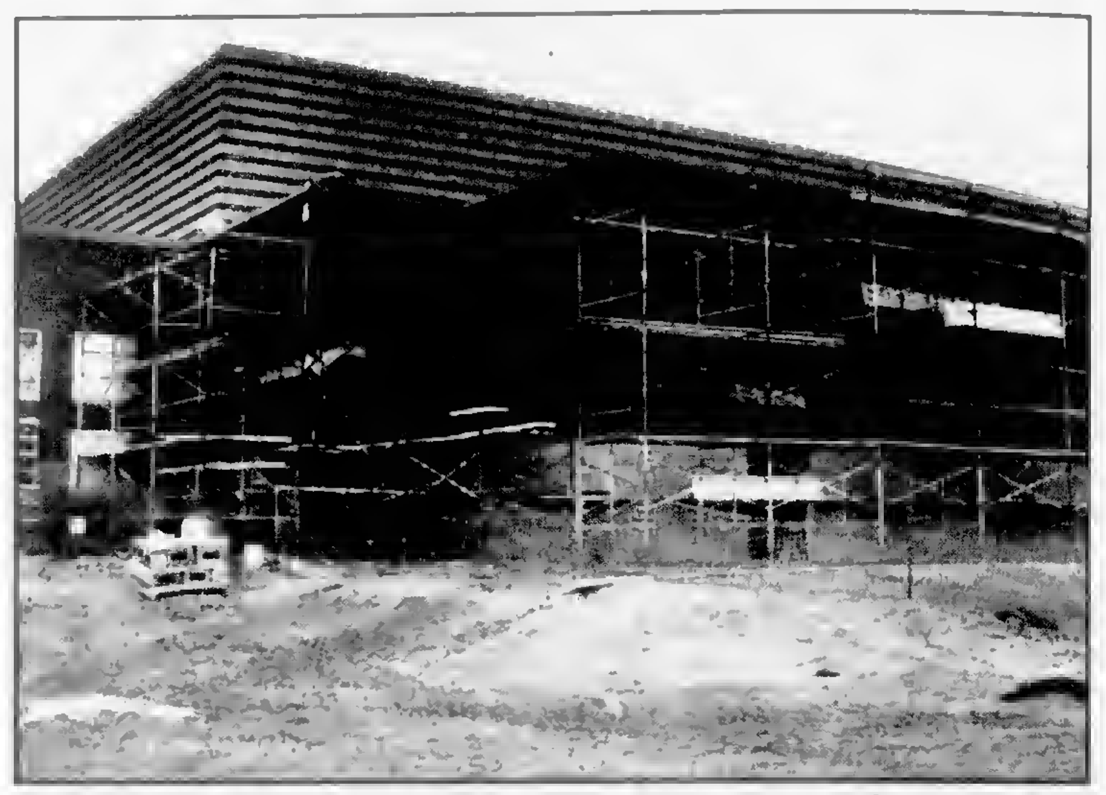
Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent John Sturock said the fitness center is 3,200 square feet, which is quite larger than the original size of 2,900 square feet. The center is under contract for $494,000, but the size increased due to construction costs.

The funding for this project is coming from the district's sinking fund.

"When the bids came in they came in very favorably so we decided to add more square footage," Sturock said.

With its current size, Grundman said the facility will be able to hold a class of about 30 to 36 students.

"With three students per station we figure we can get a whole class in there," Grundman said.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The new fitness center at Charlevoix High School will provide a place to house workout equipment leaving the sports deck open for a variety of uses. Construction is scheduled to be complete by Aug. 15.

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Local Coast Guard units give boating safety lessons

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

United States Coast Guard and Auxiliaries had the first Boater Safety Day in East Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday.

There were several stations set up where patrons could learn tips that will help enable them to become well-informed boaters.

Executive Petty Officer Nicholas A. Gould said the idea behind the Boater Safety Day is to educate people in order to prevent future problems.

Activities available during the Boater Safety Day included an area where adults and kids could try to walk in a straight line while wearing Fatal Vision goggles that represent different levels of intoxication.

Gould said the Fatal Vision goggles were donated by the Michigan State Police.

Gould said the objective was to enable people to realize that if they can't walk straight due to a pair of goggles, then they aren't functioning normally when under the influence.

The different levels of intoxication ranged from .06 to .20 with day and night versions available.

Both adults and children learned how to tie a proper knot and how to use a carbon dioxide fire extinguisher in case of emergency.

One station that captured the attention of wide-eyed children was Coastie.

This station featured a robot boat named Coastie that told children about boating safety through interaction.

The boat blinks, lights up and even features a siren and bell.

"We use them for teaching boater safety to the kids," said Gene Plite, Auxiliary Coastie Operator.

Plite asked Coastie questions, while Auxiliary Coastie Operator Preston Long answered using a remote-controlled radio system. Long kept himself hidden from the mystified eyes of the children.

Petty Officer Eric Koch and Auxiliary Kaylee Kughman ran the Kids Boater Safety Obstacle Course, which was a timed competition.

Children suited up in helmets and life jackets and ran as fast as they could to a life preserver. From here they threw the preserver to a dummy lying next to a boat, representing an overboard situation.

The children then placed the dummy in the boat and pulled the boat across a finish line.

"They received certificates naming them honorary boat crew members of the Coast Guard," Koch said.

Koch later gave information to the crowd during the Life Float Demonstration while Seaman Edward Schwager treaded water in order to act out what Koch said.

Koch told the crowd that they could turn a pair of pants into a life preserver should they be in the water without one.

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Kids Boater Safety Obstacle Course was a timed event that allowed children a hands-on experience in saving a life. Upon completing the course, children received certificates naming them honorary Coast Guard members.

Skatepark slowly becoming reality

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark is coming closer to finally opening its ramps and spines to those brave enough to try them.

At last Monday's City Council meeting, several members of the Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. met to share with the council what they need in order to open.

One of the issues concerned liability and insurance of the skatepark should an accident occur.

City Manager Mike Weisner said an endeavor like the skatepark is covered by governmental immunity if it is owned by a city. However, that immunity is lost when the park is privately owned.

Weisner and members of Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. met with City Attorney Jim Young to discuss possible avenues to take in order to ensure liability does not remain an issue.

"It appears this thing is heading toward city ownership for liability purposes," Weisner said.

Vickie Daman, president of Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc., said if the city should decide to take ownership of the park, skatepark members will work on a volunteer basis.

Vicki Hankins, secretary of Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc., said if everything works out as planned, the city would assume ownership and operate it in a legal way, leaving the kids and those involved with the skatepark to run it.

The volunteers would help to maintain and manage the park, Hankins said, but would also raise money, which can in turn be designated for use with the park.

Daman said this money will help lessen the financial burden a park like this places on a city.

"It will be a park that can pay for itself," she said. "It's a self-sustaining venture."

Discussion is pending concerning a skateboard vendor coming to Charlevoix.

Hankins said Ted Maluchnik, who owns Street Level Skateboard Shop in Traverse City, is considering bringing his wares to Charlevoix.

"We're hoping he'll put a shop in the retail unit of Charlevoix," she said.

Maluchnik said he has been looking at some available spaces in Charlevoix, but hasn't found the right one yet.

"If I can find a place, I'm interested in coming here," he said.

Maluchnik said he looked in Oleson's Plaza where NPI Wireless used to be located. According to Maluchnik, the store is not in a state where a vendor can instantly move in.

"I want to find a place to just move into and not have to clean up," he said.

Maluchnik has been in the business for 10 years in Traverse City and he decided it is the right time to possibly open a store in Charlevoix.

There is also talk that if Maluchnik opens a shop in Charlevoix he would also possibly lease a space at the skatepark in which he could provide repairs for those participating in a session.

Weisner said the idea of having a repair shop at the skatepark is a way to provide a needed service at a public facility.

"It's a bit irregular, but it's kind of providing a service," he said. "We do that at beaches and ballparks with concession stands."

Maluchnik said it's late in the season to open a store, but the idea of leasing an area of the skatepark is a great way to test the waters for a full store.

"The money I'd be paying to lease the space can go to the park versus paying a lease downtown," he said.

If all construction goes as planned, Daman said the skatepark should be ready to open its doors to the public within the next few weeks.

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Children, adults learn how to be safe on the water

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Gould said Schwager stayed warm due to his dry suit. The dry suit functions differently than a wet suit, which Gould said uses water heated up by the body. The dry suit doesn't involve water and is used if the water is under 50 degrees.

Other clothing worn during rescue operations were available for the public to see including Anti-Exposure Coveralls, which Gould said feature their own flotation devices. These can keep the body warm in water between 50 and 60 degrees.

"It's basically a snowsuit that floats," Gould said.

Gould said the float coat and life jacket combination are used by the Coast Guard if the water is over 60 degrees.

When an emergency is called during the winter, Gould said the Coast Guard wears the Ice Commander Suit. This suit is designed to keep a person warm while out in the icy waters.

"I've actually been in the water for six hours after we chopped the ice," Gould said. He added that a person sweats while in the suit despite the temperature outside.

Those who attended the Boater Safety Day could see three boats used in water rescues. One was a 41-foot UTB (utility boat), a 21-foot RHI (Rigid Hole Inflatable) and a 14-foot Ice Skiff.

Ice situations are very dangerous due to their nature and Gould said the Coast Guard helps to train local fire departments.

"There is a lot of inter-agency training for ice rescue," Gould said.

To sum up what each station at the Boater Safety Day was teaching, the Coast Guard performed a rescue demonstration, which involved the helicopter from the Coast Guard Air Station in Traverse City.

The demonstration involved a rescue swimmer loading a person into a basket and hoisting them up into the helicopter, which flew to the airport. Gould said during a real emergency the person would then be taken to the nearest hospital.

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Charlevoix school report card grades improve

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Both Charlevoix Elementary and Charlevoix Middle schools received a higher grade on their state report card than they did the previous year.

Charlevoix Elementary received the grade of a B and Charlevoix Middle School received an A.

"It's all how hard the staff has worked," Charlevoix Elementary School Principal Richard Swenor said. "Whenever we get assessment results we analyze them and break them down."

Swenor and Charlevoix Middle School Principal Keith Haske are both proud of their staff and their hard-working students who made the improvement possible.

Haske is proud of his students and staff for the A their hard work received.

"We are one of the few schools in the area to get an A," he said. "In our school district we're the first one to get an A so far."

The grade a school receives depends on three areas: Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) scores, MEAP score improvement and academic indicators of teaching quality and opportunities for student growth in place at individual schools.

The Michigan Department of Education issues these yearly report cards as part of their program Education Yes and federal legislation No Child Left Behind and its Adequate Yearly Progress evaluation.

Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent John Sturock said the improvement in grades is an indication of the districts' efforts.

"Obviously there were just a few things we had to make improvements on from last year to this year," Sturock said. "We're moving in the right direction."

Both schools focused on three key areas: Reading comprehension, writing and mathematics.

Charlevoix Middle School received a high rating in reading, which Haske said is due in large part to the staff initiating research based strategies into the curriculum. One strategy is called Making Connections in which the teachers help students make connections between what they read and themselves or other texts.

A second strategy involved visualizing what one is reading, which Haske said helped the students connect with what they read.

"Sometimes when you read you don't pay attention and have to reread a paragraph," Haske said. "Well, research has shown that visualizing what they're reading helps kids to comprehend it more."

Swenor said the elementary school received a 92 percent for their reading score, but are initiating a three year plan to help mathematics and writing increase as well.

"We're happy to increase from a C to a B, but we still want to improve," Swenor said.

In order to improve, Swenor and his staff are planning on initiating a new mathematics program for the next school year. The program is published by Scott Forsman and Swenor said the two areas of focus are traditional math and investigative math.

According to Swenor, the investigative portion focuses on critical thinking skills, which will help the students improve their problem solving ability.

"With the MEAP none of it is just computation," he said. "It also has some reading and problem solving."

In order to improve student's math skills, Haske said the middle school staff came up with a program called Enrichment Academy that lasted for six weeks.

Once a week during their seminar class, students would work on their computation skills according to their skill level. Haske said the students who needed more concentration were grouped together while students with more advanced math skills worked on different problems. Haske said the idea was to work at the students' individual levels.

"We tried to meet the needs of the kids," he said.

Both Charlevoix Elementary and Charlevoix Middle schools plan on improving the quality of their students' writing.

Swenor said K-12 have been trained in the John Collins method of writing, which involves five steps including: Prewriting and putting ideas down on paper, taking ideas and forming them into a complete draft, revising one's own work focusing on certain areas, having a peer revise the work and completing a publishable piece.

Swenor said the school's strategy is to implement the five types of writing by focusing on certain areas.

"It came out in the test that what we didn't do enough of was details and examples to enrich the content of the pieces," Swenor said.

Both Swenor and Haske are going to use what the Collins' method calls Focus Correction Areas or FCA's.

Basically, the teacher will pick a topic such as capitalization, which will be the primary focus for the student's writing that day.

Haske said this is an improvement over the old way, which involved teachers correcting everything that was wrong with a student's paper.

"This new method helps the teacher and helps put an emphasis on certain things," Haske said.

Swenor said he is excited about the idea of using FCA's to enrich the student's writing.

"I think we'll see some great improvements," he said.

Area basketball highlighted at this year's Venetian celebration

Due to the overwhelming scope and time required to identify and review the legions of exemplary Charlevoix athletes, the Venetian Sports Committee adopted a policy of reviewing only one or two sports each year.

"By focusing on a sport or two each year, the committee's effort to research and identify "Charlevoix Sports Legends" will become a series and tradition of future Venetian Festivals," indicated Venetian President, Dan Barron.

Venetian Sports Committee Chairman Dean Davenport said the committee determined that basketball will be the first sport to receive "sport legends" attention.

The criteria for legendary basketball team status was also apparent. There have been seven Charlevoix High School teams which have advanced through the rigors of district, regional and quarterfinal competition to reach the prestigious "Final Four" of the state tournament. The players from these Charlevoix High School Final Four Teams of 2004, 2001, 1999, 1952, 1948, 1938 and 1931 are asked to return for Venetian week so that they may be recognized.

These players are asked to contact Venetian headquarters (547-3872) to register for the festivities and to receive instructions.

Three Charlevoix High School coaches of highest esteem, Ray Kipke, Del Terrill and Don Carey, forged illustrious credentials on the Rayder basketball court as well as on the football field. These three coaches will thus also be considered for legendary status honors in 2004, along with current coach Keith Haske — who is in the midst of forging a legacy in his own time.

The committee will proceed to complete its 2004 mission by next announcing the names of outstanding Charlevoix hoopsters under consideration for legendary status, prior to its final review and determination of those individual players who will round out the 2004 "Charlevoix Sports Legends" exhibit.

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Council appoints new planning commissioner

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix Mayor Gabe Campbell appointed local resident Diana Gully to the planning commission recently to replace Patricia Sitzema, who resigned due to family obligations.

At the June 21 city council meeting the commissioners unanimously voted Gully in.

Gully was currently serving on the Board of Review, which meets for three days in March to help Charlevoix residents with any property tax issues they may have. Gully. however, said she wanted to focus more on the city.

"I want to start getting back to the city and this is a good opportunity for me to do this," she said.

Campbell said he met Gully a few years ago and she showed an interest in city involvement. Gully was placed on the Board of Review and Campbell said those she worked with complimented her.

According to Campbell, Gully will bring another viewpoint to the commission.

"I think everybody that comes in brings a different light," Campbell said.

Gully's location in the city will enable the commission to become more balanced, Campbell said concerning the number of commissioners in each ward.

"There should be a minimum of two in each ward," Campbell said.

Gully who is originally from Oakland County in Detroit has been coming to Charlevoix for 21 years and has been a permanent resident for the last five years.

"I know a lot about Charlevoix history and politics that took place," she said.

City planning is an area Gully said she is ready to get involved in because of the amount of time she has spent in Charlevoix.

Campbell said as far as he knows, Gully is not involved with any organization that is politically one-sided, which may enable her to have a more balanced view on issues.

"I think that it will work out real well," he said.

Islanders working to get voters registered

The Beaver Island non-partisan group IdeA will be sponsoring a registration drive July 4 at the site of the future home of Beaver Island's Community Center. Volunteers will be there from 12 to 5 p.m. to explain requirements for registering to vote, to hand out registration forms and to discuss some of the important issues that are at stake in the upcoming election. The group hopes to demonstrate, through their own registration effort, that a few individuals can make a difference.

Garden Club to host flower show

Along with its Sixth Annual Garden Walk, "A Basketful of Gardens," the Charlevoix Area Garden Club will host a Standard Flower Show, "A Tisket, A Tasket — A Room Full of Baskets" on Wednesday, July 14.

The gardening public is invited to enter the Division II - Design Class in which entries must be pre-registered by July 7. You are also encouraged to submit horticultural specimens, which may be annuals, perennials, bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers, hosta, hydrangea or herbs.

The Flower Show will be at the Historic Depot on Lake Charlevoix at the foot of Chicago Avenue. Both Design and Horticulture entries are to be submitted between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (latest) on Tuesday, July 13, the day before the Garden Walk and Flower Show.

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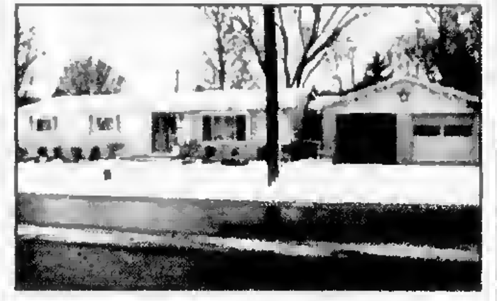
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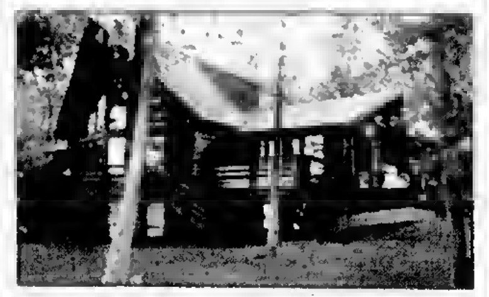
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'Rayder Rumble' to help kick off Venetian

On Monday, July 19, 2004, Charlevoix High School basketball players will clash in a showdown pitting the 2001 state finals basketball team against the 2004 state finals basketball team.

The basketball match-up, which is being presented by the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, is the featured festival event on Venetian Monday and will include pre-game and halftime concert performances by Charlevoix's own Mojo & The Boogieman.

Venetian Festival President, Dan Barron, said, "The game is a beautiful combination of two favorite Charlevoix pastimes, the festivity of Venetian and the passion of Rayder basketball. It's a perfect opportunity for the community to relive recent basketball triumphs and to acknowledge the outstanding academic and athletic accomplishments of these two groups of outstanding kids."

Both squads distinguished themselves through excellent sportsmanship and unselfish team play, as well as their own court success. Star players also emerged, such as Scott Parrish and Jim Shepherd from the 2001 team, who have gone onto college basketball careers at Lake Superior State University and Wesleyan (Connecticut) University, as well as Rob Boss from the 2001 team who is now a football player at Northern Michigan University.

Parrish earned first team all State honors in 2002, as did Scott Friske from the 2004 team. Friske will be honing his basketball skills this coming year at Worcester Academy in Massachusetts, in further preparation for his collegiate career. Bryce Daly and Jared Hunt, from the 2004 Rayder squad, likewise garnered statewide recognition in post-season polls.

Dean Davenport, commissioner of the Venetian Games, said, "The Rayder Rumble is a perfect fit with the 2004 'Charlevoix Sports Legend' theme, which will focus on basketball in its initial year. This classic match-up promises to go down in the annals of Charlevoix sports history."

The game will include lighthearted hype with plenty of Venetian bells and whistles.

Joe Vogelheim, the Venetian Event Manager of the Rayder Rumble, believes the festive atmosphere will blend nicely with the competitive drive of the two championship teams.

"This contest is all about fun and love of the game. Certified referees, experienced game officials and coaches Haske and Erskine will all participate to provide the players and the Rayder Nation faithful a true basketball experience," he said.

Doors will open at the Charlevoix High School gymnasium at 7 p.m. on game night, Monday, July 19. Tip-off is scheduled for approximately 8 p.m.

Ticket prices are $5 for general admission and $25 for the center court section. Advance ticket sales will start on Wednesday, July 7 at the Bridge Street Book Shop. Tickets may also be purchased at the door, if available.

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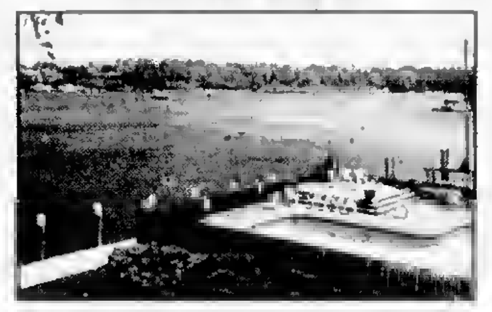
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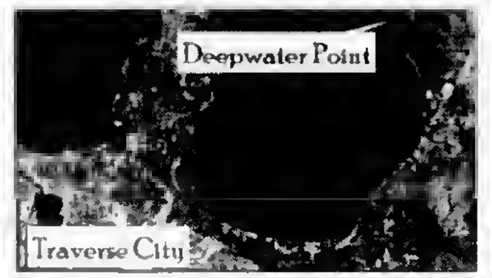
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Island Medical Center celebrates grand opening

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BEAVER ISLAND — A picture of Feodor Protar fittingly hangs in the reception room of the Beaver Island Rural Medical Center.

Protar, who lived on the island until his death in 1925, had no medical training but he often found remedies or traveled to take care of the sick.

A century later, Protar's kindness for the families of Beaver Island was remembered at the Beaver Island Rural Health Center's dedication ceremony Friday.

"Beaver Island has a long rich tradition of helping each other. When a need rises family and friends come to the rescue without a lot of fanfare," said Anne Glendon, a consultant with the task force set up to consider a medical center.

Close to 100 people — island natives to area political representatives — gathered for the ceremony, toured the facility and enjoyed lunch.

The $1.3 million, 8,000-square-foot center brings medical practices on the island into the twenty-first century, by providing more space for emergency medical services, an examining room, four patient rooms, a dental wing and space for visiting optometrist and specialists. The center features a pediatric room, an X-ray area, a pharmacy and a health education center, utilizing a telemedicine capability.

The telemedicine provides specialized medical treatment directly to the patient without leaving the island.

Connie Wojan, medical center president, said the main advantage to the new facility is the room, providing more privacy for patients and physical space to practice.

"We now have the capability to see more than one patient," Wojan said.

The center provides care to an isolated population away from the mainland, and will meet an increased demand for services, reducing the need for people to seek health care on the mainland via boat or plane.

"It's modern health care in a rural setting," Holly Nielson, a relief nurse practitioner, said. "Some people feel more comfortable to receive health care in their community. They don't want to leave the island to see a doctor or have an eye exam."

The first island center was a two-room facility. In 1953, a community drive began to build a health center.

Glendon said the board voted in 1999 to set a task force to develop a plan for a new medical center.

B.J. Wyckoff, chairman of the task force, said the area is growing as a retirement destination, and the population includes seniors who need more services. Wyckoff said there is a need for 24/7 care coverage. Before, on call care was provided and a nurse practitioner was on duty. Visiting physicians came depending on weather.

In the past decade, the population of Beaver Island has increased nearly 40 percent and the patients served by the health center increased from less than 600 in 1990 to more than 2,600 visits in 2002, Wyckoff said.

Island leaders invited state representatives and Jim Haveman, the director of Michigan Community Health under Gov. Engler's administration, to the island to tour the facility. A bill was developed to appropriate funds for services on Beaver Island and Mackinaw Island, which made it through the Legislature, but Engler vetoed it. Haveman lobbied for the island, which did receive the $1.5 million dollar grant in 2002.

Former state Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, was the chair of the subcommittee for appropriations for community health care, and collaborated with representative Mickey Mortimer, R-Horton, to appropriate funds for the project

"It couldn't be done today with today's financial constraints," Gougeon said.

Mortimer said when people talk about underserved areas they consider urban areas, but he said isolated rural areas need comparable services, too.

"People have a right to quality health care" Haveman added.

Bill McDonough, a sixth-generation island resident, remembers hearing about Protar as a kid, and seeking care from visiting physicians. Decades later he was instrumental in forging a path for the new medical center, one he said his family will use.

"Beaver Island is a good place to live, to raise a family," McDonough said. "We need adequate services for our families"

Don Spencer, a board member and project manager, helped oversee the project. Spencer hired Practice Management, of St. Clair Shores, to work to define the services of the building and functions of the rooms. Hobbs & Black Architects of Ann Arbor was hired to design the floor plan. Spencer said 90 percent of the plan was based on the staff's suggestions.

Beaver Gems construction company was hired to construct the center.

Land for the project was donated by Jeff and Nancy All, Lizzie and Molly Traudt and Harry and Josephine Gill. The five acres will be used for the center and a proposed senior housing complex.

The project began in May of 2003 and was finished in February.

Now that the center is built, the community is responsible to help cover its operational costs. The operational budget is about $450,000 a year, community center board member Joe Reed said. A 2 mill levy covers about 30 percent of the operational costs, while patient revenues cover about 45 percent of the budget.

The board set up an endowment fund to help raise the additional 25 percent.

The community launched a capital campaign and hopes to raise $300,000 by 2005. The board established a Legacy Tree Society in the patient visiting area.

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Woman injured in crash

An 18-year-old East Jordan woman was injured in a one vehicle accident around 5:30 p.m., June 19 on M-66 Highway near Ferry Road in Eveline Township.

A 1993 Chevrolet Lumina being driven by Stephanie Stelk, 18, of East Jordan drove off the road and struck a tree head-on. Stelk was transported by the Charlevoix Ambulance service to the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The Sheriff's office was assisted at the scene by East Jordan Ambulance, Charlevoix Ambulance and four citizens who passed by and assisted Stelk prior to their arrival at the scene.

Sheriff's Office telephones will be down for an hour Thursday

Sheriff George T. Lasater would like to forewarn citizens, businesses and area law enforcement offices that the Charlevoix County Sheiff's entire telephone system will be down for scheduled maintenance from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 1.

He said he regrets the inconvenience this outage may cause and would like to remind citizens, if you have an emergency or a complaint/incident to report you should dial 9-1-1.

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Automotive legends to brighten streets

Chrome and vibrant, colorful paint jobs will be all the rage in Charlevoix in early July when the coolest cars in the region pull into town for the Twelfth Annual Charlevoix Street Legends Classic Car Club's show.

"We're every excited. It's like our first show because of all the changes we've made," Street Legends Club president Les Lugibihl said.

The weekend festivities kick off with the traditional cruise featuring jaw dropping specialty cars. But the cruise itself won't be using its traditional home, East Park, as its hub.

This year, the group will leave at 4:30 p.m., July 10, from Ferry Beach in Charlevoix to strut their stuff for gawkers who will watch as they cruise around Lake Michigan. After the drive they'll head back to the beach for a bash.

Lugibihl anticipates the cruise group finishing up the drive at around 6:30 p.m. After that a beach tailgate cookout equipped with fun games, prizes and the local blues band Mojo and the Boogieman will shift the show into fifth gear. The cookout ends at 10 p.m.

But serious car lovers will be in bed early to make sure they're sharp for the July 11 show. Lugibihl said this year's show promises the same caliber of high quality automobiles for. But it has moved from its former stomping grounds, Shanahan Field, to the Castle Farms off M-66.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday, July 11 at the Castle and will wrap up at noon. The show itself will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At the event refreshments will be available and car owners and attendees will have the chance to participate in games and raffles to win cash and prizes. The afternoon will also include a live auction and live music from Mojo.

With all of this activity on the docket Lugibihl is expecting about 200 cars to turn out. He said moving the date from its usual August showing, the same weekend Detroit celebrates its big Woodward Cruise, will likely attract a crowd of car enthusiasts the Street Legends group used to miss.

And more people means more money for the club, which is all given back to the community. Proceeds from the event will benefit Camp Quality, an organization for terminally ill children, and other area non-profit organizations.

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Vehicles like this will be cruising the streets of Charlevoix in the annual car show.

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Officials excited about airport improvements

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The City of Charlevoix Municipal Airport has undergone some changes last year that has improved their visual appeal and function for those waiting to take off to their designations.

"We are a resort community and have a fine facility for resort and local use," Airport Manager Karyn Brooks said.

The airport is finishing up its final touches of the parking lot and will begin to plant seeds that will flourish into the creative landscaping vision Brooks said City Planner Gerry Harsch has envisioned.

"Gerry Harsch has really put some creative thought into the landscaping and the patio area just outside the terminal area," Brooks said.

Brooks said this creative vision will include dyed cement that will represent areas of Charlevoix and Beaver Island along with different types of trees and grasses that will be used to designate the different sections of the parking lot.

To add to the setting, Brooks said there are plans to purchase outdoor furniture such as tables and chairs so people can sit outside in the park-like atmosphere and watch the planes come and go.

The parking lot and landscaping are ideas that carried over from last year, but Brooks said this year's project has even more in store.

Brooks said the original project cost prior to any construction bids for the 2004 federal funding year is $1,325,514.

"Since we have a limited construction season all projects are being planned in such a way to meet the construction season this year," Brooks said.

Construction of two taxiways in the Southwest area of the property is set to start on July 12. Brooks said that there will also be a first parcel hangar development by the new taxiways.

The taxiways in the Northeast hangar area, which is used primarily by local tenants, will be rehabilitated. Brooks said the Northeast hangar area will also see gravel parking, a circular paved area conducive for turning a plane around and a wash area for the planes.

Brooks said the turf taxiway access the tenants have created will now be paved. Project plans also include expanding the ramp and tie-down area. Brooks said this will allow the airport to have more space during the busy season.

"We have a growing need for a place for people to park their aircraft," she said.

Construction is set to start sometime after Labor Day.

Brooks said another project the airport will focus on is sealing any cracks in the pavement.

"It's an important maintenance item for the safety of the aircraft," she said.

A wetlands delineation project is set for this summer, which Brooks said will determine any problem areas concerning the wetlands.

An automatic weather observation system transmitter will be installed along with the other major projects.

Brooks said a snow removal equipment building is in the works and designs are being completed. Construction of the building is mandatory because Brooks said the FAA requires that all equipment purchased with federal funding be housed.

"It's to protect the longevity of the equipment and to provide a place to service it," she said. "Up to this point we have not had storage."

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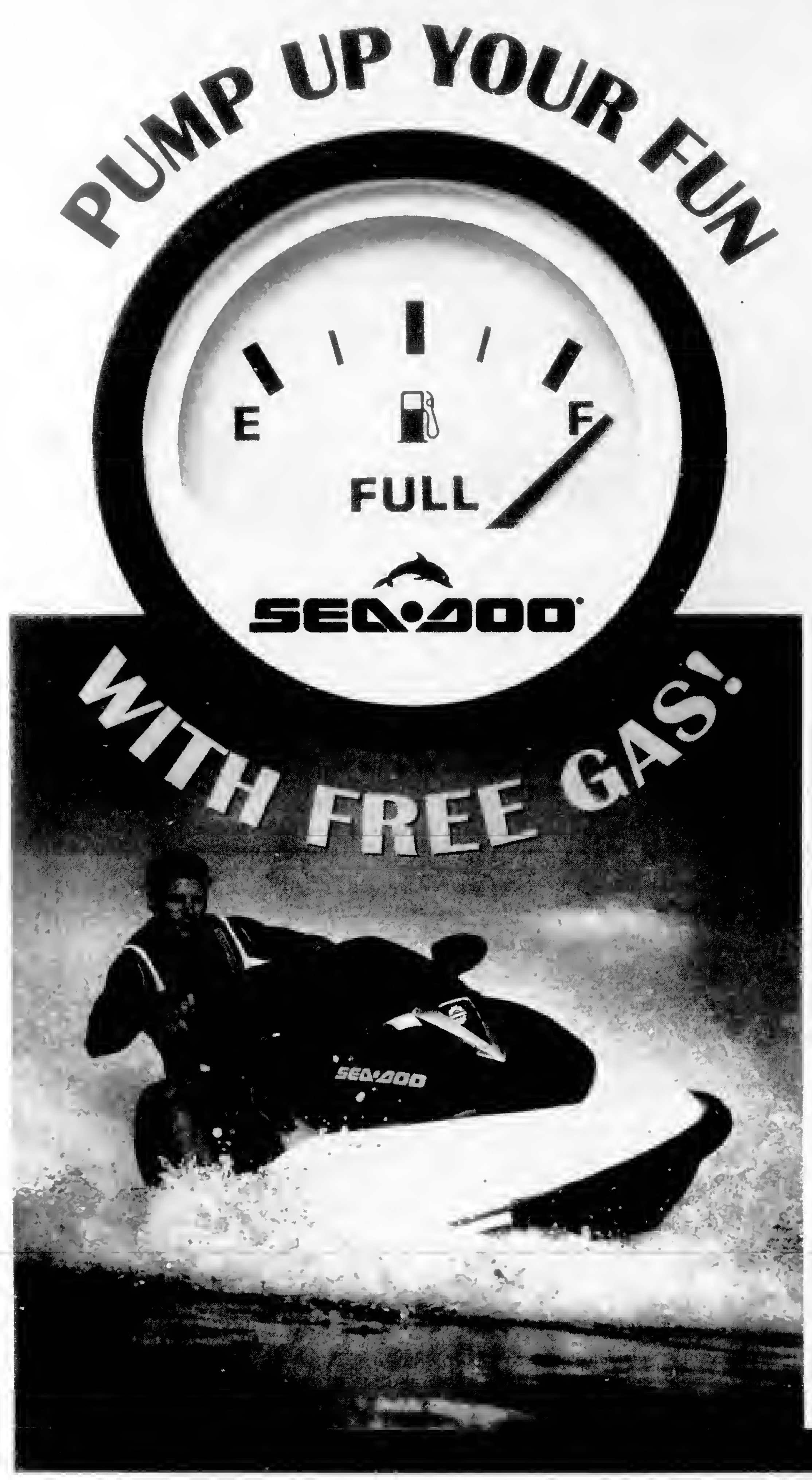

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The last evening of the spring series was a long slow race that included seven windward-leeward legs.

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The results of the final race on June 23 are as follows:

- J-22: 1) Paleface Light (Grove) 2) Superfluous (Jensen) 3) Swine Flew (Strawbridge) 4) What's Her Name (Robinson)
- Jib and Main: 1) Booma (Gosling/Tyra) 2) Flasher 3) Flash (Gordon)
- Pearson-26: 1) Cygnus (Stewart) 2) Artemis (Bowerman) 3) Lost Vermonter (Tinney)
- Spinnaker A : 1) Strinthing (Thomas) 2) Padawan 2 (Lamb) 3) Hoi Polloi (Attee) 4) Gotcha! 5) Northern Light (Orlow) 6) Windrunner (Pirie) 7) Blasen IV (Jurries) 8) MJ2 (Begrow)

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Women

June 24

- Medicap Pharmacy beat Bingham Insurance, 19-0.
- Waterfront Salon/J. Arnold Painting beat Runners 4U, 11-4.
- Fieldcrest Inn beat Kwikie Duplicating, 7-6.

June 15

- Fieldcrest Inn beat Waterfront Salon/J. Arnold Painting, 20-4.
- Medicap Pharmacy forfeited to Runners 4U.
- Kwikie Duplicating beat Bingham Insurance, 16-0.

Men

June 28

- Grey Gables beat Fischer Restoration/Bellaire General Store, 14-7/ For Fischer Restoration, Ryan Fischer had a homerun.
- Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Cemex/Local D480, 8-5.
- Coast Guard Acacia beat Boss Engineering, 14-2. For the Coast Guard, Dave Himebauch had a homerun.
- Lakeshore Tire/Top Rank beat Boss Engineering, 14-2.

June 22

- Waterfront Salon/J. Arnold Painting beat Medicap Pharmacy, 16-15.
- Kwikie Duplicating beat Runners 4U, 13-3.
- Fieldcrest Inn beat Bingham Insurance, 7-0.

June 21

- Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Lakeshore Tire/Top Rank, 17-6. For Lakeshore Tire, Bob Williams had a homerun.
- Pat McKeown Ford beat Ferguson and Chamberlain/Don's IGA, 18-9.
- Fischer Restoration/Bellaire General Store beat Coast Guard, 13-0.
- Fischer Restoration/Bellaire General Store beat Cemex/Local D480, 9-2. For Fischer Restoration, E.J. Castle had a homerun.

June 16

- Boss Engineering beat Pat McKeown Ford, 20-9.
- Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Acacia, 14-13. For Swanson's, Steve Speigl had a homerun. For Acacia, Dave Himebauch had a homerun.
- Lakeshore Tire/Top Rank beat Ferguson and Chamberlain/Don's IGA, 17-5.
- Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Ferguson and Chamberlain/Don's IGA, 21-11.

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Lions to have annual golf tournament July 15

On Thursday, July 15, at the Belvedere the Charlevoix Lions will have its Tenth Annual Four Player Team Scramble Golf Tournament.

The award dinner will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Proceeds go to support the Club's charities.

Some 25 teams are expected to go for the winning lowest-score trophies and cash prizes. Over the past eight tournaments, the club has awarded 32 bronzed Lion trophies to the winners.

Along the way each golfer will try to win $10,000 offered for sinking a tee-shot on hole 17; a Sony camcorder or digital camera, on hole four; two round-trip airline tickets on hole eight and a matched set of Callaway Irons or a Big Bertha driver on hole 14. Also, players can go for $5,000 in the putting contest held on the practice green. The putter-finalist wins a cash prize and a Lions trophy.

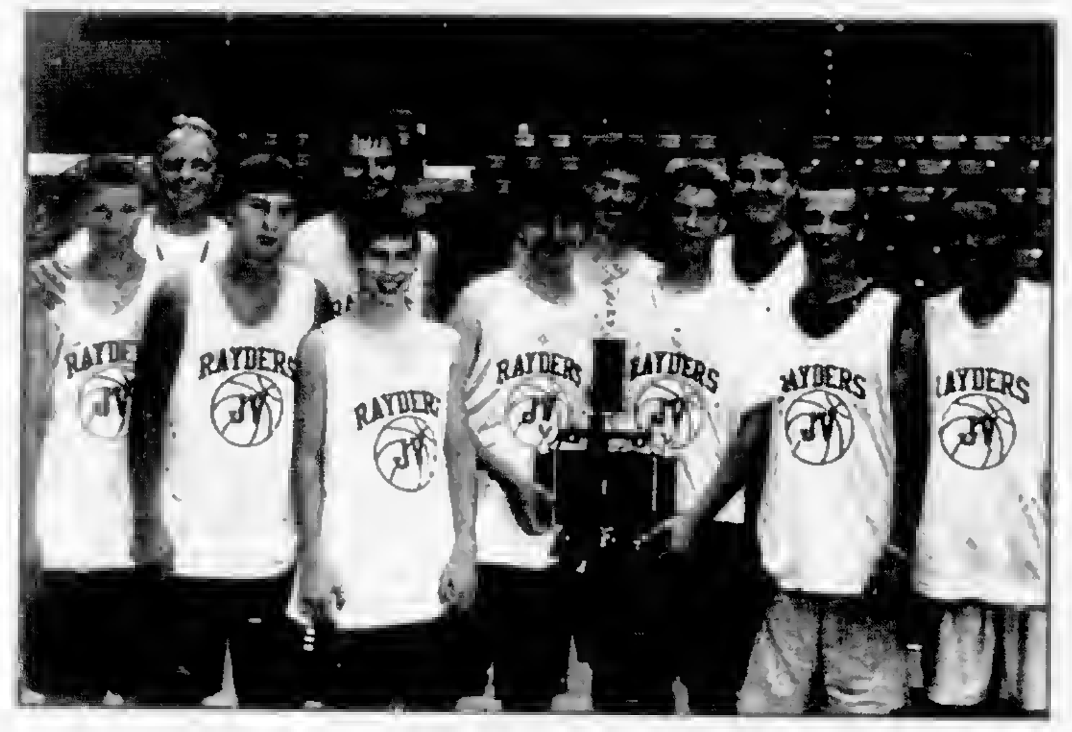
There are awards for longest drives on the first and tenth holes.

Check-In is beginning at 12:30 p.m on Thursday, July 15, with a brat picnic lunch. Shotgun start is at 2 p.m.

The $5,000 putting contest finals will follow immediately after the last hole. The Knights of Columbus doors are open at 5:30 p.m.; the dinner, about 6:30 p.m. and features Lions Chicken. The $98 per player fee includes the 18 holes, cart, all events and the awards dinner.

A fee of $12.90 is for awards-dinner-only guests.

Individual golfers and teams who are interested may call Lions Jeff Rizzo at 547-5117 or Bern Cannan at 547-5512.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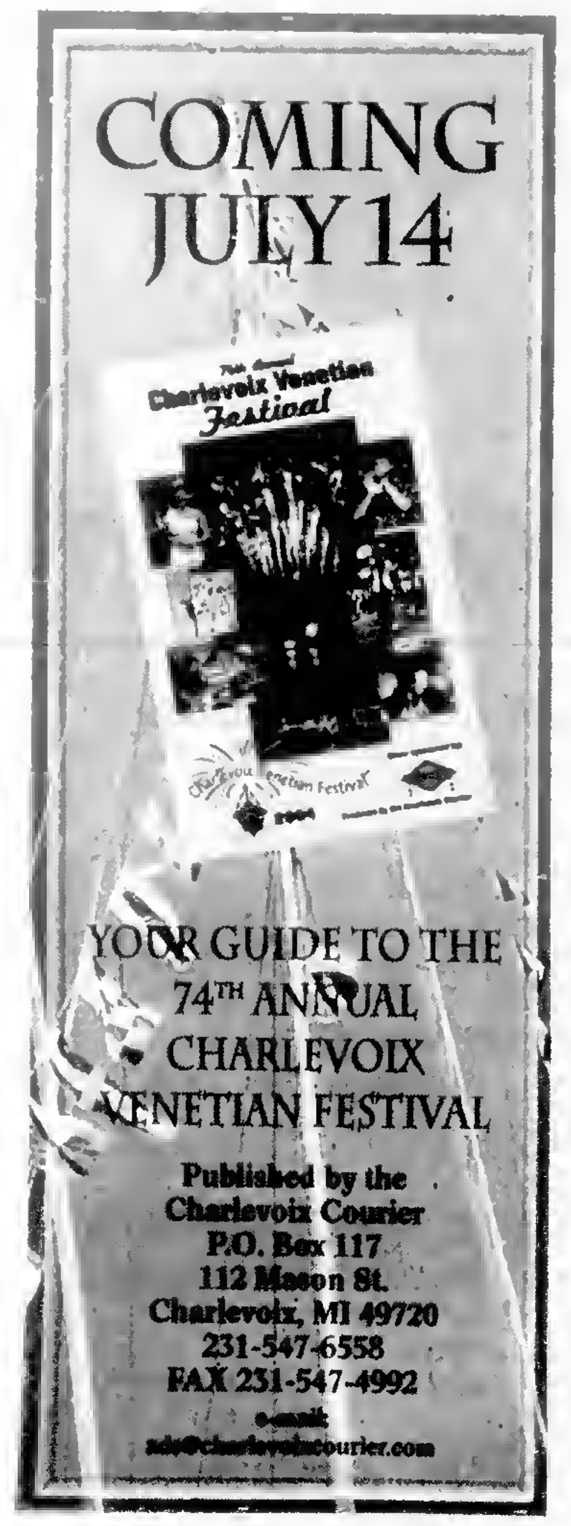

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND INTERESTED PERSONS
Decedent's Estate
State of Michlgen
Probate Court
Charlevolx County
File No. 04-010695

Estate of **Shlrley E. Dvoracek**
Date of Birth: 11-30-30

TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

ON June 23, 2004 the undersigned was appointed personal Representative of the above captioned estate and is serving without bond.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS: The decedent, Shirley E. Dvoracek, who lived at 7392 Upper Bay Shore Rd., Charlevoix, Michigan, diad March 28, 2004.

Creditors and Interested Persons of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, or interest in the matter, will be forever barred unless presented to, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Charlevoix, MI 49720
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estete
File No. 04-010690-DE

Estate of Paul E. Klingenberg
Date of Birth: December 9, 1928

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, PAUL E. KLINGENBERG, who lived at 05250 M-66 North, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died June 2, 2004.

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Date: June 30, 2004

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE- Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by MARY JO McGee, a single woman, Mortgagor, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, Mortgagee, dated December 30, 2002, and recorded January 8, 2003, at Liber 509, Page 860, Charlevoix County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof, the sum of $11,732.65, including interest at 6.750% annum.

Under Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statue in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 22, 2004.

Said premises are located in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as:

All that part of the South half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Town 34 North, Range 8 West described as: Commencing at a point 2 rods West and 2 rods South of the Northeast corner of said South half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 27; thence South on the West line of State Street 783.75 feet for the point of beginning of this description; thence South on the West line of said State Street 73.75 feet: West 264 feet; thence North 73.75 feet to a stake; thence East 264 feet to an iron stake at the point of beginning of this description.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: June 10, 2004

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK
BY: JOHN A. JAREMA (52949)
Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof
& Snyder, P.C.
Attorneys at Lew
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P.O. Box 490
Charlevoix, MI 49720

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

MORTGAGE SALE
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Robert R. Greves and Linde T. Graves, husband and wife, mortgagors to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 3, 2000, and was recorded on October 6, 2000, in Liber 398 on pages 393 through 399 of the Charlevoix County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $6,887.46, including interest at 9% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power ol sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, July 16, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the CharlevoiX County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, thet being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgage before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.

The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

Dated: June 10, 2004

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
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COMMUNITY

Area events

Library meeting

The Charlevoix Public Library will have a special meeting of the Board of Trustees at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, in the Charlevoix Public Library basement at 109 Clinton Street to discuss the new facility and the project schedule.

Ice Cream Social

An Ice Cream Social will be sponsored by the Norwood Area Historical Society from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, at the old school house. Sundaes, toppings, cookies and beverages will be $4. Old fashioned crafts will be demonstrated.

The historical museum will be open in the township hall, as well as a display of quilts in the Norwood Methodist Church. Admission is free. Anyone with a quilt they would like to share for the display or any questions should call 547-5496. Raffle tickets for a new blue and white community made quilt, pieced by Cathy Lord, will also be sold to benefit the historical society.

Demonstration at Castle Farms

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park Committee will be sponsoring a demonstration by pro, semi-pro and area skateboarders, in-line skaters and BMX bikers at Castle Farms at 4 p.m. on July 22. The sponsoring group is made up of local parents and students who have been working hard to raise funds to construct a state-of-the-art facility in Charlevoix. For information on the group's activities, contact Vickie Daman at 547-8063 or e-mail Vicki Hankins at vichankins@hotmail.com

Bazaar

The First Congregational Church, corner of State and Park streets in Charlevoix, is having an Olde Time Country Bazaar and Luncheon from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Wednesday, July 21. The bazaar will feature crafts, homemade baked goods and attic treasures. Luncheon will be served from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Adults are $6 and children are $3.

Jelly Roll Blues Band

Charlevoix Concerts in the Park presents The Jelly Roll Blues Band at 8 p.m. in East Park downtown Charlevoix. The Jelly Roll Blues Band has been a long-standing favorite band of locals and visitors. These versatile musicians have played numerous concerts and festivals with great results. They perform a melange of blues, rock and swing originals and hundreds of popular cover tunes. Jelly Roll, a dance/party band, will adjust their music to fit the occasion.

Please bring your own seating. In case of rain the concert will be at the First Congregational Church.

Blood drive

Charlevoix Area Hospital will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., on Thursday, July 1, in the lower level of the hospital. Please call 547-8651 for an appointment or for any questions.

Antique quilts

The Charlevoix Historical Society will be hosting Antique Quilts-The Charlevoix Connection Show, beginning Thursday, July 8, at the historic Depot. The exhibit celebrating the beauty and craftsmanship of historical quilts will be open to the public at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sunday July 11. Family members have loaned many of the treasured quilts and stories with a connection to Charlevoix to the Historical Society.

On Tuesday, July 6, after the society's annual business meeting, Cynthia Garland and Karen Lewis will give a talk on the history of quilting in this area, and how this particular exhibit was put together, where the quilts came from, a few stories about their backgrounds, how an exhibit is planned and will have examples on hand to illustrate various points of techniques and design. The program is open to the public and will be at 7 p.m at the Depot.

Shooting contest

The Northern Michigan Championship GMC Pro-Grade Challenge begins with registration at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, July 3. The event is at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club located 2 miles north of Charlevoix on US-31.

There are two rotations starting at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with squads limited to five people. This is a 100 Bird NSCA Class Shoot.

Fees are:

- $50 Entry Fee (includes daily fees)
- $40 Junior's and Ladies (includes daily fees)
- $30 Re-Shoots (targets only-plus daily fees if registering targets)
- $45 Hunters Class/non-registered shooters ($10 returned to class for each paid entrant) join NSCA day of event and receive $10 off entry
- $10 Lewis Option (no more than 3 classes, no less than 10 per class) 50/30/20 ties divide
- $10 Class Option (50/30/20 ties divide)

Pre-register by calling: Kim Jones at 547-0554 or email oneozno8s@yahoo.com or call the clubhouse at 547-2785 Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Panhellenic luncheon

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women's luncheon will at 12 p.m., Wednesday, July 7, at the Charlevoix Country Club on US-31 in Charlevoix. Following the luncheon and a short business meeting, Sherri Leach of Raven Hill Hands On Science Center will present a program. Raven Hill is a place for children and adults. Leach will gear her program towards grandmothers taking grandchildren to the center.

Reservations can be made by signing up at the Bay View Post Office or by calling 582-9259 by noon Monday, July 5.

Reading club

Charlevoix Public Library is having a Summer Reading Club. The club is for all children up to 11. Registration and reading are required to complete the club. Completion of the club will get you an invitation to our final party. Stop in or call the library to register or ask questions, 547-2651. Programs will run every Tuesday from 6:45-8 p.m. Events are as followed:

- July 6 — See-North will be presenting their live raptors for our enjoyment.

Story hours begin June 24. Get more details when you register for the Summer Reading Club. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton. Phone 547-2651 or e-mail youth@charlevoixlibrary.org, visit the web site at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Volleyball camp

Charlevoix Rayders Third Annual Summer Volleyball Camp is July 5-8, at the Charlevoix High School gym. Times are as follows: Seventh through ninth grade, 10 to 12 p.m., fourth through sixth grade 12 to 2 p.m., tenth through twelfth grade 7 to 9 p.m. The price is $40.

Players will learn the fundamentals of volleyball while spending some quality time with their friends. The following fundamentals will be stressed at the Rayder Volleyball Camp: Serving techniques, spiking, passing, setting, offensive plays and defensive strategies. Contact Elizabeth Grunch at 437-0844 or 547-3222, extension 2025.

Venetian Queens needed

Venetian planners are seeking past Venetian Queens in an effort to recognize them at the 5th Annual Venetian Queen Candidates noon luncheon scheduled for the Charlevoix Country Club on July 9. Venetian Board President, Dan Barron, issued the request for former queens to call Venetian headquarters at 547-9950 to receive the complementary invitation and to be recognized at the luncheon where local media, present queen candidates, and the public will learn of the plans for this year's week long festivities. The noon luncheon will cost $10 and will be the first public forum where new features of the 2004 Venetian Festival will be discussed. The public is encouraged to attend and reservations may be made by calling the Country Club at 547-9796.

Missionary visit

On July 11 the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church at 05291 M-66 North will be hosting Trey Hancock at the church's 10:30 a.m. service.

Hancock is a home missionary to the Muslim community in Dearborn. The public is welcome.

Senior picnic

The 25th Charlevoix County Annual Senior Picnic is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 14. The picnic is at Whiting Park in Boyne City. Tickets are a suggested donation of $3 for seniors and $5 for people under 60 years of age. Tickets may be purchased at the Boyne City and East Jordan Senior Centers or at the Commission on Aging at 207 Antrim Street, Charlevoix.

Barbecued chicken with all the fixings will be served.

Reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, or phone (248) 473-1324 or e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com. Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. They are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colbum (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

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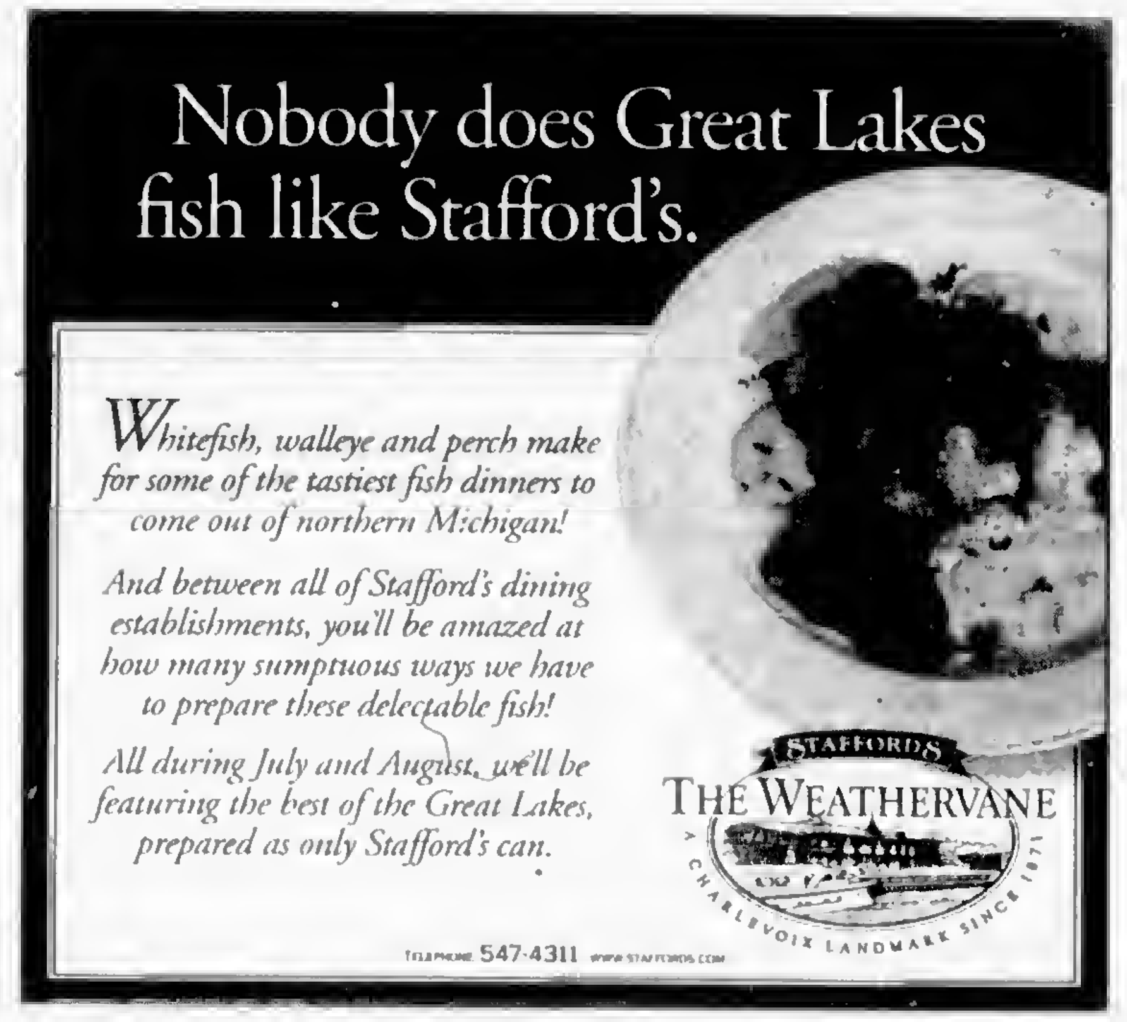
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Big crowd sees beauty frozen at the Argonne

Miss Maryland of 1939 in outstanding attraction there

Tuesday night at The Argonne, popular night club located on US-31 north of Charlevoix, Miss Maryland, Venus of 1939 from Sally Rand's Village, World's Fair, attempted before a large crowd to break her own world's record of 26 minutes and 40 seconds sealed in a 1,400 pound cake of ice.

Miss Maryland was in the ice 6 minutes, 40 seconds Tuesday night. In this outstanding attraction, she carried a flashlight in the ice with her and her manager, Ted Merriman, signals to her every minute with a flashlight from the outside and she answers with her light.

She will attempt again tonight (Wednesday) and tomorrow night (Thursday) to break the record. The Charlevoix Coal & Ice Co. is furnishing the natural ice for the attraction.

Wednesday and Thursday nights Miss Maryland will select Charlevoix's most handsome man in another feature attraction.

Charlevoix Courier, June 26, 1940

U.S. Coast Guard frees fish tug from shoal at Hog Island

U.S. Coast Guardsmen from both the Charlevoix and Beaver Island lifeboat stations combined their efforts Tuesday to free the 36 ft. fish tug, Gipsy, owned by Jake White Sr. from a shoal off Hog Island 10 miles north of Beaver Island.

The tug went aground in the storm that hit the area Sunday.

Aboard with Mr. White were eight Charlevoix men who had left Charlevoix at 4 a.m., Sunday to spend the day bass fishing in the Garden-Hog island area.

A boat from the Beaver Island lifeboat station and the plane from the Traverse City air station were dispatched to the area late Monday when the tug failed to return.

Earlier it was believed that the tug would remain in the area until the fog lifted, However, when they did not return late Monday the Beaver Island and Traverse City units were asked to investigate. The Beaver Island lifeboat went to the scene and found the tug aground about 100 feet from shore. The men on the tug requested provisions which were dropped on the island. The men went ashore on the small skiff to retrieve them.

Early Tuesday Beaver Island lifeboat returned to the scene with pumps in an effort to pump out the tug which had taken water when it went on the shoal. Later they requested assistance and the 40 foot patrol boat from Charlevoix was dispatched to the scene taking with it additional pumps and other equipment.

The Coast Guard floated the tug Tuesday afternoon and proceeded to tow it into port at Charlevoix. On board the boat with Mr. White were his son Mark, Leroy Plum, Clarence Goldstick, Peter Kanoff, Norman Empey, Guy Smith, Claire Martin and Robert Reed.

Charlevoix Courier, July 5, 1956

To dedicate historical marker Sunday

Commemorates reign of Beaver Isle 'King'

The rise and fall of "King" James Jesse Strang and his bizarre kingdom on Beaver Island more than a century ago will be brought into sharp focus Sunday when the Michigan Historical Commissions dedicates a historic site marker on Charlevoix's waterfront.

City and county officials, state legislators and representatives of the commission will be on hand at 5:30 p.m., Sunday for the dedication at the city dock looking out toward the Beaver Island kingdom of yore.

The marker will be the first site marker to be dedicated in the upper part of the lower peninsula which is in keeping with the fact that "King" Strang's newspaper, the *Northern Islander*, was the first daily publication in this part of the state.

The dedication ceremony will follow a tour of the historic island located in Lake Michigan 20 miles northwest of here.

Here to participate in the event will be Dr. George May, historical site specialist of the Commission who will officiate at the dedication, R. F. Hoffman of Plymouth, president of the Beaver Island Historical Society who will present a photostatic copy of a 100-year old map of Beaver Island to Chester W. Ellison, a member of the Michigan Historical Commission.

The plaque which will be placed on the bank of the Pine River between the city dock and Memorial Bridge will be inscribed as follows:

"Mormon Kingdom 20 miles northwest of heron Beaver Island. In 1847 James Strang set up a colony for his followers, dissenters from the main body of Mormons and crowned himself king in 1850.

Hatred of the sect by non-Mormons led to the Battle of Pine River in 1853 at the present-day site of Charlevoix.

On June 16, 1956, because they hated his authoritarian rule, some of Strang's subjects mortally wounded him. Later in the summer main-landers drove the Mormons from the island."

Charlevoix Courier, June 13, 1957

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Life of first mayor highlighted at Charlevoix Historical Society

Charlevoix Historical Society is featuring an exhibit on Hon. H.L. Iddings, the first mayor of Charlevoix.

Harvey Lee Iddings was born in Oxford, Ohio, Nov. 1856, to the Rev. Joseph Talbot and Martha Ann Iddings. He received his education in the public schools and was a graduate of Albion College. He was married in Albion to Miss Nellie Gale and had three daughters, Dorothy, Constance and Horatio.

He came to Charlevoix about 1884, and entered into the hardware business with M.J. Stockman, a partnership that continued several years after which Mr. Iddings conducted the business under the name of the Charlevoix Hardware Co.

Mr. Iddings always took an active part in public affairs and while a strong Republican in politics speaking often in behalf of his party in national and state campaigns, was a believer in non-partisanship in municipal affairs and was often called upon to serve the people in an official capacity, as supervisor of the township, and a member of the village board. In June of 1905 the Michigan legislature incorporated Charlevoix as a city.

Mr. Iddings was the first mayor of the City of Charlevoix and had served several terms on the board of education of which he was president at the time of his death in 1910 at the age of 54.

He was member of the Methodist Church and of the different branches of the Masonic Order in which he took an active interest as well as the Maccabees, with whom he carried $2,000 insurance.

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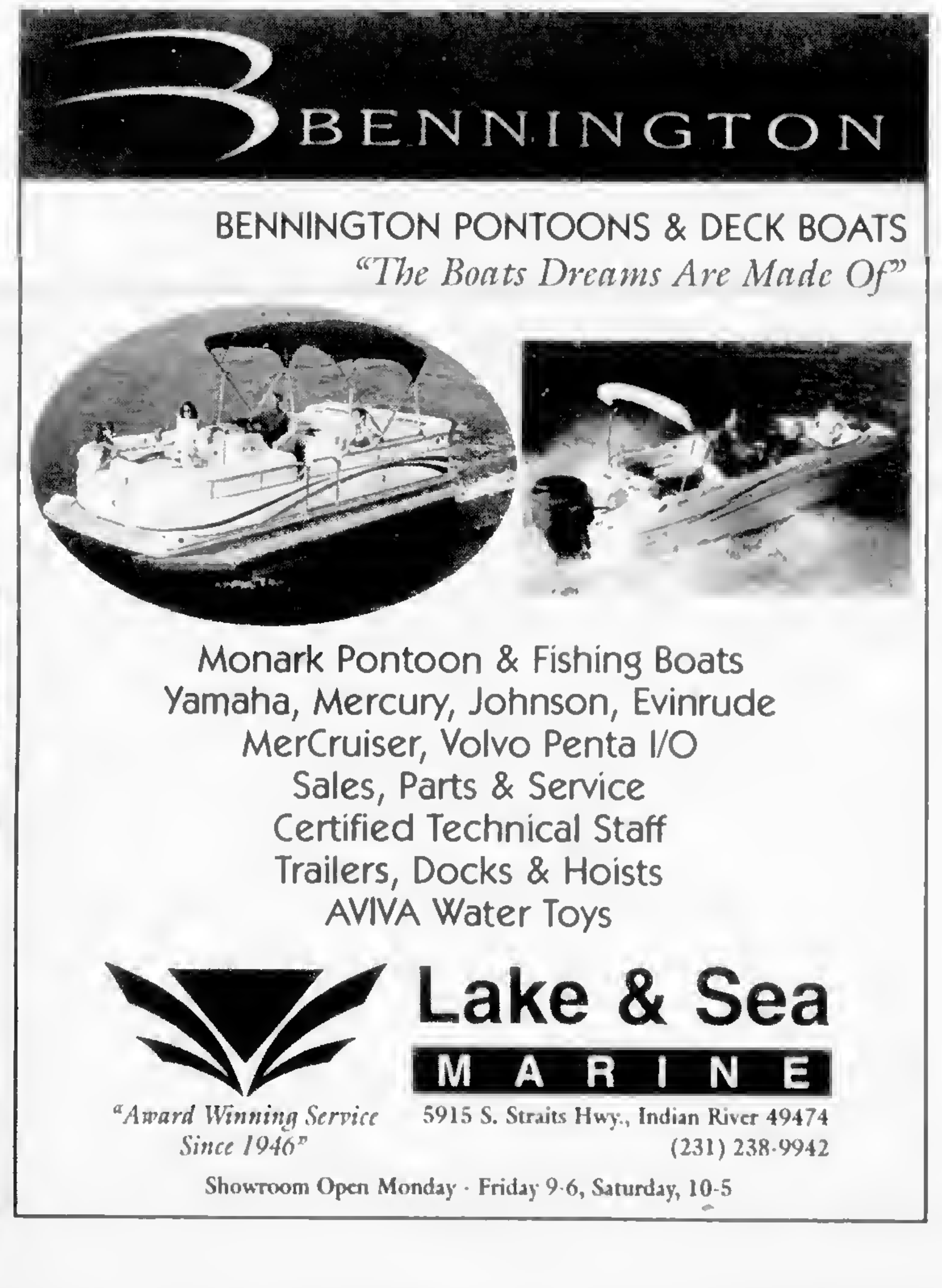
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were prepared to handle any situation that should arise on either side of the bridge.

Weisner said the Charlevoix Police Department focused on all emergencies on the south side while the north side was covered by the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department and the Michigan State Police.

Fire protection on the south side of the bridge was handled by the Charlevoix City Fire Department. The Charlevoix Township Fire Department handled the north side.

Weisner said the Petoskey Allied EMS sent an ambulance to help handle medical emergencies that should arise on the north side.

While traffic was stopped, pedestrian traffic continued with the help of Donald Armbrster of Grand Rapids and his father-in-law, Dawson Way.

Way said Armbrster volunteered his pontoon boat as a way to carry people across the channel.

"We were just going for a little boat ride and we saw some friends who wanted to cross," Way said. "So we took them to the other side, then other people wanted to get across."

Way said they ferried probably 100 people along with dogs, bicycles and skateboards.

"It was just a humanitarian act," Way said.

During the time Way and Armbrster were ferrying people across, Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant gave them food.

"The Weathervane brought us four nice specials and the kids some pop and chicken," he said.

Stafford's Weathervane Floor Manager Gerda McGuire said the restaurant gave them food because they were helping people and shuttling some of the restaurant's guests across the channel.

Their business was affected by the incident.

"Oh, yeah, it killed us," McGuire said.

Several people were unable to come and a party of 23 canceled because they could not get across the bridge. McGuire said the party did reschedule for a later date.

She also lost business due to information about the bridge.

"Afterwards we lost business because on the news it said that the bridge was not operating for 24 hours," McGuire said.

Some of the business they did get that night came from people traveling from Petoskey to Traverse City. McGuire said since they couldn't cross the bridge they came in to eat.

Village Inn Pizza manager Bryan Winegar said business was affected a little.

"It would have been worse, but for whatever reason it was slower that day," he said. "We were lucky."

Winegar said the restaurant only had to turn down three or four people and there were only about three orders that were already made, but couldn't be delivered.

Despite business being slow, Village Inn Pizza became a hot spot for phone calls concerning the state of the bridge.

"Everyone in town thought we were the information center," Winegar said.

Orchestra to perform at Castle Farms July 2

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will present a chamber concert at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 2 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra formed originally in February 2000 to present a benefit concert for the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra. Several student members of the newly formed Youth Orchestra participated in that first concert, including violinist Mary Beth Liederbach.

She has continued as a regular member of both the Youth Orchestra and the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. Student members of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Liederbach, Andrew Tuck, viola; Joshua Pugh, cello; and Anne Hegelberg, piano; have formed a piano quartet.

Tickets for the Castle Farms Summer Series are available in Charlevoix at the Bridge Street Book Shop.

Tickets cost $12 for adults & $8 for students.

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Charlevoix native Brenna [illegible]

Making her point

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix resident JoAnne Bier Beemon recently attended the Green Party National Convention in Milwaukee where she ran for President of the United States.

Beemon attended the convention as the "favorite daughter" of the Michigan Green Party Delegation. During the convention, she worked hard to get her message of peace and environmental concern across to the delegates.

"The third largest party in the United States is the Green Party, so it was really an honor to run," Beemon said.

Beemon placed fourth out of six Green Party presidential candidates.

JoAnne Beemon

The Four Pillars of the Green Party-covered issues Beemon has always been passionate about: Ecological wisdom, Grass-roots democracy, social justice and non-violence/peace.

Beemon's platform consisted of issues important to her, which included the availability of clean water for both people and the environment.

"The quality of our lives is rooted in the quality of our water," she said.

As the Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner, Beemon has fought to ensure the quality of local water.

"Water is life," she said. "It's more valuable than oil."

An important supplier of 20 percent of the world's freshwater and 85 percent of freshwater used in the United States is the Great Lakes Basin, which Beemon said is in jeopardy due to corporations wanting to pump the water to the West

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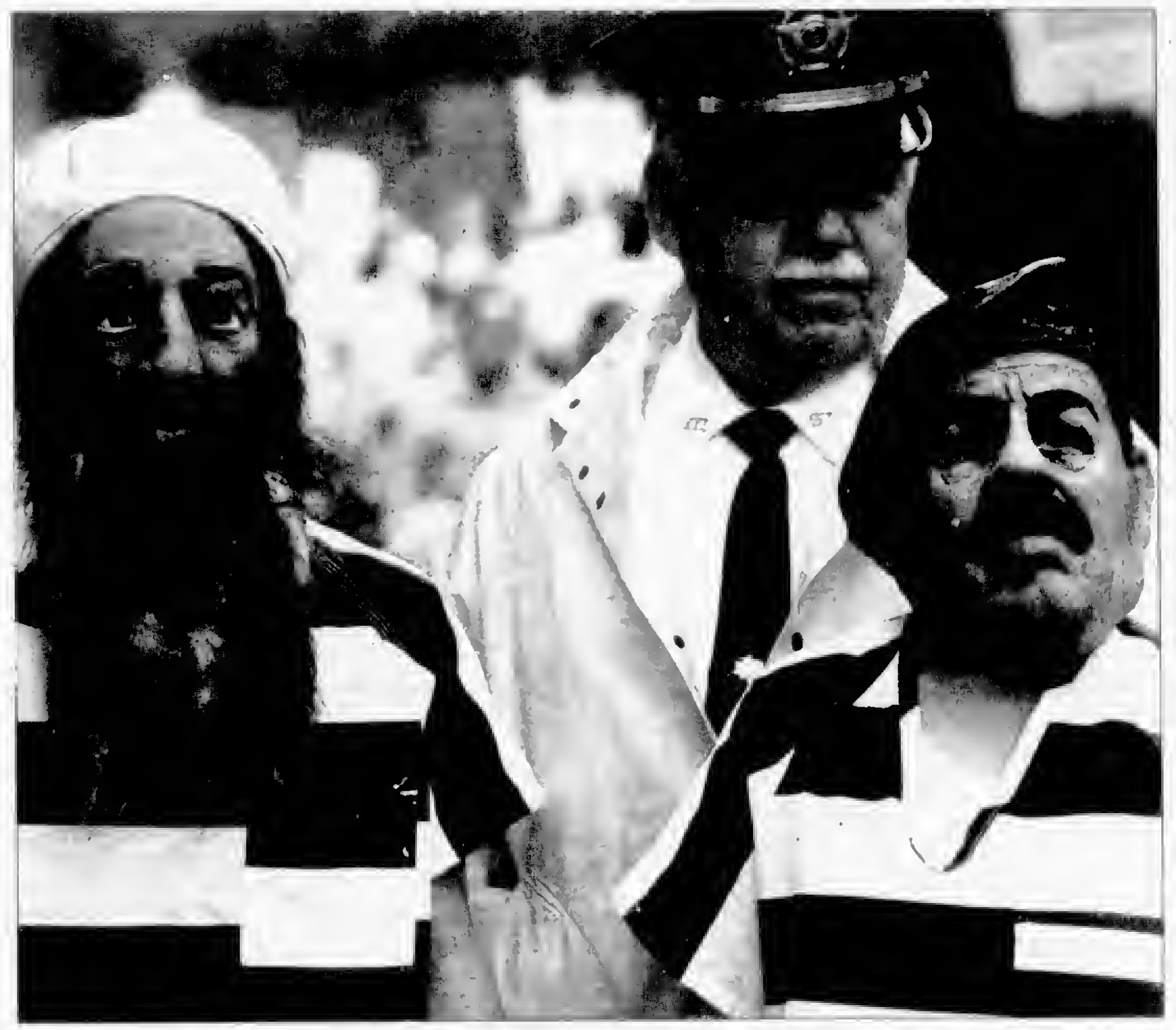

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Good work, sheriff

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater (rear) has in custody two of the most wanted men in the world, Osama bin Laden (left) and Saddam Hussein — or at least a pair of good imposters — Sunday during the annual 4th of July parade in Horton Bay. Despite the cool temperatures and rain, a good crowd turned out as always for the annual event, where virtually nothing is out of bounds when it comes to the tongue-in-cheek approach of parade marchers. See pages 30, 31 for more coverage.

Four part-timers to join police

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

The city of Charlevoix Police Department has hired four part-time employees, two of whom will work permanently, two of whom will work for the summer.

The growing number of summer visitors to the Charlevoix area has increased the demand for police department help, Chief Dennis Halverson said.

"Especially this time of year, extra help is needed," he said.

John Goble and Jack Messer have been hired as fully certified police officers. Together they will fill a budgeted part-time position.

Goble, 37 and a former Grand Traverse Sheriff's Department deputy, was hired about five weeks ago. He is currently a probation officer for the Emmet County Probate Court and lives near Petoskey.

Messer, 54, was hired about two weeks ago and is the emergency services director for Charlevoix, Emmet, and Cheboygan counties. He lives near Boyne City.

Both "come with a wealth of experience," Halverson said.

The summer hires are Kreg Wager and Jessica Halverson. Both are Charlevoix natives and graduates of Charlevoix High School.

Wager, 20, will serve as the parking regulation enforcer for downtown . This will be his second summer with the police department.

"Kreg did a nice job last year," Chief Halverson said.

Wager is working on a degree in criminal justice at Grand Valley State University. During the summer, Wager resides in the Charlevoix area.

Jessica Halverson, 22; has been hired to work the Ferry launch ramp, enforce airport parking regulations, and assist with parking meter enforcement. She is the daughter of Chief Halverson and is a student at Western Michigan University.

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On the record

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Tegan Murrie Lawson, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Attend BASES classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Brandon Lee Clinger, 20, Alanson. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Brittany Nicole Pizzurro, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Mary Kathleen Bradley, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Margaret Joan Kantola, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Logan Killam Matter, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Christina Ann Whitley, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Eric Lee Heath, 20, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Stephen Joseph Kraemer Jr., 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Timothy Andrew Skop, 44, Boyne Falls. Improper use of license plate. Fines and costs totaling $75.

Albert Kenneth Baker, 34, Boyne City. Impaired driving/no operators license on person. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 5 days of community service work in lieu of 5 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $960 in fines and costs.

Ryan James Dulyea, 24, Newago. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

Scott Douglas Coblentz, 31, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

Scott James Ross, 34, Alpena. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $770 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Ronald Mays, 28, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 344 days held in abeyance; $755 in fines and costs.

Michael Dennis Gibbons, 43, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Lawrence Leon Rhine, 45, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Two years probation; 365 days in jail with credit for 11 days, serve 79 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 245 days held in abeyance; $1,910 in fines and costs.

Christopher Michael Davey, 27, Muskegon. Motor vehicle operation without security/operating license suspended-revoked-denied, second offense, unlawful use of license plate. Serve 40 days in jail with credit for six days.

Matthew E. Young, 32, Lakeville, N.Y. Disorderly person/drunk. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Patrick David Quinlan, 57, Grosse Point Farms. Failure to use due care-passing emergency vehicle. Fines and costs totaling $425.

Jody Wade Orourke, 18, Vanderbilt. Stolen property-receiving and concealing less than $200. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Douglas Howard-Charles Reick Jr., 21, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated/attempted motor vehicle unlawful use. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 45 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 45 days on electronic monitor, 258 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $2,049.16 in fines and costs.

David Eugene Larsen Jr., 42, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, third offense/controlled substance delivery/manufacturing marijuana, second offense/operating while license suspended. Bound over to circuit court.

Robert Leo Carson, 56, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, third offense/operating while license suspended. Bound over to circuit court.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Darren Anthony Fox, 20, Kincheloe. Motor vehicle-unlawful use. Sentenced to 12 months in jail with credit for 45 days, serve 12 months; $3,187.10 in restitution and $120 in fines and costs.

Emily Pauline Blackburn, 24, Boyne City. Larceny in a building. Two years probation; sentenced to 12 months in jail with credit for 24 days, serve 180 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $513.69 in restitution and $460 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Boyne Building Company, 605 Jersey Street, Boyne City, by Mark Bichl

Ponta de Pedras, 3548 Mt. Bliss Road, East Jordan, by Michael Leigh Wright.

Miraculous Health, 5095 Castleview Drive, Charlevoix, by Samuel Vander Heide.

Smart About Money, 5095 Castleview Drive, Charlevoix, by Samuel Vander Heide.

Spence's Building & Remodeling, 03773 Roberts Road, East Jordan, by Todd R. Spence.

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Correction

The owner of a Marion Center Road property was incorrectly identified in the June 23 Charlevoix Courier. The correct owner is Arthur Haselhuhn.

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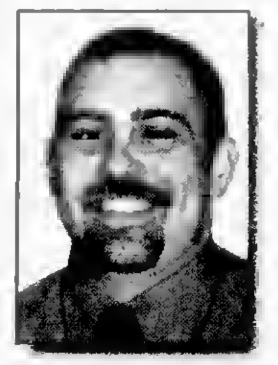

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Director of environmental health services appointed

Scott Kendzierski has been named Director of Environmental Health Services for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

Kendzierski has been serving as interim coordinator for the Environmental Health Division of the health department since the retirement of Dean Mikulski in February.

"We selected Scott from dozens of very qualified applicants, both internal and from all over the State," said Gerald Chase, Health Officer. "Jobs like this just don't often open up — we haven't hired a new Director of Environmental Health since 1966."

As Director of Environmental Health Services, Kendzierski is responsible for supervising health department programs throughout Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties dealing with food, water, shelter, air quality, and the disposal of liquid and solid hazardous waste. Many programs, such as restaurant inspections and sewage disposal and water supply permits, require enforcement of State and Federal regulations.

Kendzierski is a nationally registered sanitarian and has worked for the health department since 1999. As Special Programs Coordinator, he had district-wide responsibilities for a variety of multi-county programs including public water supply, school safety inspections and plan review, public beach monitoring, indoor air quality services radon, lead inspection and risk assessments, mercury investigations, and state licensed facility evaluations.

He has also inspected private water supplies, campgrounds, swimming pools, on-site sewage systems, and acted as the agency's Geographic Information System Coordinator. For the last three years, he has also assisted the US Fish and Wildlife Service in a lamprey monitoring project on the Jordan River and connecting tributaries.

Kendzierski, a hydrogeology specialist, has worked in health departments in mid- and southern Michigan. He is completing his master's degree in Geology at Western Michigan University.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities. For more information, contact Kendzierski at 547-7651.

Births

— Twins, Mabel Frances and Bram Michael, were born June 18, 2004, to Mike and Nikki Louiselle of Charlevoix at Northern Michigan Hospital. Mabel was born at 4:07 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces. She measured 20 3/4 inches long. Bram was born at 4:16 p.m. and weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. He measured 19 1/2 inches long. Their siblings are Mason, 6, and Ellie, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Chet and Marlene Drenth of Ellsworth and Tom and Dolly Louiselle of Norwood. Great-grandparents are Sybil Wynsma of Ellsworth and Paul Louiselle of Continental, Ohio.

— A daughter, Olivia Mary Strange, was born to Michael and Megan Strange of Ellsworth on June 25, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Ron and Shirley Boss and Greg and Noreen Strange of Ellsworth.

— A daughter, Madolyn Irene Graham, was born to Renwick and Nicole Graham of East Jordan on June 25, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce at birth. Siblings are Jacob, age 10 and Deana age 6. Grandparents are Louis and Diane Kraemer and Dave and Evelyn Graham of East Jordan, Nick and Rennie Reid of Alanson.

— A daughter, Jadyn Anne Herriman, was born to Jim and Judy Herriman of Charlevoix on June 25, 2004 at Northern Michigan Hospital. Jadyn weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 inches long. She joins big sister, Jessica Jenkins. Grandparents are Nate and Judy Herriman of Charlevoix, and the late Bob and Betty Jenkins of Pellston.

— A son, Jeramiah William Krussell, was born to Lissa Scott and Travis Krussell of East Jordan on June 26, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces at birth. Grandparents are Stanley and Kimberly Scott of East Jordan and Eddie and Pearl Cole of Grand Rapids.

— A son, Danal Dean-Frank, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 20 inches long was born to Laura Pop of Charlevoix on June 29, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Ruth and Larry Pop of Charlevoix.

— A daughter, Kaidence Rae, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces was born to Justin Marvin and Tonya McFalls of East Jordan on June 29, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

— A daughter Kiera Jean McBain, was born to Valerie and Jeremy McBain of Charlevoix on July 4, 2004 at 6:37 p.m., at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Kiera weighed 6 pounds, 14 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are Susan and Steven Case of Gladwin, Dennis and Mary Russ of Freesoil, Barbara and David Fromholz of Willmington, N.C., and Ricky and Christine DePew of Bellaire.

On the record

Copy Plus of Charlevoix, 185 M-66 Captain's Corner, Charlevoix, by Carol Kurburski.

T & T Auto Shop, 101 Fourth Street, East Jordan, by Timothy Junior Arender Morris.

Portside Cleaning Co., 12720 US 31 North, Charlevoix, by Treasa F. Hammond.

North Coast Concessions, 12599 Richardson Road, Charlevoix, by Mary L. Wilson.

Allison's Bakery, 106 Williams Street, East Jordan, by Allison T. Mackay.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Daniel James Lasky, 27, Charlevoix and Rachel Leslie Moore, 26, Charlevoix

John R. Wilson, 79, Montgomery, Ill., and Marjorie L. Colley, 65, Montgomery, Ill.

Joseph Daniel Johnson, 55, Troy, Ohio, and Deborah Sue Cade, 52, Troy, Ohio

James Mitchel Selleck, 35, Batavia, Ill., and Ursula Garcia Martinez, 32, Batavia, Ill.

Christopher Donald Rice, 41, Charlevoix, and Gretchen Kuper Siegmund, 32, Charlevoix

Corey Michael Root, 19, Boyne City, and Ashley Nicole Smith, 19, Boyne City

Scott Edway Pinney, 21, East Jordan, and Stefanie Ann Skop, 20, East Jordan

Mark A. Grossman, 31, East Jordan, and Laura Ivette Lopez, 27, East Jordan

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Alice J. Knott-Cunningham vs. Clyde E. Cunningham

Connie Helene Sherk vs. Michael Keith Sherk

Laura Nicole Shively vs. David Robert Shively

Craft show this weekend

The 36th Annual Charlevoix Craft Show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 10-11 in Charlevoix's waterfront parks.

Some 200 visiting artisans and craftsmen and women will display their respective wares.

The show offers a mix of fine arts such as acrylic and oil paintings, sculpture and hand blown glass beadwork, a variety of rustic-to-contemporary lawn and garden accessories, pottery, baskets, furniture, clothing, dried floral arrangements, handwoven rugs, quilted works and a selection of items for the fishing enthusiasts. Children will also have the opportunity to discover displays of toys including personalized compact discs, water pistols and face painting. The show also features a wide range of jewelry, temporary body art and caricature drawings.

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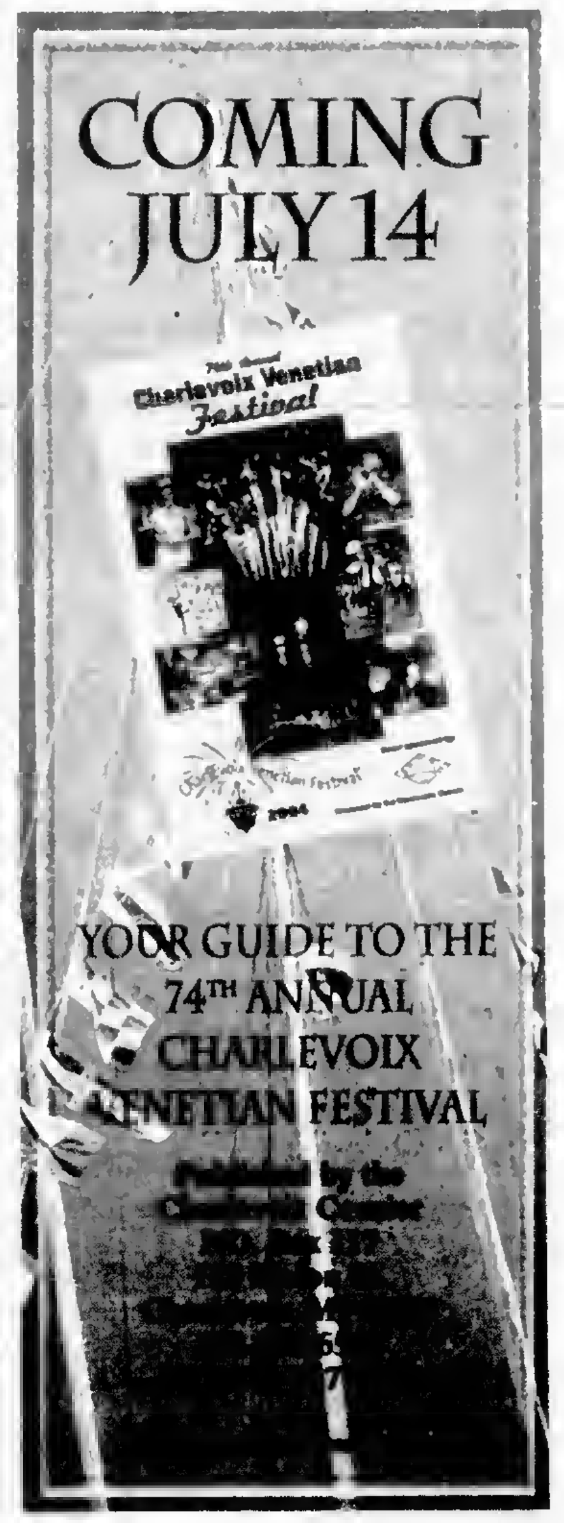

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EDITORIAL

Charlevoix is a very giving community.

We give to blood drives, pop can drives, clothing drives and many, many fund-raising drives. There is no shortage of ways for Charlevoix residents to show their generosity.

But sometimes the residents get tired of always just giving. Sometimes they can't afford to give. And sometimes they are just asked hy too many organizations to give — especially during times of economic uncertainty like now.

This means those non-profit organizations in need of funding have to rally their troops to form various events or sales. But, even then, there are only so many bake sales and golf tournaments that a person can attend, so some organizations are still left out in the cold.

It is time for organizations to get creative. And one organization that all non-profits can learn from is the Charlevoix Community School's Band Boosters.

The Charlevoix band boosters were in need of money for new band uniforms recently. They knew the usual fund-raising techniques would not be enough for this drive, so they got creative.

In their searching for ways to make money, they hit upon a neat idea: making a bid to weed the petunia beds along US-31. This way they would be helping keep Charlevoix beautiful and making money for the new uniforms.

Council seemed to agree and awarded the band boosters the contract. Now we have an organization that is raising money for a good cause, weeding the flower beds and being paid for it with taxpayer dollars that came from Charlevoix residents. Now, this is a prime example of keeping it in the community.

Great job band boosters in coming up with a unique way of raising money for your organization. Perhaps other organizations can learn from your example.

Now the band boosters need to keep up their good work on the flower beds. To do that, they are going to need the help of all their members and the members of the school band who are going to benefit from the new uniforms.

We hope to see you all out there working and can't wait to see your new uniforms next year.

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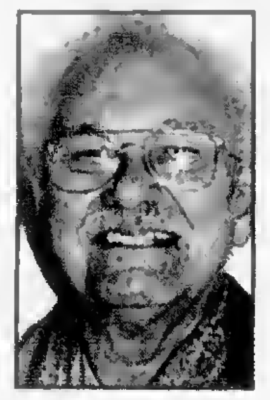
Invader comes up through the cracks



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

To many people cracks in the sidewalk are things you try not to step on to save your mother's back. Or they might be places you spray with Roundup to clear them of the blemishes of growing things. To this botanist, the sidewalk cracks are one of the more fascinating small environments. They are the places where you find plants that often cannot or do not grow anywhere else.

Sometimes the sidewalk plants provide us with evidence for the toughness and tenacity of life, and sometimes they show us where invasions begin. We are commonly provided with examples of less than desirable invaders; things like garlic mustard, purple loosestrife, zebra mussels or round gobys come to mind. Desirability is often in the mind of the beholder, however. We are mostly surrounded by plants and animals that were once invaders which have become residents over time, just as all of us immigrant people have.

We have a new invader in Charlevoix. It has barely established a foothold and could be easily eliminated by accident or by design. This invader is not likely to arouse any ire on the part the most ardent defender of native plants. It is unlikely to crowd out anything else we might prefer. And it lives in the cracks of sidewalks. Up to now I have found it in no other place.

Our new plant resident is commonly called Johnny-jump-up, prohably in honor of the way it seems to appear out of nowhere and show itself as an easily recognized flower. Its formal name is Viola tricolor, and it has invaded us from Europe. Ed Voss in his Michigan Flora shows it to have heen collected in only 14 of Michigan's 83 counties and in only four places in the northwest Lower Peninsula. It is not previously known from Charlevoix County. Mr. Voss describes it as looking like a miniature pansy, and says that it is one of the wild parental relatives of our common garden pansy. The plants are just a few inches tall with deep green leaves of several shapes, and flowers with purple top petals and yellow bottom petals. Voss says it is found in roadsides, fields, dumps, gravel pits and waste ground. In England, it is found in cornfields, which makes it seem like a weed. In Charlevoix it has jumped up in sidewalk cracks.

So far as I have been able to determine there are fewer than a dozen Johnny-jump-up plants growing wild in Charlevoix, all within a half block of one another. Since the plants are annuals and must come back from seed each year, the plants that are here now are most probably the offspring of a single plant a year or so back. Where did that first seed come from? It is difficult to be certain, but since all the plants here now are near the harbor, it is a good bet that it arrived on the boat shoes of a visitor. Less romantically, it may have escaped from someone's windowbox.

Plants do get around, mostly with human help. And not every new arrival is to he feared or shunned. Johnny-jump-ups should be a welcome addition to the flora of our sidewalk cracks, showing us both the tenacity of life and one way to begin a quiet invasion.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns are published bi-weekly. He can be reached by calling the Courier, 547-6558, or by writing 408 Burns St., Charlevoix, MI, 49702.

Letters to the editor

Think very carefully about your desire for a Wal-Mart

Editor:

Wal-Mart, having been bade in no uncertain terms not to locate in Charlevoix, now has been invited and encouraged to build a supermart in East Jordan by some misguided townspeople who obviously have not done their homework on the modus operandi of Wal-Mart. When Wal-Mart comes to town, by its own admission, it's out to crush all local retailers-groceries, clothiers, hardware stores etc., who cannot begin to compete with the volume buying and "always low prices."

Wal-Mart can maintain its always low prices because it buys the largest percent of its products from sweat shops overseas. Workers toil for long hours in unbelievably deplorable conditions for pennies a day — hence Wal-Mart makes a profit on even the smallest items in its stores. Its volume buying is so huge that no small store can possibly compete with it.

Part of the charm of a small town is the relationship and bonding of its townspeople and local merchants. They work together to create a pleasant and attractive environment for themselves and their families. East Jordan has worked very hard to beautify its downtown area with trees and flowers, inviting shops, and eating places, and has recently renovated a two-story 19th century building. There are business ventures on the second floor and a bank, and three ideally located rental spaces on the first floor. A prospective renter searching for an ideal spot for a new venture might be attracted, but the prospect of a Wal-Mart store in the vicinity would turn one away.

As for the plus of Wal-Mart creating jobs, the turnover of employees in its stores is above 50 percent a year. And as for desirable working conditions — if you read the papers — a sex discrimination lawsuit was filed three years ago and has been expanded and certified as a class action that could include up up to 1.6 million current and former female employees. The suit alleges

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that Wal-Mart set up a system that, all too often, pays its female workers less than male workers for comparable jobs and bypasses them for key promotions.

(Not much of an enticement for a girl or woman seeking employment.)

At least 164 towns and cities in America (Charlevoix makes 165) have said a resounding "no" to Wal-Mart because they treasure their small independent businesses.

Wal-Mart is a monster predator. Its presence in any city or small town spells doom for local merchants and small enterprises. One hopes those gung-ho for a Wal-Mart in this area will re-examine their motives and decide that Wal-Mart is not a necessary evil. Think about it!

Elizabeth Humphrey
East Jordan

Move start of the school day back

Editor:

Are you concerned about your child's sleep? Students at Charlevoix Middle School have to be in school by 7:41 a.m.! My opinion is that Charlevoix Middle School should start at least one hour later.

First of all, more and more kids are falling asleep in school. A reason for this is that children are getting up too early to catch the bus. Also, some children are getting up at 5 a.m. to catch the bus!

Lastly, students are unable to remember areas, such as math classes, that they had gone over in the morning. If students had forgotten about breakfast in the morning, they will be distracted by hunger throughout the day. It's also scientifically proven that students don't remember what they've learned in very early morning classes.

In conclusion, I would like the school board to change the time of Charlevoix Middle School at least one hour later. Thank you for your time.

David Mays
Sixth grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Fuel to the political fire

Editor:

Now that the political signs are out you can see who is being endorsed for state representative by the price-gouging gas stations. I hope the people of northern Michigan realize that if they vote for Craig Ryan than they are voting for high gas prices.

The gas cartel has donated money and sign locations to our last Representative and now they are donating to Craig Ryan. Do you think that we will ever get a fair investigation when the people whom we elect get funding from the gougers?

It also might be worth noting that the only job that Craig Ryan has ever held in life was pumping gas and propane for a local gas family. Does he really have our best interests in mind or is he looking for a job?

High gas prices, Craig Ryan. High gas prices, Craig Ryan. I think we all better open our eyes.

Jerry Miller
Hayes Township

Letter mystifies

Responding to the letter last week berating Marion Shea-Light's addressing the lack of road report information from the township supervisor, Wayne Boss, it is somewhat mystifying that someone who not long ago was threatening a lawsuit against the township and its officers is now praising their actions.

A prime example of the validity of what can be expected of one of the promises we have been given is the one for the sign for our township park defining regulations for park use

We have been promised this sign for our township park defining regulations for park use. We have been promised this sign for the past three years by supervisor Boss and it still hasn't materialized.

So is it any wonder that a promise given repeatedly for the past seven months for a township road work forecast would be provided to the requester?

Shame should go to those who criticize or deny anyone's right to free speech regardless of their position in the community. After all, aren't many of our friends and relatives now fighting and dying in a foreign land just to protect these very precious rights which we enjoy?

Sadie Bartosik
Charlevoix

Social Security benefits to illegals

Editor:

How much of your own Social Security benefits are you willing to give to an illegal alien from Mexico?

Right now, the social Security Administration is holding high-level talks with Mexican government officials. They plan to pay Social Security benefits to illegal aliens from Mexico directly from your Social Security Trust Fund. *The Washington Post* was first to reveal this scandal and the story gets worse as more details emerge.

High-level U.S. and Mexican officials have already had several meetings since November 2001 and they insist these meetings are "informal" and "preliminary." But an internal Social Security Administration memo obtained by The Washington Post says the agreement "is expected to move forward at an accelerated pace," with the support of both governments, and could be in force any day now. This clearly shows work is further along than either government is willing to admit and the clock is ticking on your Social Security and on mine.

As reported by The Washington Post, there's no doubt this plan will "put tens of thousands of Mexicans on to the Social Security roster and send hundreds of millions of dollars in benefits south of the border." An independent research group goes further, to warn that the government's figures "seriously underestimate the number of Mexicans who would seek Social Security benefits." It's unbelievable that our government would hand out Social Security benefits to illegal aliens, but that's exactly what our government plans to do and we're not talking about American citizens who came here legally from Mexico, or who are descended from Mexican immigrants, and who paid into Social Security during their working lives. Instead, this plan will give Social Security benefits to Mexican citizens, including illegal aliens! Did the bureaucrats forget that senior citizens pay taxes, too and that senior citizens also vote? And now they tell us — with a straight face — that they want to take a hillion dollars from Social Security and pay it to non-U.S. citizens? You and I must remind the politicians we elected to represent us in Washington, D.C., that senior citizens will not let them get away with this vote-buying scheme because you and I both know the politicians are doing this to attract the "Hispanic Vote" with our Social Security money that was paid for with our tax dollars over a lifetime of hard work! There is only one way to deal with a politician who has his hand in the cookie jar. Expose him, and shame him into doing the right thing. To block this major threat to your Social Security, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher has introduced a bill called H.R. 1631, "The No Social Security for Illegal Immigrants Act of 2003" and this hill will stop what Congressman Rohrabacher declared is "the greatest threat Social Security has ever faced." Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. We need to know what's going on in our communities. State and Nation and be ready to take an active part in preserving our freedoms and liberty. If you agree with what I have written, then tell Congress now! At the Capital call Representative Stupak at 202-224-4822, Senator Levin at 202-224-6221 And Senator Stabenow at 202-224-4822.

This is your chance to have your views heard and your voice could be the one to make the difference

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Painting, sports highlight 'house' exhibits

By B. JON GOHS
Special to the Courier

The mayor drops dead in a local grocery store, the high school football team plays all season without an opposing touchdown and a hobo artist carves his way into history.

There are just some of the new exhibits at the Chalevoix Historical Society's Harsha House this summer.

Among Charlevoix historical society's five new exhibits are some paintings by Lyle Miles, uncle of curator Dave Miles.

"He liked to paint local scenes. Everything from Cross fisheries to the train station at Depot beach," he said.

Born in 1915, it wasn't until 1983 when Lyle Miles' wife passed away that he began painting the local scenery.

"He was amazing," Miles said. "He knew what somebody's interests were and he'd do a water color and give it to them."

According to Miles, a piece called "Charlevoix at night" is on loan from his personal collection.

"I 'oohed and ahhed' over it so much when I visited him that he finally got sick of me and gave it to me," he said.

Lyle Miles painted hundreds of different scenes in his 14 years as a self-taught artist, but Charlevoix was his favorite subject.

"He used to say, 'There's no place on Earth like it,'" Miles added.

If woodwork is of interest to you then the new hobo art exhibit is just what you are looking for. Born in 1883, Frank Rice spent much of his life creating hobo art. According to Miles, hobo art is so named because hobos used to sit around their fires and soup pots with nothing to do but whittle.

While Rice accomplished much in his life, he did find time between being the admirals bandmaster on a Navy ship, a violinist, a pianist and a lumberjack, to create some of the most curious carvings imaginable.

"From a single block of wood he carved a cage within a cage with wooden balls in the center," Miles said. "If he came across an old table leg he would save it — anything with potential."

Rice also used a foot powered wood cutting device called a Treadle pedal saw to create picture frames, two of which are on display. One frame holds a note written by Rice in the early 1900s which says, "Each article in this display was whittled from a solid piece of wood with an ordinary penknife. Frank C. Rice"

Those interested in the history of Charlevoix might like to know Charlevoix was officially incorporated by the state of Michigan in 1905 and the first mayor, Harvey Lee Iddings was elected.

Amidst the exhibit is the front page of the Charlevoix Sentinel from 1910 which reads, "Suddenly called from Earth Hon. H. L. Iddings dropped dead Tuesday."

Iddings' telescope, which, according to Miles, was used to watch ships approach the Pine River channel, is also on display.

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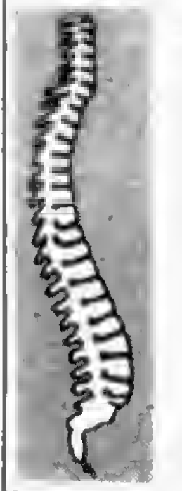
Courtesy photo

Harsha House curator Dave Miles displays one of the trophies which is featured at the museum.



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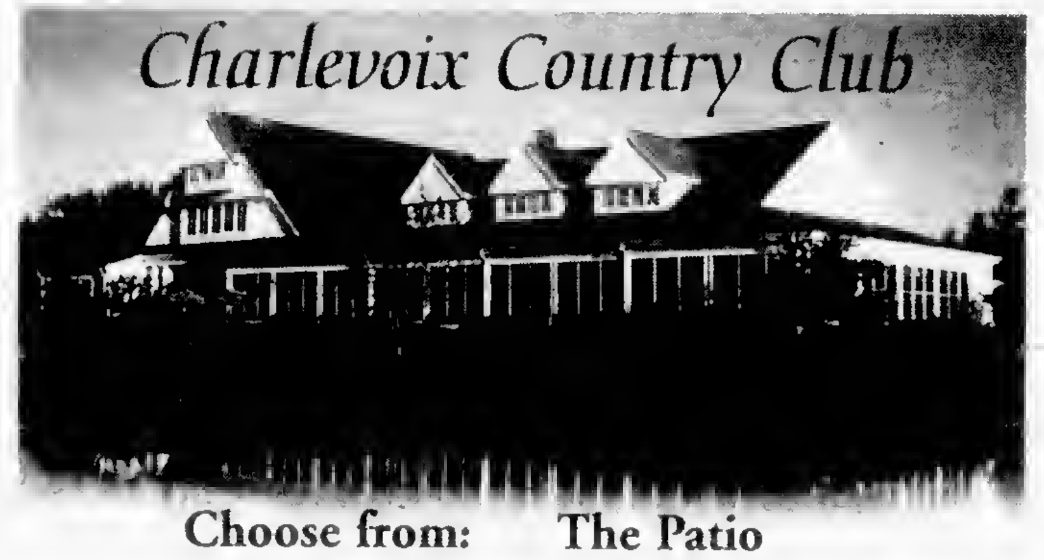

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Beaver Island's Museum Week kicks off Monday

Who: Museum Week
When: July 12-17
Where: Beaver Island
Events: Several which educate museum-goers and celebrates island history.

For the 24th consecutive year, the Beaver Island Historical Society will hold its annual Museum Week from July 12-17. The event is comprised of talks, hikes, lectures, art and music.

At 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the staff of the Central Michigan University Biological Station will lead three three-hour nature walks, the first for Adults ($10) and the next two for kids ($5). The walks cover everything from the dunes to the bogs, and each is limited to 25 walkers. Sign-up is at the Print Shop Museum.

Archaeologist Jay Peck will present "Prehistory of the American Southwest" at 2 p.m. on Monday, and at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, he will present a slide show on "Mysteries of Archaeoastronomy." The talks, and Thursday afternoon's presentation, cost $3 for adults, $1 for children. Thurday's talk, by Jim Gillingham's CMU staff on "Amazing Reptiles and Amphibians," includes live snakes and giant frogs.

Antje Price, the "Protar Lady," will open the Protar Home on Sloptown Road from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and Saturday, and will chat about Protar's life. There is no charge, but donations are accepted, nor is there for the pet show, held on the Print Shop porch at noon Saturday. Almost all entrants come away with some kind of award (such as for the puppy with the longest ears).

The Marine Museum will celebrate its 100th anniversary from 1-5 p.m. Friday with an open house. The art show runs from noon-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the school.

"Music on the Porch" will kick off the evening programs. On Monday night, Main Street will be closed and 200 chairs set up to listen to 12-15 performers on the museum porch. Some of the regulars have a great following, hut there are always surprises, both new people just off the boat and familiar faces who previously kept their talent under wraps. Hats are passed during intermission. In case of rain, the event moves to the Parish Hall.

At 8 p.m. Tuesday, Michele VanderVelde and MaryAnn Moore, members of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association will be at the Parish Hall to celebrate the imminent restoration of the Whiskey Point Light by describing its history. The charge is $5 for adults and $3 for kids.

Robert Cole will discuss his Oral History project on Wednesday and show some of the material he recorded since his talk last summer. On Thursday, Native American speaker Joe Mitchell from the Little Traverse Bay Band will talk about various aspects of his culture.

On Friday, Ed Palmer and the Beaver Island Boys will throw an "Island dance," the way it was done for so many years. Admission to this rollicking event is $10, and there will be a cash bar. Another musical delight is on tap for Saturday evening: a reprise of April's stunning performance of "A Little Night Music," songs by Stephen Sondheim. The charge is also $10. Drinks will be available, and afterwards the cast will join the audience to toast the entire week.

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Synopsis ~ June 23, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. on June 23, 2004. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the May 12, 2004 meeting as corrected.

Motion approved Resolution #04-040, Lease Agreement with East Jordan, authorizing the Chairman to sign said agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #04-041, Amending Building Department Budget.

Motion approved Resolution #04-042, Sheriff Dept. High Speed Buffer.

Motion approved Resolution #04-043, Aerial Imagery Resolution Funding Partnership.

Motion approved Resolution #04-044, 2005 Area Agency On Aging Implementation Plan.

Motion approved Resolution #04-045, Veteran's Education Assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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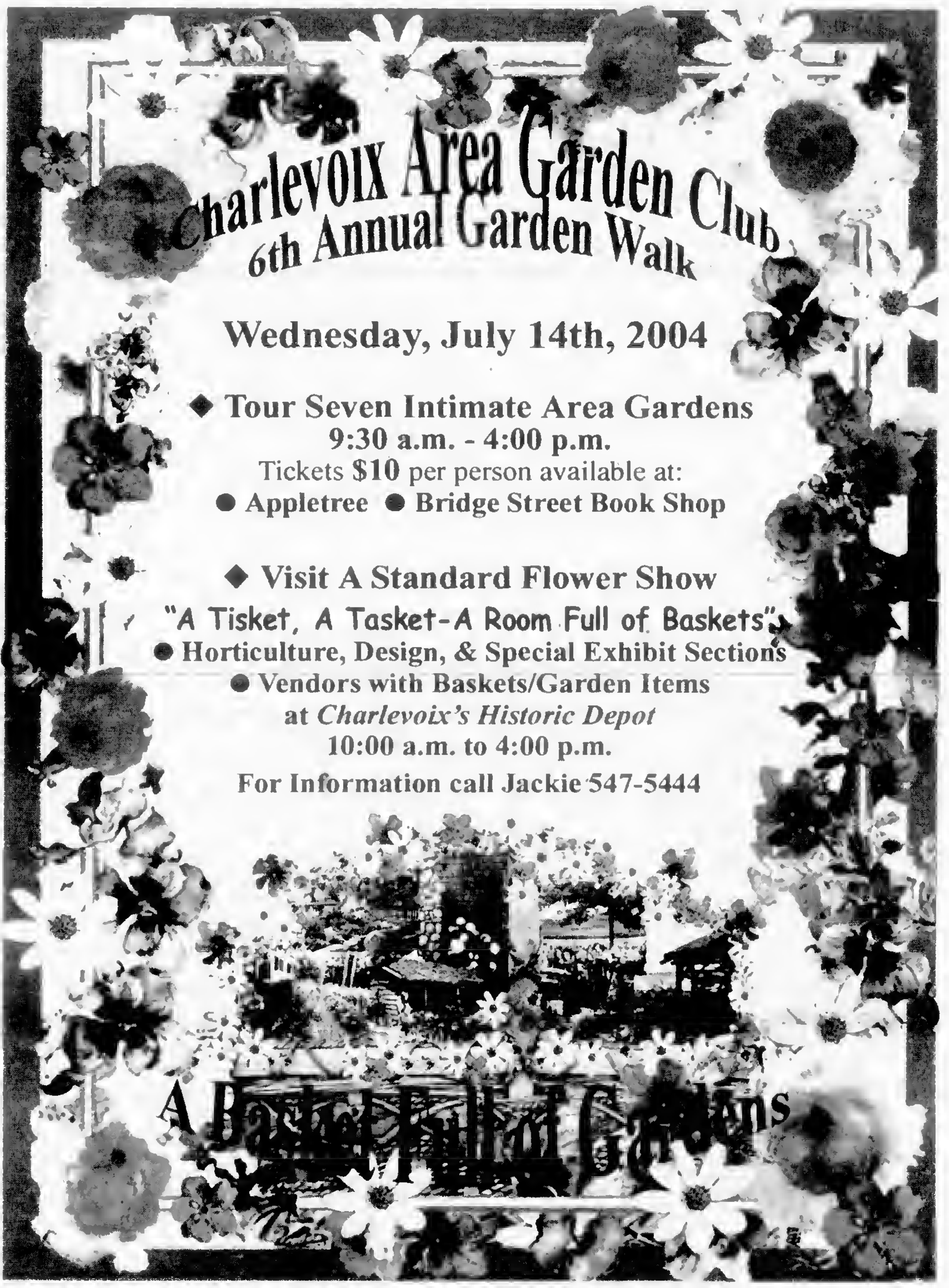

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Obituary

Franklin Sneathen: July 26, 1917 - June 29, 2004

Franklin Sneathen, 86, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at his home in Hayes Township.

A memorial service will be held 2:00pm, Saturday, July 10, 2004, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where friends may meet the family from 1:00pm, until the service time. The Rev. Mark Bullock of the Boyne City Free Methodist Church will officiate, and interment will take place in Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey.

Frank was born July 26, 1917, in Hayes Township, the son of Lee E. and Ilo (Toush) Sneathen. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1936. Frank was a farmer all of life and served on the board of the Michigan Seed Potato Growers Association, was secretary of the Charlevoix Co-op for 30 years, was a director of the Farmer's Home Association, and was a community committee man for what is now called the Farm Service Agency. He served as Master of the Maple Grove Grange and was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge Round Lake #293, Charlevoix. Frank served on the Hayes Township Board of Review and was a member of the Farm Bureau and the Michigan Certified Seed Bean Association.

On November 6, 1953, Frank married the former Katherine M. Feick in Petoskey, and Katherine survives him. Frank is also survived by children Linda (John) Legard of North Muskegon, John (Carol) Sneathen of Charlevoix, and Patty (Gunnar) Samson of Birmingham; grandchildren, Jason and Michael Legard, and Alexandra Samson; brother, Lee (Helen) Sneathen of Charlevoix; sisters, Evelyn Bare of Petoskey, and Marge Bare of Royal Oak. Frank was preceded in death by his brother George of Charleston, West Virginia.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Singer scheduled for First Baptist

Larry Dameron will be appearing on July 11, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Charlevoix, (located on M-66 across from the Post Office)

Dameron is a recognized singer and songwriter. This recording artist whose music is available on cassette tape and CD and has had many songs on national Christian radio with multiple top 20 successes. His songs and renditions are some of the most requested music nationally.

His success in the full time music ministry is due not only to the quality of his music, but also his heart. Although his concerts are entertaining, that is but a by-product of Dameron's desire to encourage and share the truths he has come to know through life following Jesus. In his extensive travels, Dameron has worked with such people as Ron Hutchcraft of the Billy Graham Crusades. His music and message appeals to all ages.

For information, contact Mike Dennis, First Babtist Church of Charlevoix.

Grant allows health department to monitor beaches' water quality

Northwest Michigan beaches will be tested regularly throughout the summer months for disease-carrying organisms thanks to over $20,000 in grants awarded to the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the local health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. The grants, from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the US Environmental Protection Agency, along with some local matching dollars, will provide funding to test the 40-plus beaches on Lake Michigan and inland lakes in the four-county service area of the health department. "The health department has been aggressively pursuing state and federal grants for beach monitoring over the last few years. We're committed to the protecting our waters-they are some of our most valuable resources," said Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health. "These grants have allowed our area to benefit from a considerable amount of surface water data collected in northwest Michigan."

During this year's beach season, health department staff will analyze over 1,400 sample results, monitoring water quality for problems that could result in transmission of viruses, disease, or pathogenic organisms. Beach water samples are collected on a weekly or twice-per-week basis, depending on risk and popularity of area beaches.

While conducting water-sampling visits, health department staff assesses other factors that contribute to the overall beach environment, such as sources of pollution safety equipment, drinking water supplies, sanitation, and refuse handling. "We have a very robust beach program at the health department," said Kendzierski. "We are taking a multifaceted look at our beaches to assure a safe, enjoyable, and healthy experience for all area beach goers."

All sampling activities are available at www.deq.state.mi.us/beach/public/, where the public can review local and state beach information, sampling data, and closure status.

The health department also uses Global Positioning System (GPS) to gather accurate beach locations and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to map locations with corresponding sample data.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities. For additional information about water sampling at area beaches, contact Kendzierski directly at (231) 547-7651.

Local group recognized for diabetes work

The Michigan Organization of Diabetes Educators (MODE) presented TIPDON, Northern Michigan's Diabetes Outreach Network, with an Outstanding Achievement Award for 2004.

This award recognizes TIPDON for "continued dedication and outstanding service on behalf of those with diabetes."

TIPDON was nominated by Sue Gilbert, RN, a Diabetes Educator at the Northern Michigan Hospital Diabetes Center, and the award was presented during the MODE Annual Spring Conference.

Gilbert said, "TIPDON always does such a great job with their educational programs for Health Professionals and provides information for the public. They inspired me to go into Diabetes Education."

TIPDON is one of six, nonprofit Diabetes Outreach Networks located in Michigan, grant-funded through the Michigan Department of Community Health.

It covers the top 27 counties in the Northern Lower peninsula. TIPDON's mission is to create innovative partnerships to strengthen diabetes detection, prevention, and treatment throughout Northern Michigan.

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Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church....547-6430

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Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer....536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher....547-9446

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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green....547-4300

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Charlevoix woman takes her message to national convention

BEEMON

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and carry it overseas to Japan, China and Africa.

Beemon said these corporations and people living around the Great Lakes Basin forget that once the water is removed from the basin it is gone forever.

"People tend to think of water resources as infinite, but they're not," she said. "They're very finite."

At the convention, Beemon made quality water an issue, especially concerning high levels of mercury found in fish from the Great Lakes.

Beemon said eagles were having a hard time raising young to adulthood because they were eating and feeding their young mercury-laden fish. Beemon said she is happy a pair of eagles that were moved inland were able to successfully raise young.

"We hope those baby eagles will live to an age so they too can raise young," she said.

Whether she is on a national or local level, Beemon cares about the water. As Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner, Beemon said she is concerned about the pollution in Round Lake due to drain run-off.

Beemon said the marina is undergoing a multi-million dollar project, but filter systems or separators for the drains, that would help eliminate some of the debris currently running into the lake, are overlooked.

"It's an example of how little value we put on our water," she said.

Beemon said the water will become more and more polluted over time until it is too late to correct the problem.

Beemon said people need to respect the environment and look beyond themselves.

"We have to value the long-term value of our environment," she said. "The long-term quality and health of our children is important and not short-term profits," she said.

Beemon plans to run again for Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner, which she said is the only official that directly stewards and is responsible for the water.

"It should be an absolute priority of every government servant to protect the natural resources of Charlevoix County from poor development," she said.

At the convention, Beemon also stressed the notion that true democracy is not limited to two parties.

"Democracy is bigger than two voices," she said. "If anyone thinks that democracy should be limited to Democrats and Republicans they don't believe in democracy."

Beemon said the biggest issue concerning democracy is that people have lost faith in their ability to self govern. When this happens and people no longer care, Beemon said their voice is replaced by that of corporations, which currently receive the same rights as a person.

"We just have to ask ourselves who controls democracy," she said. "Is democracy controlled by people or by money?"

Beemon said a corporation's charter should be revoked once they stop working for the public good.

Aside from corporations, Beemon targeted the electoral college as a part of her presidential platform. She said the electoral college is obsolete and non-democratic and should be abolished.

Beemon said the United States should use Instant run-off voting or majority wins, which entails a candidate receiving 50 percent of the votes or more in order to win. Beemon said this would help eliminate "spoiler" parties because the second choice is equally important.

Beemon's involvement in politics started in 1962 when she met Eleanor Roosevelt. Beemon said she remembers Roosevelt's passion for the United Nations, justice and peace.

"To realize a woman could do that and make a difference was really meaningful to me," she said.

In 1964 Beemon met Robert F. Kennedy along with about 10 other people when she heard him speak about changing the world.

"He told us to work hard, study and be involved," she said. "Then he shook our hands and wished us a good life."

Beemon said she has always been politically active including working against the Vietnam War. Due to this work, she was present in Washington, D.C., when Vietnam veterans threw their medals over the Vietnam Memorial Wall. The experience showed Beemon that people need to work for peace.

"I remember how haunted their eyes were," she said. "They were so devastated and traumatized by war."

Her involvement also includes working for women's and children's rights, volunteering in jails, working to protect a river in the St. Clair area, working for the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy, and writing the first grant for the first Women's Resource Center in Petoskey.

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Lawn tickets are $25 per person and attendees may pack a picnic lunch and bring lawn chairs. Beverages, including beer, wine and pop, will be available for purchase. Attendees are not allowed to bring their own alcohol.

Patron tickets under the tent are $50 per person. Dancing on the lawn will be permitted. Grounds will open for the lawn and tent seating at 6:30 p.m. with the concert beginning at 8 p.m. Patron ticket holders will arrive at 5:30 for the cash bar, followed by dinner and concert.

Proceeds benefit the expansion for Boyne Rehabilitation Center in Boyne City, and the purchase of new CAD Mammography equipment and for outreach programs at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Also Charlevoix Area Garden Club will host their Garden Walk and Flower Show on Wednesday, July 14. Tickets are $10 per person. Proceeds benefit the club's beautification program.

Call Kathy Johnson, Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, 547-8502 for more information.

The gardening public is invited to enter the Division II - Design Class, which entries must be pre-registered by July 7.

The Flower Show will be at the Historic Depot on Lake Charlevoix at the foot of Chicago Avenue. Both Design and Horticulture entries are to be submitted between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (latest) on Tuesday, July 13, the day before the Garden Walk and Flower Show.

Judging will begin at 4 p.m. No entries will be accepted after 3 p.m. For information, call Rhea Dow, 547-5301 or Linda Weston, 547-6603.

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City gets the green light from MDOT

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Michigan Department of Transportation updated the traffic light at the corner of Bridge and Clinton streets in downtown Charlevoix, which includes the ability to be remote-controlled by local police.

Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson said the remote-control feature will enable police to move traffic through downtown more easily after special events without putting an officer at risk.

"It's a safety issue for us because it will possibly eliminate needing an officer in the middle of the intersection," Halverson said "We can control the light from the sidewalk."

Dennis Halverson

With this new feature comes increased responsibility. Halverson said MDOT is very specific about when officers can override the sequencing.

"It's not for emergency use," he said.

Police have agreed with the policy MDOT has concerning when to override the sequencing.

"If we were to do that at any other time and an accident occurred, the city would have some problems," he said.

Halverson said police are only allowed to use the feature after special events such as Venetian fireworks, when a lot of traffic can back up Charlevoix's downtown area.

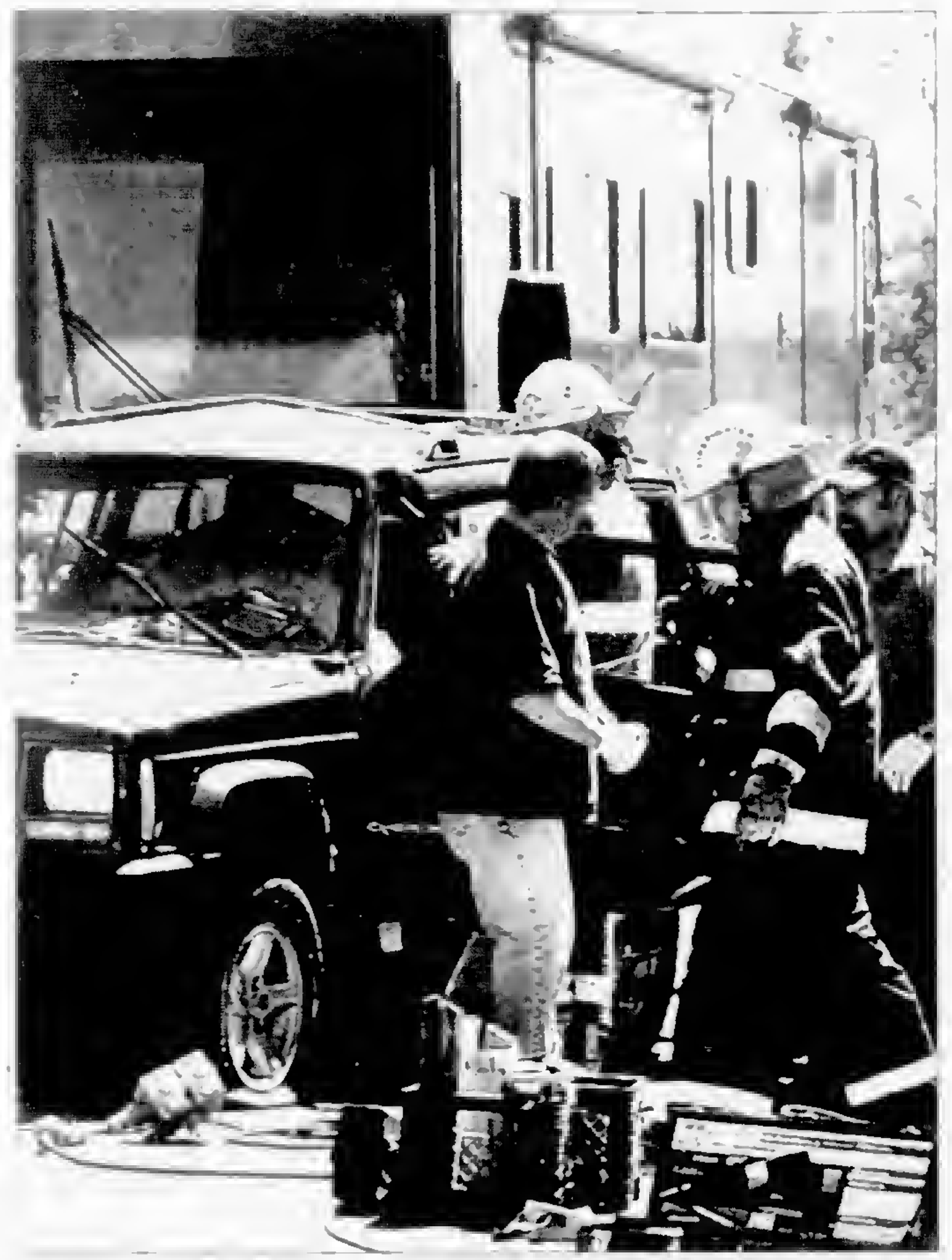
"We have a unique situation for events because there is one way in and one way out," Halverson said about Charlevoix's downtown roadway.

Halverson said the police have not officially used the new feature yet.

"We've practiced a little bit, but we're probably looking at that Venetian week for when we'll try it out and see what happens," he said.

This type of technology is not a foreign concept. Halverson said he has seen police in downstate departments use the remote-control feature after football games, but he hasn't seen it very often in Northern Michigan.

"I would guess there aren't many in the North with this capability because not many other places have a huge event," he said.



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Three-vehicle wreck

Rescue workers work to extricate the driver of a 2001 Jeep Cherokee which was involved in a three-vehicle crash July 1 on U.S. 31 in Hayes Township. The Cherokee was stopped behind a 2000 Mercury Villager minivan which was attempting to turn left when a 2004 36-foot Winnebago motor home slammed into the rear of the Jeep, pushing the Jeep into the minivan.

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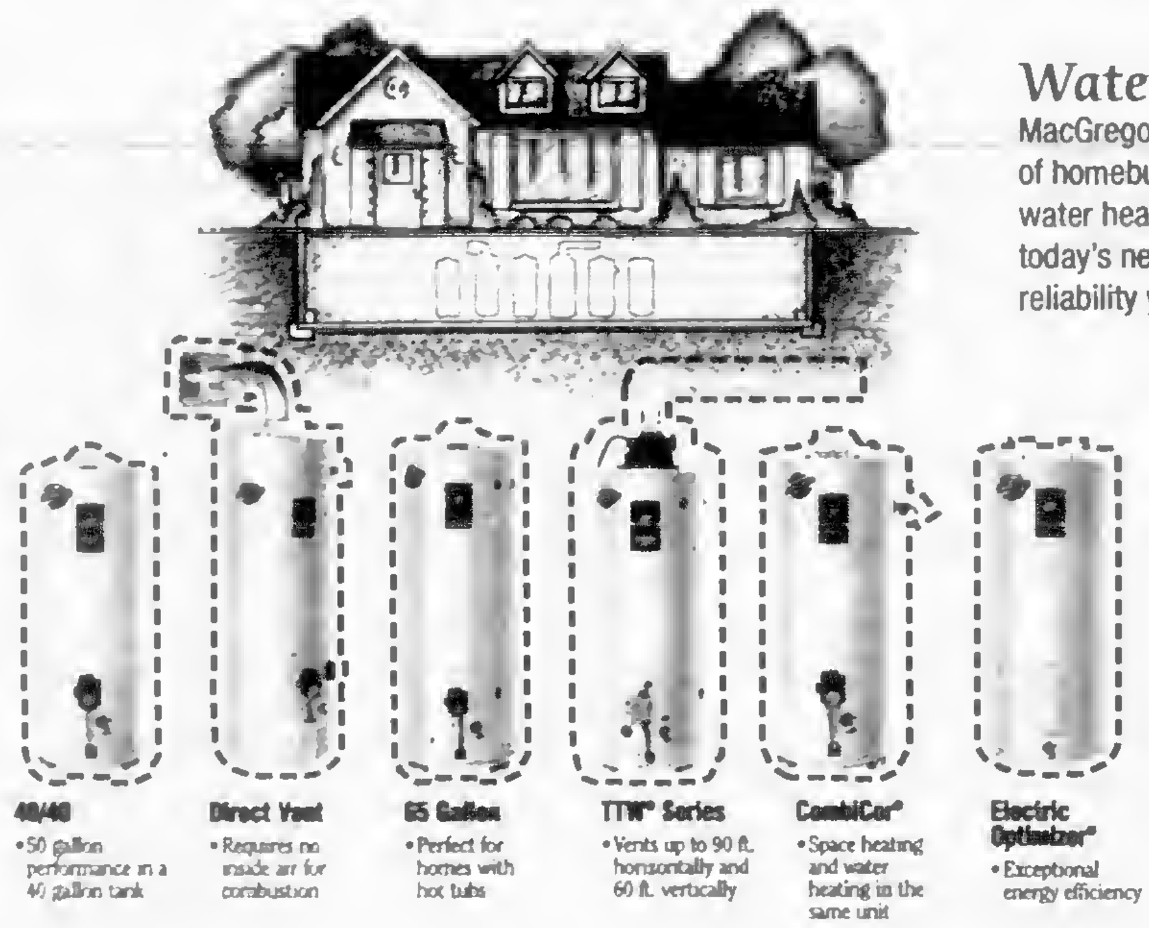
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Charlevoix's Bergmann still on the run — all the way to Australia

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Brenna Bergmann, a 2004 graduate of Charlevoix High School, is busy preparing for college and running with the best in Australia.

Bergmann will be going to Australia as a part of the Australian Cultural Enrichment Exchange and Track Competition.

"I can't wait," she said. "I'm excited to see what Australia is like because I've been to Europe and for the experience."

Bergmann said she has been to England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and twice to France. While in Australia, Bergmann said she wants to add to the cultural knowledge she has already gained.

"I hope to gain more knowledge about other parts of the world and more experience in racing," she said.

Mary Plude, the Charlevoix High School girls' country coach, said Bergmann has a lot to gain from the program, which is designed to enrich athletes through experiencing another's culture.

"It will broaden her whole view of the world and college running," she said.

Plude said the program involves running and ambassadorship, since part of the trip is spending time in major cultural areas in Australia. The athletes will spend most of their time in major cities, but Plude said they will also venture out into parts of the country.

"It's like an exchange student program except they exchange athletes," Plude said.

The program lasts for two weeks and features two meets where United States teams race Australian national teams. Plude said this is good national/regional competition for Bergmann and others who are involved.

Bergmann, who plans to run at Aquinas College, will be in Australia for two weeks and will be able to demonstrate her talent for running.

"She was like my No. 2, No. 3 runner of the squad," Plude said of Bergmann's cross country ability.

Bergmann is the fifth runner coached by Plude who has taken part in the exchange program, which requires intense fund-raising to meet the $3,400 cost.

"You have to be a real go-getter and you've got to really want to go," Plude said.

Australia was an option for Bergmann last year as well, but she decided to go this year because she was graduating from high school. Her voyage to Australia has caused some of her younger cross country peers to seek the same program.

Bergmann said she hopes people will be more open to helping future runners attend the Australian exchange. The hardest part about going, Bergmann said, is that each runner has to raise the money themselves.

"The team wanted to go, but couldn't afford it and do what they wanted to do," she said.

In order to qualify for the invite-only exchange, Plude said a team has to make it to the state meet, which the entire cross country team did this year. Bergmann will be running with the Great Lakes Regional Team.

Plude coached Bergmann for three years in cross country after her husband, Ken, Charlevoix's boys' cross country coach at Charlevoix High School, noticed her running ability.

"I just saw her running in gym class and she had a natural build and stride," Ken Plude said.

Aside from her natural running ability, Bergmann's pedigree was another factor that prompted Plude to encourage her to try cross country.

"There's a long line of talent in the family," he said.

Plude said her relatives include Doug Bergmann and his brother Billy Taylor, who qualified for the Olympic Trials in track. Plude said both men received honors for their running in high school and college.

Racing is dear to her heart and Bergmann said she has three varsity letters for cross country and two for track and went to state for cross country two years in a row. She was also an all-region and All-Lake Michigan Conference honorable mention in the sport. Bergmann also received two varsity letters for skiing and was named to the academic all-state ski team twice.

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Brenna Bergmann, a 2004 Charlevoix High School graduate, is planning to go to Australia as part of the Cultural Enrichment Exehange and Track Competition.

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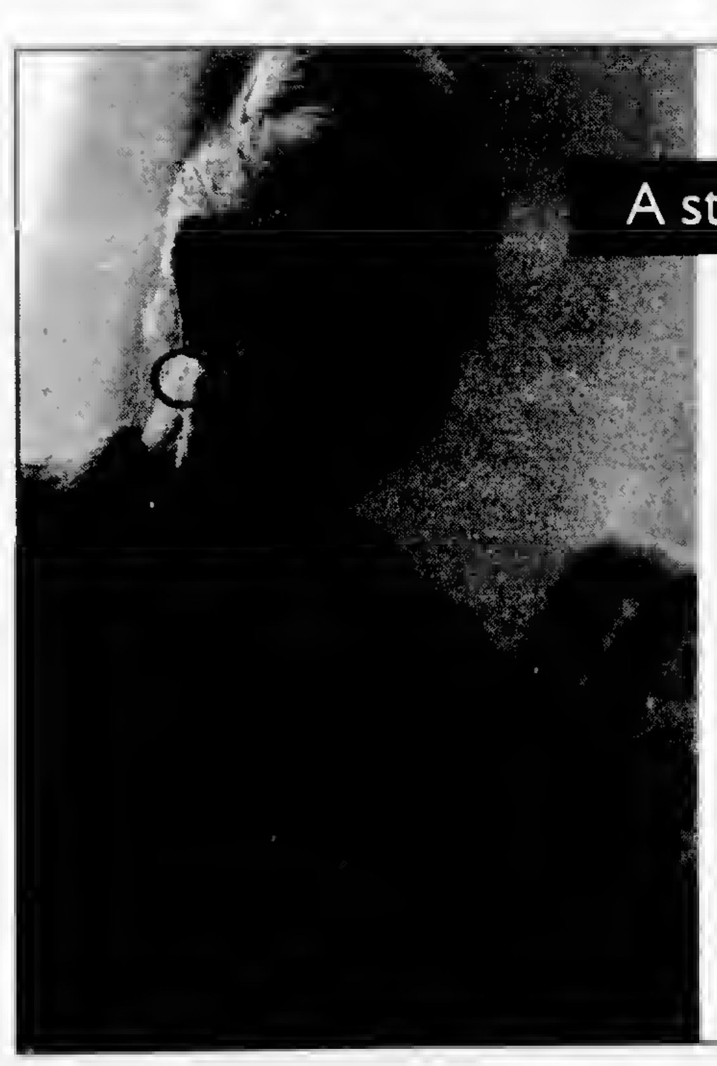

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Class of '84 initiates scholarship

Alyssia McDonough and Tess Hoagland, 2004 Charlevoix High School graduates, have received the inaugural education scholarship from the CHS Class of 1984. Each scholarship is worth $600.

McDonough plans to attend the University of Michigan and pursue a degree in elementary education, with a focus on speech and language special education. Hoagland plans to enroll at Grand Valley State University in the secondary education program and work toward a double major in English and psychology.

McDonough and Hoagland were awarded their scholarships at the high school during Honors Convocation.

The scholarship was set up by members of the Class of 1984 reunion committee to celebrate and honor the 20-year anniversary of their graduation.

To be eligible, students were required to graduate with at least 3.0 grade point average and intend to pursue a career in education. The goal, according to reunion committee member Mary Edger, is to recognize the importance of helping train well-qualified, motivated teachers and to honor our past teachers and reward the educators of the future.

As adults, and parents, we realize how much of an impact teachers have on our children. It takes a very special person to be a dedicated teacher who is passionate about their work, Edger added.

Students wrote brief personal statements describing why they wanted to become a teacher, and they included experiences they have had that they believe would help them be successful in their training and education career. Deb Devitt, a CHS counselor, headed the selection committee of teachers.

The 1984 reunion is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

Edger said her group hopes that other Charlevoix High School graduating classes will consider following suit. for more information, contact Tim Lablanc at Charlevoix State Bank.

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The first recipients of the Charlevoix High School Class of 1984 education scholarship are Alyssia McDonough (front row, second from left) and Tess Hoagland (front, center). They are sitting with Class of '84 members (front, from left) Mary Edger, AJ Witthoeft; back, Carrie Lablance, Amy Bartling, Pat Mitchell, Shelley Stevens and Pam Barnes.

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Stephanie Dickinson (Chemistry), Natashia Kleiber (Criminal Justice), Joshua Leese (Biology), Kyle Leese (History), Philip Simpson (Social Studies) are on dean's list for spring, 2004, at Lake Superior State University.

— Jordan R. Nystrom will be a freshman at Northwood University in Midland this fall and is the recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 2004-2005 academic year. The Free Enterprise Scholarship is $4,000 per year with renewal options yearly if criteria is met.

The Free Enterprise Scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years.

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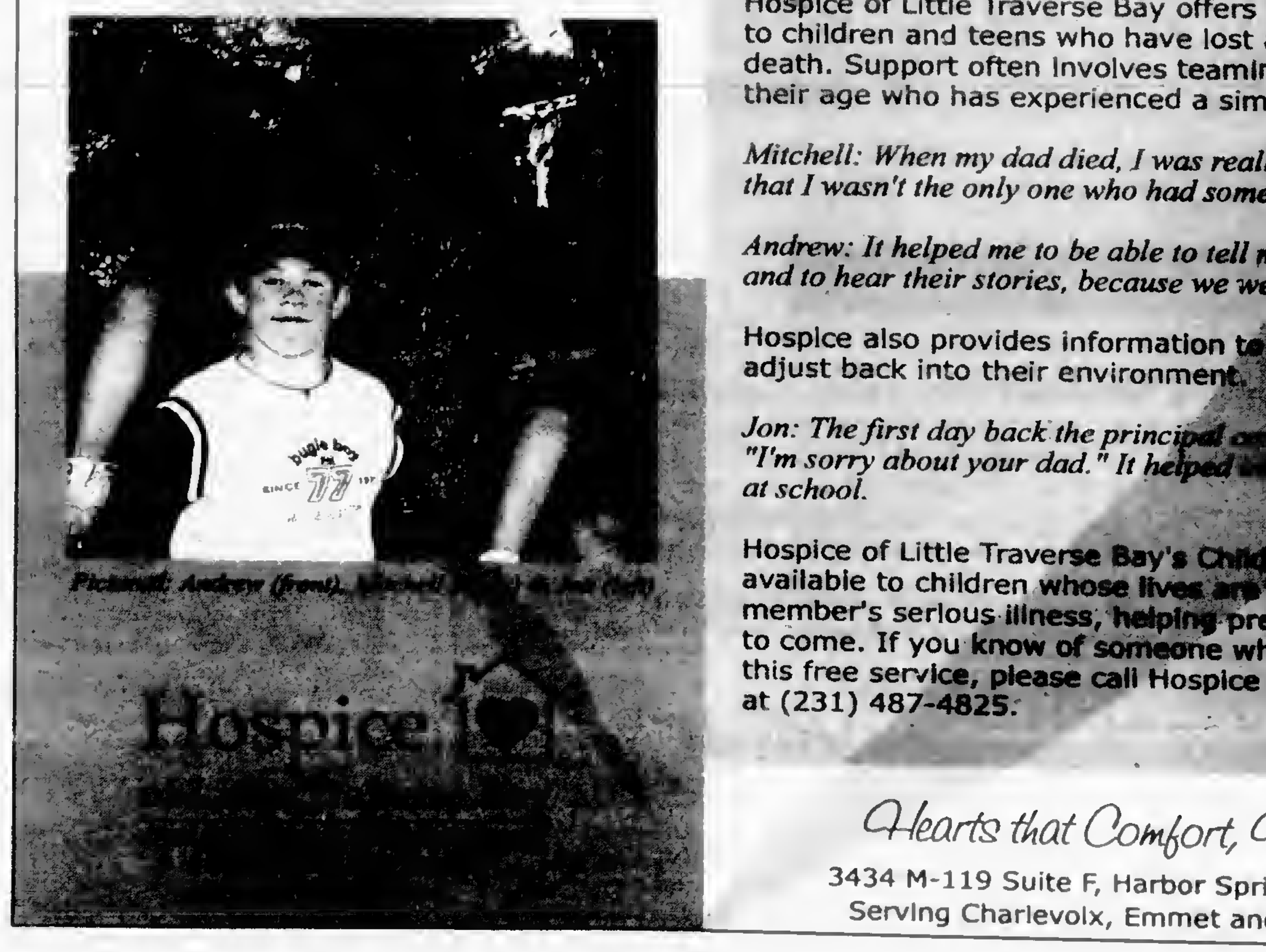

When someone dies, the children left behind grieve, but too often they grieve alone.....

Pictured: Andrew (front), [illegible] & Jon [illegible]

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Mitchell: When my dad died, I was really sad until I learned that I wasn't the only one who had someone die.

Andrew: It helped me to be able to tell my [illegible] kids, and to hear their stories, because we were [illegible] spot.

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Jon: The first day back the principal [illegible] and said, "I'm sorry about your dad." It helped [illegible] good year at school.

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Craft show this weekend at East Park

The 36th Annual Charlevoix Craft Show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 10-11 in Charlevoix's waterfront parks.

Some 200 visiting artisans and craftsmen and women will display their respective wares.

The show offers a mix of fine arts such as acrylic and oil paintings, sculpture and hand blown glass beadwork, a variety of rustic-to-contemporary lawn and garden accessories, pottery, baskets, furniture, clothing, dried floral arrangements, hand-woven rugs, quilted works and a selection of items for the fishing enthusiasts. Children will also have the opportunity to discover displays of toys including personalized compact discs, water pistols and face painting. The show also features a wide range of jewelry, temporary body art and caricature drawings.

Yacht club race results

Charlevoix Yacht Club Race Results

June 30, 2004

The first race of the Summer Series was sailed in high winds — up to 32 knots! There were 12 more boats than the Spring Series fleet for a total of 32 boats. There were some very close finishes, two seconds corrected time between the first and second place boats in the Spinnaker B fleet! The course was a triangle followed by two windward-leeward legs. Results provided by race committee chair, Mike Miller:

J-22 fleet: 1-Superfluous (Jensen); 2-Swine Flew (Strawbridge); 3-Rock Steady (Burley); 4-Thunderstruck (Pirie); 5-Paleface Lite (Grove); 6-Suzie Q (Kelly); 7-Hog Tide (Clagett).

Jib and Main fleet: 1-Apothecary (Ochs); 2-Flash (Gordon); 3-Cinerous (Wasilewski); 4-Flasher (Sherbarth); 5-Wind Ensemble (Henninger); 6-Excitus (Pung); 7-Fairret (Seymour).

P-26: 1-Tireless (Carland); 2-Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 3-Cygnus (Stewart); 4-Original Sin (Miller); 5-Artemis (Bowerman).

Spinnaker A (smaller) fleet: 1-Stringthing (Thomas); 2-Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 3-Our Thyme II (Herald)' 4-MJ2 (Begrow); 5-Kamikazee (Funck); 6-Blue Runaway (Williamson); 7-M3 (Carey).

Spinnaker B (larger) fleet: 1-Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2-Northern Light (Orlow); 3-Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 4-Padawan 2 (Lamb); 5-Blasen (Jurries); 6-Windrunner (Pirie).

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Emerald Isle meets July 1 Coast Guard deadline

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Ports and vessels are to submit security plans to the United States Coast Guard by July 1 in order to be in compliance with national and international codes.

The Maritime Transportation Security Act and the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code require all ports and vessels to draw up security plans that will be submitted to the Coast Guard.

"Every facility and vessel operator that has been undergoing this whole process has been very easy to deal with," Lieutenant Jeff Ahlgren, Public Affairs Officer for the Marine Safety Office in Sault Ste. Marie, said.

The plans outline how the individual ports and vessels will handle a rise in security levels.

Ahlgren said the Coast Guard hired Black & Beetch, a nationwide consulting firm, to consolidate the plans they received from facilities.

"We've basically been given six months to work with local Coast Guard reviewers and Black & Beetch employees in Kansas City to fix any problems," Ahlgren said.

Once Black & Beetch approves the plans, Ahlgren said the Marine Safety Office begins to work with facilities on an individual basis in order to verify that the submitted plans will work for the facility.

"We make sure it's going to work for the physical location of the facility," Ahlgren said.

Ahlgren said vessels send their plans directly to the Marine Safety Center in Washington, D.C. From here, Ahlgren said the Marine Safety Center calls the individual Captains of the Ports and works with them directly without an outside consulting firm.

Charlevoix's own Emerald Isle is one vessel being looked at to ensure all proper security guidelines are in place.

Micheal Randall, Safety and Security Coordinator for Beaver Island Boat Co., said an infrastructure has already been in place and the submitted plan will simply provide the Coast Guard with written documentation.

"It's not going to have any adverse affect on us unless the MarSec (maritime security) Levels change," Randall said.

Randall said the Beaver Island Boat Co. has implemented its policy in accordance to guidelines set out by the Passenger Vehicle Association in order to meet security requirements set forth by the Coast Guard.

"We're trying to mitigate any vulnerabilities we have," he said.

Randall said the Beaver Island Boat Co. is trying to be proactive by having signs and cameras where people can see them.

The Beaver Island Boat Co. screens vehicles closely, which are usually dropped off 90 minutes before the boat docks in Round Lake, Randall said.

"We screen vehicles to eliminate possible hazards whether terrorist threat or not," he said.

Randall said searches will be conducted if the MarSec Level rises or an individual situation requires that kind of attention. Otherwise, Randall said the tightened security is to ensure everyone's safety.

"We're trying to keep people safe, not hassle them," he said.

Since vehicles arrive early and the transit time to the island takes about two hours, Randall said there is more time to do proper vehicle checks than other ferries that carry more vehicles.

Some ferries, like the Staten Island Ferry, no longer carry vehicles as a result of Sept. 11.

"It's changed the industry a lot," Randall said.

Aside from vehicles, Beaver Island Boat Co. employees are being educated on how to handle a rise in security.

Randall said the training level for all employees has been elevated in order to ensure everyone knows about the certain protocol and response factors used in certain situations.

"For the most part this is not going to affect the general public and overall operation," Randall said. "Most people won't be aware of changes, so it's more of an elevated awareness."

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Changing of the guard

Outgoing President Rick Randall (left) receives thanks and a honorary plaque with presidential gavel for his year of service as president of the Rotary Club of Charlevoix, while incoming President Chris Turkelson (right) receives his gavel for the upcoming year. Rotarian Jim Berlage (center) makes the presentation.

Predator softball team second

Predator U-12 softball travel team was in Clio over the weekend finishing in 2nd place. In pool play on Friday they lost 7-1 to LCN Softball out of the Detroit area. On Saturday they won one out of three games beating Lakeville 17-2 and losing to the Michigan Bulldogs 7-1 and 5-1 to Sterling Heights. In elimination play on Sunday they beat Lakeville 11-2. They then went on to take Goodrich in extra innings defeating them 3-2 in the 7th. They faced LCN again, this time winning 3-1 putting them in the championship game. They faced the Michigan Bulldogs again this time losing 8-3. The team had an outstanding weekend and had the support of many friends, family, coaches and fans. Amber Hoffman and Liz Bauman did an outstanding job pitching for the Predators. The team consists of Jennifer Fettis, Meghan Friske, Jessica Kolinske and Tiffany Teuscher of Petoskey, Sarah Gerberding and Nicole Higgins from Boyne City, Shaina Peters and Melyssa Skroki from East Jordan, Amber Hoffman of Charlevoix, Liz Bauman from Gaylord, Carle Searles from Levering and Taylor Blackmer and Becky Loukes from Millington. The Predators will be traveling to Millington for their next tournament the weekend of July 9-12, 2004.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING
JULY 12, 2004

The Charlevoix Township Board will hold its Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on July 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road.

At such time the budget concerning estimated revenues and proposed expenditures will be submitted for consideration. **The proposed millage rate to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for inspection after June 30th at the office of the Clerk at 12491 Waller Road.

Carol Martin, Charlevoix Township Clerk

Bids for road work could be in by late summer

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The design for a new US-31/Boyne City-Charlevoix roads intersection is still being decided upon.

Charlevoix County Road Commission manager Pat Harmon said the survey work for the area around the intersection was completed early last week.

The next phase is to have the survey work analyzed with the help of Northwest Design Group in order to figure out how the engineering should be done, draw up blueprints, and compile a bid pack.

Harmon said he hopes bidding can be accomplished in late summer or early fall.

The county will use the $200,000 grant it received from the Michigan Department of Transportation to fund the project, Harmon said.

Construction of the intersection is scheduled to start in spring, 2005, and Harmon said the goal is to have construction complete the Fourth of July next year, which is to ensure traffic doesn't back up due to an increase in the summer population.

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CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW
JULY 20, 2004

The Charlevoix Township Board of Review will meet at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road on **Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. until noon** for the purpose of correcting clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact only.

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Handle foods safely to avoid potential illness

The potential for foodborne illness is present regardless of whether you are camping at home, on a picnic or eating in a restaurant, according to officials with the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties.

"Foodborne illnesses are not that uncommon, and the risks, although low, are real," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director. "Foodborne illness can be prevented by following basic food safety measures and food handling techniques."

1. Many foods are best in their natural state, such as fruits and vegetables; others are not safe unless they have been processed. All vegetables and fruits eaten raw need thorough washing. When assembling cold salads, chill all ingredients before assembling the salad, including the dressing and canned meats.

2. Cook food thoroughly. Many raw foods, notably poultry and meats, are often contaminated with disease-causing agents. Thorough cooking will kill germs, but the temperature of all parts of most foods must reach at least 165 degrees F. Use a thermometer to make sure the food has reached the proper temperature.

3. Eat cooked foods immediately. When cooked foods cool to below 140 degrees F, germs begin to grow.

4. Store cooked foods immediately. If you must prepare foods in advance or want to keep leftovers, be sure to store them either hot (140 degrees F or above), or cold (41 degrees F or below). If hot foods are to be refrigerated, they must be rapidly cooled to 41 degrees F or less in fewer than four hours.

5. Reheat cooked foods thoroughly and quickly. All parts of the food must reach at least 165 degrees F within two hours.

6. Avoid contact between raw and cooked foods. Safely cooked food can become contaminated through even the slightest contact with raw foods. Wash and sanitize all utensils and cutting boards after they have been used for raw meats and before cutting raw vegetables and fruits.

7. Wash hands repeatedly. People should always wash their hands thoroughly before working with ready-to-eat foods and after using the bathroom, using a handkerchief, touching any soiled object or surface, handling raw food (especially poultry and meat), eating, smoking, and touching or scratching any area of the body including ears, mouth, nose or hair.

8. Maintain adequate hand washing facilities. This includes hot and cold running water, soap, paper towels.

9. Keep all kitchen surfaces clean and sanitized.

10. Protect foods from insects, rodents and other animals.

11. Use water and ice from approved sources i.e. city water supply, bottled water, bagged ice.

12. Do not thaw foods at room temperature. Frozen foods must be thawed in a refrigerator or as part of the cooking process.

13. Ask questions. Contact the health department if you have questions or concerns about food safety or food handling.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities. For more information about safely handling food to avoid illnesses, contact Penny Massey, Food Service Supervisor, at the Otsego office of the health department at (989) 732-1794.

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Local...

Swimmers shine at Special Olympics

Paul and Matt Jolliffe have been training at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool for the past two and a half years.

During the June 3-5 weekend the two traveled to Central Michigan University to participate in the Special Olympics Summer Games.

Matt Jolliffe took a gold medal in the 25 yard Freestyle and the 50 yard Freestyle. He also placed fifth in the 25 Backstroke.

Paul Jolliffe took a gold medal in the 50 Freestyle and in the 25 Backstoke. He also took a silver medal in the 100 Backstroke.

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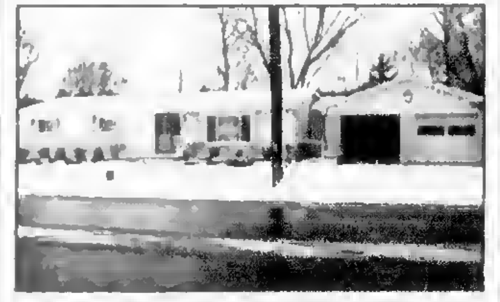

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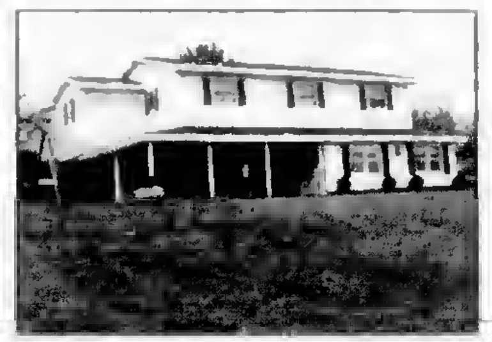

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Annual home tour features variety

The 2004 Charlevoix Home Tour is scheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 17.

Five amazing homes are featured on the tour, which is hosted by the Kappa Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, including an arts & crafts style cottage in the Charlevoix Country Club, a beautiful contemporary lake home on Round Lake, a magnificent "up north" retreat and an elegant beach house on Lake Michigan, and a cozy historic log home at Pine Point.

This year is the second year the tour will take place on a Saturday. Proceeds benefit the Charlevoix Area Hospital's obstetrics and cancer departments, along with a playground equipment donation for Bright Beginnings Pre-School.

Tickets are $20 and available in Charlevoix at The Apple Tree, Shop of the Gulls and the Clothing Company; in Boyne City at Country Books; and in Petoskey at the Quiet Moose and the chamber of commerce. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour at any of the homes. Directions to the homes are provided in the ticket book and at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. Additional information and illustrations of the homes can be found at: www.charlevoixhometour.com.

A home-by-home sketch of this year's tour:

— Carole Huebotter, 12227 N. Country Club Drive. This cottage-style home sits on a beautiful wooded setting in the Charlevoix Country Club, creating a complimentary relationship between the home and the club, resulting in a feeling of "tree-house living." Elements of the arts-and-crafts style can be found in the home's details and culminate in the Frank Lloyd Wright leaded glass window in the master bedroom. The furnishings, artifacts, art collections and books have all been selected over the owner's lifetime. Carole's personal style and fondness for European antiques and whimsy can be found in every corner of this lovely home. Architectural design, Ron Way; builder, Way Building Contractors; kitchen and bath design: Jill Keene, Preston Feather; interior design, Carole Huebotter.

— Alvin & Patsy Ranger, 08295 Eastern Ave. Built in the early 1800s, the cottage is one of the original log cabin summer dwellings in the Pine Point subdivision. It features artifacts from the sinking of the steamship Bradley off Beaver Island in the violent 1958 storm , including a broken lifeboat oar, tiller and wooden bailing scoop along with photos of the Bradley and the Edmund Fitzgerald, which were given to Mrs. Ranger's late father, Great Lakes author William Ratigan, by the owners of the respective ships. The cottage also features original copies of maps by Charlevoix artist Irene Young, wife of noted Charlevoix builder and designer, Earl A. Young. During its remodel in 1989, the original log cabin was converted into a living-dining area. Alvin Ranger designed the addition with help from his architect friend, Hans Weimer. Hans Kretschman, stonemason of East Jordan, rebuilt the stone fireplace. The original walls, writer's desk and handmade furniture all add to the unique "old log cabin" feel.

— Ron & Terry Hughes, 219 Belvedere Ave. This spectacular home is nestled into its surroundings, taking full advantage of the views of Round Lake. The strength of the architecture and the quality of its construction gives the home a feeling that is second to none. The shingle style home uses rich materials both inside and out which establish its quality. The interiors are created with a unique blend of new merged with old to create a feeling of comfortable elegance. Architects, Bob Bryck and Janet Ford; builder: Ray Wallick, Inc. Interior design, Richard Ross and Jeff King; bathrooms, closets, special flooring, Indesign.

— Andre and Lisa Radandt, 14529 Park Ave. A recently remodeled beach front home mixes a blend of antique with the Orient, cottage style with contemporary to create comfortable elegance. The many windows provide amazing views of the crashing waves on Lake Michigan. Updated kitchen, dining and sitting rooms let the homeowners entertain in style. The bedrooms evoke cozy memories of up-north getaways, and the deck overlooking the shoreline is simply breathtaking. Architect/interior design, DusnerHeighes; remodel contractor, Glenwood Custom Homes; cabinetry, Thomas DeJonge Woodworking, Inc.

— Norbert & Margaret Murray, 13109 Bay St. A charming Lake Michigan home takes full advantage of the spectacular views offered by the North Pointe shoreline. The home features a shingle-style exterior, beautiful landscaping, and a warm, inviting interior with the lush seating, soft drapery, collected casework, and beautiful artwork combine to make the home a must-see. Home Design, Jodi Alger; builder, Jeff Wilhem Builders, Inc.; interior design, Indesign.

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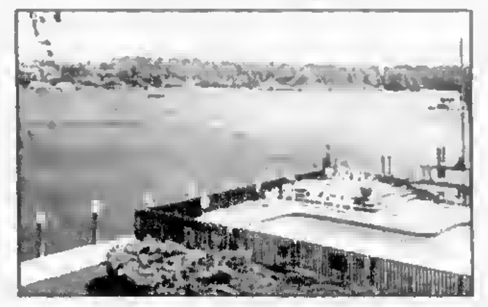

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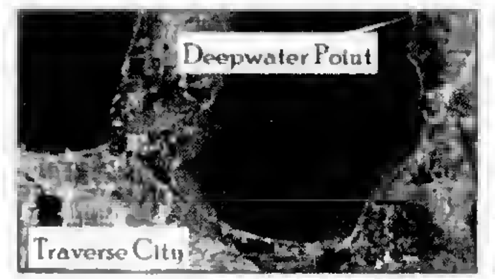

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Rich Charlevoix history on display at Harsha House

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"Iddings wanted to know exactly when the stock for his hardware store was arriving," Miles added.

The first mayor of Charlevoix isn't the only first on display. The "firsts" of Charlevoix is one of the larger exhibits and includes the first settlers, Medad and Phoebe Thompson, who farmed the area now known as Ferry beach.

"A few of the Thompson's descendants still live in this area," he said.

Civil war veteran E. H. Green was editor of Charlevoix's first newspaper, the Sentinel.

"He was shot in the thigh and foot at the first battle of Bull Run," Miles said. "He lay on the battlefield for six days and six nights until he was removed."

From that point, Green walked with a limp and carried a gold tipped cane, which is also on display.

"Willard A. Smith, the first newspaper publisher in Charlevoix, took over the editorship of the Sentinel from E. H. Green in 1871," Miles said, adding that Smith published the Sentinel for nearly 50 years.

According to Miles, the first dentist in town built the space where Simple Things gift store is located. The second floor of which the first telephone switchboard was installed.

Egbert Carpenter built the first business south of Clinton Street.

According to Miles, as the area was dense forest at the time, the town thought him mad. But soon the entire south end of Charlevoix was cleared to make room for new shops.

The shiniest exhibit came about as a result of a chance finding. During the relocation of equipment from the old high school someone discovered boxes of trophies under the bleachers. Dating from 1906-59, the trophies cover Charlevoix High School sports including football, basketball and track and field.

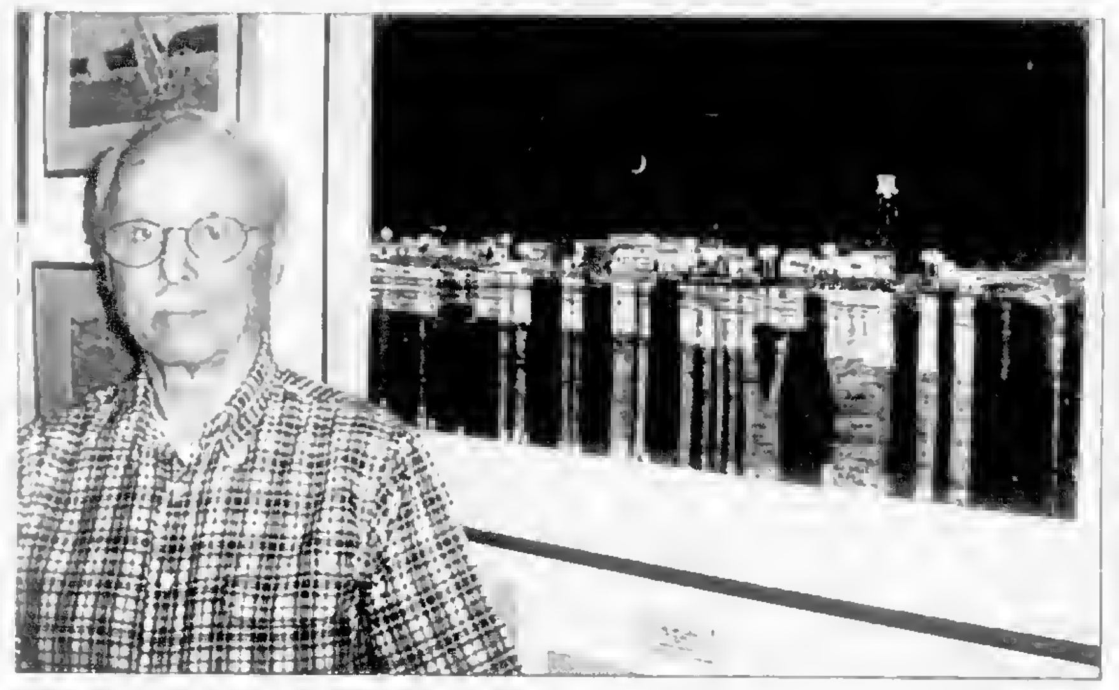
"We had many photos in our archives which we were able to match with the trophies in the new display," Miles said.

High school sports pictures range from a young Chuck Fairbanks, who would eventually be named the NFL's coach of the year in 1976 while leading the New England Patriots, to the 1945 and 1958 Charlevoix High School football teams, both of which did not allow their respective opponents to score a point all season.

"I think a lot of people will be interested in the local basketball teams from 1910-55, track from 1947-56 and football from 1945-58," Miles said. "We also have many photographs on file for people to look at."

According to Miles a family recently visited the Harsha House from Jakobstad, Finland. It seems they traveled all the way to northern Michigan to see where their forebearers worked and lived many years ago.

Luckily for Charlevoix residents, a trip to the Harsha House museum is less of a hassle.



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The 2004 Summer Concerts presents Pine River Jazz playing at 8 p.m., Thursday, July 8, in East Park, downtown Charlevoix. Gary Stutzman, Director of Bands at Northwest Academy, organized this newly formed group. The main course of music for the evening of entertainment will be Dixieland and with a mix of up-tempo jazz tunes from the 40's and 50's. Please bring your own seating and in case of rain concerts will be held at the First Congregational Church.

Antique quilt show

The Charlevoix Historical Society will be hosting Antique Quilts-The Charlevoix Connection Show, beginning Thursday, July 8, at the historic Depot. The exhibit celebrating the beauty and craftsmanship of historical quilts will be open to the public at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sunday, July 11. Family members have loaned many of the treasured quilts and stories with a connection to Charlevoix to the Historical Society.

Former Venetian queens wanted

Venetian planners are seeking past Venetian Queens in an effort to recognize them at the 5th Annual Venetian Queen Candidates noon luncheon scheduled for the Charlevoix Country Club on July 9. Venetian Board President, Dan Barron, issued the request for former queens to call Venetian headquarters at 547-9950 to receive the complimentary invitation and to be recognized at the luncheon where local media, present queen candidates, and the public will learn of the plans for this year's week long festivities. The noon luncheon will cost $10 and will be the first public forum where new features of the 2004 Venetian Festival will be discussed. The public is encouraged to attend and reservations may be made by calling the Country Club at 547-9796.

Children's art fair

The Charlevoix Public Library would like to invite the community to participate in and visit our Children's Art Fair. Children's artwork will be on display from 10 a.m. to 3

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p.m., Saturday, July 10 at the Charlevoix Public Library. All children are welcome to submit artwork of any medium. Artwork may be dropped off at the Charlevoix Public Library, 109 Clinton Street, through July 8. The artwork may be picked up Monday, July 12 through Saturday July 17. Unclaimed art becomes the property of the Charlevoix Library. "We love the expressions of the children when they see their own art on display," stated Amy Spegele, Youth Services Assistant. The public is welcome to stop by and view the wonderful creativity of our children.

Ice cream social

An Ice Cream Social organized by the Norwood Area Historical Society is scheduled from 2-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, at the old school house. Sundaes, toppings, cookies and beverages will be $4. Old fashioned crafts will be demonstrated.

The historical museum will be open in the township hall, as well as a display of quilts in the Norwood Methodist Church. Admission is free. Anyone with a quilt they would like to share for the display or any questions should call 547-5496. Raffle tickets for a new blue and white community made quilt, pieced by Cathy Lord, will also be sold to benefit the historical society.

Home missionary at Assembly of God

On July 11 the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church at 05291 M-66 North will be hosting Trey Hancock at the church's 10:30 a.m. service.

Hancock is a home missionary to the Muslim community in Dearborn. The public is welcome.

GOP picnic

The Charlevoix County 2004 Republican Picnic is at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 11, at Whiting Park. Republican chicken will be cooked by the famous chicken chefs. Please bring a dish to pass.

Bring your children, friends, and anyone that would like to have a great time. Beer and pop will be furnished. The price is $7 and children under 12 are free. Guest speakers are State Senator Jason Allen, State Representative Ken Bradstreet also, 106th district candidates and county and township officials. Remember-Century Club member free admission.

Grass roots activism meeting

Democrats and Independents will have an Election 2004 Activist Training Meeting focused on grass roots activism and the 2004 Election from 7 to 8:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 14, at the Governmental Center Cafeteria located on the ground floor of the Traverse City Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City. The event will be hosted by the Grand Traverse County Democratic Party. Attendees will hear short speeches from local and national candidates and/or their representatives and will take on specific tasks that will make a difference in the election. For more information please call Woody at 231-929-4465.

Venetian tennis championship

The Charlevoix Venetian Games Tennis Championship Tournament will take place from Saturday, July 17 to Thursday, July 22. Registration is through the Charlevoix Recreation Department at Mt. McSauba and contact information is supplied on the forms. Students 11 and under will pay no fees; 12-18 will pay $5 total (may be entered in more than 1 event); and adults will pay $5 each for 1 event or $10 each if entered in multiple events. Entries must be received by 4 p.m., Thursday, July 15.

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Finals will be played at the Charlevoix Township courts on Thursday, July 22.

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Charlevoix Public Library is having a Summer Reading Club for children up to 11. Stop in or call the library to register or ask questions, 547-2651. Programs will run every Tuesday from 6:45-8 p.m. Schedule:

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- July 20 — Ultimate Craft Night
- July 27 — By invitation only ... Tim Smith, author of the Buck Wilder series.

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Senior picnic

The 25th Charlevoix County Annual Senior Picnic is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 14. The picnic is at Whiting Park in Boyne City. Tickets are a suggested donation of $3 for seniors and $5 for people under 60 years of age. Tickets may be purchased at the Boyne City and East Jordan Senior Centers or at the Commission on Aging at 207 Antrim Street, Charlevoix.

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Olde time bazaar

An Olde Time Country Bazaar and Luncheon is set for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, July 21 at the First Congregational Church, corner of State and Park streets. The bazaar features crafts, homemade baked goods, and attic treasures. Luncheon will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Adults are $6 and children are $3.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in Charlevoix from 12 to 5:45 p.m. on July 22, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church at the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street.

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The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its 50th reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, (248) 473-1324, e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com. For more information, call Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. Contact information is needed for Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colburn (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

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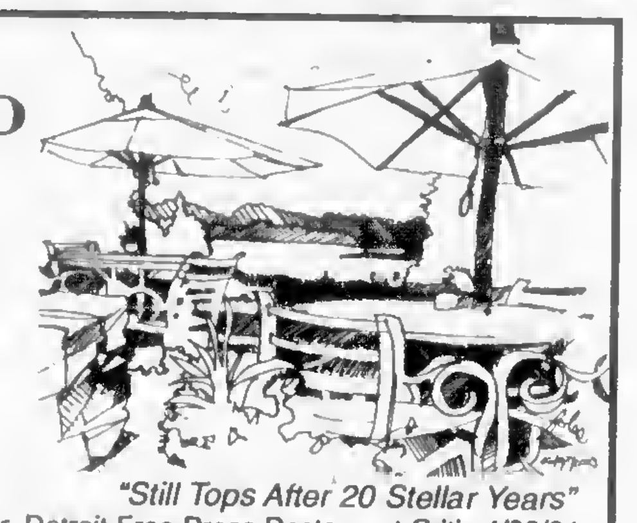

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Exhibit features town's first mayor

The Charlevoix Historical Society is featuring an Exhibit on Hon. H.L. Iddings, the first mayor of Charlevoix.

Harvey Lee Iddings was born in Oxford, Ohio, Nov. 1856, to the Rev. Joseph Talbot and Martha Ann Iddings. He received his education in the public schools and was a graduate of Albion College. He was married in Albion to Miss Nellie Gale and had three daughters, Dorothy, Constance and Horatio.

He came to Charlevoix about 1884, and entered into the hardware business with M.J. Stockman, a partnership that continued several years after which Mr. Iddings conducted the business under the name of the Charlevoix Hardware Co.

Mr. Iddings always took an active part in public affairs and while a strong Republican in politics speaking often in behalf of his party in national and state campaigns, was a believer in non-partisanship in municipal affairs and was often called upon to serve the people in an official capacity, as supervisor of the township, and a member of the village board. In June of 1905 the Michigan legislature incorporated Charlevoix as a city.

Mr. Iddings was the first mayor of the City of Charlevoix and had served several terms on the board of education of which he was president at the time of his death in 1910 at the age of 54.

He was member of the Methodist Church and of the different branches of the Masonic Order in which he took an active interest as well as the Maccabees, with whom he carried $2,000 insurance.

Grey Gables to host 'beautiful' fund-raiser

The Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Petunia Basket Brunch is scheduled for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, July 18 at the Grey Gables Inn. Proceeds will go to the purchase of the petunias filling the downtown petunia baskets. Tickets are $35, $15 of which is tax deductible. They are available at Grey Gables, Shop of the Gulls, Charlevoix Camera, Barb's Hallmark, Don's IGA, The Appletree and Interior Motives. For more information or for tickets, call Joanne Curtis, 547-5494, Mary Adams, 547-0348.

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Grey Gables Inn, 14, Ferguson & Chamberlain/Don's IGA, 13. Doug Waha homered for Grey Gables.

Fisher Restoration/Bellaire General Store 16, Swanson's K & D/J. Arnold Painting, 8. Brian Fischer homered for the winners.

Coast Guard Cutter Acacia 7, Pat McKeown Ford 0.

Boss Engineering 6, Cemex/Local D-480 5.

Grey Gables Inn 12, Lakeshore Tire/Top Rank Disposal 9.

Fischer Restoration/Bellaire General Store 19, Pat McKeown Ford 4. Billy Payton homered for the winners.

Cemex/Local D-480 11, Ferguson & Chamberlain/Don's IGA 3.

Grey Gables Inn 14, Boss Engineering 10.

Lakeshore Tire/Top Rank Disposal 20, Coast Guard Cutter Acacia 15.

Women

Kwiki Duplicating 19, Waterfront Salon/J. Arnold Painting 7. Carolyn Loper homered for Kwiki.

Runners 4U 13, Bingham Insurance 6.

Fieldcrest Inn 14, Medicap Pharmacy 0.

Lions Club scramble July 15 at Belvedere

The 10th Annual Charlevoix Lions golf outing is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at the Belvedere Golf Club.

Prizes include a $10,000 hole in one, a camcorder or digital camera, two round-trip airline tickets, a driver irons, a $5,000 putting contest along with pin events.

Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m. with a brat picnic lunch and dinner follows the event at the Knights of Columbus Hall at approximately 6:30 p.m. Cost for the four-person scramble is $98 per player, which includes greens fees, cart, all events, and the dinner. Tickets for the dinner and awards at the Knights of Columbus Hall are $12.90.

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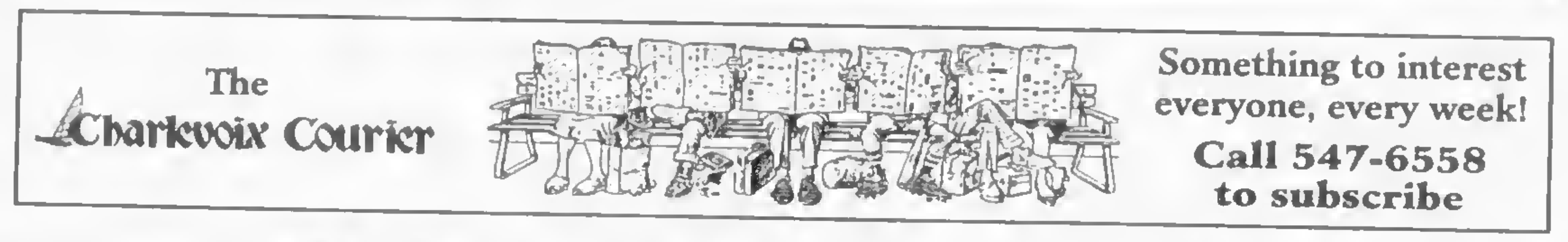
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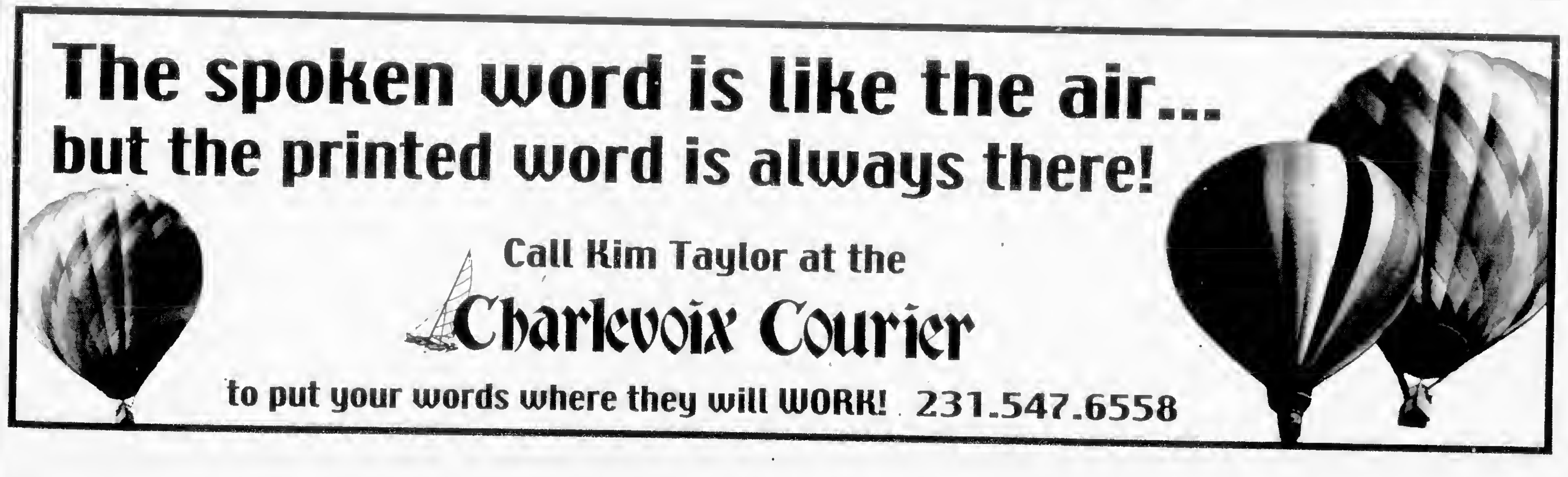
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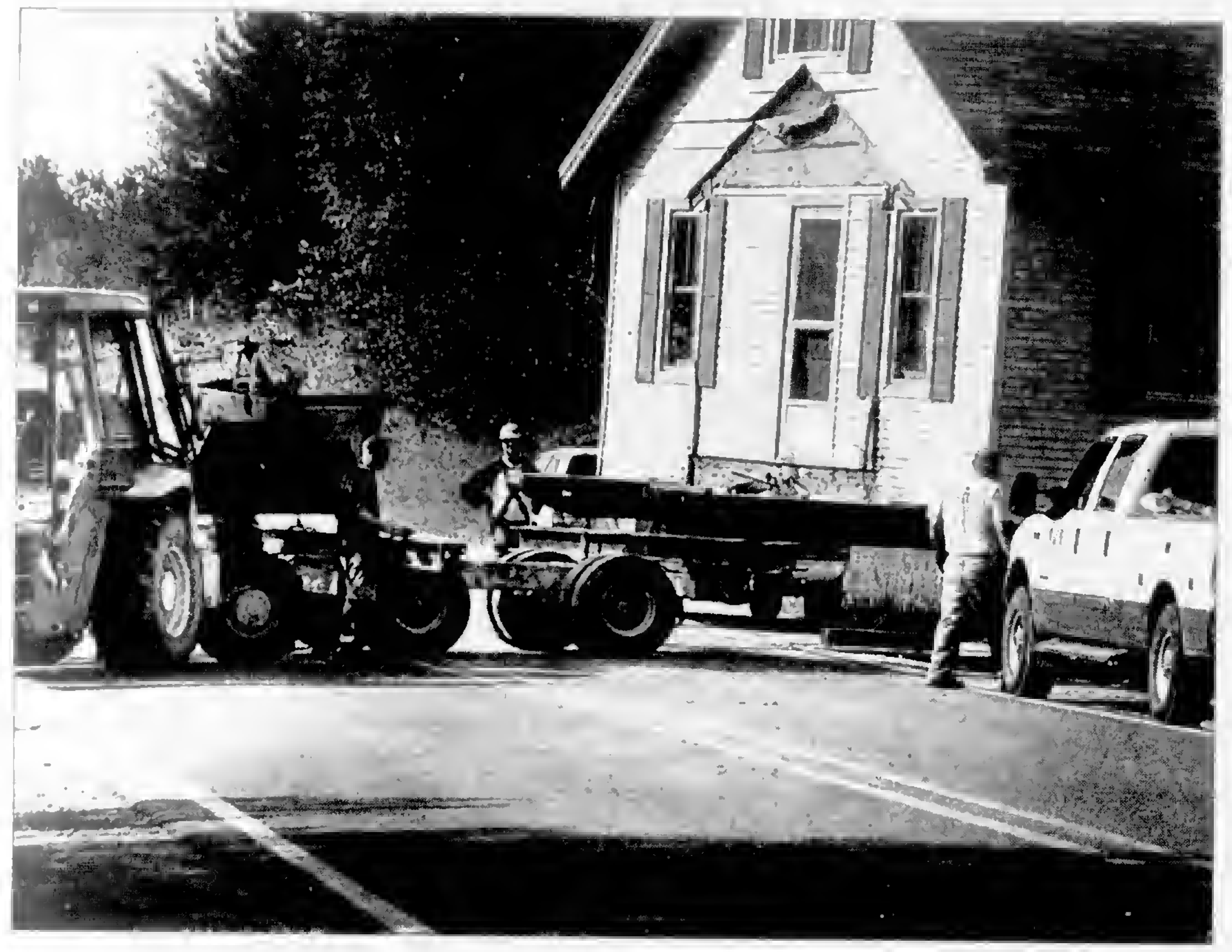

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Stuck at home

The home of Neil and Joanne Jones is stuck on the side of Marion Center Road last Wednesday because the trailer wheels were too wide for the driveway. Workers tried to reconcile the situation. The Jones' house was being relocated two miles from its current location when the incident occurred.

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FOUND 072

LARGE MALE German Shepherd on Boyne City Road near Dunmaglas. Call 547-7470.

(7-7-1-072)

SPECIAL NOTICES 076

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to a recitation of the Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday evenings at St. Mary's Church, 1003 Bridge Street Charlevoix.

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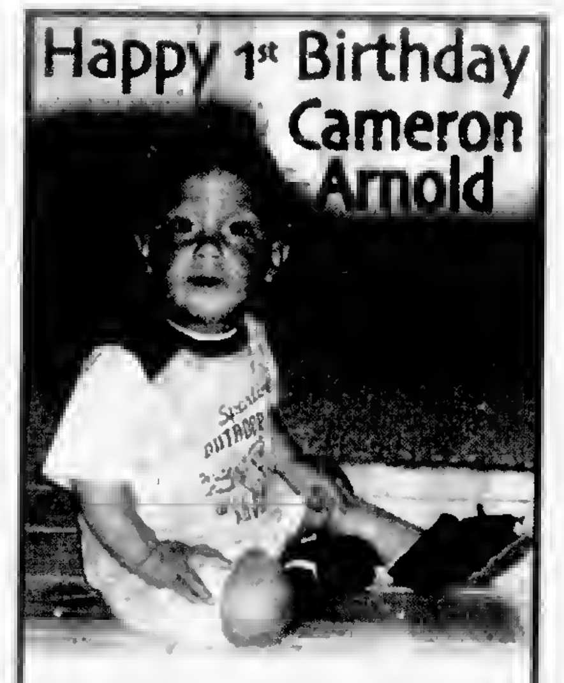

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GARAGE SALE 100

104 AULD STREET, Charlevoix from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 10. Clothes, baby items, furniture, tools, much more.

(7-7-1-100)

MISC. FOR SALE 134

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(7-7-1-134)

MATTRESSES ORTHOPEDIC-Brand New. Still in plastic, factory direct pricing. King/Queen available. Double sided Pillow top. $295-$695/set. 231-675-8290.

(6-9-tf-134)

LOTS & ACREAGE FOR SALE 157

CHARLEVOIX COUNTRY Club lot #40 for sale. Full golf membership. $78,000. Terms are available. 586-469-3106.

(7-7-3-157)

HOUSE FOR SALE 160

HISTORIC HORTON Bay home. Large garage, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, $154,900. Call Greg Bryan, Remax Charlevoix. Call 231-547-9980.

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(6-30-2-169)

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(9-11-tf-171)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE- Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by MARY JO McGee, a single woman, Mortgagor, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, Mortgagee, dated December 30, 2002, and recorded January 8, 2003, at Liber 509, Page 860, Charlevoix County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof, the sum of $11,732.65, including interest at 6.750% annum.

Under Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statue in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 22, 2004.

Said premises are located in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as:

All that part of the South half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Town 34 North, Range 8 West described as: Commencing at a point 2 rods West and 2 rods South of the Northeast corner of said South half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 27; thence South on the West line of State Street 783.75 feet for the point of beginning of this description; thence South on the West line of said State Street 73.75 feet: West 264 feet; thence North 73.75 feet to a stake; thence East 264 feet to an iron stake at the point of beginning of this description.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: June 10, 2004

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK
BY: JOHN A. JAREMA (52949)
Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof
& Snyder, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
203 Mason Street
P.O. Box 490
Charlevoix, MI 49720

L(6/16,6/23,6/30, 7/7)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Robert R. Graves and Linda T. Graves, husband and wife, mortgagors to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 3, 2000, and was recorded on October 6, 2000, in Liber 398 on pages 393 through 399 of the Charlevoix County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $6,887.46, including interest at 9% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, July 16, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the CharlevoiX County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgage before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.

The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

Dated: June 10, 2004

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

L(6/16,6/23,6/30,7/7, 7/14)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE

Notice is given that Evelyn M. Murphy, of 01712 Greenleaf Avenue, East Jordan, Michigan 49727, died on January 27, 2004. All creditors and interested persons of the decedent are notified that any claims against the estate or trust established October 15, 1991, of Evelyn M. Murphy, or Evelyn Murphy, will be forever barred unless presented to the Successor Trustee, John Hudson, 801 Frederick Avenue, Laurinburg, NC 28352, within four (4) months after the date of this notice. The name and address of the trust attorney is Richard R. Fowler, Esq., 28 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44902.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of a certain land contract made on November 1, 1997 by Mark A. Ehinger and Kathie A. Ehinger, as Vendees to Woodland Development Company as Vendor, on which land contract there is claimed to be due and unpaid through the date of the sale, ten thousand seven hundred seventeen and 23/100 ($10,717.23) principal, including interest at eleven (11%) percent per annum, being presently due pursuant to a Default Judgment of Foreclosure of Land Contract entered in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court, being File No. 04-285-20-CH on June 18, 2004.

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Left: Send some muscle to Washington? Perhaps, as one float suggests. Below, left: The rain that fell on the July 4 parade in Horton Bay wasn't enough to keep away politicians past and present, including former President Bill Clinton. Below, right: A yellow lab takes a break along the parade route.

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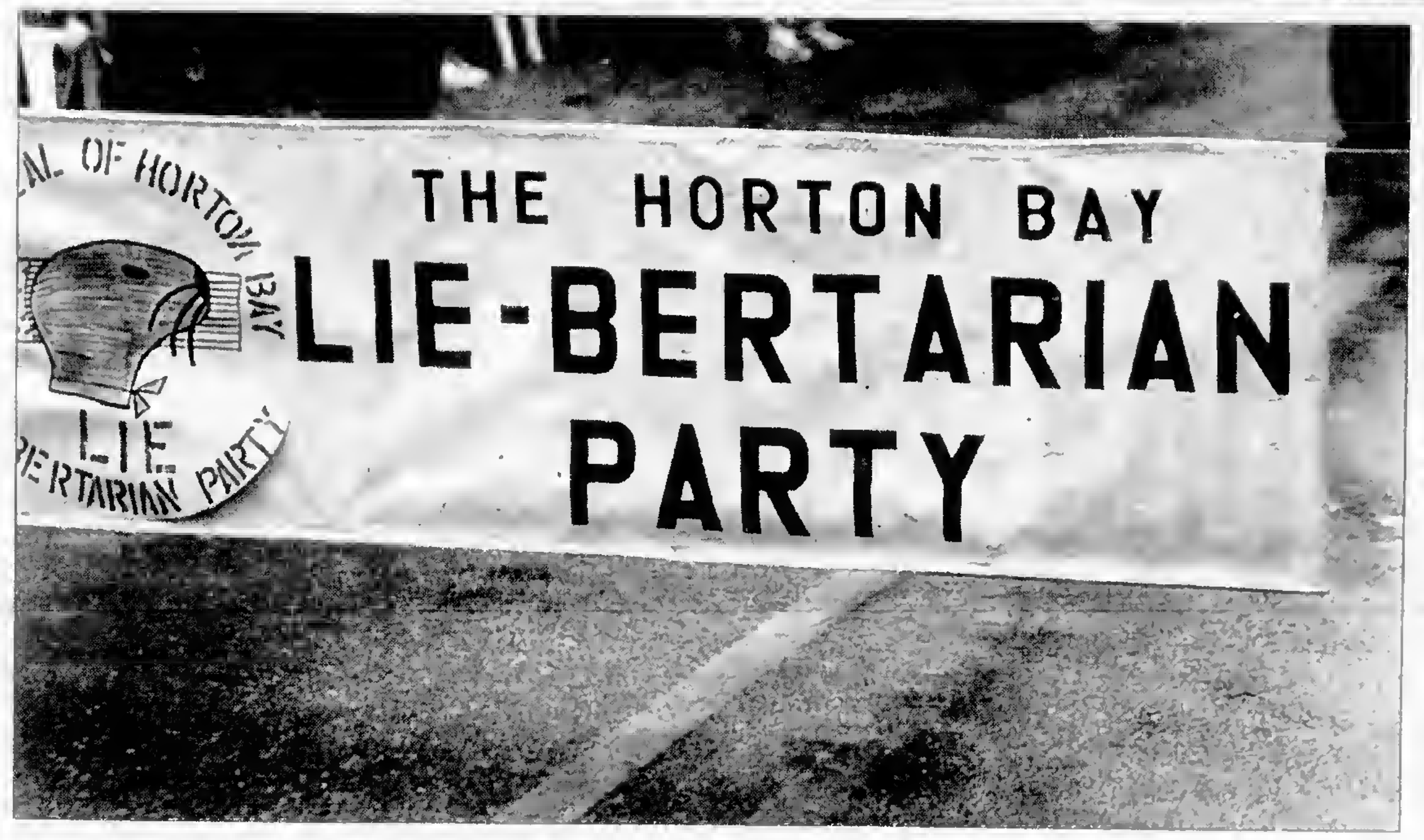

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Above: Mother Nature did not cooperate as she dumped rain and brought unseasonably cool temperatures to the annual Horton Bay parade. Left: As usual, political themes ran rampant throughout the parade.

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Boulder Park celebrates its volunteers.
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Some residents are angry [illegible]

It's festival time

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The 74th Annual Venetian Festival has undergone some changes, including moving events out to Castle Farms and featuring a sports theme that will continue throughout the years.

Dan Barron, Board President of the Venetian Festival, said activities were moved to Castle Farms because of the location itself and downtown traffic.

"We can alleviate some of the pedestrian and vehicular congestion downtown," he said. "It helps strike a proper balance between the festival and daily activities downtown."

The Castle Farms activities are on Tuesday, July 20 and will feature several lawn games, elephant rides and various other activities.

Whether one ventures out to Castle Farms or downtown, there is a lot to see during the Venetian Festival.

Barron said Friday, July 23 is set aside as Heritage Day, which will be located in East Park. In order to stick with the sports theme, Barron said this year's heritage day exhibition is called Charlevoix Sports Legends.

The Charlevoix Historical Society is hosting the event, which will have memorabilia from past teams on display with a focus on basketball. Barron said next year's focus will be football.

The sports theme of the festival is focused on basketball and will highlight legendary teams, coaches and players.

Barron said one basketball player who went on to have a successful time is Keith Carey, a Charlevoix High School alumni. Barron said Carey played basketball for Alma College and then for the semi-professional team the Midland Dow, which was the predecessor to the Minneapolis Lakers now called the L.A. Lakers.

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Who will it be?

(Above) The 2004 Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen candidates are: (from left to right) Trisha Watkins, 17, Rachel Wyniawskyj, 18, Kellie Young, 16, Kristina Moreno, 16, Tess Hoaglund, 18 and Danielle Kimble, 18. The Venetian Queen will be crowned on Friday, July 23 during the 74th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival. (Right) Angie Supernaw was the original queen of Charlevoix. In 1930, Supernaw was crowned Winter Queen, the first queen ever crowned in Charlevoix. Five years later was the crowing of the first Venetian Queen.

Change made in boat parade

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Changes are in store for the 74th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival Boat Parade.

The parade usually started from the east side of Pine River Channel leading into Lake Charlevoix, but this year the boats are entering Round Lake from the west side of Pine River Channel connecting to Lake Michigan.

John Taylor, Boat Parade Chairman, said the idea was to ensure increased boater safety for those involved in the parade and those coming into the harbor to watch the parade.

"The channel is a more controlled water zone," he said. "When you're coming in through the Lake Charlevoix side you're at the mercy of other boaters and boat zones."

Since the channel is a no wake zone, Taylor said boaters will be able to maneuver more safely in and out and during the time they float while waiting to proceed in

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Christine Rochelle DuLong, 39, Boyne City. Embezzlement-Agent/Trust greater than $1,000 but less than $20,000. Bound over to Circuit Court.

Michael Edward Babbitt, 29, Charlevoix. Possession of Marijuana. Must attend substance abuse classes. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Tyler Carl Babcock, 22, Lansing. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $770 in fines and costs.

Mark Patrick Gaudard, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Corey Robert Ance, 17, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Seth Theodore Borgeld, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Christopher Logan Noblett, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend BASES classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Larry James Ashbridge, 44, East Jordan. Welfare Fraud less than $500. Nine months probation; 90 days in jail, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 75 days held in abeyance; $2,565 in fines and costs.

Jeffery Lee Brodin, 45, Charlevoix. Criminal sexual conduct third degree, multiple variables/contributing to delinquency of a minor. Bound over to circuit court.

Erik Russell Wiltfong, 24, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $960.

Tina Joan Rioux, 39, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Two years probation; 365 days in jail with credit for 11 days, serve 60 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 60 days on electronic monitor, 264 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,380 in fines and costs.

Ronnie Richards Jr., 33, East Jordan. Retail Fraud, third degree. Fifteen days in jail, serve 15 days.

Richard Gerald Spears, 20, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property over $200 but under $1,000. Two years probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail, 324 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $11,651.69 in fines and costs.

Jason Zell Murray, 23, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,460 in fines and costs.

Paul Lee Stieber, 53, Boyne Falls. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 70 days held in abeyance; $915 in fines and costs.

Hope Marie Cutler, 27, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Gerald Anderson Tile Installations, 9955 US-31 North, Ellsworth, by Gerald Anderson.

John Vanden Brook Tile, 9257 Waters Street, Ellsworth, by John Vanden Brook.

Atlas Electric, 5590 M-32, East Jordan, by Raymond Hines.

Adams Painting & Designs, 1739 Wildwood Heights, Boyne City, by Lindsey W. Adams.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Bruno May Oliveira, 23, Walloon Lake and Diane Marie Stout, 24, Walloon Lake

Donald D. Poole, 42, East Jordan and Jennifer J. Mathers, 31, Boyne City

Christopher Jon Catt, 35, Charlevoix and Jessica Jean Perry, 27, Charlevoix

William Dale Downs, 27, East Jordan and Amanda Jean VanBlaricum, 26, East Jordan

David Paul Heimbuch 39, Charlevoix and Suzanne Fay Schaeffer, 39, Charlevoix

Klaus Kurt Knuth, 48, Brewster, NY and Mary Elizabeth Niedringhaus, 51, Brewster, NY

William Herman Barber, 78, Boyne City and Naomi Lucille Koteskey, 75, Boyne City

James Earland Rintala, 41, Boyne City and Lisa Marie Palm, 36, Boyne City

Anthony T. Denike, 19, Boyne City and Sadie J. Belford, 18, East Jordan

Weather

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July 6	64	55	.22
July 7	62	54	.01
July 8	62	54	—
July 9	65	54	—
July 10	69	58	—
July 11	84	65	—
July 12	74	64	—

Correction

The picture of the home Neil and Joanne Jones were moving two miles down the road was not stuck along Marion Center Road in the July 7 edition of the *Charlevoix Courier*. The movers knew the wheel base was too large before they started moving the house.

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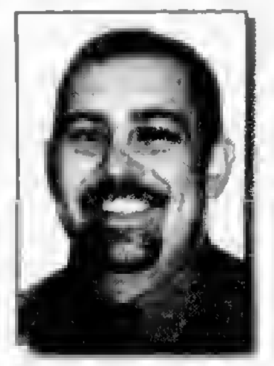

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Ticket to ride

Spectators check out cars during the Street Legends car show Sunday at Castle Farms. Cars from all over the state were featured at the show, which inlcuded a performance by Mojo & the Boogleman.

Man arrested for attempted murder

A 69-year-old South Arm Township man was arrested July 2 for attempted murder after he assaulted a 47-year-old Marion Township man around 2:30 p.m., July 2 in Marion Township.

According to Sheriff George T. Lasater said Robert B. Ernst got into an argument at 1063 Marion Center Road with Aldero Alejandro Saragosa over some property. Witnesses say Ernst sprayed Saragosa with pepper spray and then struck him repeatedly in the head with an 11 inch steel bar.

Lasater said witnesses took the bar away to prevent further injury. Saragosa was taken to Charlevoix Area Hospital where he was treated and released. He is still under a doctor's care.

Deputies located Ernst about two hours later at another Marion Township residence and took him into custody. A warrant for his arrest was authorized by the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office for attempted murder and use of a self defense spray on a person.

Ernst appeared in front of a Ninetieth District Court Magistrate on July 3 and bond was set at $50,000 cash or surety.

House fire reported on July 9 on Park Avenue

Charlevoix City Firefighters responded to a house fire around 8:30 p.m., July 9 at 31 on Park Avenue, between Clinton and Grant Streets.

According to the department, when fire officials arrived, smoke was coming from the roof of the house. The fire was confined to the attic of the house.

No one was home at the time of the fire. There were no injuries.

Firefighters were on the scene for about two hours. The cause of the fire was not known, but is not being declared suspicious.

Local man gets hole-in-one

Bill Dreyer, of Charlevoix, scored a hole-in-one on Sunday at the Links Course at Bay Harbor.

Dreyer did this on the fourth hole, which is a 105 yard par three. His hole-in-one was verified by the course.

Births

Melchizedek Schmidt, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, was born to Cortney and Marge Schmidt of Ellsworth on July 11, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are the late Robert Pehoski of Stevens Point, WI, Laura Pehoski of Stevens Point, WI, and Jerry and Judy Schmidt of Tomahawk, WI.

Jared Kevin, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to John and Deborah Robert of Beaver Island on July 2, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Sophia Erin, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Fortino Jose and Priscilla Sanchez of Mexico and Michigan on July 3, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her one brother is Juaquin Miguel Sanchez. Grandparents are Brigida San Juan of Mexico and Elizabeth Shomin of East Jordan.

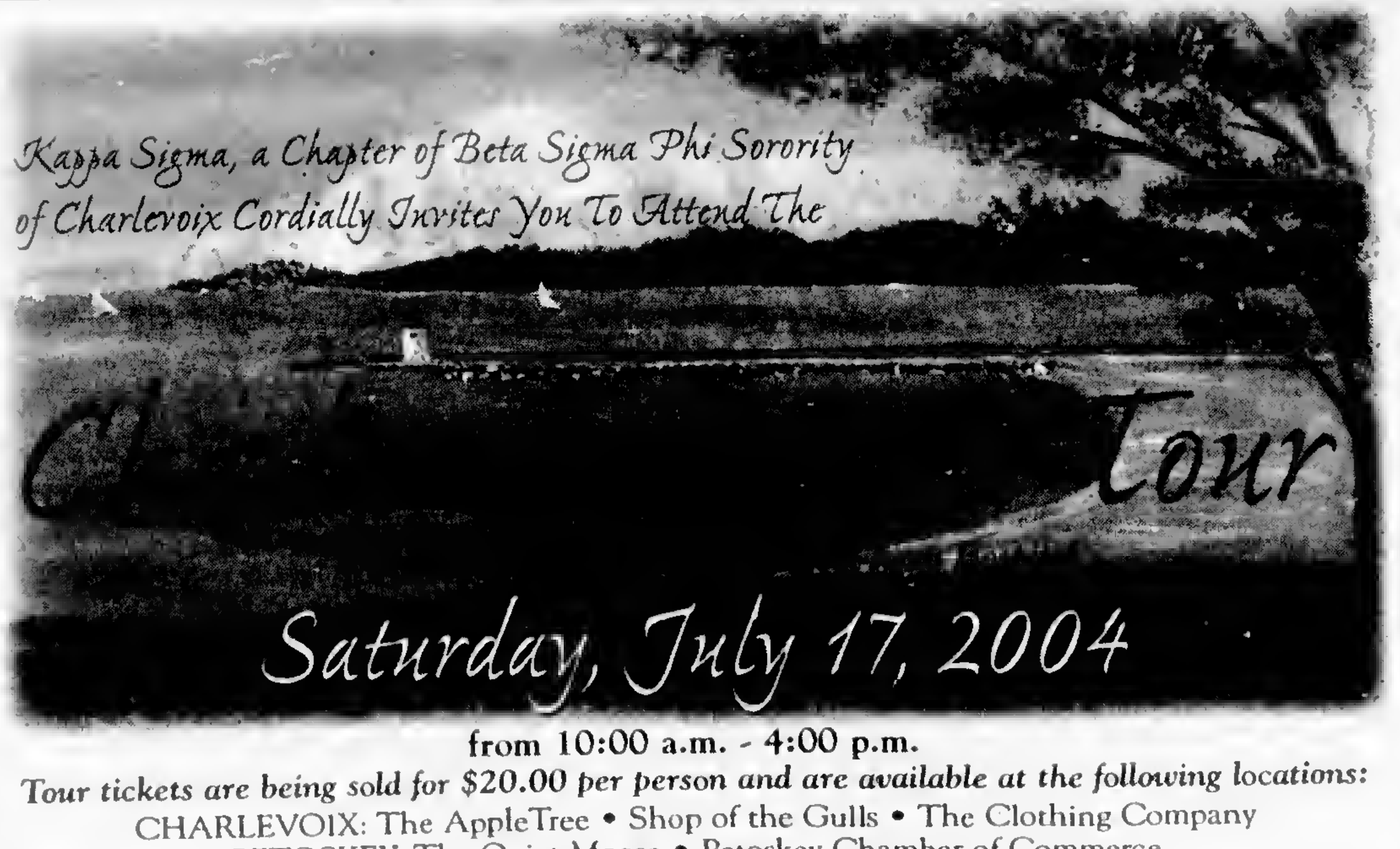
Tanner Michael weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, was born to Mandy and Mike Peterson of East Jordan on July 2, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Lauren and Madison. Grandparents are Bill and Debbie Reid of East Jordan, Pete and Cathy Hammond of East Jordan, Frank and Lyn Parker of Marquette, and Randy Peterson of Marquette.

Chase Alan weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Tammy Clark of Central Lake on July 5, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Donald and Cheryl Clark of Central Lake and Tammie and Kenneth Stead of Bellaire.

Nicklas Michael-Leroy weighing 5 pounds, 9 ounces was born to Kelly Willson and Michael Fant of Central Lake on July 1, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Riley Jo weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces was born to Sheena Boyer and Don Saganek of East Jordan on July 10, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Tracey and Rhonda Segraves of East Jordan and Don and Kris Saganek of East Jordan.

Taylor Grace weighing 9 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Tricia and Timothy Petroskey of Charlevoix on July 7, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Taylor has one brother Jacob, 4, and one sister Elisabeth, 2. Grandparents are Terry and Arlene Blissett of Charlevoix and Betty Blissett of Charlevoix and the late Bill Blissett of Charlevoix.



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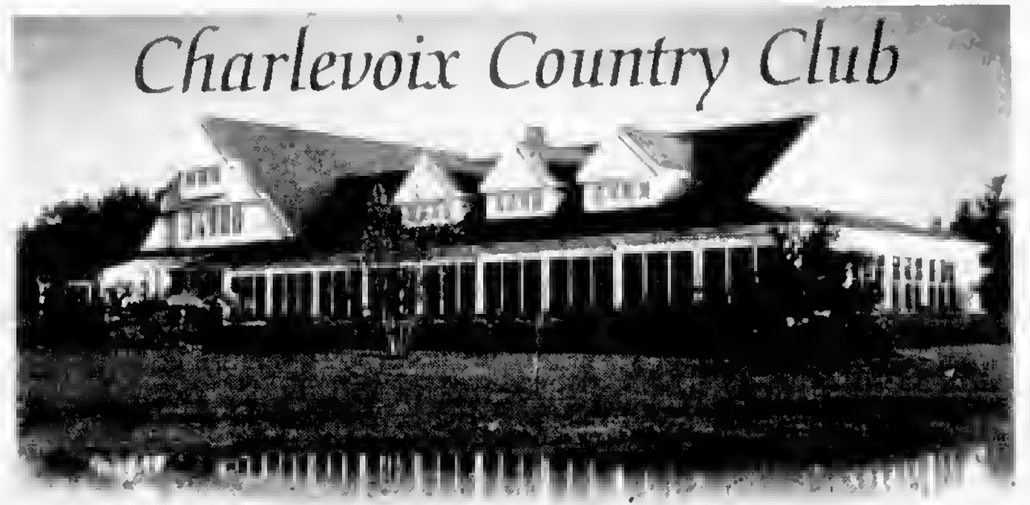

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The First Amendment

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Some thoughts on parenthood and politics

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

It's summer in Charlevoix !

Yes, after what seemed like an eternity of cold rainy weather, we are blessed with the appearance of the sun and warmth.

So, here are some warm weather thoughts from your editor.

Thank you

First of all I would like to thank *Petoskey News-Review* editor Andy Sneddon for his help last week.

For those of you who do not know, I was out of the office last week due to the birth of my daughter, Kiera Jean McBain on July 4. Because of this, our sister paper the *Petoskey News-Review* sent us one of their own to design and edit last week's edition of the Courier.

I appreciate the help, Sneddon. Now it is time for me to catch up on Charlevoix happenings while I was gone.

A new parenting lesson

On the subject of children, I have learned a great deal since the birth of my daughter.

I have learned that I can clean any foul and icky looking substance off of my baby's butt in the process of changing a diaper. I have learned that babies generally like to mess their diapers soon after they have been changed into a new one and sometimes while they are being changed. I have learned that you really don't need sleep.

But, there is one other thing that I have learned, that is the Charlevoix Area Hospital is the answer for new parents.

Here is the story — my daughter was born in a large out of town hospital which shall remain nameless. This was because my wife's doctor works in this other town and does all of her births there.

I noticed just how different this hospital was than our local one when we got our baby home the first night. Here we were, my wife and I home for the first time with our brand new baby. We were very nervous to say the least. Our nerves were pulled even more when we noticed a slight amount of blood on her belly button.

According to the paperwork the hospital sent home with us, we were suppost to call the doctor if there was any bleeding. So, my wife called this other hospital's birthing department to ask if we should be worried about a little blood on Kiera's bellybutton and if we should bring her in. However, my wife was told that the birthing nurses do not answer questions anymore and they sent her call to the pediatrics department. But, the pediatrics department would not answer her question either and told her to call the "doctor on call."

However, upon calling that number, my wife discovered it was an answering machine at the doctor's office. The answering machine did give another number for my wife to call, but stated doing so would result in a $13 fee.

At this point, my wife was a little upset. So, I suggested she just call Charlevoix Area Hospital.

As soon as she called Charlevoix Area Hospital, my wife was put in contact with a nurse who told her it was OK for our baby to have a little blood on her bellybutton and not to worry. What a relief.

Her bellybutton is fine now, but in that moment I realized how lucky my wife and I were to live in a community with Charlevoix Area Hospital helping to keep my family safe and ease our worries as we raise our daughter.

Politics

Once again we are in the midst of another political season. Candidates for every office from township to president of the United States are clamoring for our support and votes. It is always fun for a newspaper to watch candidates make their cases to the public and exciting as the political process runs its course.

But, there is one group of people that sometimes make me cringe — hard-line party supporters.

You know who they are. The people spouting off about how their political party — be it Democrat, Republican or Green — is the answer and all the others are full of baloney. Regardless of how many mistakes their candidate makes they will support them to the bitter end just because they are a member of that political party — sometimes I think these people would be against God if He was in a different political party as theirs.

Come on people. Our political system was set up to have more than one political party in power. This creates compromise which creates better laws which in turn creates a better country. Think of all the places were one party is the only one in power — Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan before we invaded — and you can clearly see more than one party in power makes a country free.

Please save your political party pandering for another editor. It really doesn't matter which party a candidate belongs too, just as long as he or she is good for this country.

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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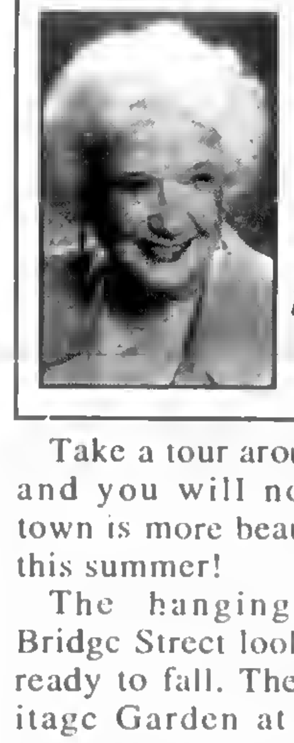

Edith Gilbert

'Behind the news'

Take a tour around Charlevoix and you will notice that our town is more beautiful than ever this summer!

The hanging baskets on Bridge Street look like ripe fruit ready to fall. The dazzling Heritage Garden at the Depot on Lake Charlevoix has already received a national award!

Nature has provided us with more than enough rain to help Dale Boss water the petunias with his 15,000 gallons of water from the Petunia Truck and as a result they have never been prettier. Dale told me that ,"We also didn't use any weed killer this year and that was a big plus as well."

Whoever was responsible for allocating the new seamless addition to City Hall is to be highly commended. It is such a pleasure to see how well the new building matches the old without a break between the two. The same holds true for the smooth expansion of the Episcopal Church. Its congregation is now blessed with a sorely needed fellowship hall, kitchen and additional office space.

I dropped by the new upscale coffee shop on Bridge Street called Woolly Bugger, where I had a pleasant chat with the owner. In case you wondered, he explained that Woolly Bugger is the name of a fly used for trout fishing and it's part of the décor. I urge you to try the tasty, take out basil and tomato soup they offer on Tuesdays.

Remember to take a look at the lovely tile tableau imported from Holland when you're waiting for the red light at the corner of Bridge and Clinton streets. It's above the door of North Seas Antique Shop.

People have noticed the Boss, cruising in Oyster Bay. This beautifully restored antique boat was built in 1921, and formerly

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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Keep an eye open for the beauty of Charlevoix

GILBERT

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captained by the late Arthur Ranger.

According to an article dated in *Traverse Magazine*, June 1996, the Boss has had only two owners, the Alvin Goldman's from St. Louis, who used to summer on Michigan Avenue, and the Brandt family from Grand Rapids. We're happy to report that the mahogany yacht is now back home again docked in a boathouse on Round Lake.

We all remember the brouhaha when the Earl Young building was torn down on Bridge Street, where the Apple Tree Gift Shop was located. Well, I am happy to report that the reconstruction on Auld and Petoskey is almost finished and it will look really nice.

Finally, we all know that there's something going on every minute at Castle Farms. In addition to concerts, antique shows, and hosting a family entertainment center, the staff is able to handle 3 weddings a day! Curious and amazed visitors with digital cameras, enjoy photographing the restored turrets, as well as the new fountain in the cobble-stoned courtyard.

This summer the only local crisis that I have noticed is created by the swallows nesting at the Charlevoix Area Pool! Steve Hansen has a plan to lure them away from building nests under the eaves, where their droppings create a problem by staining the sliding glass doors. I wish him luck.

Compared to what is going on in the rest of the world — that ain't much of a problem now is it?

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Letters to the editor

Be responsible

Editor:

An incident occurred a few nights ago that endangered my life. A neighbor of mine chose to exercise one of his rights and privileges by firing a black powder cannon in his possession. When an individual fires a black powder cannon, a thunderous booming explosion results, much like that of an 81mm mortar. It shuttered my family's barn, and not even 600 bales of hay could dampen its resounding roar. Such an unexpected loud noise caught both my husband and me off guard as we were working our draft horses. It is a most frightening experience to be caught between two 2,000-pound draft horses when such an explosion occurs. After calming one of the horses down and starting to lead him out of the barn, another explosion occurred and luckily someone was watching over me as I once again calmed him and got him out of the barn safely. He could have easily trampled me as his natural instinct told him to run to escape the powerful and threatening sound.

People must take advantage of their rights and privileges responsibly. One often hears people say that it is their right (not privilege) to drive a car, own and fire weapons, and drink if they are of proper age and have complied with the laws pertaining to those rights. But where does responsibility come into play? Being responsible for the most part is following the lines of common sense and the expectations of society and the law. Sometimes though, the rights and privileges of one person as illustrated through his or her actions can endanger another's safety. Ensuring the safety of others while pursuing one's personal rights should be a top priority.

Individual rights must be preserved, but so must the rights of individual safety. Before someone considers firing an explosive device that causes an out of the ordinary sound or otherwise engages in an activity potentially dangerous to others, one has an obligation to consider his or her surroundings and possible repercussions or consequences of his or her actions. My family lives in the country, but neighbors, livestock and traffic are nearby to feel the effects to the actions occurring around them . Situation awareness should precede any action that could result in another's injury.

Realistic scenarios that could lead to injury include but are not limited to someone being thrown from a horse, someone being kicked or run over while hitching horses, startling beef cattle, dairy cows, or other livestock, and defense maneuvers from unsuspecting motorists reacting to the explosion causing an accident. Please think over the possibilities before you act.

Cindy Brooks
Norwood Township

Great job

Editor:

Three weeks ago, Richard and Linda Mueller opened their newly refurbished Castle Farms to the community with a day of fun activities, food, tours and hospitality. What a spectacular renovation, done after much research, care, planning and craftsmanship. A stunning example of how this property of historic interest has been restored and now open for conventions, weddings, group meetings, social events concerts, art fairs and others.

Richard and Linda researched castles in France, England and Scotland, and returned with a goal in mind, to restore Castle Farms. And they have done a masterful job, if you get the opportunity, talk to them, they are friendly, support each other, are charming and fun to be with. More importantly they are interested in Charlevoix, its history, its people, its culture. We all welcome Richard and Linda and thank them for their time, investment and feeling for our Charlevoix the Beautiful.

Jim and Christel Gibbons
Charlevoix

Moore brainwashes

Editor:

Michael Moore traveled to Europe and told everyone the American people are stupid. He allowed no exceptions for the tens of thousands of Americans who payed to be artfully brainwashed by his partisan political "crockumentary." Maybe Moore has a point.

I will grant him one thing. He is an ingeneous propagandist whose fame precedes him around the world. There is no doubt in my mind that Michael Moore ranks right up there with the late Leni Reifenstahl.

John R. Pidek Sr.
Charlevoix

Supreme follies

Editor:

What a Court!

Talk about dodging the bullet or biting it; the Supreme Court is shooting but missing the target.

It all started when they ruled nine to zip that a civil case against the president wouldn't interfere with his job — wrong — it almost wrecked his second term in office.

Then they just ruled that HMOs cannot be sued under state law even if the patient dies because the HMO would not pay for doctor prescribed medicine or hospitalization.

And finally, to use the excuse that a parent didn't have enough custody to rule on "under God" in the pledge is ludicrous. They better step up and "take the shot" because for sure it will come up again.

Paul Richards
Charlevoix

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Response to Hamilton letter

Editor:

I would like to add some perspective to the comments made by Barb Hamilton in her recent letter to the editor.

The Township Supervisor, Wayne Boss, has been inconsistent in his words and deeds. During the May meeting he stated that he would provide the road report and that he may never provide the report. He had been promising the report for five months and had not delivered. During the June meeting he started out with an emotional and heartfelt apology to a woman whom he had treated very poorly at the May meeting. Minutes later he was personally attacking Marion in a manner consistent with that for which he had just apologized.

There are many reasons that Norwood Township needs people like Marion to keep the elected officials accountable. Norwood Township is being investigated for possible violations of the Open Meetings act. The clerk, Doris Pearl, has admitted to violations of the Freedom of Information Act.

During the supervisor's self-appointed term as interim Zoning Administrator we have had Zoning Permits issued illegally and a lot split granted without regard for state or township law. We have Zoning Permits signed by persons not authorized to do so.

The township board has failed to fill a vacancy in the ZBA according to law. There are possible violations of state law regarding road improvements in the township. The former Zoning Administrator resigned after 13 examples of selective enforcement and favoritism were published to the Planning Commission and the Township Board.

There are many other examples that I'd be happy to share with anyone who is interested.

There are serious issues that need to be addressed in Norwood Township. The township supervisor's approach to addressing the issues is to personally attack the individuals that try to bring the issues to light. The clerk then manipulates the minutes of the meetings to disparage the individuals who speak out against the illegal deeds and the potential acts of misconduct.

With officials like this we should perhaps have law enforcement and legal counsel at every meeting.

Norwood Township needs more people like Marion Shea-Light who are willing to stand up for what is right and challenge any appearance of wrong doing or impropriety. The citizens of Norwood Township would be well served if all of the members of the township boards and commissions would take their responsibilities as seriously as Marion.

Marilyn M. Maynard
Norwood Township

Kur a fine prosecutor

Editor:

This letter was prompted by Jeremy McBain's article, which appeared in the Courier on June 23 about Mary Beth Kur. I worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney under Mary Beth Kur from May 2001 to May 2002, when I left to pursue an attractive career opportunity. I have no stake in the outcome of the upcoming election. My sole purpose in writing this letter is to provide the voters of Charlevoix County an insider's perspective of the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's office, free from the stain of hard-ball politics and hurt feelings.

John Jarema, Jennifer Deegan and Kerry Zahner also worked as assistant prosecutors while I was there (John was fired in early 2002). Since then, Jennifer and Kerry have been unfairly dragged into this political struggle. I found them both to be very hardworking, professional and effective prosecutors. The name of the game was results, and it was not uncommon for them to sacrifice their nights and weekends to better prepare for trial. This was the example set by Mary Beth.

If I lived in Charlevoix County, I would not hesitate to vote for Mary Beth Kur. During the Shulick murder trial, Mary Beth proved that she is a tough, skilled, and determined prosecutor who is committed to justice and the safety of the people of Charlevoix County.

No number of drunk-driving trials can test a prosecutor's mettle or ability like one small-town murder trial against a high-priced, aggressive defense attorney. Mary Beth Kur does not belong to any "old-boy" network, does not pander to any special groups and does not play favorites among defense attorneys. That may not bolster her popularity, but it does make for an ethical and effective public servant.

Mike Atchison
Petoskey

Jarema a good pick

Editor:

I can personally attest to the litigation competency of John Jarema. My daughter and I were victims of a heinous crime, and had the good fortune of having Mr. Jarema, then an assistant prosecuting attorney, represent us.

His skillful and thorough prosecution brought about a maximum prison sentence for the offender and much relief to us. Mr. Jarema's court standards were exemplary. He was committed, ethical and compassionate. I will vote for John Jarema for prosecuting attorney in his upcoming election, and I will urge others to do so as well.

Mary Knight
Boyne City

Vote Jarema

Editor:

Time for a change!

I'm writing to all of you about the upcoming election for prosecutor in Charlevoix County. I've known John Jarema for 7 years now, and he is someone we can all be proud of while representing Charlevoix County as prosecutor. If you haven't had a chance to met John, I hope that you do.

John is not only a wonderful father to his two girls and a wonderful husband to my sister, Krista; he is an honest man who has earned a tremendous amount of respect in this community. He has proven in the past that he wants what is best for Charlevoix County and stands up for what he believes.

We need a prosecutor who will fight for what is right and truly cares about the families in Charlevoix County. John is a man of integrity and has a strong, honest work ethic. It's time for a change and time to elect a prosecutor we can all be proud of. Please join me along with many other supporters on Aug. 3, in showing your support for John Jarema

Becky Martin-Tibbits
Charlevoix

Take out the porn

Editor:

On Feb. 18, 2004, the Charlevoix Ministerial Association (CMA) wrote a letter to the Family Video store of Charlevoix asking them to remove the Adult Pornographic Video Section from our local store. We received no response from this letter.

So on March 1, 2004, we resent the exact same letter addressed to the General Manager Mr. Ryan Mast, but this time we sent it Certified/Return Receipt. The letter was received by the store March 2, 2004. We asked in our second letter to receive a response by Monday, March 8, 2004.

Michael Smith, Pastor of the Ironton Congregational Church and Member of the CMA, called and spoke with Mr. Mast the following week and Mr. Mast informed him that the letter had been forwarded to the corporate headquarters.

As of this day, Tuesday, June 8, 2004, no response has been received.

As Charlevoix residents we appreciate Family Video for becoming part of our local business community and creating jobs and revenue for our area.

More importantly, we are also members of the Charlevoix Ministerial Association and are committed to serve our church members and this community on matters of morality. Given this responsibility, we strongly oppose the Adult Pornographic Video Section offered at our local Charlevoix store.

The ministerial association feels strongly, and studies show, that pornography rips away at the heart of the family. We live and work in a family-rich community that values protecting and edifying the family unit. Offering these materials denigrates that ideal.

Pastor Michael C. Smith
Ironton Congregational Church
Member, Charlevoix Ministerial Association

(Editor's note: Family Video General Manager Ryan Mast did not return calls seeking comment on this letter.)

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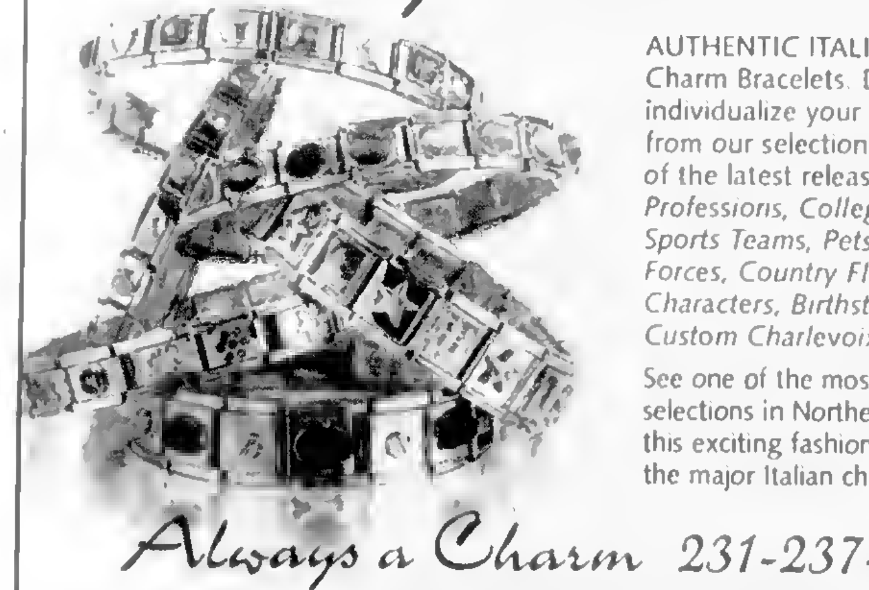

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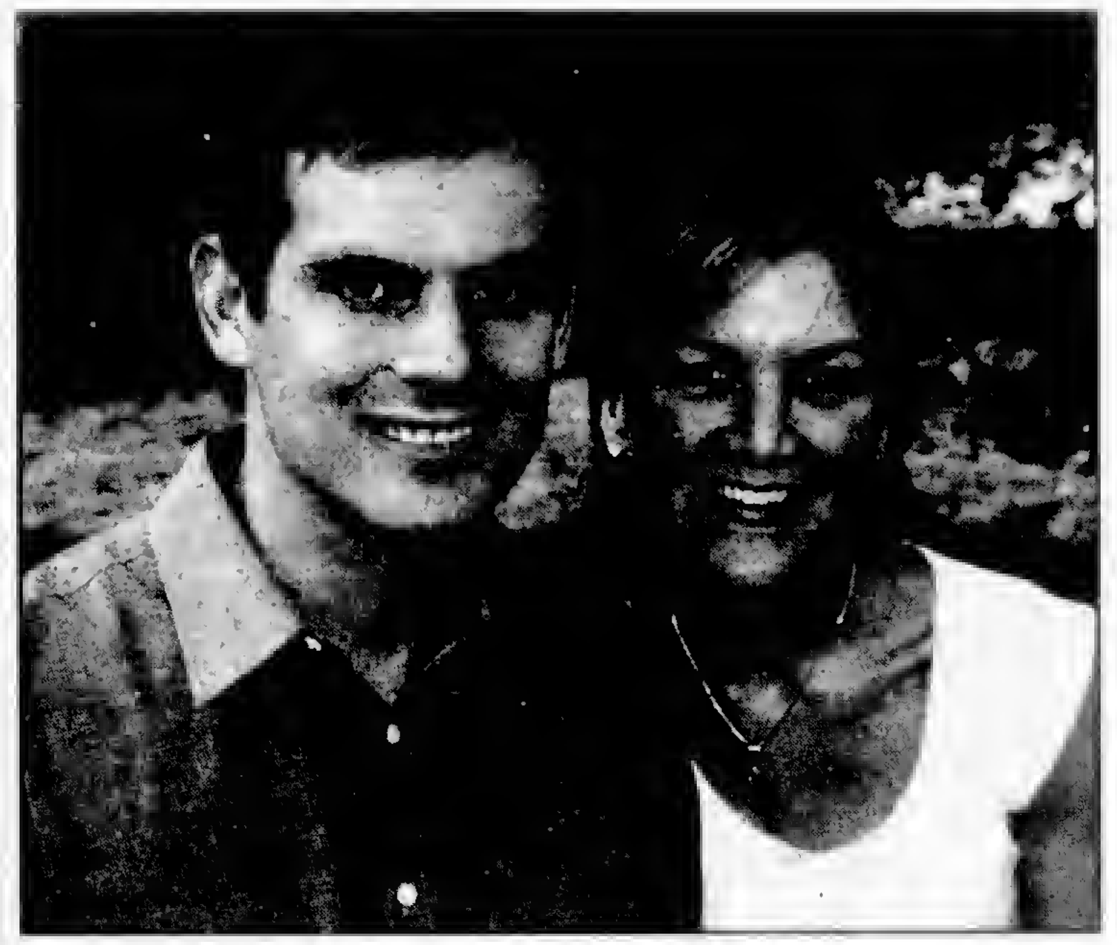
Engagements

Hahn — Campbell

Christina E. Hahn and Kevin B. Campbell of Gaylord are planning a Saturday, Aug. 14, wedding in Charlevoix. Christina and Kevin were engaged on Thanksgiving 2003.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Christa-Maria of Charlevoix and the late William E. Hahn. Christina is a 2004 graduate of Kendall School of Art and Design with a bachelor of fine arts degree. She is a self-employed artist.

Her finance is the son of Gabe and Karen Campbell of Charlevoix. Kevin graduated in 2003 from Ferris State University with a business major. He is employed by Bay Home Medical and Rehab.



Schneider — McKeown

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Schneider of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jill Bernadette, to Donald Roarke "Rory" McKeown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McKeown of Charlevoix. A September wedding is planned.

Schneider earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Aquinas College. She is the manager of the Grosse Pointe Athletic Club.

McKeown earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Michigan State University. He works as a personal trainer at Grosse Pointe Athletic Club.

Hospice to have auction at Castle

Castle Farms of Charlevoix is the location and Friday, July 30 is the date for this year's Hospice of Northwest Michigan auction.

A few items include: Availability of condos from various parts of the country, a hand-crafted wood table by Lee Ekstrom and a kayak from Sunburst Marine.

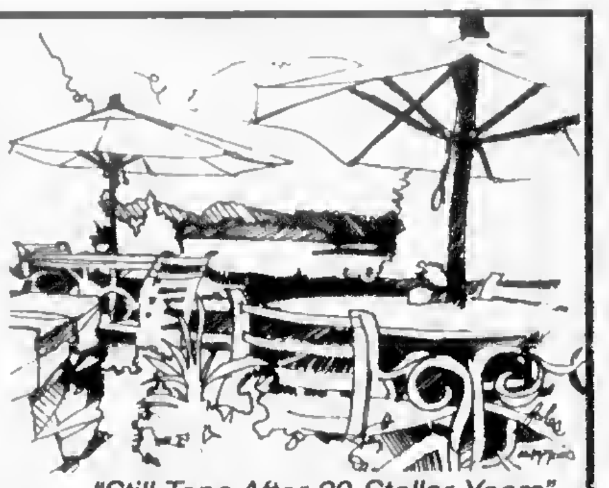
The evening's activities start at 5:30 p.m. with the silent auction and live auction starting later. Scott MacKenzie and Rip Hayes are the auctioneers. Margaret Thomson, a local pianist, will be providing background music.

Ticket prices will be $40, $60 and $90 per seat.

All ticket prices include complementary beverages, hors d'oeuvres and the chance to win the $300 and $200 door prizes that will be drawn at intervals during the program.

Tickets are available at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City, Busy Bridge Antiques in East Jordan, The Clothing Company in Charlevoix, Orchards Hills LTD in Bellaire, and at the door.

The Hospice Office should be contacted regarding any questions (231) 536-2842.



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Obituaries

Karen Christie: Dec. 11, 1943 - June 29, 2004

Karen Christie died on June 29, 2004, at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, North Carolina after a long illness.

Karen Christie

A memorial service will be held in her honor at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 23, at the Charlevoix Community Church of God on West Hurlbut Street with the Pastor Neil Turner officiating. Family members will be greeting friends at 12:15 p.m. in the church Narthex.

Karen was born on Dec. 11, 1943, in Ithaca, New York to Harry E. and Evangeline (Betty) Inman. She was preceded in death by her father in 1966.

Karen attended schools in Pennsylvania and Maryland, graduating from Franklin High School, Reisterstown, Md. in 1961. Karen graduated from Towson State Teachers College in 1965 and went on to Rutgers University, in N.J. While working towards her masters' degree, Karen taught freshman history at Rutgers' Douglas College for Women. Upon completing her master's degree, Karen went on to teach History at Middlesex Community College.

In 1970, Karen married Dr. John Christie whom she met while attending Rutgers. They made their home in Piscataway, N.J. They lived in Boston until they moved to Saint Lucia Island. There, John worked in research for the Rockefeller Foundation. While in the West Indies, Karen and John brought Evangeline Mary Christie into the world.

When the research project was over, the Christie's moved to Galveston, Texas, where they both worked for University of Texas Medical Branch for several years. From there Karen and John took positions at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. Karen was the Clinical Trials Coordinator in the Radiation Oncology department for twelve years before ill health forced her retirement.

Karen is survived by her husband John and daughter, Evangeline Mary Christie, both of North Carolina, mother Betty Evangeline of Charlevoix, sister Beth Inman Simons, and brother in-law Mitchell Simons of Scottsdale, Ariz., father in-law Alex Christie, sisters in-law Morag and Frieda, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Arizona and California, and a host of dear friends, including Kay Adler, Mary Dobrinski and Carolina Moreno, all of North Carolina.

Karen was an accomplished musician having studied music at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore for many years. Her talents and passions included writing, poetry and all forms of art.One summer, Karen played with the Charlevoix City Band under the direction of Clarence Odmark.

Karen was an avid antique collector and her interests were diversified. Karen had a wonderful sense of humor, and was an extremely compassionate and a very loving person as proven by friends around the globe. Karen stayed in touch with her friends from her childhood, school, college and places of employment.

Karen's interment will be in the Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix following the memorial service.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers that donations be made in Karen's name to the Polycystic Kidney Foundation: PKF Foundation (www.pkdcurc.com), 9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 400, Kansas, MO 64114. Arrangements are through the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Alice P. Miller: July 9, 1912 - June 12, 2004

Alice P. Miller, 91, of Charlevoix, formerly of Upland, Ind., died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Alice was born July 9, 1912, in Wabash, Ind., to Joseph and Myrtle (Millican) Poole. On Dec. 23, 1933 she married George M. Miller. They later moved to Venice, Fla. for 10 years. George preceded her in death in October 1977.

She worked for Fettig's Canning Co. in Upland and for Van-Buren Appliance in Indiana. Alice has been a resident of Charlevoix for 27 years where she enjoyed working concession for the Barrel Benders Club, attending Harbor Light's Square Dance recitals, and listening to the country sounds of "Loose Change." Alice also enjoyed working in her puzzle books, watching Bob Barker and soap operas. She was a fan of NASCAR racing.

Alice is survived by her children, Linda Ervin, of VanBuren, Ind, George F."Bud" (Shirley) Miller of Englewood, Fla, Betty Lou Davis of North Port, Fla; Perry Lee (Dixie) Miller of Hartford City, Ind, Carolyn A. (Dale) Scheidt of Upland, Ind, John R. (Joan) Miller of Venice, Fla, and Barbara S. (Gene) Holm of Charlevoix; 30 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 6 step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by twin sons Donald C. and Ronald F. Miller, three brothers, one sister, and her beloved foster parents Mom and Dad White.

A funeral service will be 1 pm, Friday, June 18, at the First Christian Church in Fairmont, Ind., the Rev. Jack St. John officiating.

Interment will follow at the Jefferson Cemetery in Upland. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

David L. Washegesic: July 12, 2004 - July 8, 2004

David L. Washegesic, 77, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, July 8, 2004, at his home in Charlevoix.

A Mass of the Resurrection was at 10 a.m., Monday, July 12, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Thomas Neis officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

David was born Oct. 29, 1926, on Beaver Island, the son of George and Sarah (Peters) Washegesic. He attended the Holy Childhood School in Harbor Springs. David was a commercial fisherman his entire life.

He was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

Dave was an active member of the Grand Traverse Band Elders. Dave was the last of his brothers and sisters, having been preceded in death by Archie, Alex, Joseph, Mary, Catherine, and Esther. Many, nieces and nephews, survive him.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Traverse Band Elders.

Visitation was on Sunday, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Celebration of life for Christine Johanna Bussler

There will be a celebration of the life of Christine Johanna Bussler on at 7 p.m., July 28 at the Hastings Funeral Home at 9268 Main Street in Ellsworth.

There will be refreshments at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church after the service.

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Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church..........547-6430

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Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer..........536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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11906 US-31 North

Divine Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher..........547-9446

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05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green..........547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Pastor:
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Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
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President Michael Robbins..........588-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore..........547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace..........588-7455

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Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer..........536-2161

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Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm

Pastor Greg Timmins..........231-238-0052

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Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.

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Business Briefs

JIM KANARY RETIRES

Jim Kanary, president of Citizens Bank in Charlevoix retired on June 18th after 37 years of working for the same company. Jim started his career with Second National Bank of Saginaw, which was acquired by Citizens Bank in the mid 1980's. Jim will be greatly missed in his position. Jim served on the Chamber Board of Directors from 1999 - 2001. Jim served as Treasurer and was on the Chamber's executive committee, and budget committee in 2000 and 2001. Since 2000 Jim has also played an instrumental role in serving on the building committee. Jim and his wife Mary Ellen plan on remaining active and spending more time with their children and grandchildren. The Charlevoix Chamber greatly appreciates the time and service that Jim Kanary has contributed to the chamber and the community. Thanks Jim and Happy Retirement!

CORPORATE TITLE AGENCY HAS MOVED

Corporate Title Agency is now open for business at its new Charlevoix location at 802 Bridge Street (the former Complete Paint Supply building). The building has been completely remodeled and includes a rental space. Corporate Title Agency will be having an Open House on Wednesday, July 14, 2004, from 8am – 5pm and a ribbon-cutting at noon. Please stop by and take a tour of the new office!

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CASTLE FARMS WELCOMES ALAN LOVELACE

Alan Lovelace has joined Castle Farms as full time Operations Manager. Alan moved from Starkville, Mississippi, to Charlevoix after going to graduate school at Mississippi State University. Alan will be awarded his graduate degree in December of 2004 in industrial engineering. His specialty is in Total Quality Management.

THE ALPACAS & LLAMAS ARE CUTE, BUT WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THEM?

The "Savvy Selection" at Maplewood Farm quickly answers that question posed by curious onlookers who stop by the side of the Boyne City/Charlevoix Road near Horton Bay to enjoy watching the Alpacas and Llamas grazing in the pastures. The new store is a traditional northern Michigan haven to fine, casual and outdoor clothing made from Alpaca fleece. Throw rugs, pillows and plush toy animals, all made from Alpaca, are also available. But the real jewel is the fleece itself, and the store stocks Alpaca/Llamas yarn, rovings and prime fleece for spinning, weaving and knitting. The store is owned and operated by Nel Vickers, an industry pioneer. Store hours are 10 am to 6pm on most Saturdays, by special appointment during the week. For information call 582-6740 or visit www.maplewood-farm.org.

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Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

July 15 - "Petoskey Steel Drum Band", 8pm downtown.
July 17 - 25th Annual Home Tour, 10am-4pm, 675-7338.
July 17 & 18 - Castle Farms Antique Show 287-0884.
July 18 - Petunia Basket Brunch at Grey Gables, 547-5494.
July 18-24 - Venetian Festival 547-3872. www.venetianfestival.com.
July 23 - Historical Society Potluck & Fireworks 547-0373
July 26-30 - Children's House Summer Camp "Silly Science Surprises" 547-5599
July 27 - Historical Society Cruise, 547-0373
July 28 - Take-A-Seat Char-ity Auction - Congregational Church, 547-9122
July 29 - "Chris Martin", 8pm downtown
July 30 - Hospice of NW MI Benefit/Auction, 536-2842
July 31 - Pool Auction Preview - Country Club, 547-9796
Aug. 1 - Community Pool Auction 547-0982
Aug. 2-6 - Children's House Summer Camp "Dr. Dolittle" 547-5599
Aug. 6-7 - Smetanka Craft Show, Friske's Farm Market 599-2604
July 6-7 - Capt. Corners Sidewalk Sales
July 9-13 - Children's House Summer Camp "Butterflies/Mudpies" 547-5599
Aug. 10 - Public Library presents F. Carl Schumacher Jr. 547-2651

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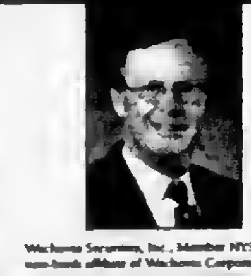
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School teaches boaters art of sailing

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

The Charlevoix Mariners in coordination with 4-H MSU Extension will begin another summer of sail school starting Monday, July 12.

Tom Orlow, sail school program director who was hired four years ago, said, "It's a phenomenal opportunity for kids and adults to learn a lifetime skill at affordable rates."

The Charlevoix Mariners started the sail school program about 20 years ago when a group of community-minded people in the area saw the need for an opportunity to learn to sail for local kids as well as summer residents. Since then, the sail school program has grown immensely.

The program has moved to north Depot Beach. In the past, it was on the south side of the beach.

After about 10 years of running the sail school program, the Charlevoix Mariners found that the sail school was too much for the five-member board to handle, so they formed an agreement with 4-H. Now, 4-H handles payroll and accounting for the sail school program. MSU Extension also provides insurance liability for sail school instructors.

Signs of growth within the sail school program are everywhere. The equipment now includes nine sailboats, five Opti sailboats, a Lightning sailboat, a J-22 sailboat, a cargo trailer, and three Whalers.

Equipment isn't the only sign of growth within the sailing school program. In the Boyne City location earlier this summer, enrollment records were broken.

This summer 150 students enrolled, compared to last year's enrollment of 120. Total enrollment last year was 450 students.

Another instructor has also been added to the program, to make five instructors. Head instructor is Trevor Davis, who teaches with instructors Laura Schira, Bridget McAvoy and Mike Kelly, as well as junior leader Lindsay Stahl.

Two new programs have also been added. The first is an adult sailing class, which is in part with Boyne City Community Education. For information on the adult sailing class call Orlow at (231) 675-5644 or (231) 537-4484.

The second program is a racing class for kids from 5– 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday. The class runs on a drop-in basis, and costs $15 per class.

Sail school for ages 8-19 runs two classes per day. A one-week session costs $70. Donations have made scholarships possible for Charlevoix county students and home school students to attend a one-week session for $30.

For registration, call Orlow or the MSU youth 4-H Extension Office at (231) 582-6232.

To run the programs involved the Mariners rely on donations and revenue from a boat auction. The auction will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20 at Irish on Ferry Avenue. Registration must take place from 5 -7 p.m. the day before.

"If we're going to continue to grow, we need to do well with that," said Orlow about the auction.

The Charlevoix Mariners are always looking for donations for the auction or for sail school. To make a tax-deductible donation call Jeff Glunny at (231)547-9967.

The board members are Dick Shaible (president), Keith Attee (vice president), Tom Barnes (treasurer), Steve Hufford (secretary), and Jeff Glenny (auction coordinator).

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Students take a spin in Lake Charlevoix during one of their sailing lessons, offered by the Charlevoix Marines in conjunction with 4-H MSU Extension.

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City veteran, Staley, named to commission

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Ken Staley, long-time participant in local government, is to be the newest member of the City Planning Commission.

Ken Staley

Staley is replacing Barbara Fels who resigned due to lack of time.

Mayor Gabe Campbell appointed Staley to the position and city council members unanimously approved.

"I sat on with the planners way back before the charter," Staley said. "So, I was interested in being brought up to date."

When planning for a city, Staley said one has to look 25 years down the road for one plan, five years for another and also looking to the year ahead.

Staley said Charlevoix became the first city to have zoning laws in northern Michigan in 1941. He said the system put in place was effective, but rough going.

Despite the rough beginning, Staley said the early zoning laws allowed the city to figure out where they wanted to go in regards to growth.

"When compared to other northern Michigan cities, I think we're further along in the ideal situation of growth and so forth," he said.

This growth has continued over the years and Staley said the early laws put Charlevoix ahead of its time.

"Over the years you see them (commissions) heading in the direction we were 25 years ago," Staley said.

Staley has lived in Charlevoix all his life and as a result has been involved in local politics.

His political career began around 1949 when he ran for city council. Staley said before and after that moment he willing took the reins of many unwanted jobs within the local government.

In 1969, Staley was elected for County Commissioner, which he said was called County Supervisor at the time. Staley said he was on the County Board of Commissioners (Supervisors) for eight years and also took part in various other committees, which resulted in his gaining political experience.

"I have a lot of experience in different angles (of government)," Staley said.

The planning commission position is not new to Staley, for he has been a part of three planning commissions in his lifetime.

"It's really important in the city and townships," he said. "I think if it's followed according to law, you improve projects from time to time, but ideally you get where you'd want to be."

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Former clerk, Arlene Staley, named to board of review

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Arlene Staley

Arlene Staley was appointed as the newest member of the Board of Review.

Staley will be replacing Diana Gully, who is now on the Planning Commission.

"I guess the Mayor thought since I was city clerk and took minutes for the Board of Review I knew enough," she said.

Staley said she was city clerk for about seven years, but this year will be her first as a board member.

"I'm just going to go in and do what I can," she said. "I don't really have the experience or know what they need."

Campbell said Staley is prepared for the position because she won't have that much to catch up on due to her prior experience.

Staley came to Charlevoix in 1946, but has lived in Charlevoix County all her life.

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Local resident sells his state-wide newspaper chain

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One of the largest newspaper clusters in the United States has changed ownership.

The Journal Register Company is to acquire 21st Century Newspapers by mid August or early September.

Frank H. Shepherd, co-owner of 21st Century Newspapers and Charlevoix resident, said it was time to pass the torch.

"After seven years of running back and forth I needed to come home and stay home," Shepherd said.

Shepherd said he wants to spend more time with his family.

"I want to spend the rest of my life in Charlevoix," he said.

Journal Register Company worked the hardest to appeal to 21st Century Newspapers, Shepherd said.

Shepherd said Journal Register Company fell in love with Michigan and understood how 21st Century Newspapers is run.

"They thoroughly understood we grew through acquisitions," Shepherd said.

Shepherd said he is happy 21st Century Newspapers employees will now be able to own stock in the company since it will become a public company once the sale is final.

Shepherd said he hopes Journal Register Company continues in the path already taken by 21st Century Newspapers.

"I hope they continue to grow organically," he said.

Journal Register Company is primarily located on the eastern part of the United States, and Shepherd said they won't be strangers to people in Michigan for long.

"I think you'll see them launch a pretty heavy campaign in Michigan to promote readership," he said.

Jean B. Clifton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Journal Register Company, said the company loves the newspaper business, especially on the local scale.

"Local community journalism we really love," she said. "We think it's the best part of the newspaper business."

By purchasing 21st Century Newspapers, Clifton said Journal Register Company is able to fulfill its goal.

"It helps fulfill our mission to continue to grow the company and continue to really provide quality local news and information the community we serve," Clifton said.

Shepherd will remain on board for a few months during the transition period in order to ensure a smooth change of hands. He will then be a consultant for five years.

"It's a great company and I admire them," he said. "I think our employees are going to have a lot of fun."

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Volunteers vital to Boulder Park operation

Recently the staff and residents of Boulder Park Terrace of Charlevoix provided a backyard picnic to honor volunteers for years of unselfish service.

Local businesses donated door prizes, the Boulder Park bell choir made music and Longtime volunteer Don Neidert played the piano during the luncheon. Neidert, a retired music teacher from the East Jordan area, has played piano for the residents of Boulder Park for about two years.

"I knew some people at Boulder Park and came to play for the residents," he said.

He added, "The best thing I like about volunteering is the appreciation on their faces. It's nice when they ask for a particular song and I can play it."

According to Neidert, he'll play for the residents as long as he lives in the area.

It seems over the years the volunteer program has blossomed.

Elke Maierhofer took over the activities department at Boulder Park Terrace two years ago, when there were only a few volunteers.

"All the sudden they just started coming in and the program grew," she said.

With 13 to 15 volunteers at any given time, Boulder Park residents enjoy a wide array of benefits.

"The volunteers do everything from calling bingo and praying with residents, to individual activities and carpentry projects. Our program has really grown this year," she added.

While volunteers are not a replacement for staff, Maierhofer said, they are the backbone of any good activity program.

She added, "They are an important addition to what we do."

Volunteers may not receive payment, but according to Maierhofer, the increase in quality of life and improved resident behavior is priceless.

"Volunteers give the residents a connection to the community," she said.

It seems the residents aren't the only ones who benefit from the volunteer program.

"I think it would be safe to say most of the time volunteers get much more back than they invest," Maierhofer said.

In a short speech to the guests Maierhofer said the luncheon is but a small bit of recognition for the volunteers of Boulder Park.

"There are no prizes big enough, no food fancy enough to thank you," she said.

And, according to Maierhofer, volunteering is for the young and old alike.

"Anyone who would like to volunteer can contact Boulder Park," she said. "No special skills are required to volunteer. This is an opportunity for almost anyone from ages 14 and up."

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One of many volunteers at Boulder Park Terrace of Charlevoix, Dan Neidert, plays piano for the residents. Neidert, a retired music teacher, has played piano there for about two years.

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Hedges, trees an issue on Belvedere

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Some city property on Belvedere Avenue may have been used without permission from the city.

During last Monday's city council meeting, Jill Picha said John Winn planted trees on city property on Belvedere Avenue and she would like them to be removed. She said if not they will cut off her right to a 60 foot view quarter she and other residents were promised.

"Fixed income people couldn't get away with this," she said.

Picha said she and others agreed to planting one decorative tree per lot, but instead of doing so Winn planted full-grown maples.

Picha said the trees need to be removed because they were put on city property not by the city.

Mayor Gabe Campbell said Picha asked a month ago who gave the authority for the full-grown maples and he said no one did.

"No one can go onto city property, but some folks think they can," he said.

Campbell said if the city enforces an ordinance only part of the time then selective enforcement has occurred, which is against state law.

"If no one authorized the trees then they should be removed," he said.

Campbell said Cross Fisheries — located on the same street — had to move its pole building back because it infringed on city property.

Campbell said people who live along Belvedere Avenue and Hurlbut Street have a nice view of the lake, which they are taxed upon. He said many residents have already asked that their taxes be lowered if their view is shut off from development on Belvedere Avenue.

"There's no ordinance against having trees on city property," Campbell said. "But it's wrong to increase shutting a view off."

Sherman Chamberlain Jr., a city council member and co-owner of Ferguson and Chamberlain Associates Inc. said he did the original topographic survey work for the Winn's but did not survey in regard to where the trees could be planted.

"I really don't know if the trees are on or off the right-of-way," Chamberlain said.

Chamberlain said he is going to have to gather all the facts and analyze them in order to determine whether or not the trees are in fact on city property.

Survey work for Belvedere Avenue was done by R. F. Sloan, Mary Feindt and Chamberlain over the years. As a result, Chamberlain said the city right-of-way is different for each surveyor.

"Basically we'll have to determine how they fit with the different surveys," he said.

At the meeting Campbell said if the trees aren't removed then the ordinance will leave the books.

The trees aren't the only issue with Winn's property. During the City Council meeting last Monday, Picha said the hedges lining Winn's drive and that of his neighbors have grown beyond what the city ordinance allows.

Picha said there should be a three foot height limit to ensure visibility for pedestrians and drivers a like.

Picha said she saw a couple almost get hit by a car during last year's Venetian Festival.

"I don't care about the hedge otherwise until it takes away my view," she said.

Picha said every time she raises a concern about something, she is retaliated against. She said at the meeting that she was threatened with Pandora's Box and she thinks the maples must be it.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Hedges outside of John Winn's home along Belvedere Avenue are much taller than the four foot city ordinance. Some are concerned that visibility is limited for pedestrians and vehicles due to the overgrown hedges.

Campbell said the hedges bother him because the hedges by Pizza Hut grew too tall and were cut down to the proper height by the city. Winn's bushes, according to Campbell can't be over 4 feet because it's written in the city ordinance.

City Manager Michael Weisner said the hedges are in the site plan so they can be there, but they're too tall.

Winn did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

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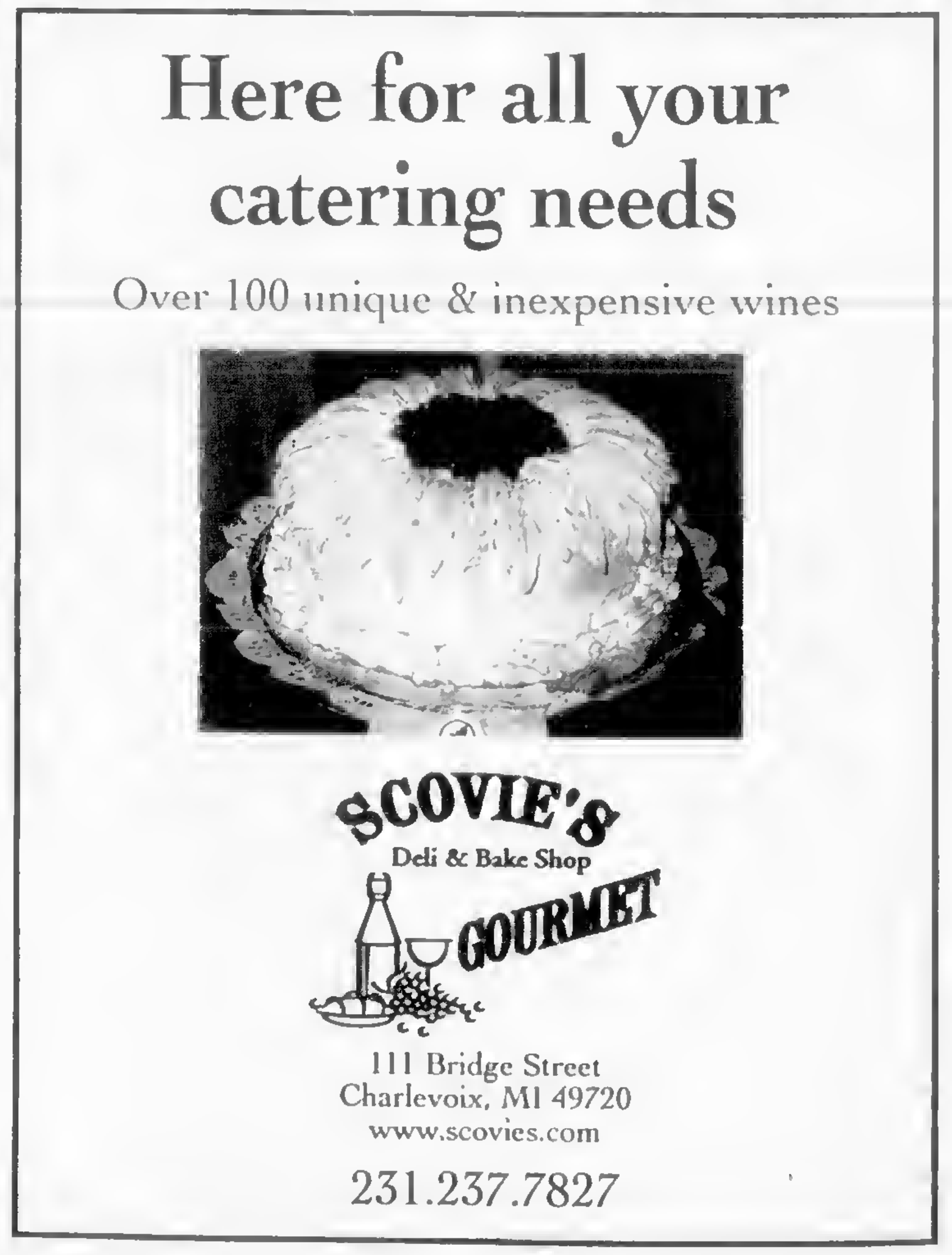

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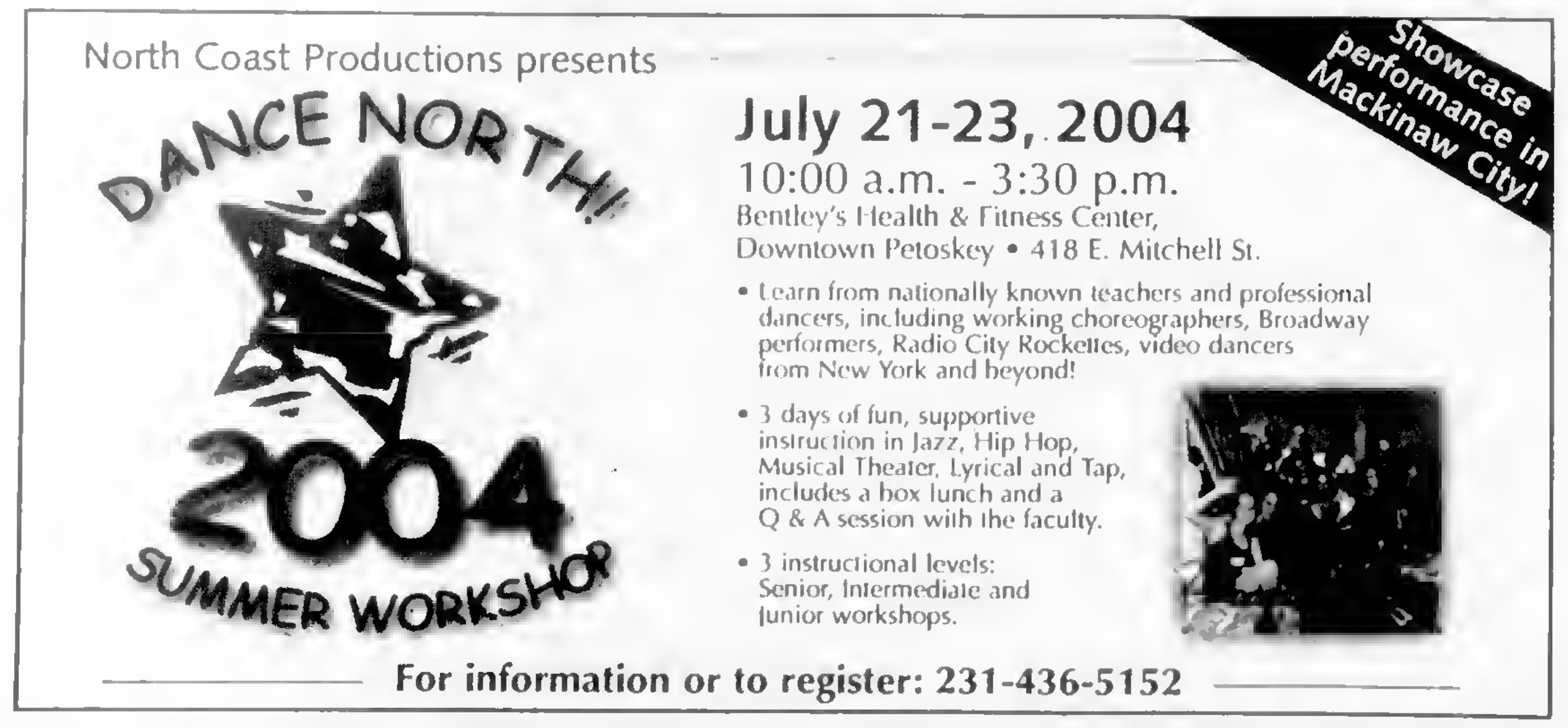

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City wants man to take out lawn sprinklers

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The boulder in Richard Georgie's yard marks park of Michigan Beach Park that runs next to his property and is owned by the city. The city tore up a flower garden Georgie had planted and placed a boulder with a plaque in its place.

Photo by Courtney E.Pace

Another city property argument is undergoing concerning Michigan Beach Park.

Charlevoix resident Richard Georgie said the city wants to force him to pull up his sprinkler system because it was installed on city property and waters city grass.

"Since I'm paying for the water and it just beautifies the town, I don't know why anyone would mind," Georgie said.

Georgie's driveway extends onto city property, which became an issue when pavement was being put in. Georgie said the driveway has been there for more than 50 years and could be his property due to adverse possession.

That is not the case, however, because the laws changed and Georgie found it easier to sign an agreement waiving his right to claim the small part of Michigan Beach Park as his in order to keep the driveway where it is.

"I didn't want to move the road because of the landscaping," he said.

Georgie said he has lived in his home for 32 years and has been watering the city property for 20 years. The sprinkler system is relatively new, but since he signed an estopple agreement waiving his right to ownership, Georgie said he doesn't see the harm in watering the land.

"I already waived any ownership rights," he said. "I have selfish motives because it's next to my house."

Georgie said he waters the grass because if he didn't the city wouldn't and then the grass would turn brown.

Georgie's house is one of several to be featured by the Garden Club.

"The garden people wouldn't be so interested if there was an ugly brown patch of grass," he said.

Charlevoix Mayor Gabe Campbell said the problem is that Georgie has been using that property as though it's his own.

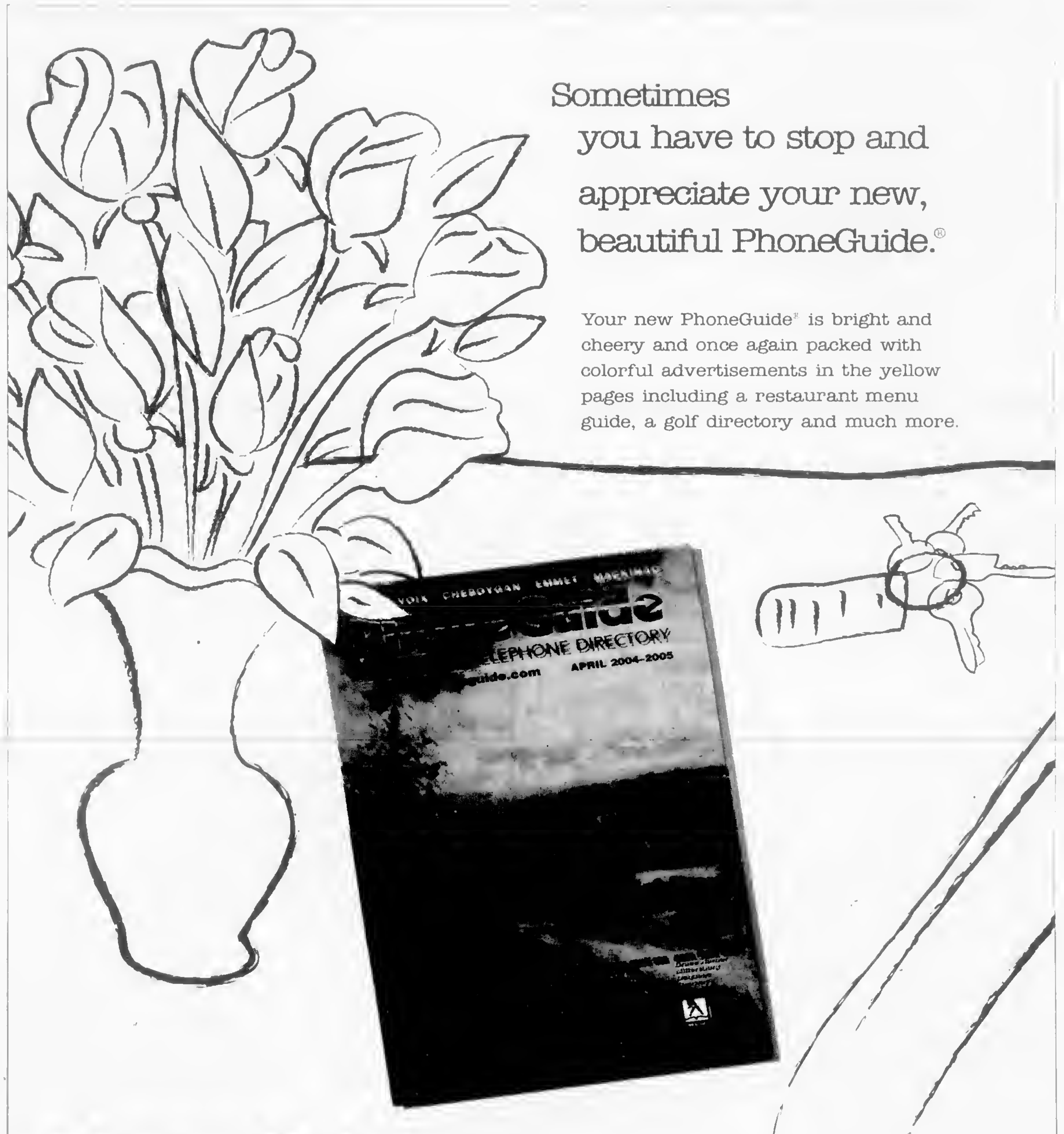
"You don't go on to your neighbors property," he said.

Campbell said he doesn't disagree that the property should be taken care of but that it should be the city doing so.

Georgie said he was forced to remove a flower garden he planted on the same city property he is watering. He said the city came and removed the garden and put up a boulder that has a plaque on it.

City Manager Michael Weisner said the situation of doing something on city park property differs with that of city right-of-ways.

Weisner said the agreement between Georgie and the city will have to be looked into.



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Cool paint job

Matthew Torres, 2, checks out the cars and sand during the Street Legends car show on Sunday. Matthew is the son of Shelley Torres of the Torch Lake area. The Car Show was sponsored by the Charlevoix Street Legends auto group at Castle Farms. In addition to classic cars, spectators were treated to a performance by the local blues band Mojo and the Boogieman.

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Nicholas Douville, 20, suffered bruises and a laceration to one of his eyes after he went airborne, came down, and struck his face and knee in choppy waters while being towed by a boat.

He was treated and released at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. The accident remains under investigation by the Charlevoix county Sheriff's Department.

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Picture perfect

Braeden and Colin Colberg, 14 months, get a caricature drawn of them by Debra Adamcik, an artist from Midland, during the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce Arts and Crafts Fair. Braeden and Colin are the twin sons of Catherine and Todd Colberg from Gaylord.

Artsy East Park

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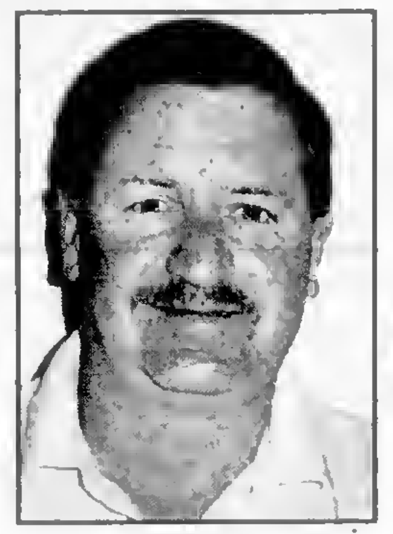
Pedestrians take a rest along the sidewalks during the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce Arts and Crafts Fair.



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The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on Tuesday, July 20, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at City of Charlevoix Fire Department Training Room, 210 State Street.

The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors, Homestead affidavits, mistakes of fact, erroneous tax rates or mathematical computations.

If you have any questions please call the City Clerk's Office at 547-3250.

Carol A. Ochs
City Clerk

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Tuesday, July 6, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.

109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to approve the mayor to sign the contract for funding to Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Inc., in the amount of $15,000.
- Motion adopted to approve the mayor to sign the fireworks display permit and hold harmless agreement for the Venetian Festival.
- Motion adopted to approve the Mead & Hunt engineering contract for construction and administrative services for the Airport midfield hangar site.
- Motion adopted to approve MDOT Construction Contract No. FM 15-1-C23 with MDC Contracting, LLC for construction of the Airport midfield hangar site.
- Motion adopted to endorse St. Mary School's grant application to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Council approved the appointment of Ken Staley to the Planning Commission.
- Council approved the appointment of Arlene Staley to the Board of Review.
- Council approved the extension of Rick Brandi's appointment as city representative to the Library Board until a replacement can be found.
- Motion adopted to appoint Rick Brandi and Dennis Halverson as primary and alternate officer delegates to the Municipal Employees Retirement System Annual Meeting.
- Council approved Resolution No. 2004-07-01, allowing the mayor to execute the federal grant contract for AIP Project No. 3-26-0017-0304 for funding of various airport projects.
- Council approved Resolution No. 2004-07-02, allowing the mayor to execute the state grant MDOT Contract No. 2004-0314 for funding of various airport projects.
- Council approved Resolution No. 2004-07-03, waiving launch fees for BASS State Championship practice and tournament days, September 4-12, 2004.
- Council approved Resolution No. 2004-07-04, amending its water service policy and a sewer service policy outside city limits.
- Public discussion included zoning issue involving property owner landscaping on city right of way. Mayor said if there was truly a violation, the trees would be removed.
- Citizen Christa-Maria asked Council to look into the City's handicap accessibility, especially the lack of handicapped parking in the downtown shopping district.
- Citizen Gene Beer asked the Council to look into enforcement of the Noise Ordinance, or else eliminate it from the Code.
- Motion adopted to set meeting date of July 20 for Airport Committee to meet.

Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
Gabe Campbell, Mayor

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High hopes for end to our weather woes

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

Low temperatures and high amounts of rain this summer have left Charlevoix residents and visitors wondering if there is any hope left for a real summer.

Only three days in June were in the 80s, and 10 days in the 70s. The rest of the days have been in the 60s and below. With normal June temperatures ranging from 74 – 79 degrees as a daily high, these temperatures have been disappointing.

The main reason for the colder weather is that the jet stream that usually retreats to Canada is still sticking around. There is still hope that the weather will improve in Charlevoix.

"We still have a lot of summer left," said Keith Berger, forecaster with the National Weather Service.

Charlevoix has also had a great deal of rain lately. With 4.95 inches in May and 3 inches in June, the average amount of rain greatly surpasses the amount of rain last year at 3.37 inches in May and 1.88 inches in June.

It was this rainy weather on July 4 that canceled Charlevoix's Independence Day parade for the first time in 12 years. The weather also delayed many July 4 fireworks by one day.

"I was really sorry that we had to call it off," said Charlie Butcher, Veterans of Foreign Wars commander, who called off the parade on that rainy Sunday morning.

Due to the limited state permit for highway US-31, the parade cannot be rescheduled.

"We look forward to next year," Butcher added. "Let's hope the weather holds for Venetian."

Dan Barron, Venetian Board president, hopes for blue skies and 80-degree temperatures for Venetian week.

"We've got our cold and wet weather out of the way," Barron said. "We always keep our fingers crossed with one eye to the sky."

The weather has had positive affects on marina business so far this summer. During the colder weather, many boats stacked up, with nobody venturing out of the harbor.

Harbor Master Hal Evans said the weather "affected personality but not the number of boats in the harbor."

Boyne City teenager hurt in accident July 6

A Boyne City teenager was injured in a one-vehicle wreck July 6 on an access road to Young State Park near Boyne City.

Ashley Marie Gibbs, 16, was injured when she lost control of her Eagle Talon on wet pavement at approximately 4:15 p.m. and slammed into a tree, damaging the driver's side door. Gibbs was driving at excessive speed, according to a press release from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

The Boyne City Fire Department freed Gibbs from the vehicle with extraction equipment.

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Anyone up for a game?

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Charlevoix Home Tour to be this weekend

The 2004 Charlevoix Home Tour is scheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, July 17.

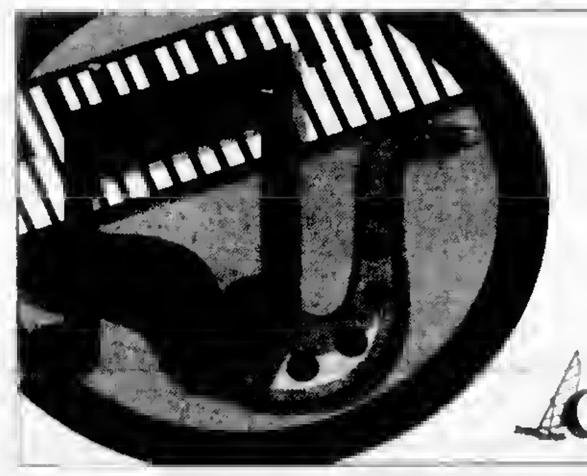
Five amazing homes are featured on the tour, which is hosted by the Kappa Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, including an arts and crafts style cottage in the Charlevoix Country Club, a beautiful contemporary lake home on Round Lake, a magnificent "up north" retreat and an elegant beach house on Lake Michigan, and a cozy historic log home at Pine Point.

This year is the second year the tour will take place on a Saturday. Proceeds benefit the Charlevoix Area Hospital's obstetrics and cancer departments, along with a playground equipment donation for Bright Beginnings Pre-School.

Tickets are $20 and available in Charlevoix at The Apple Tree, Shop of the Gulls and the Clothing Company; in Boyne City at Country Books; and in Petoskey at the Quiet Moose and the chamber of commerce. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour at any of the homes. Directions to the homes are provided in the ticket book and at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. Additional information and illustrations of the homes can be found at: www.charlevoixhometour.com.

A home-by-home sketch of this year's tour:

- Carole Huebotter, 12227 North Country Club Drive. This cottage-style home sits on a wooded setting in the Charlevoix Country Club, creating a complimentary relationship between the home and the club, resulting in a feeling of "tree-house living." Elements of the arts-and-crafts style can be found in the home's details and culminate in the Frank Lloyd Wright leaded glass window in the master bedroom.
- Alvin and Patsy Ranger, 08295 Eastern Avenue. Built in the early 1800s, the cottage is one of the original log cabin summer dwellings in the Pine Point subdivision. It features artifacts from the sinking of the steamship Bradley off Beaver Island in the violent 1958 storm, including a broken lifeboat oar, tiller and wooden bailing scoop along with photos of the Bradley and the Edmund Fitzgerald, which were given to Mrs. Ranger's late father, Great Lakes author William Ratigan, by the owners of the respective ships. The cottage also features original copies of maps by Charlevoix artist Irene Young, wife of noted Charlevoix builder and designer, Earl A. Young. During its remodel in 1989, the original log cabin was converted into a living-dining area. Alvin Ranger designed the addition with help from his architect friend, Hans Weimer. Hans Kretschman, stonemason of East Jordan, rebuilt the stone fireplace. The original walls, writer's desk and handmade furniture all add to the unique "old log cabin" feel.
- Ron and Terry Hughes, 219 Belvedere Avenue. This home is nestled into its surroundings, taking full advantage of the views of Round Lake. The strength of the architecture and the quality of its construction gives the home a feeling that is second to none. The shingle style home uses rich materials both inside and out which establish its quality. The interiors are created with a unique blend of new merged with old to create a feeling of comfortable elegance.
- Andre and Lisa Radandt, 14529 Park Avenue. A recently remodeled beach front home mixes a blend of antique with the Orient, cottage style with contemporary to create comfortable elegance. The many windows provide amazing views of the crashing waves on Lake Michigan. Updated kitchen, dining and sitting rooms let the homeowners entertain in style. The bedrooms evoke cozy memories of up-north getaways, and the deck overlooking the shoreline is simply breathtaking.
- Norbert and Margaret Murray, 13109 Bay Street. A charming Lake Michigan home, this takes full advantage of the views offered by the North Pointe shoreline. The home features a shingle-style exterior, beautiful landscaping, and a warm, inviting interior with the lush seating, soft drapery, collected casework, and beautiful artwork combine to make the home a must-see.



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Revised Marina plan still in works

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The city of Charlevoix's marina renovation project is still in the works because the city has asked for an extension of 60 days in order to fulfill some changes requested by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Brian Bury, of the Geological and Land Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, said some of the elements of the marina plan needed to be changed in order to be in compliance with the law.

"We review impacts to the environment and the public trust," he said.

Bury said the changes must comply with Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451 as amended, before anything more can occur.

City Manager Michael Weisner said the city is still working out the details and will schedule a meeting in the near future.

Information provided by Bury said the city of Charlevoix has a 60-day extension ending Sept. 9 of this year. The items that need adjustments are the width of the piers. The information said the main and head pier is advised to be no more than 10 feet in order to not interfere with the physical occupation of the public trust.

The information also stated that the new bulkhead should be located close to the old bulkhead. Two non-water dependent structures are advised to be eliminated including a 130 linear foot dock and a "Y" shaped platform.

Revisions are also needed in order to provide a sufficient ingress/egress on the south side of system "D", the information states.

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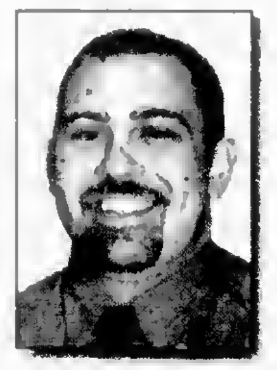
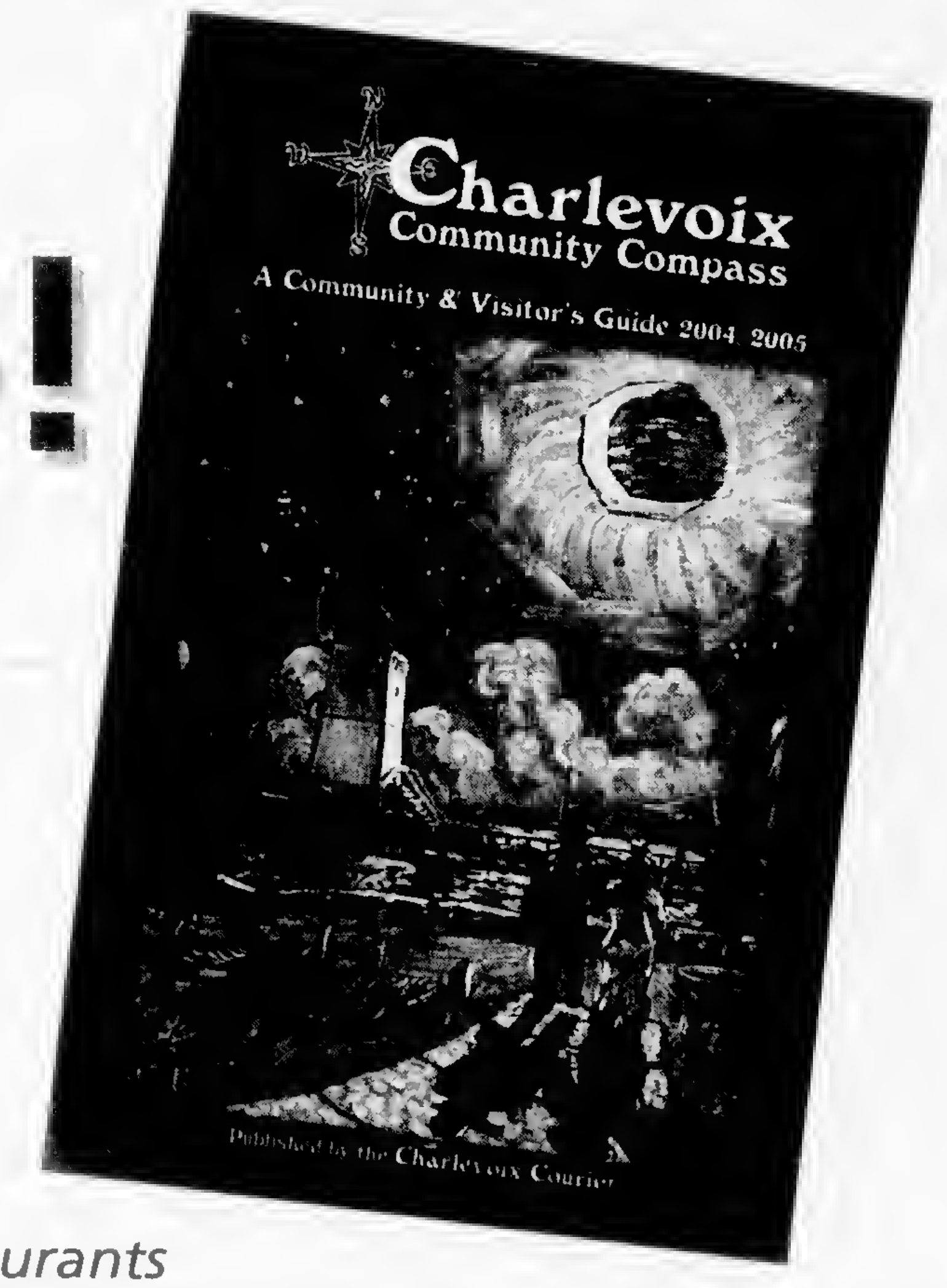
Classic of the road

Spectators check out one of the many classic cars featured at the annual Street Legends Classic Car Show Sunday. For the first time, the show was at Castle Farms on M-66 this year.





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Beaver Island's Museum Week under way

For the 24th consecutive year, the Beaver Island Historical Society is having its annual Museum Week from July 12-17. The event is comprised of talks, hikes, lectures, art and music.

At 9 a.m. on Wednesday (today), Thursday and Friday, the staff of the Central Michigan University Biological Station will lead three three-hour nature walks, the first for Adults ($10) and the next two for kids ($5). The walks cover everything from the dunes to the bogs, and each is limited to 25 walkers. Sign-up is at the Print Shop Museum.

Archaeologist Jay Peck will present a slide show on "Mysteries of Archaeoastronomy" at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

The talks, and Thursday afternoon's presentation, cost $3 for adults, $1 for children. Thurday's talk, by Jim Gillingham's CMU staff on "Amazing Reptiles and Amphibians," includes live snakes and giant frogs.

Antje Price, the "Protar Lady," will open the Protar Home on Stoptown Road from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, and will chat about Protar's life. There is no charge, but donations are accepted, nor is there for the pet show, held on the Print Shop porch at noon Saturday. Almost all entrants come away with some kind of award (such as for the puppy with the longest ears).

The Marine Museum will celebrate its 100th anniversary from 1-5 p.m., Friday with an open house. The art show runs from noon-4 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the school.

Robert Cole will discuss his Oral History project on Wednesday and show some of the material he recorded since his talk last summer.

On Thursday, Native American speaker Joe Mitchell from the Little Traverse Bay Band will talk about various aspects of his culture.

On Friday, Ed Palmer and the Beaver Island Boys will throw an "Island dance," the way it was done for so many years. Admission to this event is $10, and there will be a cash bar.

Another musical delight is on tap for Saturday evening: a reprise of April's performance of "A Little Night Music," songs by Stephen Sondheim. The charge is also $10. Drinks will be available, and afterwards the cast will join the audience to toast the entire week.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful fund-raiser

The Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Petunia Basket Brunch is scheduled for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, July 18 at the Grey Gables Inn.

Proceeds will go to the purchase of the petunias filling the downtown petunia baskets. Tickets are $35, $15 of which is tax deductible.

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Charlevoix Yacht Club weekly racing results

The second race of the summer series was sailed in temperatures lower than usual for July.

Winds were moderate, reaching highs of 18 knots. The race consisted of windward-leeward legs, of which 30 boats finished and one recorded did-not-finish. Results provided by Mike Miller, race committee chair.

J-22 fleet: 1-Rock Steady (Burley); 2-Swine Flew (Strawbridge); 3-Superfluous (Jensen); 4-Thunderstruck (Pirie); 5-Paleface Lite (Grove); 6-Suzie Q (Kelly); 7-Whats Her Name (Robinson); DNF-Hog Tide (Clagett).

Jib and Main fleet: 1-Apothecary (Ochs); 2-Fairret (Seymour); 3-Flasher (Gordon); 4-Wind Ensemble (Henninger); 5-Exitus (Pung); 6-Cinerous (Wasalewski).

P-26 fleet: 1-Tireless (Carland); 2-Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 3-Original Sin (Miller); 4-Cygnus (Stuart); 5-Artemis (Bowerman).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1-Stringthing (Thomas); 2-MJ2 (Begrow); 3-Our Thyme II (Herald); 4-Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 5-M3 (Carey); 6-Kamikazee (Funck).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1-Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2-Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3-Padawan 2 (Lamb); 4-Northern Light (Orlow); 5-Windrunner (Pirie); 6-Blasen IV (Jurries).

Spring Pool Run results

Results from the 10th annual Spring Pool Run at the Charlevoix County Club. Sixty-Six runners completed the 5K race or the 1 mile run/walk. The event raised more than $1,600 for the pool.

Winners of the 5K run were Tom Aepelbacher, 18, who finished in 19 minutes, 2 seconds; and Jenny Drenth, 24, in 20:11. Winners in the 1 Mile run/walk were Ben Myers, 11, in 6:32 and Emily Picllusch, 12, in 8:29.

Age division 5K winners:

- Female: Age 10-14, Caitlin Taylor; 20-24, Melissa Fitzgerald; 25-29, Megan McShannock; 30-34, Lori Steighner; 35-39, Kirsten Mashni; 40-44, Laura Taylor; 50-54, Connie Doan; 60-69, Caroline Luttrull.
- Male: Age 10-14, Andrew Plude; 15-19, 1-Dan Myers; 30-34, Mike Haynes; 35-39, Cecil Fernandez; 40-44, Brian Howes; 50-54, Fred Koehler; 55-59, Gordy Bourland; 60-69, Barry Aspenleiter; 70-up, Cliff Bye.

Age division 1 Mile winners:

- Female: 9-under, Brianna Wilson; 10-14, Emily Piellusch; 30-34, Brenda Spires; 35-39, Liz Gooch; 40-44, Lynne DeMoor; 45-49, Linda Willer; 60-64, Sue Goodwin.
- Male: 9-under, Nicholas Plude; 10-14, Ben Myers; 25-29, Bjorn Kirkland; 35-39, Tom McCullough.

Slow pitch, ponytail results for July 7

Results from July 7 Charlevoix Recreation Department games are:

Men's Slow Pitch

- Boss Engineering 11, Ferguson & Chamberlain/Don's IGA
- Grey Gables Inn 14, Swanson's K & D/J Arnold Paint, 5; Bret Erskine homered for Grey Gables, while Chuck Pop homered for Swanson's/J. Arnold
- Lakeshore Tire/Top Rank 17, Pat McKeown Ford, 2; Roger Pittman hit a grand slam for Lakeshore Tire/Top Rank.

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Lions Club to have golf tourney

On Thursday, July 15, at the Belvedere Golf Course the Charlevoix Lions will have its Tenth Annual Four Player Team Scramble Golf Tournament.

The award dinner will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Proceeds go to support the Club's charities.

About 25 teams are expected to go for the winning lowest-score trophies and cash prizes. Over the past eight tournaments, the club has awarded 32 bronzed Lion trophies to the winners.

Along the way each golfer will try for the $10,000 offered for sinking a tee-shot on hole 17; a Sony camcorder or digital camera, on hole four; Two round-trip airline tickets on hole eight and a matched set of Callaway Irons or a Big Bertha driver on hole 14. Also, players can go for $5,000 in the putting contest held on the practice green. The putter-finalist wins a cash prize and a Lion trophy.

There are awards for longest drives on the first and tenth holes.

Check-in is beginning at 12:30 p.m on Thursday, July 15, with a brat picnic lunch. Shotgun start is at 2 p.m.

The $5,000 putting contest finals will follow immediately after the last hole. The Knights of Columbus doors are open at 5:30 p.m.; the dinner, about 6:30 p.m. and features Lions Chicken. The $98 per player fee includes the 18 holes, cart, all events and the awards dinner.

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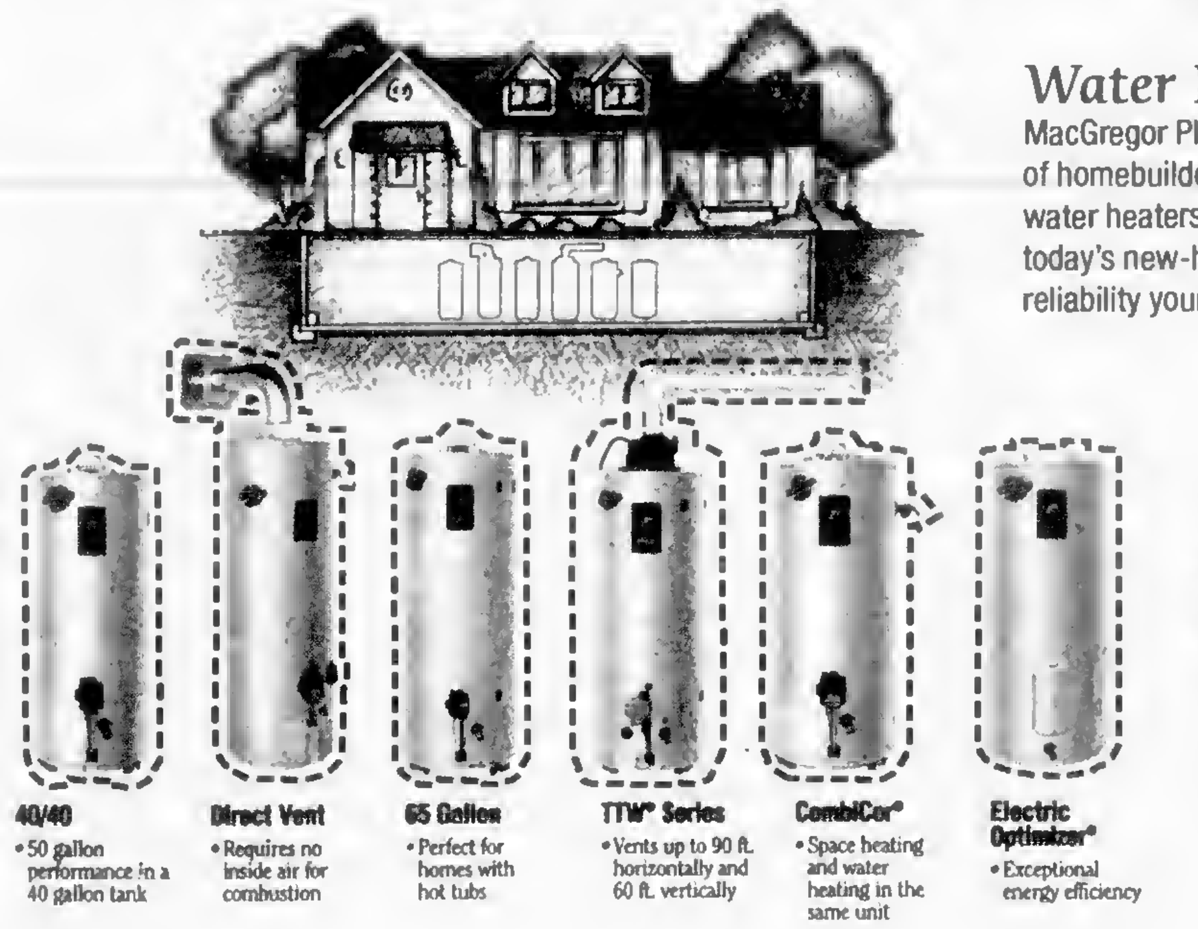
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Crooked Tree to have fund-raiser July 15

The Crooked Tree Arts Center will host its sixth annual "D'Art for Art" on Thursday, July 15, at Bay Harbor Equestrian Club.

This evening features a "meet the artist-preview the art" cocktail reception, buffet dinner and a "D'Art for Art" of wonderful treasures donated by local artists and area patrons. Honorary Chairs for the 2004 D'Art for Art are David Johnson and Jim Offield.

D'Art for Art 2004 will feature Art Carts in the silent auction, live auction and D'Art for Art. Art Carts are garden carts, tea carts, doll carts, media carts, kitchen carts and beverage/bar carts that artists have transformed from plain furniture to functional artwork.

The art carts artists include Neil W. Ahrens, Trude Bigelow, Kathie Briggs, Barb Daniel, Susan Doyle, Ed Fralick, Raenette Franklin McManus, Joey Haderer, Annie Kleene, Carlene LaGrou, Elaine Levine, Pat Mayhew, Glen McCune, Raenette Palmer, Steve Palmer, Sue Prawdzik, Lauretta Reiss, Carol Ross, Audrey Shapiro, Kirby Snively, June Storm, Sylvia Walworth, Ogi Yanakiev, Petoskey Lincoln School and Harbor Springs Shay School.

Art Carts can be found throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties in the following locations until the beginning of July: Esperance, Gallery 704, Momentum and Shop of the Gulls.

"We have been overwhelmed with reservations for D'Art for Art this year," said Ermy Bonfield, chairperson of D'Art for Art for the past three years.

"The generosity of artists, donors, patrons and area businesses is amazing."

D'Art for Art is the Crooked Tree Arts Center's annual major fund-raising event and supports the programming of the arts center.

For more information, please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

Garden Club walk today

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club's 6th Annual Garden Walk will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, today, July 14.

The gardens are all within easy driving distance: three in town, two at the Country Club, one at Pine Point and one a 15-minute drive toward Ellsworth.

The Charlevoix Country Club is one the featured gardens and will prepare a special luncheon for garden walkers, making it easy to get to all the gardens and enjoy lunch in a serene setting among the rolling turf and ponds.

Tickets for the Garden Walk are $10 and are on sale in Charlevoix at The Bridge Street Book Shop and the Apple Tree; tickets may be purchased on the day of the walk in East Park and at the individual gardens.

A beautiful flower basket queen-size quilt, designed and constructed by garden club members, will be on view at the Depot. Quilt raffle tickets will be sold there until 4 p.m.; the winning ticket will be drawn between 5 and 7 p.m. at the Afterglow at the Depot, to which all garden walkers are invited.

The Garden Walk, Flower Show, and all the festivities surrounding them will prove to be a most enjoyable day for garden enthusiasts.

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Mixed figures for July Fourth business

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix businesses located downtown had varying experiences over the July Fourth weekend due to the cooler weather and the holiday falling on a Sunday.

Dudley Martin, president of Stafford's Hospitality, said business for Stafford's Weathervane in Charlevoix was pretty normal.

"It's hard to compare because last year July Fourth fell on a Friday," he said.

This year Martin said Stafford's Weathervane sales were down 5 to 6 percent due to weather.

He said business was pretty normal, however, compared to years past when the Fourth of July fell on a Sunday.

Jacqueline Dipert, owner of The Clothing Company said the warm weather earlier in the week caused business to be slower, but things picked up due to the rainy weather on the Fourth of July and the day after.

"Weather always contributes to it (business)," she said. "Bad weather is always better for business."

Dipert said sales were even with those of last year.

Restaurants and retailers had a good weekend due to the rainy weather compared to hotels and non-clothing retailers.

Tom Pfeifle, general manager of Weathervane Terrace Inn and Suites said business was a little slower than last year.

"Business was all right," he said. "We've been busier in years past."

On a personal trip to the Traverse City Cherry Festival, Pfeifle said he saw a lot of hotels and motels with vacancy signs, which showed him the cooler weather was keeping people from traveling up north.

Pfeifle said Charlevoix has experienced three consecutive years of cold springs, which results in a lull before the season gets going.

"The whole season got a late start," he said.

Pfeifle said the weather can't be controlled and, whatever happens, businesses have to deal with.

"We remain positive," he said.

Barry Parker, the front desk manager for The Lodge, said business was fine.

"We did a good weekend surprisingly for the way the weather was," he said.

Parker said despite the weather, business was about the same as last year.

Three Chairs Company sales associate Adam Janiskee said the weather affected business. The store wasn't open on the Fourth of July, but Janiskee said the warm, sunny weather on July 3 caused business to be slow.

"A lot of people were probably enjoying the weather," he said.

Business was slow until after the Fourth of July when Janiskee said things picked up. Overall, business wasn't affected too much.

"I guess it would be average or below average for a summer weekend," he said.

Chamber of Commerce President Jacqueline Merta said she had not talked to every merchant, but the overall opinion of those she did revealed that the July Fourth weekend was a good one.

"People were shopping," she said. "With not going to the beach people were shopping and eating."

Merta said some businesses she talked to said for the most part they were equal to if not a little better than last year.

The level of business may be due in part to the trend Merta said she seen in people coming to Charlevoix for shorter lengths of time.

"People used to always have reservations more in advance because they were so worried about having a room," she said.

Merta said people still take two-week vacations, but many are starting to take shorter, one-week vacations in order to spread out their vacation time.

"The overall trend is to shorten up (vacations) and go more often," she said.

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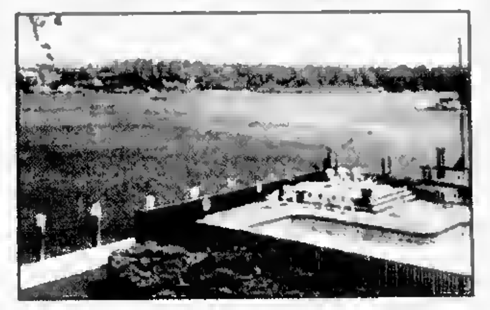

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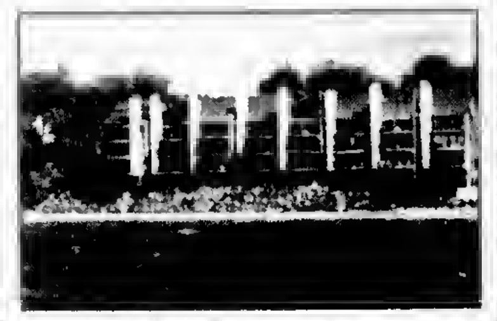

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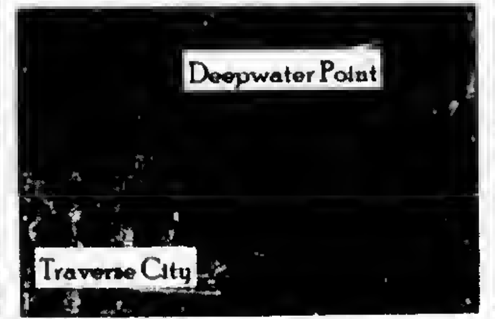

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Festival to kick off at Castle Farms

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the parade due to the larger area the west side of Pine River Channel offers.

Another concern which helped inspire the change in course is the shallow water leading out the east end of Pine River Channel into Lake Charlevoix.

Taylor said a lot of boats over the years have run aground while waiting to take part in the boat parade or simply trying to get into the harbor.

"We think it's better for our boat traffic to run smoothly," Taylor said.

Visibility on the east end of the channel is not the best and Taylor said many boaters become acclimated to the dimness then are struck by the lights of the city upon entering the channel, decreasing visibility.

"It's our theory that if they're under the street lights already then they'll be used to the light," Taylor said. "That way they'll kind of progress to darkness than going from darkness to light."

The new starting point may work out only if the weather cooperates. Taylor said if the weather reports received show Lake Michigan to be rough, then the standard entry from the east end of the channel is what will occur.

Some people are concerned about the boat parade interfering with traffic due to its having to cross through the bridge, but Taylor said the parade won't affect traffic that much.

Taylor said the boats are to leave Round Lake at 9:15 p.m. and pass under the bridge during the 9:30 p.m. bridge opening. Then once the boats are lined up in the channel, they won't be crossing through the bridge until the parade begins at 10 p.m., passing through the bridge during the scheduled opening.

"We work with the timing of the bridge," he said.

Taylor said the new route came from evaluating different aspects of the parade over the years and finding ways to improve.

The new route will be the standard procedure unless weather conditions force the parade to proceed as it always has.

Courtesy photo

The Michigan State University Spartan Marching Band will be in this year's Venetian Parade.

Parade to begin in Pine River Channel

PARADE

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Venetian will feature a parade on July 24 featuring the Michigan State University Spartan Marching Band, returning from two years ago.

There will be various musical talents for the ear to enjoy including Herman's Hermits on Wednesday, July 21 and Koko Taylor on Thursday, July 22.

Herman's Hermits hail from England and were a part of the British Invasion. Barron said the band out sold the Beatles in 1964 by selling 52 million copies of their record. Barron said Koko Taylor is a living legend.

"She is the most accomplished living female blues singer of her time," he said.

Part of Venetian's history is embedded in the crowning of the Venetian Queen, which is now called Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen. This year's Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen candidates are: Tess Hoaglund, 18, Danielle Kimble, 18, Kristina Moreno, 16, Trisha Watkins, 17, Rachel Wyniawskyj, 18, and Kellie Young, 16. The crowning of the queen will be on Friday, July 23 in East Park.

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BID 209

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER KITCHEN ADDITION-EXCAVATION & CONCRETE WORK

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Charlevoix Senior Citizens Center, Charlevoix, Michigan at 06906 Norwood Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, until 1:00 p.m., prevailing local time, on Thursday July 15, 2004, and then publicly opened and read aloud, for the construction of the excavation and concrete work for a proposed kitchen addition to the existing Senior Citizens Center.

Coordination for site inspection and/or questions regarding the project shall be directed to Mr. Earl Muma at the Senior Center address provided above, or by telephone at (231) 547-5361.

The work consists of construction of a foundation wall, with associated excavation, installation of a 45 sf concrete slab on grade, and backfilling and finish grading, according to blueprint specifications.

The Drawings and Specifications under which the work is to be done will be on file after June 25, 2004, and may be examined at the Senior Citizens Center, and at the office of Performance Engineers, Inc. located at 406 Petoskey Avenue, in Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Drawings and Specifications may be obtained from Performance Engineers by submitting a fee of Ten Dollars ($10.00) per set. The purchaser must supply the telephone number, fax number, and street address of the individual or firm to whom addenda (if any) can be directed.

Owner is a non-profit organization and not subject to sales tax, successful Bidder shall be provided with tax exemption information and shall not include tax within the Total price provided. Owner would also prefer a proposal that includes a deduction, which can be considered as a charitable contribution from the Bidder. Owner will provide charitable contribution documentation for tax purposes, where such proposal is submitted and accepted.

The right is reserved by the Owner to accept any Proposal, to reject any Proposal, and to waive irregularities in Proposals.

No bids may be withdrawn after the above date and time for receiving bids for a period of thirty (30) days.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Robert R. Graves and Linda T. Graves, husband and wife, mortgagors to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 3, 2000, and was recorded on October 6, 2000, in Liber 398 on pages 393 through 399 of the Charlevoix County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $6,887.46, including interest at 9% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, July 16, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the CharlevoiX County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgage before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.

The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

Dated: June 10, 2004

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

L(6/16,6/23,6/30,7/7, 7/14)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of a certain land contract made on November 1, 1997 by Mark A. Ehinger and Kathie A. Ehinger, as Vendees to Woodland Development Company as Vendor, on which land contract there is claimed to be due and unpaid through the date of the sale, ten thousand seven hundred seventeen and 23/100 ($10,717.23) principal, including interest at eleven (11%) percent per annum, being presently due pursuant to a Default Judgment of Foreclosure of Land Contract entered in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court, being File No. 04-285-20-CH on June 18, 2004.

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, August 27, 2004 at 11:00 am, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon the mortgage, together with the legal costs, charges of sale, and expenses, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the lands and premises mentioned and described in the mortgage, as follows, to-wit:

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The redemption period will be six (6) months from the time of such sale. Said property is still subject to a land contract dated November 1, 1997 in the amount of ten thousand seven hundred seventeen and 23/100 ($10,717.23) principal including interest at eleven (11%) percent per annum, being presently due. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of this sale.

YOUNG, GRAHAM & ELSENHEIMER, PC

Dated: July 1, 2004

Peter R. Wendling
Peter R. Wendling (P48784)
Attorney for Plaintiff
PO Box 398
Bellaire, MI 49615
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

On the record

Steel Drum concert

The 2004 Summer Concerts presents the Petoskey Steel Drum Band playing at 8 p.m., Thursday, July 15, in East Park downtown Charlevoix.

The Petoskey Steel Drum Band was formed in 1998. The group performs throughout the school year but is most active during the summer months.

Please bring your own seating and in case of rain. Concerts will be at the First Congregational Church.

Tennis tournament

The Charlevoix Venetian Games Tennis Championship Tournament will take place from Saturday, July 17 to Thursday, July 22. Registration is through the Charlevoix Recreation Department at Mt. McSauba and contact information is supplied on the forms. Students 11 and under will pay no fees; 12-18 will pay $5 total (may he entered in more than 1 event); and adults will pay $5 each for 1 event or $10 each if entered in multiple events. Entries must be received by 4 p.m., Thursday, July 15.

The tournament is open to all ages and abilities. Flights are girls and boys (singles and doubles) 11 and under, 12-15, 16-18; women and men singles, doubles and mixed doubles; and senior (60+) doubles and mixed doubles. New this year, will be consolation brackets (8 teams minimum).

Finals will be played at the Charlevoix Township courts on Thursday, July 22.

The event is hosted jointly by the Venetian Committee and the Charlevoix Historical Society.

Basketball tournament

Summer Slam, 3-on-3 Venetian Basketball kicks off Sunday, July 18, taking place at Lake Michigan Beach. Contact 547-3588 for information or register at the Recreation Department. The event is sponsored by St. Mary's of Charlevoix.

Opinion poll

Safe Harbor Baptist Church will be conducting a door-to-door opinion poll on church issues between Monday, July 19 and Thursday, July 22 in the Charlevoix area. The church would appreciate your cooperation. Results will be published as soon as they are available.

Reading club

Charlevoix Public Library is having a Summer Reading Club. The club is for all children up to 11. Registration and reading are required to complete the club. Completion of the club will get you an invitation to our final party. Stop in or call the library to register or ask questions, 547-2651. Programs will run every Tuesday from 6:45-8 p.m. Events are as followed:

- July 20 — Ultimate Craft Night
- July 27 — By invitation only — Tim Smith author of the Buck Wilder series.

Registration ends July 20.

Get more details when you register for the Summer Reading Club. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton. Phone 547-2651 or e-mail youth@charlevoixlibrary.org, visit the web site at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Go Fest

Go! Multimedia presents Go! Fest live music from northern Michigan artists during the Venetian Week with door open at 5 p.m., on July 20 at Northwest Academy 115 W. Hurlbut Street in Charlevoix.

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Block party

Safe Harbor Baptist Church plans a free of charge block party from 3 to 7 p.m., Wednesday July 21 on the church grounds. There will be a Moonwalk, The Titanic, popcorn, cotton candy and more. Safe Harbor is located off Old US-31 South near the intersection of US-31. If you have any questions, please call the church at 547-6283.

Senior picnic

The 25th Charlevoix County Annual Senior Picnic is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 14. The picnic is at Whiting Park in Boyne City. Tickets are a suggested donation of $3 for seniors and $5 for people under 60 years of age. Tickets may be purchased at the Boyne City and East Jordan Senior Centers or at the Commission on Aging at 207 Antrim Street, Charlevoix.

Barbecued chicken with all the fixings will be served.

Skating demonstration

A demonstration by pro, semi-pro and area skateboarders, inline skaters and BMX bikers is schedule for 4 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Castle Farms. The event is organized by the Charlevoix Community Skate Park Committee, a group of local parents and students who have been raising money to build a state-of-the-art facility in Charlevoix. For information, contact Vickie Daman, 547-8063 or e-mail Vicki Hankins at vichankins@hotmail.com

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in Charlevoix from 12 to 5:45 p.m. on July 22, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church at the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or just drop in.

All donors will be required to provide an ARC donor card, driver's license, or other government issued ID prior to donating.

Meet the candidate

Meet candidate Shirley Roloff from 6 to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, July 27 at 104 Palmer (by Michigan Beach) for fun, food and music. Roloff is campaigning for re-election as County Commissioner. The event will take place rain or shine.

A Little Princess

Ragamuffin Children's Theatre and Choir will be presenting their day camp production of A Little Princess at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium at 2 and 7 p.m., on Saturday, July 31 and at 2 and 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 2. The day camp starts on Monday, Aug. 26 and runs all week, culminating in the performance. For information call Kathleen at 237-9686.

1949 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1949 is celebrating its 55th reunion on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Argonne. Social hour starts at 5 p.m., during which time a class picture will be taken. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and anyone wishing to visit with our class is welcome after 7 p.m. Direct any questions to Sally Bales at 348-5003 or Helen Emmons at 547-2955. They need addresses for Joan Montgomery and Dorothy Tookalo Dyer.

1954 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, or phone (248) 473-1324 or e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com. Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. They are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colburn (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

Dental appointments

Dental appointments for children and adults available at Dental Clinics North with locations in East Jordan, Petoskey, and Traverse City. They accept Medicaid, Health KidsDental, MI Child and Northern Dental Plan. Dental Clinics North is a partnership of local health departments. Call toll-free (877) 321-7070 to schedule an appointment.

Schizophrenia meeting

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'Days gone by'

Charlevoix had so many colorful residents in days gone by. I enjoy reminiscing about them, and know from your comments, that you do, too.

In my childhood days, Charlevoix was much quieter and everyone lived at a slower pace. There were the mom and pop stores in each neighborhood, and most people traded with the one nearest them. You knew the owners personally, and they would write down your purchases, and you would pay the tab at the end of the month. People didn't go to the store and buy supplies for a week. Each time we needed something, my mother would send me down over the hill to Mr. Kibbe's store for a particular item. It was very handy, as it was only a short jaunt. Mr. Ernest Kibbe owned our neighborhood store, and he was like a grandfather to all the kids. His store was sandwiched in between the east end of the Charlevoix Hotel on Antrim Street, and the Hansen garage building on the corner in front of the garage, and end up at Kibbe's store.

Charlie Marshall, the fire chief, and his wife, Tillie, lived in the fire hall that was part of the court house. This was beside the jail where my grandpa and grandma Ikens lived when he was sheriff. Charlie was a delightful person to know, and he was like a grandpa to me. My whole world was between the 200 block of Hurlbut and Antrim streets. An alley ran between them, with our home of the hill, and Antrim Street below it across the alley. It was such a grand place to live, as there were trails all over the hill, and the area lent itself to many lively games of cowboys and indians, and cops and robbers.

In my world, I knew all the neighbors. On the south east corner of Hurlbut stood the old Martha Ayers house. Joe Guild lived there in the 1940s. He had a big potato garden in his front yard, and I remember him catching potato bugs and disposing of them in a coffee can filled with kerosene, a very friendly environmental way of doing it! At 201 Hurlbut, was the home of Sander and Vera Halverson. He was a commercial fisherman, and she was a telephone operator. One night, I was home with my 6-year-old brother. I was 12 at the time. My brother was taking a bath in the tub, when an inebriated man came in our front door. (We didn't lock the door in those days), I was terrified, and ran in the bathroom, as it had a door lock. The fellow went round and round inside the house, banging on the door and hollering. We were scared stiff. There was a small high window in the bathroom, but it would have been almost impossible to climb up and get out it.

Then, I heard Mr. Halverson come in the house and get the fellow. He had been in his house shortly before. Mr. Halverson yelled to see if anyone was at home, and of course, I was too scared to reply. He took the guy to jail, and told my grandpa the story. Grandpa then called my dad, who came home promptly. What I remember vividly, is my dad asking me why I didn't hit the guy over the head with a chair. (Sure! I didn't know the fellow was harmless!) In later years, Sander put up a building beside his house, near the street. He had a meat market there, and that was a good place to purchase fresh meats. Sander also was always telling my dad to stop me from climbing the tall maple trees lining our street. I never did, for the view up there was wonderful. You could see downtown at that time.

The next neighbors were Robert and Emma Dell. They had a daughter, Edna Mary. Sometimes their grandson, Dwight, lived with them. Next to them was a home where Helen Howe lived with her children, Donald and Richard. I went with Donald to the Baptist Church when I was 4 years old, beginning my church life at the early age. We went down over the hill together, and over one block to get there. My house was the next to theirs, at 207 W. Hurlbut. There was an apple orchard next door, with all kinds of apples on the trees. We ate yellow transparent in early summer, and had others that ripened in the fall. My Uncle Carlton, Aunt Marguerite and their girls, Donna and Judy, lived on the property behind our house. We had lots of kids to play with in our block.

At 209, the Wilbur Wells family lived. Their children were Peggy, Marilyn, Wilbur, John, Richard, Donald and Delores. We had apple fights quite often. What fun! One day, we were having one, and my mother came out and said, "You Ikens kids come home, and you Wells kids go back to your house." Little Delores was just a tiny little girl, and she stood there, with her hands on her hips and replied, "Shut up, Mrs. Ikenses."

I thought it was so funny, that I never forgot it. The next home was where Henry (Hank) Marshall lived. I recall sitting under his tree one day, and he shared a cantaloupe with me. His brothers were Charlie, the fire chief, C.Y., the sewer contractor, (they had fancy names for professions back then, too). J.C., another brother, was an operator at the sewage treatment plant.

The house located near the corner of Hurlbut and Grant, just before a vacant lot, was owned by Reuben and Bernice Pearl. Their children were Bert, Bob and Howard, Howard and I used to go in their garden and make sandwiches with tomatoes, lettuce and radishes, covered with mayonnaise. They were just delicious, and I still remember how good they tasted.

Crossing to the south corner of Hurlbut and Grant was the home of Harold (Ike) Byers and their children, Audrey and Doug. The kids used to show movies in their garage and we neighborhood kids would pay a few cents to sit and view them, which was a treat. The next home was at 212 W. Hurlbut. Frank and Laura Courier lived there. Laura was Ben Brown's daughter. Frank worked as a clerk at Brown Motors in Charlevoix. Ben also owned the Brown Motors in Petoskey.

Ralph ad Mary Bacot lived at 210. Ralph raced horses. He had a harness racing rig, and kept his horse in his garage. He had it fixed up nicely, with a screened in front. At 208, Jim and Edith Earl lived. Sometimes, their grandson, Albert Fox lived with them. Another neighborhood friend to join the many kids in the block for games. Jim had a mulberry tree beside his house. It was small, like the one we had, and we kids could all pick the berries easily from them. I loved the berries so much, that I also have one in our yard that our grandkids enjoy.

Julius and Mildred Frye lived next to them at 206. Linda was their daughter. I remember that when the house was gone, the front porch was still there, and pretty colored stones were embedded in the cement. We kids would try to pry them out. It was quite an idea at the time to have dressed up the cement like that.

The last home on the block was the parsonage of the Church of God, which was located beside the church. The Rev. Horace Pulsipher and his wife, Ann, and son Horace Jr. lived there. In later years, the Rev. William Wood and wife, and son, Rusty made their home there.

That was the extent of my immediate neighborhood. Life was fun, and you had the time for everyday friendly chats, and the chance to really know everyone around you. Great memories!

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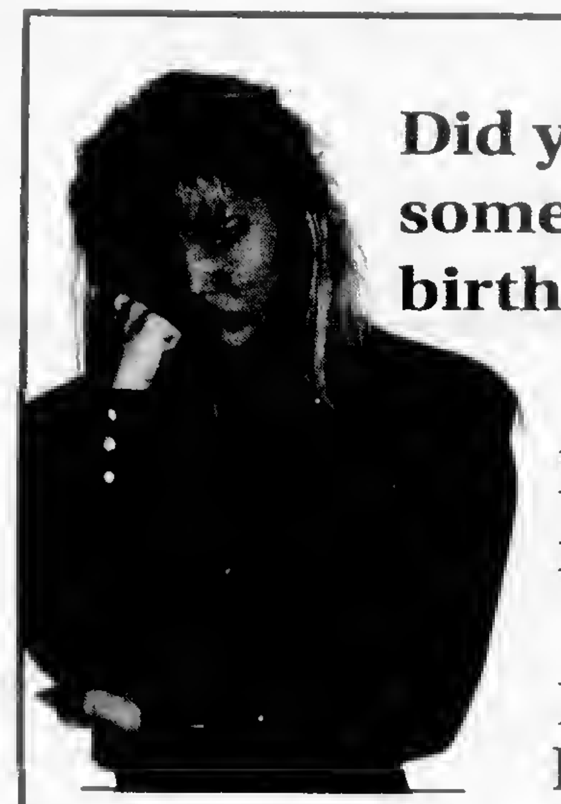

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- Charlevoix Pubic Library, Story Telling, Story Times at 11:50 a.m., 12:35, 1:20, 3:00 p.m.
- Petting Zoo
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- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tiger Slide*
- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mongo The Mechanical Bull*
- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pony Rides* (two rings)
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★ Mongo the Bull, Rock Wall, Tiger Slide (FREE) & Rayder Jump House (FREE)

5:30 p.m.
★ Charlevoix City Band

6:30 p.m.
★ Equestrian Exhibition, Torch Valley Farms of Ellsworth (live music by Chris Dominic)

7:00 p.m.
★ K. Jones & the Benzie Playboyz (Zydeco/Benzie, MI)

8:00 p.m.
★ Equestrian Exhibition-Torch Valley Farms of Ellsworth (track music by Chris Dominic)

8:30 p.m.
★ Chris Dominic on Stage (Country/Charlevoix)

Charlevoix Venetian Festival

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Residents see president

Charlevoix people travel to Bush visit in Marquette

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Several Charlevoix residents took a road trip July 13 to see President George W. Bush during his stop in Marquette as a part of his campaign tour.

John Haggard, chairman of the Charlevoix County Republicans and the First Congressional District for the Republican Party, said the opportunity should have been taken by everyone.

"I think it was important for all the youth possible to be up there," Haggard said. "To be that close to a sitting president or any president is a valuable experience."

Bush is the first sitting president to visit Marquette since William Howard Taft in 1911. The rally was in the Superior Dome at Northern Michigan University where the crowd swelled between 11,000 and 12,000 people, which was accompanied by hundreds of protesters as well as the people from Charlevoix and its surrounding areas.

Boy Scout Troop 11 from Charlevoix attended the rally with Assistant Scout Master Vince Currier and Assistant Scout Leader from Pack 11 Den 2 Kim Currier.

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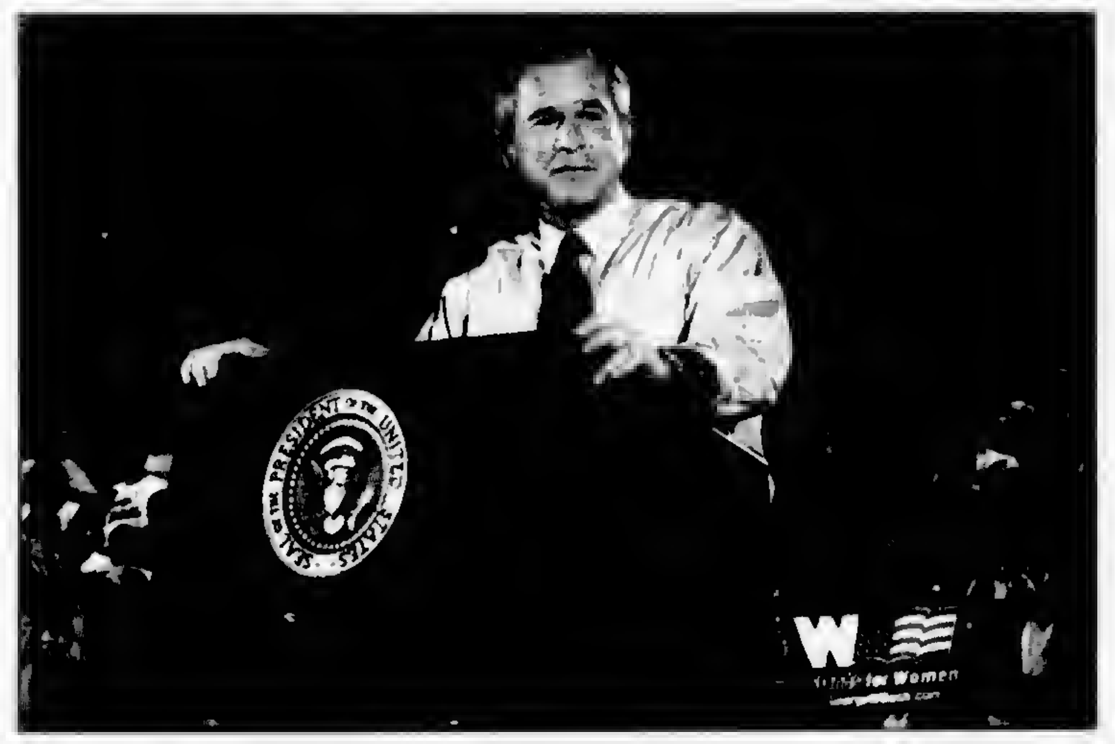

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United States President George W. Bush made a campaign stop in the Upper Peninsula last week. Several Charlevoix residents traveled to hear his speech.

Water battle

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Charlevoix residents and visitors flocked to the beaches Monday to take advantage of the warm summer weather that has engulfed the area. Here, several children wrestle in the waters off Lake Michigan Beach.

Skatepark opens with city blessing

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark is officially open for those to come and practice their skills or to admire the talent of others.

During a special Charlevoix City Council meeting on Friday, July 16, present council members unanimously voted for the park.

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark will operate from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The park is only open when weather permits safe skating and will be locked when not in operation.

Vicki Hankins, secretary for Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc., said a grand opening party is planned for the near future.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Jody Elizabeth Gilmour, 19, Harbor Springs. Two counts-minor in possession of alcohol, first offense. One year probation; 30 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, must attend substance abuse classes; $600 in fines and costs.

Orville Delwyn Bourassa, 47, Charlevoix. Arson personal property less than $200. One year probation; 93 days jail with credit for 30 days, 63 days on electronic monitor, must attend substance abuse classes; $500 in fines and costs.

Charles Blake Gray, 18, Saint James. Larceny less than $200. Thirty days in jail with credit for six days, serve 24 days.

Brian Michael Baker, 27, Traverse City. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver/attempted assault, resist, obstruction. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for two days, serve six days, 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail, 337 days held in abeyance; $1,545 in fines and costs.

Brian Michael Baker, 27, Traverse City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/deny, second subsequent offense. One year probation. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Donovan James Huff, 28, Boyne City. Impaired driving, second offense. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 294 days held in abeyance; $1,645 in fines and costs.

John Paul Boris, 28, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Tyler Franklin Rose, 17, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Glenn Michael Charest, 48, Auburn Hills. Marine Safety-No certificate/decal on vessel. Three months probation. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Spencer Stroud Bryan, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, first offense. Must attend substance abuse classes. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Erin Terese Burns, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, first offense. Must attend substance abuse classes. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Tonicka Renee Brown, 26, Alanson. Operating while intoxicated. Nine months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Gary Lee, AKA Robert Holborn, 38, Vanderbilt. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Catherine Byer, 18, Harbor Springs. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 46 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,110 in fines and costs.

Jason Thomas Doty, 22, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $850 in fines and costs.

Christina Marie Kelley, 18, Conway. Minor in possession of alcohol, third or subsequent offense. One year probation. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Frederick Hermie Aufterhaar II, 33, Eastpointe. Probation violation-Breaking and entering a building with intent. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 months and a maximum of 10 years in jail with credit for 270 days.

Charles Edward Kalbfleisch, 54, Petoskey. Larceny by conversion-$200 of more but less than $1,000. Eighteen months probation; sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 30 days; $14,407.78 in fines and costs.

Nicole Marie Kubesh, 25, Petoskey. Gross indecency between females-committing/procurring (attempted). Two years probation; sentenced to 11 months in jail with credit for two days, serve 30 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $1,210 in fines and costs.

Teresa Mae Boyd, 37, East Jordan. Controlled Substance-Possession (Narcotic/Cocaine) less than 25 grams. Sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 120 days; $200 in fines and costs.

Jessie James Wisdom, 21, Boyne City. Police Officer-Fleeing-Fourth degree-Vehicle code. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 35 days, serve 180 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Jessie James Wisdom, 21, Boyne City. Assault with a dangerous weapon (Felonious Assault). Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 35 days, serve 180 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Todd Allan Page, 39, Boyne Falls. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Sentenced to a minimum of 21 months and a maximum of 10 years in jail with credit for 81 days. Fines and costs totaling $781.88.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Cherrylandcoupons.com, 9543 Lake Street, Ellsworth, by Scotty Bruce.

Buck's Quality Painting, 16 Shaler Road, Boyne City, by Tammy L. Mapes and Harold W. Mapes.

Georgi-Bonello Building, 203 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, by Richard E. Georgi.

Jimmy D's Fitness Center, 04880 Walloon Court, Boyne City, by Dallas Franklin Culvahouse IV.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by

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Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
July 13	83	59	.68
July 14	69	59	—
July 15	72	58	—
July 16	70	62	.07
July 17	72	57	—
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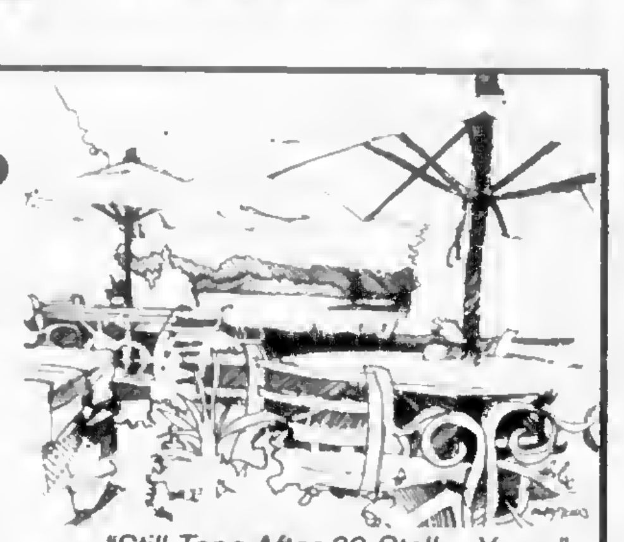

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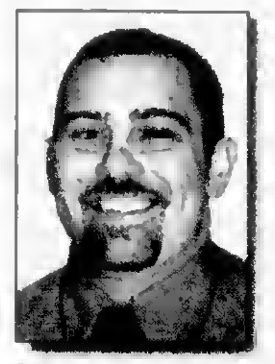

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the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Forrest Wayne Plumm, 26, Charlevoix and Renee Marie Perron, 21, Charlevoix

Michael Roy Best, 21, Ellsworth and Heather Lee Smith, 24, Traverse City

Brion Martin Sobleski, 29, Boyne City and Sarah Marie Deschermeier, 26, Boyne City

Charles Kevin Dudley, 62, Peculiar, Mo. and Barbara Ann Pellum, 61, Peculiar, Mo.

Benjamin Robert Sandtveit, 26, Boyne City and Brooke Ann Craggs, 25, Boyne City

Norman Lee Cool, 41, Boyne Falls and Belinda June Shuten, 39, Boyne Falls

Divorce

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Rachel A. Pop vs. Larry D. Pop

Benjamin Neil Stutzman vs. Melody Renee Stutzman

Merna Lynn Byrd vs. Matthew Martin Byrd

Jean Wildermuth vs. Richard Charles Wildermuth

Craig Remsberg vs. Susan Remsberg

Correction

On page 10 of last week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier it should have said Charlevoix Mariners Auction is to take place on Saturday, Aug. 21. To make a donation to the auction contact Jeff Glenny at (231) 547-9967.

Also in a story on page 7 of last week's edition, a story on the hospice aucton should have said ticket prices are $30, $60 and $90.

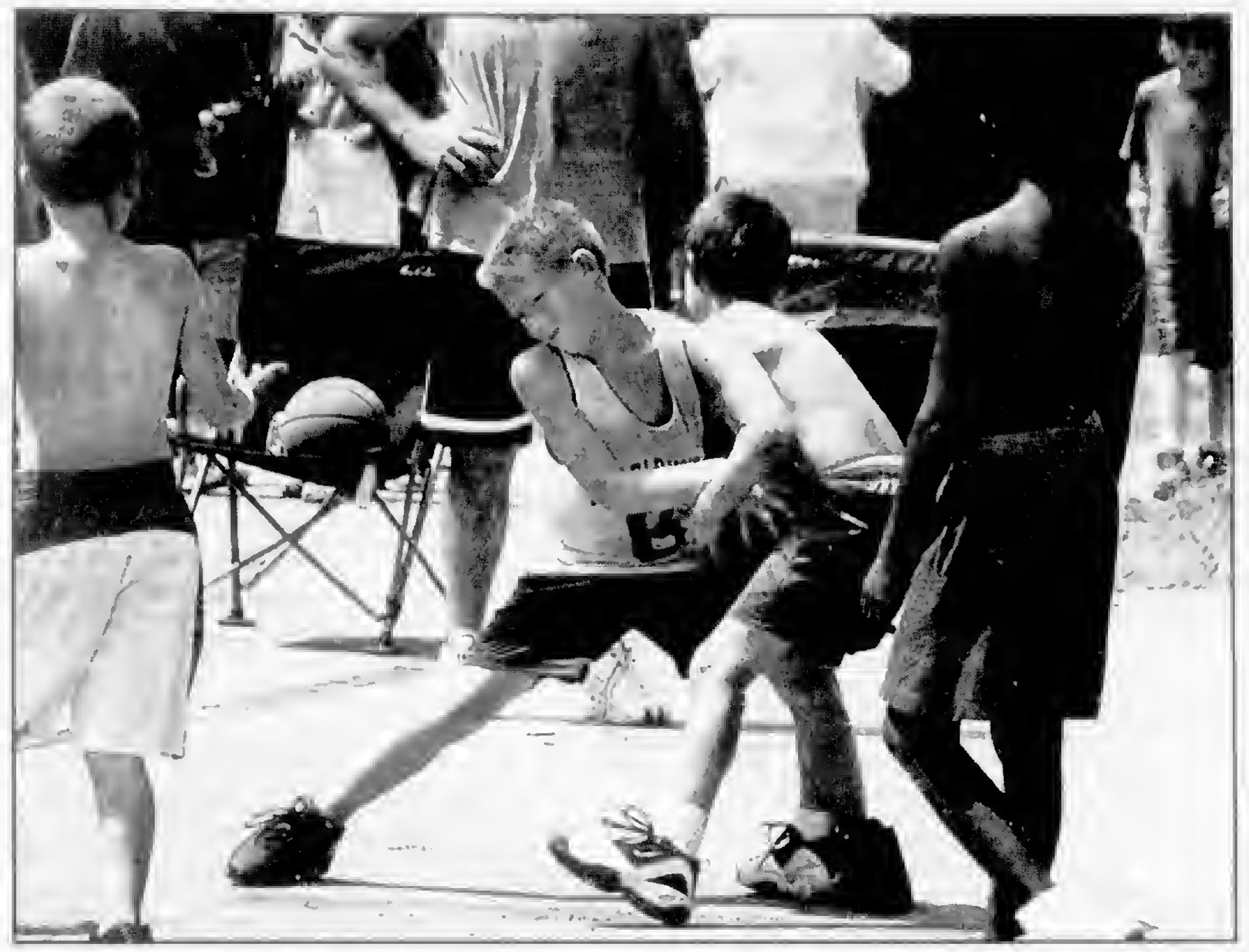

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Who's got the ball?

Winning was the goal for these children during the St. Mary three-on-three Basketball Summer Slam, which kicked off Venetian on Sunday, July, 25 at Michigan Beach. Teams were composed of women, men and children of various skill levels all competiong to be the best in the tournament. Spectators and competitors filled the park for this annual event.

Resident wants city to quiet the noise

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Gene Beer, a Charlevoix resident, said he is concerned about the level of noise he receives from living on a corner and whether or not the noise ordinance is being enforced.

Beer said loud car stereo systems and mufflers disrupt the piece and quiet he deserves.

"I just feel if an ordinance is there then it should be enforced," Beer said.

Beer brought up the noise ordinance during the July 14 Charlevoix City Council meeting. He said the ordinance may actually be enforced, but would like some communication with the Charlevoix City Police so he can know what is going on.

The issue with noise has been going on for a year now, and Beer said he is not the only one.

"I'm not on crusade on my own," he said. "Others have not come forward."

Beer said the noise levels that disrupt him occur mainly during the evenings and all day on the weekends.

Beer said he was told by City Police Chief Dennis Halverson to supply information concerning the offenders so the police could have something to go by, yet the noise continues.

Some offenders have stopped while others are still loud, which has caused Beer to suspect selective enforcement.

"I've seen other things in town where they enforce it one way for someone versus others," he said.

Halverson said there is not necessarily a noise ordinance, for noise is mentioned in various places within the city ordinance, which talks about construction and vehicular noise.

Halverson said it's more of a subjective ordinance versus an objective one.

"There is noise produced, but we try to maintain the noise so it's not offensive to anyone," Halverson said.

Halverson said there has been a typical amount of complaints for this time of year.

Whether or not a sound is perceived as annoying depends on the particular sound, time of day and other variables.

"The very same noise at 3 p.m. doesn't sound as loud as it does at 3 a.m.," Halverson said. "There's room for discretion."

Beer said he was concerned some violators were getting off easy.

"You can warn someone forever," he said.

Beer said he wants to see things more enforced.

Halverson said license numbers are given to the police for several reasons including noise, but the police can't act on that alone.

An officer has to witness the event or a person needs to fill out a complaint form because Halverson said the police can't ticket someone when they aren't caught in the act of doing the annoying behavior.

Halverson said there are some complaints this year, but they are primarily about parties and barking dogs.

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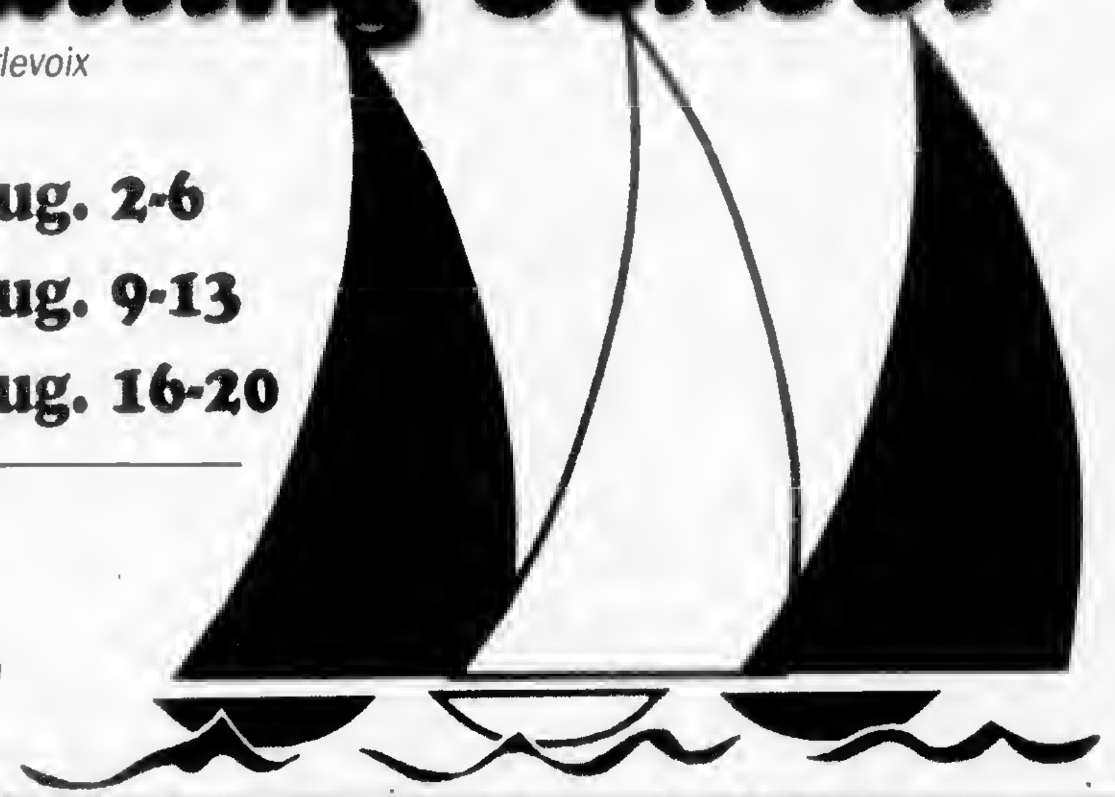

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Cross at the legal spot, drive carefully

EDITORIAL

Another Venetian Festival is upon us in Charlevoix.

Throughout this week, East Park and the downtown area will be filled with people watching and listening to the musical acts, enjoying the carnival rides and taking in Charlevoix's scenery.

But, all these people converging on one location sometimes makes for some unsafe situations.

Every year the police logs are filled with tales of automobile accidents, most of them without injuries, from vehicles backing into one another in the parking lots, one vehicle smashing into the back of another because they were following too close, vehicles coming together when one driver doesn't notice a stop sign and vehicles traveling too fast to stop in time when they hit the wonderful traffic jam that is Bridge Street.

But it is not always two cars that impact. Unfortunately there are many vehicular accidents involving pedestrians or people on bicycles. And many times it is the fault of the walker or biker, because they did not pay attention to the crosswalks and decided to cross at any random spot on Bridge Street — most likely they appear in the road from between two cars.

The problem is most of these accidents can be prevented.

According to Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson, drivers and pedestrians need to be aware of their surroundings during the Venetian Festival — and pretty much any other summer day in Charlevoix — and act accordingly.

"There is a lot of distraction downtown, a lot of visitors, a lot of foot traffic," he said.

This means drivers should slow down and pay attention to where they are going.

As for pedestrians, he said they need to be aware of the cross walks and the signals. Don't cross at the cross walk when you do not have the right-of-way, for example — many people seem to not follow this one.

And crossing Bridge Street at any other place than a cross walk is frowned upon in Charlevoix.

Halverson said, "Other than at the traffic lights, don't expect traffic to yield to you."

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Seeing the president was great despite political views

Courtney E. Pace

Staff writer

Little did I know upon taking this job, that I would end up covering the President of the United States.

Yes, I attended President George W. Bush's rally in Marquette last Tuesday at the Superior Dome at Northern Michigan University. I am not a fan of his, but the experience is something I'll never forget. Not often does any reporter, let alone a new one, cover something on such a national scale.

I had to send in information stating who I was and what purpose I had to be there, which sent me into a panic when I realized I only had my driver's license and not a letter of introduction to go with it.

I was so worried that once I got there I would be denied entry and my editor would be angry with me. The people I drove up with probably thought I suffered from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, since I checked my bag so regularly to make sure I had everything I might possibly need to prove who I was.

With my papers in tow, I made my way toward the north entrance and passed protesters along the way.

It was nostalgic for me because it reminded me of college when President Bush came to visit Western Michigan University soon after he assumed the office. His visit struck a chord so deep that students argued about it the following semester.

After passing by the protesters and through a line of people waiting to enter, I found the press entrance. It wasn't what I had expected. To this day I'm not quite sure what I thought the press entrance would look like, but it definitely wasn't a brown folding table.

I was ready to pull out my papers, but the lady only asked for my name. She crossed it off a list and filled out a White House press pass with my name, affiliation and the date. It was too cool, but then she asked for my driver's license.

Some obscenities flew through my mind as I thought about the picture haunting my license. Let's just say short hair isn't my thing. I've had trouble getting into clubs and bars because my picture looks different than I do. She gave it a quick glance then handed me my pass to pin to my shirt.

It's strange to think that it is harder for me to get into a bar to have a drink than it was for me to get into a rally where the president of the United States was going to speak. I guess alcohol consumption is more of a concern than the President's safety.

After having my bags searched and passing through a metal detector, I made my way to the press pool in the middle of the stadium.

It is surreal to think that I, a reporter from a small weekly newspaper in Northern Michigan, was covering a national event involving the president.

My thoughts were interrupted by people chanting "We want Bush" while they waved their flags and pompoms. Yes, pompoms. I didn't think they held pep rallies after high school.

Scanning the crowd I spotted a few people I knew from the Charlevoix area. I started talking to one, but a television reporter assistant told me to move because I was in the shot.

The only good thing to come out of that was it put me next to a good-looking Secret Service agent.

I regained myself and listened as Steve Mariucci, president of the Detroit Lions and a native of the Upper Peninsula, introduced the president.

When President Bush walked out I got my camera ready. People behind the press area were yelling at us to get down off the steps and chairs so they could see. If only they knew what it was like to battle against several other reporters in order to get the best shot.

Somewhere between taking pictures and getting told to get off the steps leading up to the press picture platform, I realized I wasn't in Kansas anymore.

It was strange seeing people cheer so much for a person who I believe doesn't have the best track record. Another reporter and I felt as though we were the only two people not hanging on every word the president said.

Despite what I think of the president, I wouldn't pass it up should the opportunity present itself again.

I can assure everyone that whether or not you support the candidate, it's an event out of this world.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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Letters to the editor

Kur "facts"

Editor:

After reading the letter recently from the assistant prosecutors I just had to respond. Let's please keep this campaign on the high road; if you like working for Mary Beth Kur then great, but don't put someone and something else down to do it.

I would like the people of Charlevoix County to look at the facts in the case not the personalities. This is about who will represent Charlevoix County best as our prosecutor.

Here are the facts. The prosecutor supplied these court numbers to seek a 6 percent pay raise.

The prosecutor supplied the numbers below to the commissioners:

- According to the numbers supplied by the prosecutor, in 2002, the prosecutor's office handled 849 district court misdemeanors. Of those 849 cases that went to trial, the prosecutor personally tried 0 misdemeanor cases.
- According to the numbers supplied by the prosecutor, in 2002, the prosecutor's office handled 300 Felony Circuit Court Cases.
- Of those 300 Circuit Court Felony cases, the current prosecutor personally tried one felony case.

A review of the court records and facts from Charlevoix County and the surrounding counties show the following:

- Since Jan. 1, 2001 until the present, Bob Engel, Emmet County Prosecutor, has personally tried 20 misdemeanor cases. (Statistics provided by the 90th District Court.)
- Since Jan. 1, 2001, the Charlevoix County Prosecutor has personally tried 0 misdemeanor cases.
- In 2001, the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office tried a total of 17 trials.
- John Jarema personally tried 10 trials with eight convictions and two hung juries.
- One assistant tried five trials with two convictions and three not guilty.
- One assistant tried one trial with one not guilty.
- An intern tried one trial with one conviction.
- The current prosecutor tried no trials.

She has been quoted to say, that she has never had a case overturned, well, it is easy to have no over turns of decisions of your cases when you haven't tried any misdemeanor cases and only two felony cases in four years. So let's stick to the facts; if you are wondering about the lawsuits against Mary Beth Kur the last couple years, go to circuit court and read the depositions; you will be amazed concerning her statements in those. Seek the facts, the truth, and elect John Jarema for prosecutor. For more facts visit www.votejarema.com.

Jan Boss
Charlevoix

Support Kur

Editor:

Firstly, let me make it clear that I am Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur's volunteer campaign manager. I consider it a privilege, pleasure and honor to be so.

Before accepting this position, I had known Prosecutor Kur for at least six years and had worked with her in regard to the Citizens Dispute Resolution Service board and Community Corrections Program, had observed her in court, and had temporarily worked in her office.

As campaign manager, I have had the dubious pleasure to be advised of all manner of rumor, innuendo and inaccurate reports going about town regarding this campaign. I ignore gossip, for to waste time responding to it only gives it more importance than it is due. I suggest that people start refraining from spreading stories.

The politics of personal attack involving the use of half-truth and rumor is disgusting to me. Democracy requires that voters make a well informed rational choice based on the issues.

As I see it, the issue of this election is experience and performance — period, end of sentence.

Mary Beth Kur has been the Prosecuting Attorney for Charlevoix County for the past nine years. Cases have been tried, cases have been won, criminals have gone to jail, victims assisted and unused county approved budget funds have been returned to the county. Rightfully, she is proud of her record as prosecutor and stands for reelection based on it.

Furthermore, her current staff of young dynamic professionals and several former employees support her reelection bid and proudly stand with her. Not only do I believe that Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur is the right person for the job of Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, I am prepared to stake my personal reputation on her suitability and proudly and publicly stand with her and her staff.

Murray Kilgour
Charlevoix

Support Jarema

Editor:

I am writing in support of the candidacy of John Jarema for Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney.

I first came to know John through his work in the prosecutor's office. John came up through the ranks, beginning as an intern, moving on to assistant and eventually chief assistant prosecuting attorney.

John tried the most cases and obtained the most convictions in the prosecutor's office during his time there. Quite frankly, he was the attorney that we defense attorneys most dreaded facing in trial because he was always knowledgeable, thoroughly prepared and comfortable in the courtroom.

When John left the prosecutor's office, my firm immediately offered John a job. We were fortunate to find someone with his experience and expertise. He has done a tremendous job for us.

Although it would be very difficult to replace John, our firm's loss would be Charlevoix County's gain if he were elected prosecuting attorney. Please join with me in voting for John Jarema for Charlevoix County Prosecuting attorney in the Republican primary on Aug. 3.

Allen Telgenhof
Charlevoix

Venetian needs help

Editor:

The 74th Venetian Festival is here and if you are one of the many who enjoy it, we very much need your financial support. From start to finish, Venetian is a $250,000 event. The four largest expenses are fireworks, insurance, kids' day and music, none of which have a practical way to charge admission. Through the years we have seen hundreds of people who enjoy the various activities and yet donate nothing.

Unlike Cherry Festival and others, some people may not realize the Venetian Festival is organized and managed by an all volunteer group of people. This event is not run by the chamber of commerce or the city, even though they both help us in many ways. You see large parties on Round Lake, the Belvedere Club, the Chicago Club, the C & O Club and others, and yet many of these individuals apparently think someone else should pay for their fun and entertainment.

The point is, if everyone that is able and enjoys Venetian would just donate $50 per family, we would not constantly have to beg a few individuals for even more money. In attempts to be even more self funded, we have organized three new major events: the Young Americans, the Rayder Rumble and the Kick-Off at the Castle. Individually, any one of those three events is as large as any other event in our community the entire year, thus taking even more volunteer hours.

We need your financial support very much this year. If we have a shortfall we will be forced to make significant cutbacks to the 75th Venetian Festival.

Venetian has become a homecoming for the entire community over a 74 year period and we need your support to make sure the tradition continues.

John Winn
Venetian Festival, Inc.
Director

Don't like it, don't buy it

Editor:

A well-meaning member of the Charlevoix Ministerial Association wrote a heartfelt letter last week regarding his association's request that Family Video remove its "adult" section from the Charlevoix store. While I agree that having an "adult" video section in a video rental store called "Family Video" is an oxymoron, I must question Pastor Smith's logic regarding his letter to the newspaper addressing this issue.

My husband and I were in the video store probably a dozen times before we even noticed that an "adult" section existed. Now, thanks to that letter, everyone who reads the Courier's editorials knows it exists. Mr. Smith said that he and his organization's responsibility is to serve the community on matters of morality. I say, "Sir, you've opened a new can of worms."

Pornography concerns rights of expression. The "good" guys and the "bad" guys can face off on this issue forever, and it'll never be settled. All we can do as American consumers is be responsible for OURSELVES. If an issue or product seems controversial to you and you don't like it, agree with it or want it, then don't buy it, sell it, rent it, use it or do it if you find it offensive.

Another concerned citizen,
Kristene Wright
Charlevoix

Respect our freedoms

Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter by Pastor Michael C. Smith of the Charlevoix Ministerial Association.

I commend your efforts to lead your congregation in the observance of moral Christian behavior by choosing not to purchase Family Video's pornographic videos. Furthermore, I empathize with your noble goal of maintaining a wholesome, family centered community here in Charlevoix.

However, the censorship of any material merely because one considers it immoral or distasteful runs contrary to the philosophical ideals that our great country was founded upon.

John Stuart Mill, popular empirical philosopher of the nineteenth century, believed that an individual should be free to do whatever he likes so long as he does not bring significant harm to others. John Locke, political philosopher upon whose ideals our constitution was founded, questioned humankind's ability to absolutely know what is or is not moral behavior, therefore we should focus our efforts on knowing true morality rather than suppressing our fellow citizens.

The availability of pornography in Charlevoix will not affect the moral decisions of its citizenry. The upbringing of our children and teachings by our parents, teachers and religious leaders will determine our moral actions. By bullying Family Video to eliminate its adult entertainment section, we will trample on the freedoms and rights we so readily boast. One cannot presume to know the moral beliefs of every member of our community.

"If all mankind minus one were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind," said John Stuart Mill, on liberty.

Pornographic material is not new in Charlevoix. In this age of information, anyone with Internet availability has immediate access to any type of adult entertainment imaginable, in the comfort and privacy of their homes. Thus, Family Video's pornographic section cannot be held responsible for the viewing of pornography in Charlevoix.

By protecting the freedoms of expression, privacy, and matters of taste, we ensure the freedom to express our religion, morality and beliefs. We express our beliefs by acting upon our personal ethics.

If you feel pornography is immoral, don't buy adult videos. Teach your family to embrace your values. Teach them to choose not to engage in behaviors you deem immoral. Ensure for posterity the freedom for all to choose.

Phoebe Gohs
Charlevoix

Smelly walk

Editor:

Walking along Lake Michigan is no longer an enjoyable experience. The stench from the Waste Water Plant with its near drying beds and weed choked sludge beds has filled with the aroma of dead skunks day after day, week after week, month after month. Much has been said, but nothing is being done to remedy this stinky, sludgy, skunky, odorous smell.

We need your help to restore Charlevoix the Beautiful to its former pristine beauty.

Monte M. Korn
Charlevoix

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Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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Thank you

Editor:

The 2004 Charlevoix/Emmet County Pink Ribbon Ride was on June 19, at Veteran's Park in Boyne City, raising over $16,000 and surpassing last year's total by more than $6,000. What is so important about this event is that 85 percent of the net proceeds stay in our community to provide funding for programs in breast cancer awareness, detection, education and prevention. Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation has used the funds provided from last year's ride to start the Cancer Resources Program, Circle of Strength, which will provide support, education and training for cancer patients and their support teams. Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation has combined this money with other breast cancer funds to provide educational programs and finance mammograms and diagnostic tests for women in need.

An event like this comes together only through the combined efforts of businesses and people in our communities. By donating funds, goods and services, many individuals and businesses made it possible to surpass our own expectations.

Funding for research and finding a cure is very important; however, I believe it is more important to take care of those in our own communities. I would look to some of the large industries in the area to provide support as well for this ride in the future.

I also extend a very special thank you to Kathy Johnson and Therese Green from the foundations for their invaluable advice and experience, Scott and Barb from the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce, Candy Greene, Donna Moll, Bo Mayfield and Jon Foltz for manning our SAG stop and vehicle, and most of all my Pink Ribbon Committee: Bonnie Brunett, Cheryl Hofwchber, Dean Lucier, Cathy Pumford, Terri Reynolds, Char Schuman, Kim Westrick and Helen Truchan. We would not have had the success we did without all of your help.

Please join us for next year's ride on Saturday, June 18, 2005.

Susan B. Morris
Event Chairperson

Help weed

Editor:

The Charlevoix High School Band Boosters kicks off its summer fund-raiser soon by pulling weeds in the petunia beds.

We will be working at times designated by the city. Parents are donating their time to this effort, and all funds raised will be used to purchase new Marching Band uniforms. Our goal is to raise enough money to purchase these uniforms for the 2004 Marching season.

We are grateful for the generous support we have received from community members in assisting us with the project.

We are in need of further community support. If anyone is interested in donating any time to weeding with us, please contact Jamie Thomas at 582-0035. In addition, we welcome donations of water, snacks and beverages for our weeders. Finally, monetary donations to the Band Boosters are appreciated. For those interested, please send checks made payable to the Charlevoix High School Band Boosters. These can be mailed to the high school.

The children who participate in Charlevoix Bands work hard at presenting the finest musical performances throughout the year. The high school members will be attending marching band camp in late July. The community will be able to see many performances by the band throughout the summer. You will be proud to see the students represent our community in the Venetian Festival and at marching band competitions this fall.

Thank you for your continued support of Charlevoix Bands!

Jamie Thomas
Charlevoix High School Band Boosters

Thank you

Editor:

Thank you to all my friends and customers.

As all of you know, for the last two years I have needed the support and help of many of you because of what I was going through in Norwood Township. Our prayers have been answered as we have finally settled out of court. It is a relief to have this behind me, but I wouldn't trade this experience for anything. To all of you good people who were praying for me, supporting me and encouraging me, I would like to say from the bottom of my heart - "God bless each and every one of you."

I don't think I could have remained functional, and been able to keep my business running if it hadn't been for all of you. The loyalty that you have displayed has shown me just what wonderful people you are. I am so proud to be in a position to serve you in the realm of caring for your special friends. I pray that I will be able to be of service to you and give you only the very best that I can give, for as long as I am able to do so. Thank you once again for being there when I needed you, and please know that I am there for you also. May the grace of God bless you with all that you need in your lives.

A very grateful and touched friend,

Barbara Hamilton
Auntie Barb's Country Kennels
Norwood Township

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Mojo kicks off game

Jon Archambault, lead guitarist for the local blues band Mojo and the Boogieman, rocks out during the pre-game show on Monday at the Rayder Rumble at Charlevoix High School. Mojo and the Boogieman played their signature style during halftime and also consists of Bryan Fischer, Charlie Witthoeft, A.J. Witthoeft and Fritz Von Valtier.

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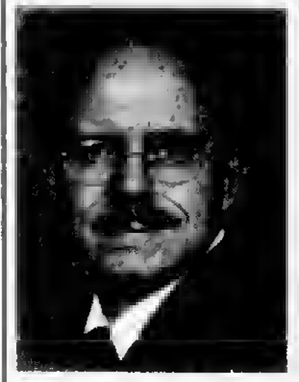

Scott R. Egler

Egler retires

Scott R. Egler, the son of Audrey Lehman, of Charlevoix, and the late Robert Egler and the stepson of the late Charles Lehman retired after 26 years in the U.S. Navy with the rate of Senior Chief Machinist Mate recently.

His last station was on the USS Nassau in Norfolk, Va.

GVSU graduates

Three Charlevoix students graduated from Grand Valley State University in April. They are: Regina M. Cervantes with a bachelor of arts, Gena M. Cross with a masters in education and Jessi N. Whitley with a bachelor of arts.

Malpass graduates

Lindsey K. Malpass, of Charlevoix, graduated from Western Michigan University after the spring term with a degree in human resource management.

Spring Arbor grads

Two Charlevoix students graduated from Spring Arbor University on May 15. They are: Barbara Haske and Amy Spegele.

Chowen honored

Derek Chowen, of Charlevoix, was one of 121 Edward Jones representatives honored at the company's business management forum in June in St. Louis, Mo. Chowen was recognized for his business management skills he has demonstrated.

Paterka graduates

Abigail L. Paterka, of Charlevoix, graduated from Aquinas College with a bachelor of arts degree on May 8. Paterka is the daughter of Steve and Kathleen Paterka of Charlevoix and a 1999 Charlevoix High School graduate. She has accepted an elementary school teaching position in Yuma, Ariz. beginning in the fall.

Get your meningitis vaccine

The health department is recommending meningitis vaccine for all college freshmen this year.

Appointments are in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. They will be offered through September so that college freshmen, particularly those who will live in dormitories, can be vaccinated before the school year begins in the fall.

"Most colleges now recommend a meningitis immunization for incoming freshmen," said Patricia Fralick, director of Family Health Services for the health department. "Freshmen live in close quarters with lots of other people so they have a higher risk for communicable diseases. Meningitis can be a deadly disease, but it is preventable with just one shot."

The cost for the vaccine is $75.

"It's an expensive vaccine," Fralick said. "We're offering it at our cost to encourage as many college freshmen as possible to protect themselves from meningitis."

Because appointments for immunization clinics fill up quickly, Fralick recommends booking an appointment soon by calling (800) 432-4121 during business hours.

Meningococcal disease is a serious illness, caused by bacteria. It is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children age 2 to18 in the US. Meningitis is an infection of the brain and spinal cord coverings.

Meningococcal disease vaccine can prevent two of the three important types of meningococcal disease in older children and adults. About 2,600 people get meningococcal disease each year in the US. Ten to 15 percent of these people die, in spite of treatment with antibiotics.

Of those who live, another 10 percent lose their arms or legs, become deaf, have problems with their nervous systems, become mentally impaired or suffer seizures or strokes.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

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Beacons of Blessing

By **FR. JIM GUNN**
Rector
Christ Church

It would be quite difficult to use the weather as a guide to decide if summer has arrived.

One day it seems like summer and the next day seems like late fall or early spring. That reminds me, did we have spring this year? I think 2004 is having a memory lapse in terms of the seasons. To use an image that is probably not recognizable to anyone under 40, the needle got stuck on winter, and then skipped wildly over spring and summer.

However, there is one reliable guide that we can use to know that summer has arrived: that is, the number of people walking the streets of Charlevoix and the number of cars on the surrounding roads. In fact, it seems to me that we are perhaps filled even fuller than usual for this point in time.

The crowded streets are what brought to my mind the subject for this article. A week or so ago I was leaving the church for home around mid-afternoon. It took me at least three full cycles of the traffic light to travel the one block between State Street and Bridge Street along Clinton Street. I did not end up getting caught by the bridge as well, although the possibility of that crossed my mind.

Fortunately, I was not on a tight schedule at that moment so I did not get frantic over the delay. Later on I was reflecting about a principle that could be drawn from that experience. The principle is that we do not always have control over the pace of our life. Sometimes it's as simple as the situation I described about being delayed in traffic. Sometimes it may be that someone else is making a decision that will affect our life, but they are taking their time doing it. Sometimes we are brought up short, so to speak, by an illness or an injury.

In late 1998 I developed a case of pneumonia that had me hospitalized for three and a half days. There wasn't a thing I could do but lay there in that bed and let people help me defeat the fever and get rehydrated. What I'm trying to say is that it is good to keep loose reins on our expectations so that we can handle schedule changes that are out of our control. We are in trouble when the accomplishment of our plans becomes more important that the recognition that we are about the business of God's will. Those who are interested might consult James 4:13-15 for some words about that.

In conclusion, I would like to share a prayer with you. It is one of my favorites from our Book of Common Prayer. It appears in the section for ministering to the sick and is listed as a prayer for use by a sick person. However, I believe that it illustrates the kind of attitude I am recommending towards life. It reads as follows:

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

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Agatha I. DeWar: Jan. 1, 1920 - July 13, 2004

Agatha I. DeWar, 84, of Charlevoix and formerly of Bay City, died July 13, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Visitation was Saturday, July 17, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. A funeral service was, Sunday, July 18, at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix, with the Rev. Michael Dennis officiating.

Agatha was born Jan. 1, 1920, in Bay City, the daughter of Phillip J. and Rita A. (Groulx) Grandmaison. On Jan. 31,1968, she married Clarence DeWar in Reno, Nev.

She worked in real estate sales and retail management. Agatha became a resident of Charlevoix in 1985.

Survivors include her son, Dennis (Sandra) Wojciechowski of Cirritos, Calif; daughter, Sandra (Joseph) Kish of Hillsborough, Calif; 10 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; brother, Donald (Nancy) Grandmaison of Bay City; sisters, Mrs. Madonna Laleman and Mrs. Magdalene Bushong of Bay City; and Joan Hansen of Charlevoix; step-son, John (Catherine) DeWar of Anchorage, Alaska; step-daughter, Kathleen (Robert) Britzke of Rogers, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her husband Clarence; brothers Phillip and Gabriel Grandmaison, and sisters Ann Bourcier and Rita Newell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, 614 Beardsley Street, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Family of musicians

Local country singer Chris Dominic and his sister, Jessica Dominic, sang America the Beautiful during the opening ceremonies to the Rayder Rumble on Monday at Charlevoix High School. The two siblings sang while the crowd looked at an American flag hanging high on the gymnasium wall.

Alcohol abuse leads to trouble during festival

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson says the best way to avoid trouble during this year's Venetian Festival is to be safe and responsible with alcohol.

"Venetian is a family event and we are part of that encouragement to see that the atmosphere continues. The abuse of alcohol is in direct conflict to that," he said.

Halverson said alcohol problems are numerous during the Venetian Festival and throughout the summer in Charlevoix.

They range from being disorderly in public, assaults and drunken driving. He said the assaults typically start in one of the local bars as a fight, which then spills out into the street.

This year there has already been at least one fight of this type reported in early July in Charlevoix. Halverson said one of the combatants in that fight did need hospital care.

He added this overindulgence of alcohol is not the fault of the Venetian Festival, but is common to all festivals in Michigan.

To combat some of this problem, Halverson said he and his officers work with area bars to keep them knowledgeable of the laws. This includes laws against selling to people who are already intoxicated.

"We are both aware of their (bar owners) responsibility, but our hope is to encourage their continued compliance," he said. "However, we have in the past cited businesses when there was a breakdown on their end."

Halverson stressed he is not suggesting people not drink alcohol in Charlevoix, but they should be responsible when they do so. He said as long as you are not driving a car, being a danger to yourself or anyone else and minding your own business, the police will probably not be concerned with you.

Along with responsible alcohol consumption, Halverson wants to remind those attending the festival that there is to be no consumption of alcohol after 9:30 p.m. at Ferry and Depot beaches. He added alcohol is not allowed in East Park, with the exception of the marina.

Courtesy photo

Sunset Cruise

The seventh annual Sunset Cruise sponsored by the Charlevoix Historical Society will take place on July 27. The Emerald Isle will depart promptly at 8:30 p.m. from the Beaver Island Boat Dock in Charlevoix. Hors d' oeuvres and soft drinks will be available, plus music by the Bud Bechtold Quartet for dancing and entertainment. The tickets are $15 in advance, available at the Harsha House and The Bridge Street Book Shop. Tickets will be available for $20 at the dock prior to sailing. All those under 21 are welcome aboard. Please contact the Charlevoix Historical History at 547-0373 for additional information.

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AAA: Move over for tow trucks on the road

Motorists who fail to exercise due caution when approaching a tow truck or a Freeway Courtesy Patrol van providing roadside assistance now face the possibility of spending 90 days in jail and being fined $500.

Public Act 19 of 2004, passed in February by the Michigan Legislature and signed in March by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, took effect June 2. It extends to tow trucks and MDOT Freeway Courtesy Patrol vans the same protection that covers police cars, fire trucks and other emergency vehicles.

The law mandates that a motorist who sees a vehicle ahead providing roadside service must move over one lane from the scene of the assistance being rendered, if possible. If moving over is not possible because of traffic in the adjoining lane, the motorist must reduce speed to a safe level given traffic and weather conditions, before passing.

On a two-lane road, the motorists must slow to a safe speed until past the service vehicle. Under the Michigan Vehicle Code, a person who does not move over or slow down when approaching and/or passing a stationary, authorized emergency vehicle is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of $500 and/or imprisonment for up to 90 days.

The original law, known at the "move-over law," applied to any emergency vehicle displaying flashing red lights. Since tow trucks and Freeway Courtesy Patrol vans use flashing amber lights, the original wording of the law did not cover them, so the legislature acted to correct that omission.

The penalties are more severe for any motorists whose action or inaction actually causes harm to the operator of an emergency service vehicle. If the result is injury, the motorists is guilty of a felony punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine of $1,000. If death results, the penalty is up to 15 years in prison and a fine of up to $7,500.

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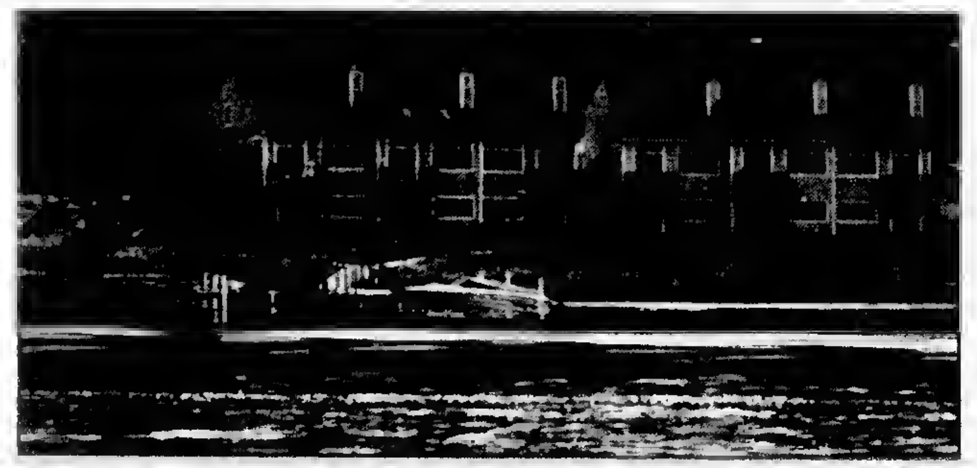

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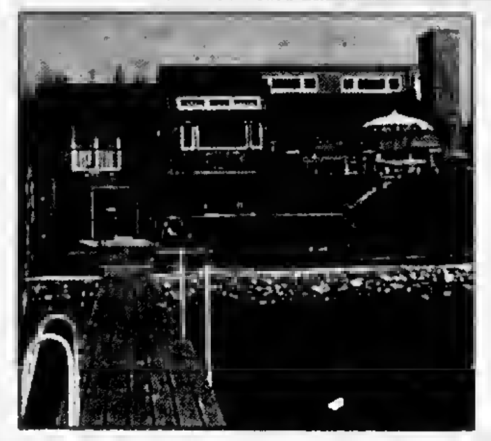

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Charlevoix native writes account of her life

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

With the completion of her first book, "Moments in Time: A True Story," a native presents the story of her life in Charlevoix and beyond.

Mary Ann Gibbons, the author, says that the memoir is "a personal and intimate account of her life."

Gibbons never intended to show her transcripts to anyone until her brother suffered a closed head injury that left him without the memories of his childhood. She felt obliged to let her other seven brothers read the story as well and they convinced her to publish the book.

Gibbons said there was an "element of abuse" that no one ever put on paper. The book captures both the painful and happy times of her childhood.

You won't see the name Mary Ann Gibbons on the cover of the book because she writes under the pen name Zelda Fitzgibbons. The name Zelda came from her first marriage and Fitz was dropped from her family's original name.

The cover of the book also captures Gibbons' favorite memory. Her thirteenth birthday fell on the wedding of one of her brothers. After a day of no one wishing her happy birthday, Gibbons received the cake from her new sister-in-law at the wedding.

Gibbons was born and raised in Charlevoix, and will come back to Charlevoix to do two book signings.

"You always go back to your childhood," Gibbons said.

The first book signing is from 1 to 3 p.m. on July 17 at Simple Things Gift Shop.

The second is from 1 to 3 p.m. on July 21, at the garage sale of a family friend, Jim Haggard on US-31 towards Petoskey. She will have *Charlevoix Courier* history on display and refreshments will be served.

Gibbons attended St. Francis Xavier High School and graduated with bachelor's degrees in psychology and sociology and a master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University.

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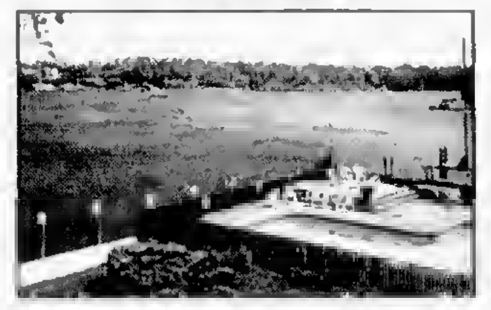

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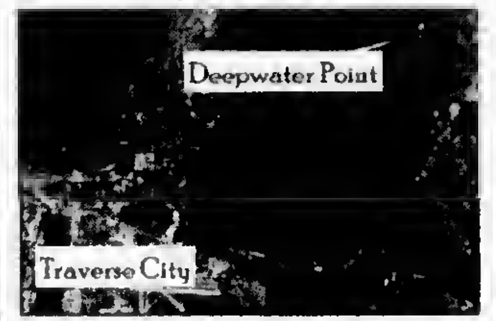

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Democratic candidates discuss school funding

By **GINA ATTEE**
Special to the Courier

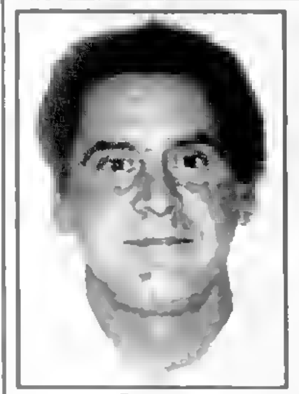
Both Democratic candidates for the 105th district seat believe that problems with Proposal A are behind our school funding woes.

Jim McKimmy

Candidate Jim McKimmy said, "Cuts have put our schools in crisis."

Candidate Greg Dean said the government "doesn't provide a sufficient revenue base."

According to McKimmy, Proposal A lowered the school income by lowering the property tax. The original plan was to keep up the funding by raising sales tax.



Greg Dean

Since then, though, there have been 24 cuts in sales tax items. Items such as vended foods and drinks, commercial advertising and airport electronics are now exempt from sales tax.

McKimmy said, "The problem is that every one of (the tax cuts) made sense to somebody."

The decreasing number of taxable items has lessened school revenue. In fact, $1.9 billion has been lost over eight years due to the tax cuts.

McKimmy said he has two ideas to fix this problem. First, he believes that people should have a right to call for an explanation on decreasing taxes so that it is better known where the money would be going.

Second, he said, "If we're going to cut the tax we better get something for it."

He believes tax exemption shouldn't be just a given thing. If a company hired more employees, for example, in exchange for exemption, the money paid to employees would eventually come back in taxes.

Dean also says that he will "take a serious look at Proposal A and see if there isn't some tweaking we can do."

He believes that part of the problem is that schools aren't looking ahead to see economic highs and lows so that they can account for them.

Dean also believes that schools were "spend-happy" in previous years, and that they weren't looking forward into their economic future.

Another problem is "misappropriation of funds," said Dean.

To account for the problem, Dean said he'd "like to see shifts from the top down."

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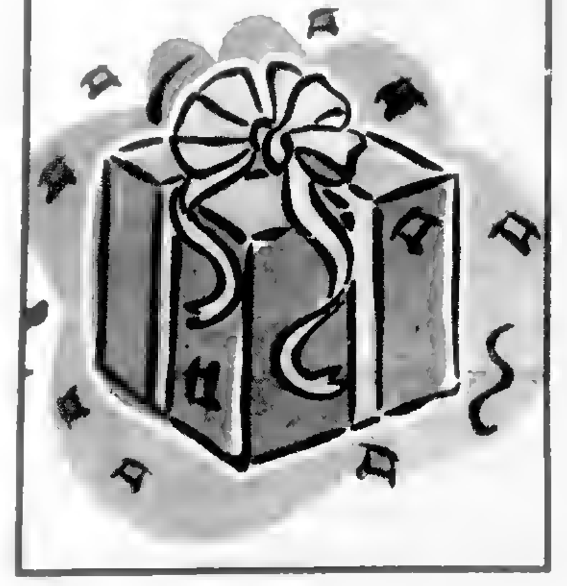

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Republicans give ideas for school funding

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Parents will soon be getting their children ready for another school year, bringing the issue of school funding to the forefront, especially in the race for the 105th District seat in the state house. In Charlevoix, the school board has already had to make cuts to the staffing at it schools and is looking at another round of cuts next summer. Republicans running for this seat have a variety of solutions to the school funding debate.

Jack Apol

Kevin Elsenheimer

Candidate Jack Apol said, "The simple answer is that the revenue flow in Lansing has been way less then we thought. Obviously the schools are going to have to do a little belt tightening."

Apol said, regardless, the state needs to realize that schools are the first place money must be spent. This means we have to have revenue for the schools or cut somewhere else in the budget.

Bonnie Nothoff

Jeff Garfield

"Citizens have to decide what are the priorities. Mine is education," he said.

Apol also said we will have to look at our entire tax structure in the state to see where the problem is. But, he stopped short of advocating new taxes. He did support taxes on purchases made over the internet and out of state purchases as revenue sources saying people should already be paying sales tax on those items.

John Ramsey

Craig Ryan

"There are lots of revenue sources we don't enforce," he said.

Candidate Kevin Elsenheimer could not be reached by telephone for an interview for this story. He did send in a written statement on his solution for school funding.

Elsenheimer wrote, "As a five year member of a school board in a district that has seen both increasing and decreasing revenues, I can tell you that it is much more pleasant to spend money than to cut budgets. However, the fact is, schools are very well funded."

Elsenheimer argues the operating revenues for schools have increased 45 percent since Proposal A and infrastructure revenue have increased over 147 percent and our teachers are among the best paid in the country.

But, he said we are near the bottom when it comes to the amount of money that is spent on the classroom.

"When cuts become necessary, it is almost always due to declining enrollment. When a school loses a child, the school also loses the state funding or foundation grant for that child. This forces the schools to compete with each other for students, but competi-

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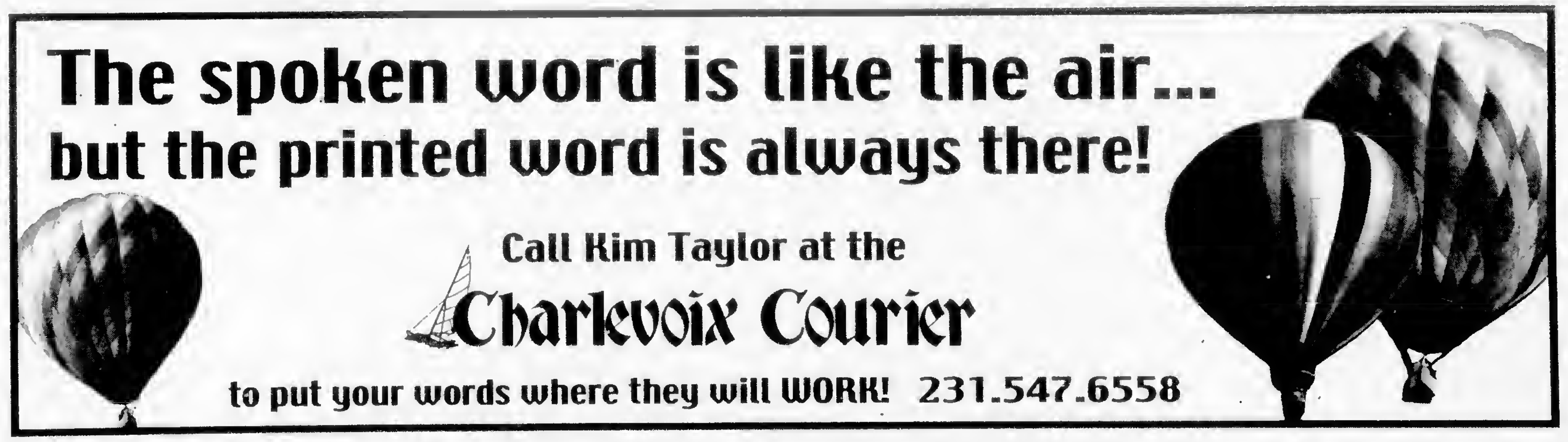

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Republicans say schools should be competitive

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tion makes our schools better and focuses boards of education on ensuring that the school is providing what the customer — the parents — want," he wrote.

Candidate Bonnie Nothoff said, "I think the problem is how much of the money is getting to the classroom. That has to do with the management of the money."

She said she believes we need to take a look at how money is spent in our school districts, especially because the per pupil funding has increased since 1994.

"What is missing from the schools? Where are the dollars not arriving?" she said. "I don't for a minute think that our schools do not have a problem."

She added the local school districts have been doing the right thing by tightening their belts all along and saving their money for down times, which is different than the schools downstate who have been extravagant with their money.

Nothoff also said there is some legislation that needs to be looked at to bring in more money for the school districts. For example, mobile home owners have to be taxed beyond what they are taxed now — mobile home owners do not pay property tax on their mobile homes.

Candidate Jeff Garfield said Michigan has some of the highest funding for schools in the nation and some of the best paid teachers in the nation. But, he said the problem does not lay in the teacher pay, the problem is the schools in larger cities.

Garfield argues that many schools in some of the large Michigan cities, such as Detroit, have become "half-empty," so he said we need to look at consolidating those schools. This would save a lot of money in administration costs alone.

He also said we need a bigger push to get parents more active in the children's education. Garfield also advocates adding teaching morals and bible classes to the current school curriculum.

Candidate John Ramsey said, "I don't know yet what can be done until I get into the budget."

However, he said the state has no greater priority than the schools.

"I don't know yet, without really studying the budget, where the cuts could be made. Schools should be last," Ramsey said. "To say how you can fix (schools) would be irresponsible today."

He added the problem with making cuts to school funding is it is a short term fix to a long term problem.

Candidate Craig Ryan said a solution would be to go back to one year budgets and average declining enrollment over three years.

Ryan said in the past the state had this idea to go with three year budgets to allow schools the ability to plan for three years of funding. However, the bottom dropped out in the economy and the state did not have the money to do that.

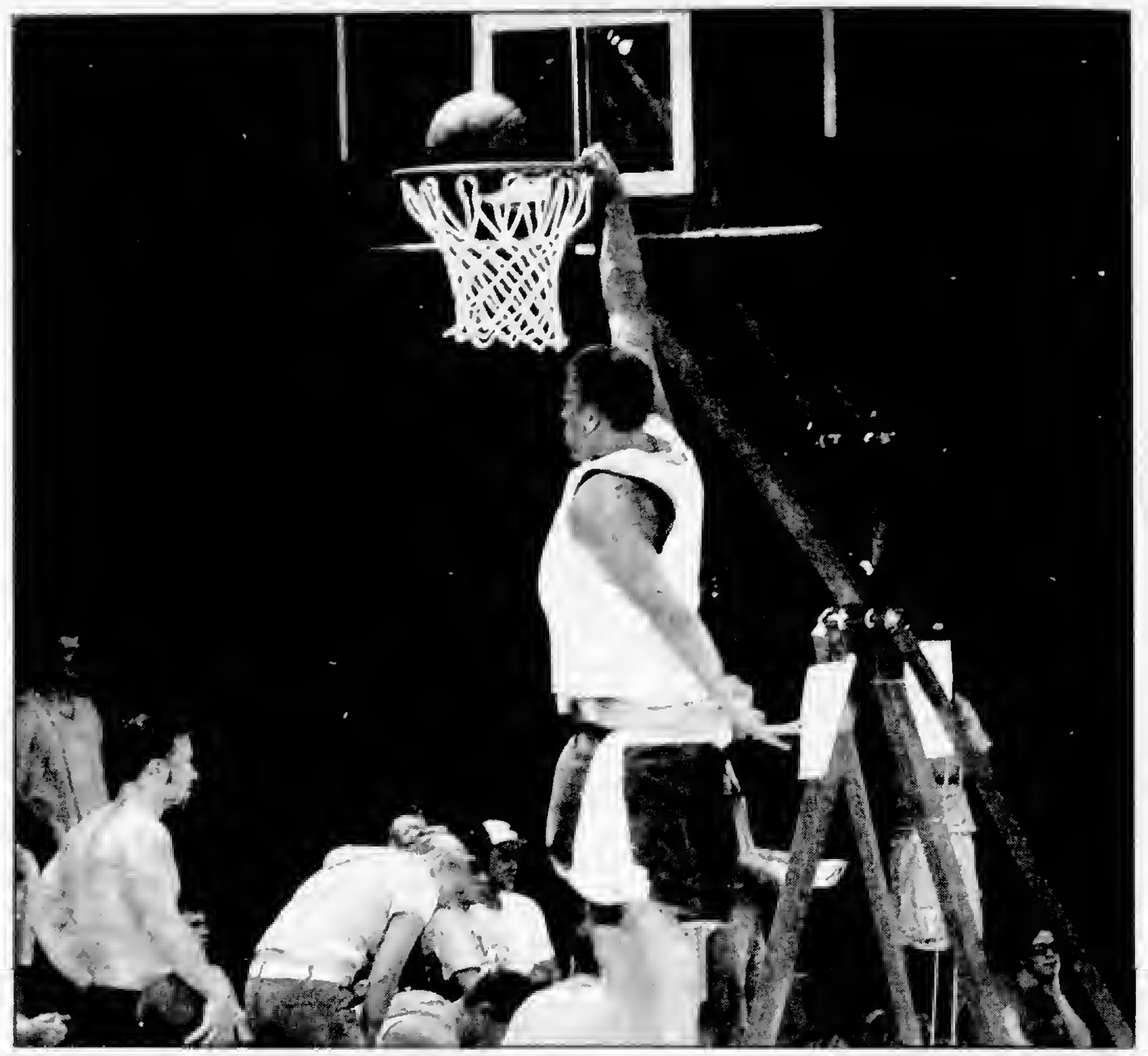
Ryan said we need to go back to the one year budget.

As for declining enrollment, Ryan said we should average it out over three years instead of taking the numbers of lost students every year. For example, if a school loses one student the first year, two students the next year and one student the third year, they would only get cut for one student from their foundation grant.

Ryan also said we need to bring "equity" to the school districts per pupil spending. He said some districts get as much as $12,000, while others only get $6,000. Something must be done to make it a little more equal in order to foster fair competition.

Ryan added, as for the current school funding problem, "I think the legislature is to blame for fiscal irresponsibility. I still think we need to preserve the commitment we made to schools so we need to cut in other areas of the budget."

The primary election will be Aug. 3.



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A summer slam dunk

Lance Edgerton goes up for a slam dunk during the three-on-three Summer Slam last Sunday at Michigan Beach. Edgerton said he played two years of basketball at Alpena Community College.

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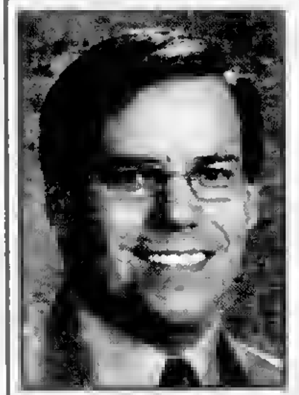
Prosecutor candidates tout court experience

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Both candidates for the Charlevoix County Prosecutor seat say they have plenty of experience in the courtroom to be a good advocate for the county's citizens.

Mary Beth Kur



John Jarema

Incumbent Mary Beth Kur said she is energetic, focused, fair and ethical in the court room and she has many years of experience in the district court trying misdemeanor cases, in the circuit court trying felony cases and in the family court trying child custody cases.

Kur is a 1990 graduate of the University of Detroit Law School. After graduation, she worked in a private practice for a year, until she started working for the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office.

With the Genesee County Prosecutor, she started out working on ordinance violations for small cities in her coverage area. Kur also did the preliminary exam case work for the prosecutor's office in homicides and other felonies in the city of Flint.

"It was very challenging work. I did everything from jay walking to first degree murder," Kur said.

She did this work for about a year before moving to northern Michigan to take a job in the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office as the Chief Assistant Prosecutor under then Prosecutor Richard May. With May, Kur was responsible for district court and circuit court cases.

She said in 1994 she tried seven district court cases and two circuit court cases. Kur added May tried one district court case and one circuit court case in that time.

Overall, Kur said she has tried over 100 cases. Of them, 20 were multiday complex circuit court felony cases and 25 were termination of parental rights trials in the family division of circuit court.

She added she has also argued before the State Appeals Court and won.

As for a win-loss record, she said, "I don't have the statistics on win or loss. I won more than I lost, but I don't know if that is a yard stick because there is a rule that a prosecutor's job is the seek justice, not convictions."

As a prosecuting attorney — a position she took over in 1995 — Kur said she does not take most of the district court cases anymore, but she does personally handle all murder cases and other large complex felony cases that go to circuit court. At the same time, she said she is the civil counsel to Charlevoix County and pointed out in other counties outside lawyers are contracted to do that work.

Kur also supervises a staff of seven, including three lawyers and one part-time lawyer who works on child support issues. She also sits on several boards such as SANE, Board of Directors of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, the Northern Michigan Child Abuse Council and the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board.

"I am not going to apologize for not spending the bulk of my time doing misdemeanor traffic work when I have outstanding and capable assistants who can handle those as well," she said. "I am a hard worker who spends long hours working outside of the courtroom too."

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Kur's challenger, former chief assistant prosecutor John Jarema said he also have plenty of experience to be the prosecuting attorney for Charlevoix County. He said he has handled both misdemeanor district court cases, probate court cases and felony circuit court cases, such as felony drunk driving, embezzlement, rapes, builder frauds and many others.

"In seven years I did over 100 cases, which is about 15 trials a year on average," he said.

He added he is proud of every one of those cases.

"They are all important. Headlines should not dictate when a prosecutor tries a case," he said.

Jarema said he has won about 80 percent of the cases he has tried.

Jarema graduated from the Detroit College of Law in January 1995. He took the bar exam in February 1995 and began working in the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office under May that same month.

Previously, Jarema did internships in the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office in 1993 and 1994.

Under May, Jarema did district court cases and some probate court, he did not try any felony cases at that time. However, when he became the chief assistant prosecutor in 1999 under Kur, Jarema said he added felony circuit court cases to his experience.

According to Jarema, he has tried — or been co-counsel — on eight felony cases during his time with the Charlevoix prosecutor's office.

Jarema said he is very prepared in the courtroom and a zealous advocate of the law.

"I never want to come out of a case saying I should be more prepared. I am always prepared for battle," he said.

Additionally, Jarema said he is fair and can see both sides of the issue.

"So many people have come up to be and asked for a yard sign that and I have prosecuted them at one time. That is because I treated them fairly. I treated them like human beings," he said.

Charlevoix Public Library now has high speed internet

Due to the demanding use of the library's Internet access, the Charlevoix Public Library is now offering a wireless connection to their T1 line, offering high-speed Internet service in downtown Charlevoix.

The library's wireless hub is compatible with 802-11b and 802-11g protocol.

"Our patrons with wireless capability will have a place to connect without waiting in line for a computer," said Val Meyerson, library director. "The only caveat is that the wireless users agree to follow the library's Internet Use policy, the same as other computer users in our facility."

The library offers seven public access workstations loaded with office software applications. Patrons have to sign up and wait for an available computer, but the library does offer a 15-minute workstation for quick e-mail checks.

"The wireless hub is already relieving some of the computer congestion upstairs," Meyerson said.

For more information on how to get connected, contact Meyerson at the library at (231) 547-2651.

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The Charlevoix Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Charlevoix High School or in another designated location for the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year on the following dates:

	Location	
July 6, 2004 (Tuesday)	High School	Organizational meeting/ followed by regular monthly meeting
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Nomination for eddi awards being taken

Nominations for eddi awards are due Friday, July 30, 2004!

In recognition of eddi Wrigley-Offield's personal and positive impact on the quality of life afforded to the people of Emmet and Charlevoix counties, the Crooked Tree Arts Center is hosting the third annual eddi Awards Banquet.

The eddi Awards ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

"When submitting a nomination, we really need as much biographical information as possible as the jury reviews each nominee based upon their contributions to the arts in northern Michigan," said JoAnn Dalto, eddi Co-chair.

So, who can be nominated? Visual artists, arts educators, performing artists, service organizations, non-profit organizations, patrons of the arts at any level, youth groups, garden clubs, antique clubs and or any individual or organization that has had an impact on the arts and culture of northern Michigan. For a list of previous winners, visit www.crookedtree.org.

The process by which award recipients are nominated and selected has been carefully constructed to include nominees from all over the two-county area.

Nominees are not required to have an affiliation with any particular organization. A panel of judges representing a wide array of arts and cultural constituencies within Emmet and Charlevoix Counties will determine the award recipients.

The eight specific awards descriptions are as follows:

- Visual Artist Award: given to an artist who has consistently made an impact using his or her artistic discipline for the benefit of the citizens of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.
- Performing Artist Award: given to an artist who has consistently made an impact in the areas of theatre, music or dance for the benefit of the citizens of Charlevoix and Emmet counties.
- Arts and Cultural Organization Award: given to an organization for outstanding contributions to arts and culture for the benefit of the citizens of Charlevoix and Emmet counties.
- Arts in Education Award: given to an institution or an individual who has provided extraordinary leadership and creativity in advancing arts and cultural education in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.
- Arts and Cultural Leadership Award: given to a volunteer member of a board of directors of an arts and/or cultural organization who has demonstrated leadership in advancing and supporting arts and culture in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.
- Individual Patron Award: given to a patron who is an exemplary advocate for the arts and culture in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.
- Benefactor Award: given to a business, foundation or organization in Charlevoix and Emmet counties that has given extraordinary support to artists or cultural organizations in the two-county region.
- Lifetime Achievement Award: given to the individual who has been prominent in the arts and culture of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties throughout his or her lifetime.

Ticket prices are $40 each for champagne, beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, appetizer style dinner, dessert and awards ceremony. This year a new category of ticket is availble for dessert and the awards ceremony for $10 per person.

Eight awards will be presented during a dessert program.

Nomination forms are available at the Crooked Tree Arts Center, on line www.crookedtree.org at all area Chamber of Commerce offices and area libraries. For more information or to reserve a ticket, please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337.

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Survey shows support for public smoking ban

According to the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency a survey shows 82 percent of registered voters support smoking ban in work sites and public places.

The American Cancer Society conducted the survey in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. It was designed to determine northwest Michigan registered voters' attitudes about secondhand smoke in work sites and public places.

According to Gerald Chase, health officer, highlights of the survey include:

- 82 percent of registered voters surveyed agree a smoking restriction is needed so children and nonsmokers do not have to be exposed to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke.
- 87 percent of registered voters surveyed agree that indoor areas of work sites and public places should be smokefree.
- 92 percent of registered voters surveyed understand that secondhand smoke can harm people who don't smoke.

"This is great news for the members of the Tobacco Reduction Coalition," said Kenyon Stebbins, Ph.D., Chair. "We've been working toward a work site tobacco restriction in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties for nearly two years. We've thought the 'silent majority' of community was on our side. Now, we know it."

Secondhand smoke is the smoke that comes off the lit end of a cigarette. More than 50 chemicals in cigarette smoke contain cancer-causing compounds.

In addition to cancer, secondhand smoke causes heart disease and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Serious impacts of secondhand smoke on children include asthma induction and exacerbation, bronchitis and pneumonia, middle ear infection, chronic respiratory symptoms and low birth weight.

Chase will present a work site tobacco restriction to the Board of Health at their July 20 meeting in Charlevoix. The restriction, which will include Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties, cannot include restaurants and bars due to a state legislative ban.

The County Board of Commissioners from Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and/or Otsego counties must also approve the restriction for it to be enacted at the county level.

Several counties in Michigan have enacted work site tobacco restrictions, including Genessee, Ingham and Kent. Seven states have enacted workplace tobacco bans.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

For additional information about secondhand smoke, the proposed restriction, or the Tobacco Reduction Coalition, telephone Molly Cotant at the health department at (231) 547-7659.

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The cycle of a flower

A bee gets a tasty sip of nectar as it pollinates this flower along State Street last week. Flowers are in full bloom throughout Charlevoix this week.

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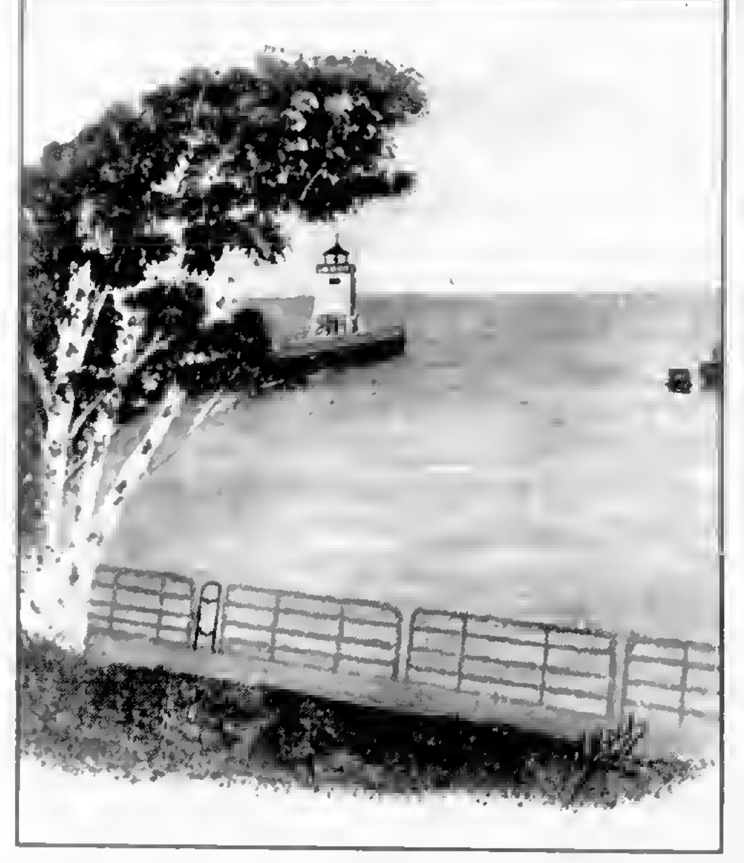

Chair-ity Auction

(Above, from left) Judy Willey, Linda Boss and Marilyn Boss proudly display one of the items they created for the Take-A-Seat Chair-ity Auction. The three women are year-round Charlevoix residents and decided to paint Charlevoix-themed chairs this year. The auction will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28 at the First Congregational Church on State Street. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Women's Resource Center, Habitat for Humanity, BASES Teen Center and the Women's Fellowship Outreach. (Left) A close up of One of the chairs.

Hospice to have auction

Castle Farms of Charlevoix is the location and Friday, July 30 is the date for this year's Hospice of Northwest Michigan auction.

As is the case every year, a large selection of items will be on hand for both the silent and live auctions and due to limited space only a few can be mentioned here. Linda Haderer, a well-known artist of the area, has given several of her fabric angels as well as a collection of forty Beanie Babies. A few other items include: Availability of condos from various parts of the country, á hand-crafted wood table by Lee Ekstrom and a kayak from Sunburst Marine.

The evening's activities start at 5:30 p.m. with the silent auction and live auction starting later. Scott MacKenzie and Rip Hayes are the auctioneers. Margaret Thomson, a local pianist, will be providing background music.

Ticket prices will be $30, $60 and $90 per seat. All ticket prices include complementary beverages, hors d'oeuvres and the chance to win the $300 and $200 door prizes that will be drawn at intervals during the program.

Tickets are available at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City, Busy Bridge Antiques in East Jordan, The Clothing Company in Charlevoix, Orchards Hills LTD in Bellaire, and at the door.

The Hospice Office should be contacted regarding any questions (231) 536-2842.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan (HNM) is in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency that provides the clinical component of the program - nursing, social work, home health aides, chaplain and therapists. HNM provides the volunteer, bereavement and fund-raising component of the program. With this arrangement the best possible care is provided for those on their final journey in life.

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The beauty of Charlevoix

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Flowers like these are lining the streets near downtown Charlevoix this week as summer hits the area full force.

Charlevoix pool unveils inflatable for open swim

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

A donation to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool will add a new attraction for pool visitors while honoring the work of two people involved with the pool.

Many visitors to the pool remember the inflatable dog that floated in the pool for many open swims.

"The dog was a big hit," said Al Gooch, pool director.

When the condition of the inflatable dog forced it to be retired, the need for something new was raised in the board meeting. That's when Mike and Rhea Dow stepped in to make a donation.

Their donation came in the form of a 21-foot long inflatable tugboat. It ranges from four to six feet wide, and is made by Airspace, the company that also created the inflatable dog.

Gooch said they decided to name the inflatable "The U.S.S. MacArthur" to honor Bruce and Barbara MacArthur "for all their work and dedication over the years."

The inflatable will be in the pool for open swims from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesday and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday beginning Tuesday, July 27.

"It's fun for all ages," said Gooch.

Open swims with the inflatable dog were often so busy that time had to be regulated to allow time for the older kids and the younger kids.

Because of the success with the inflatable dog, Gooch said, "Whenever the boat's in the water, we hope for increased attendance."

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- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pony Rides* (two rings)
- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Rayder Jump House

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Fisherman's Island hosts summer activities

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Children of all ages can learn local lore and other items during the State Park Explorer Program at Fisherman's Island State Park.

There will be three programs at Fisherman's Island State Park, with other programs available at Young State Park in Boyne City.

Children can learn about the Piping Plover, Great Lakes Shipwrecks and Petoskey Stones while enjoying the outdoors.

"The is the first year the Department of Natural Resources' Outreach and Education Division has taken on a program themselves," Jean Cox, unit manager at Young State Park said.

The program grew out of the Adventure Ranger Program through the Kalamazoo Nature Center.

Local Legends around the Campfire and the Story of the Piping Plover is the first program scheduled for Fisherman's Island.

Children will be learning about who settled the Fisherman's Island and Norwood area among other things. The program starts at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 23.

The second program taking place is called Petoskey Stone Stuff. This program enables those who attend to learn about the fossil form and where good sites are in order to find them. The program starts at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27.

Great Lakes Shipwreck Tales around the Campfire and the Story of the Piping Plover is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 31. Children can learn what was sold as liquid gold in Charlevoix and other mariner stories along with how the Piping Plover became an endangered species.

All three programs will occur at Fisherman's Island State Park, Site One. Any children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent.

The programs will be taught by Park Explorer Guide Harry Wright. For more information call Wright at Young State Park at (231) 690-4140.

Man hurt in water accident July 18

A 23-year-old Charlevoix man was injured in a watercraft accident around 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 18 on Lake Charlevoix between Oyster Bay and two-mile point in Hayes Township.

Justin Robert Kelley, 23, of Charlevoix was crossing the wake of another vessel approximately 500 to 700 feet away when the impact of the wave lifted him off his personal' watercraft flipping him into the steering column.

The operator suffered head and neck injuries requiring treatment at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The accident was investigated by marine Deputy Don Richards and remains under investigation.

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Antique showing

(Above) Sports paraphernalia was one theme present during the Castle Antiques Show at Castle Farms. The show ran on July 17 and July 18, bringing in about 100 vendors, which accumulated to approximately over $1 million in antiques on display for people to choose from. (Above right) This ferocious stuffed beaver was one of thousands of items for sale during the Castle Antiques Show at Castle Farms. Almost 2,000 people visited the show on Saturday, with about 1,200 to 1,400 people on Sunday.

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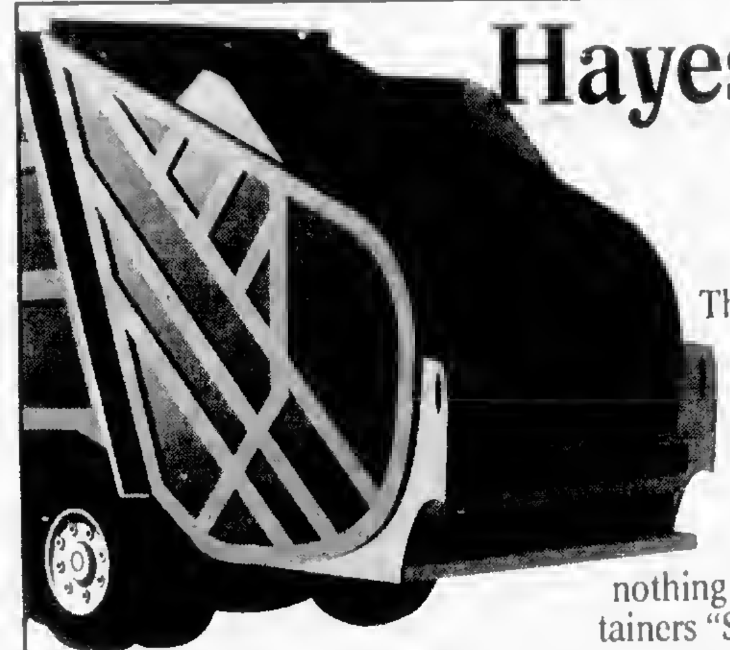

Hayes Township Cleanup

PHASE ONE:

TOP RANK will begin the cleanup at 7:00 a.m. August 14, 2004.

They will go down each road once so be sure to have anything you want picked up next to the road by 7:00 a.m. on the 14th. They may not be able to complete the cleanup in one day but they will not return to any road they have already covered. There will be no service on private roads unless the mail is delivered to individual mailboxes on a private road. Make sure that you have nothing near the road you don't want picked up! Mark any containers "SAVE" that you want left. Top Rank will not pick up any metal, batteries, appliances, lawn mowers, car parts, engines, vehicle frames or motors and tires.

As a general rule, cleanup items include:

- Household furniture, including chairs, couches, mattresses and tables
- Dry carpeting cut into lengths of four feet or less and rolled and tied securely and weighing no more than fifty (50) pounds.
- All other items must be bagged, boxed or bundled and weighing no more than 50 pounds each.

Cleanup items DO NOT include:

- Any liquids including unsolidified paint, motor oil and antifreeze
- Yard waste, leaves or brush • Chemicals or other hazardous wastes
- Flammables and explosives • Broken glass
- Dangerous items, such as gasoline or hot ashes, burning barrels

Be aware that if any of the above items are put out they will be left.
Top Rank reserves the right to refuse any material not suitable for pickup.

PHASE TWO:

JK&W Salvage will start their part of this cleanup August 16. You need to put items in separate piles for this phase of the cleanup. They will pick up:

- All metal items, including brass, copper, aluminum, etc.
- Small items must be boxed or bundled
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Lion golf

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Ragamuffin Theatre to present 'A Little Princess'

Ragamuffin Theatre will be presenting an adaptation from Frances Hodgson Burnett's novel, "A Little Princess," July 31 and Aug. 2 at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium.

The full scale musical production will follow a week long Fine Arts Day Camp, which is open to all area youth, ages 8-18, who are interested in learning more about the performing arts.

Participants in the camp will be given the opportunity to show case their talent during the four performances of A Little Princess along with the highly dedicated members of Ragamuffin Children's Theatre and Choir.

"Our Theatre Troupe includes girls and guys from Elk Rapids, Traverse City, Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Charlevoix," said Director Kathleen Whittaker.

Although the members of Ragamuffin train on a weekly basis for a variety of different venues, they look forward to Fine Arts Day Camps with great anticipation.

"It is a time where we can gather with kids who are creative, regardless of their experience, age, or background and together, accomplish something really special in one week's time," said Brittni Whittaker who is a senior Ragamuffin member.

The Fine Arts Day Camp will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Monday, July 26, and conclude on Monday, Aug. 2 after the evening performance. The cost for the camp, which includes dinner on Friday, Saturday and Monday nights, costumes, and snacks is $90 for non-members. Those interested in attending can contact Kathleen Whittaker at 237-9686.

Show times for "A Little Princess" are at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 31 ; and again at 2 and 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 2. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time, or at the door. Prices are $6 for adults (12 and older), and $3 for children. For more information about the Ragamuffins, visit them at www.RagamuffinTheatre.com.

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Chelsey Haske and Mackenzi Kage perform one of the scenes from "A Little Princess.

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Rayder Rumble kicks off annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival

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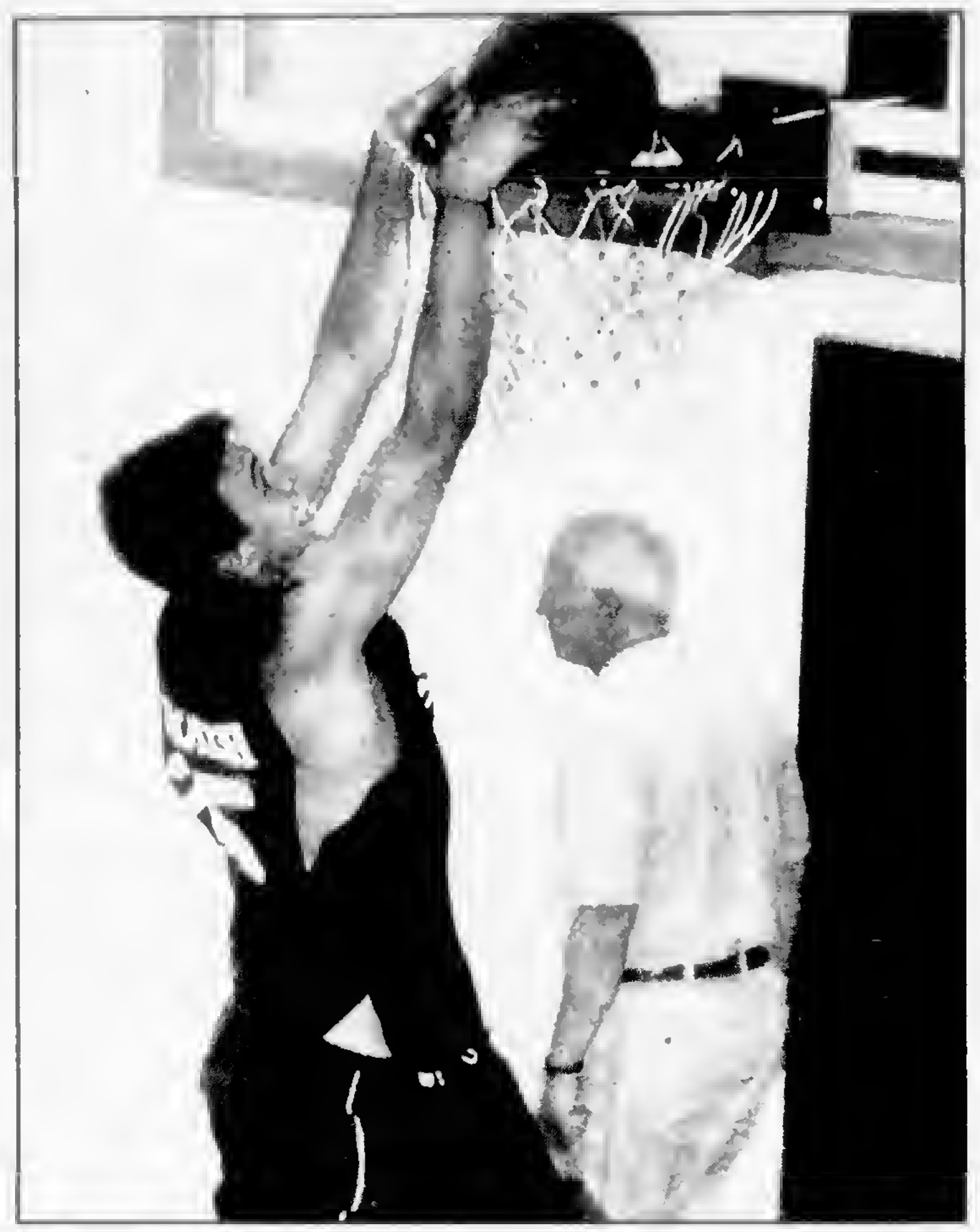

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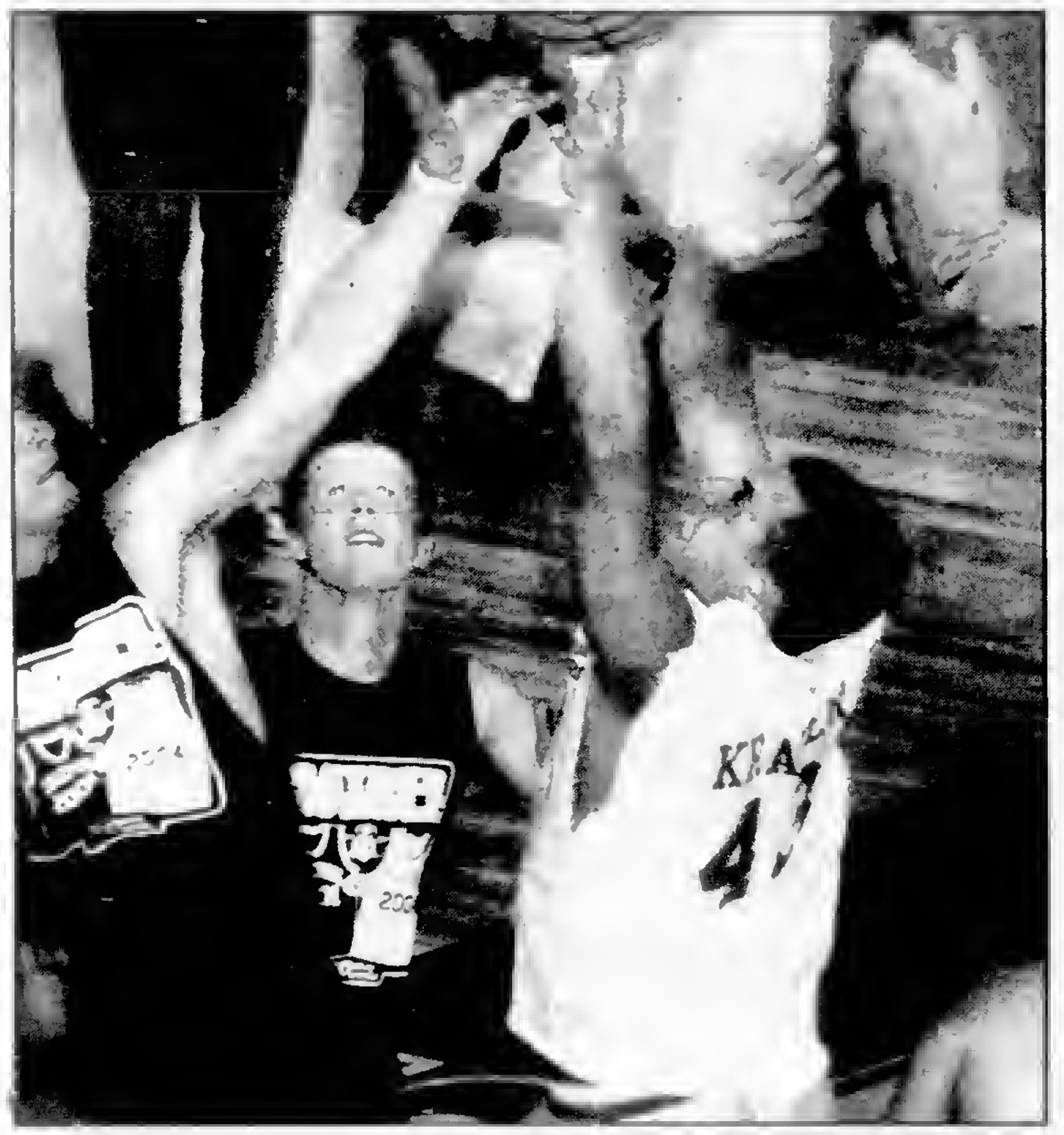

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The 2001 and 2004 Charlevoix High School Varsity Basketball teams duke it out during the Rayder Rumble at Charlevoix High School on Monday. Both teams made it to the State Championship Finals at the Breslin Center at Michigan State University. Local blues band Mojo and the Boogieman provided pre-game and halftime entertainment. The 2001 team beat the 2004 team by a score of 81 to 77.

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Synopsis - July 14, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. on July 14, 2004 in Charlevoix. Commissioner Snyder was absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the June 23, 2004 regular Board meeting and the minutes of the July 7, 2004, Special meeting as presented.

Motion approved the Northwest Michigan Regional Community Corrections Grant Application for FY 2005.

Motion confirmed the appointment of Carl Price to the Construction Code of Appeals Board.

Motion approved Resolution #04-047, Mutual Aid Agreement and authorized the Chairman to sign said agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #04-048, GIS Furniture Equipment Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #04-049, Child Care Amendment.

Motion approved Resolution #04-050, Purchase of Additional Credited Service.

Motion authorized proceeding with a lease agreement for rental space on Beaver Island for the Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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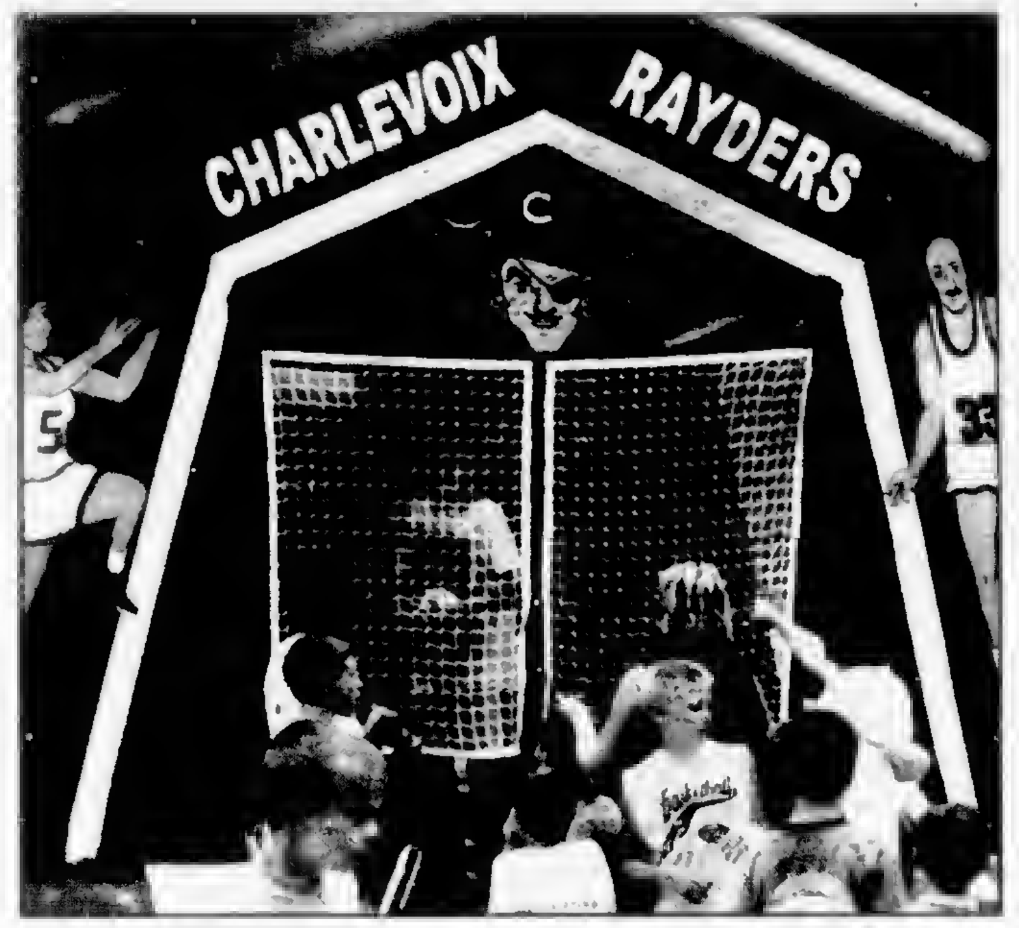
The tournament is named after the late Keith Carey, popular former course manager and local star athlete.

Tournament Director Scott Blechel said that in the men's championship flight, David Shearer defeated Jeff Kirby 4-3 while Bruce Beaudoin got the best of Bud Klooster 2-1. So, Shearer and Beaudoin will meet in the finals.

In the men's first flight Chris Putman defeated Steve Fuller 2-1 and Shawn Putman bested Zack Lake 3-1 so the two Putmans will meet in the finals.

In the senior men's flight Jack Niswander beat Glen Taylor 2-1 and Bill Ward edged Don Hardy 2 up. The two winners will meet in the finals.

In the Women's' flight Katie Zbierajewski got the best of Jill Washburn 5-3 and Fran Marsehner defeated Nancy Grunch 4-3 setting up their finals.



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ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE ELECTORS OF ____________________ CITY/TOWNSHIP AND THE BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD AUGUST 3, 2004

To the qualified electors of________________________City Township notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 for the purpose of nominating or election candidates for the following offices:

Representative in Congress
State Representative
Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff
County Clerk
County Treasurer
Register of Deeds
Drain Commissioner

Surveyor
County Commissioner
Township Supervisor
Township Clerk
Township Treasurer
Township Trustee
Township Constable
Precinct Delegates

And to vote on the following proposal (s):

The Polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

List of all polling place locations:

________________________Township/City Clerk

Eveline Township

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased one mill, one dollar ($1.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000.00) of taxable value, on all taxable property in the Township for a period of two (2) years, 2004 through 2005 inclusive, for the purpose of Township road construction and maintenance? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1 mill would raise an estimated $189,159.00 for the Township when first levied in 2004.

Marion Township

This proposal will permit the Township to levy 1.5 mills for road construction and maintenance. The electors previously approved a similar millage in 2002, which expires in 2004.

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property (under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution) in the Township of Marion, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be renewed at 1.5 mills, (one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) per thousand dollars ($1,000) - of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township) for three (3) years, 2005 through 2007 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1.5 mills would raise an estimated $101,600.00 for the township when first levied in 2005.

Norwood Township
Proposal 1 - Road Millage

This proposol will permit the township to restore the township's 1 mill for road construction and maintenance previously approved by the electors and now expired. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced this milloge to 0.9426 mills and restores the 0.0574 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed, on taxable property in the Township of Norwood, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be increased by up to one dollar ($1.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for three (3) years, 2004 through 2006 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that 1 mill would raise an estimated $38,769 for the township when first levied in 2004.

Norwood Township
Proposal 2 - Emergency Services

This proposal will permit the township to restore the township's 1/2 mill for emergency services (fire ond ambulance) previously opproved by the electors and now expired. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced this millage to 0.4712 mills and restores the 0.0288 mills previously rolled bock by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed, on taxable property in the Township of Norwood, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be increased by up to fifty cents ($.50) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1/2 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for three (3) years, 2004 through 2006 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire and ambulance emergency services? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that 1/2 mill would raise an estimated $19,384 for the township when first levied in 2004.

Peaine Township
Operating Millage

This proposol will permit the Township to levy up to 4 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the generol operation of the Township. The electors previously approved two millage propositions totoling 4 mills to roise funds for the generol operation of the Township, both of which expire in 2004. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced these millages to o combined 3.7848 mills. This ballot proposal combines the previously approved two milloges into one millage renews the existing 3.7848 mills and restores the .2152 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed, on taxable property in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be increased by up to four dollars ($4.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (4 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for (4) years, 2005 through 2008 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the general operation of the township? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 4 mills would raise an estimated $195,894 for the township when first levied in 2005.

Peaine Township
Fire Protection Millage

This proposol will permit the Township to levy up to 1 mill for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection. The electors previously approved 1 mill to roise funds for fire protection, which expires in 2004. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced these millages to .9462 mills. This ballot proposal renews the existing .9462 mills and restores the .0538 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed, on taxable property in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be increased by up to one dollar ($1.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2005 through 2008 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1 mill would raise an estimated $48,973 for the township when first levied in 2005.

Peaine Township
Operating Millage - Transfer Station

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 2 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the operotion of the Township tronsfer station. The electors previously approved two milloge propositions totaling 2 mills to raise funds for the operation of the Township tronsfer station, both of which will expire in 2004. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced these millages to a combined 1.8923 mills. This ballot proposal renews the existing 1.8923 mills, and restores the .1077 mills previously rolled back by the Heodlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed, on taxable property in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be increased by up to two dollars ($2.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (2 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2005 through 2008 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the township transfer station? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 2 mills would raise an estimated $97,947 for the township when first levied in 2005.

COUNTY PROPOSALS
Transit Millage Proposal

This proposol will permit the County of Charlevoix to restore the .25 mill, previously approved by the electors for the purpose of providing funds for the operotion of the County Transit System.

Shall the previously voted increase in the 15-mill tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan constitution on the general ad valorem taxes within Charlevoix County be renewed at 0.25 mill ($0.25 per $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years 2005 through 2008, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the County Transit System; and shall the County levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated $396,755?

Separate Tax Limitation Proposal

Shall separate tax limitations be established for a period of four (4) years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, inclusive, or until altered by the voters of the county, for the County of Charlevoix and the Townships and Intermediate School Districts within the county, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 5.9 mills as follows:

	Mills
County of Charlevoix	4.70
Townships	1.00
Intermediate School District	.20
Total	5.90

Senior Citizen Millage

This proposol will permit the County to renew the current levy of .4 mill for the senior citizen progroms. The electors previously approved o similor milloge in 2000, which expired in 2003.

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Charlevoix County imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for Charlevoix County Commission on Aging by .40 mills or $0.40 per $1,000.00 of taxable value for a period of four (4) years, 2004 through 2007 inclusive, for the purpose of supporting existing and implementing additional Senior Citizen programs? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .4 (4/10) mill would raise an estimated $634,808 for the County when first levied in 2004.

Recycling Millage

This proposol will permit the County to renew the current levy of .15 mill for recycling purchoses and programs. The electors previously opproved o similor millage in 2000, which expired in 2003.

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, be increased by .15 mills (15 cents $.15) per thousand dollars ($1,000) of taxable value for a period of four (4) years, 2004 through 2007 inclusive, for the purpose of capital purchases and recycling programs? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .15 mill would raise an estimated $238,053 for the County when first levied in 2004.

Boyne District Library
Library Millage Proposal

Shall the Boyne District Library levy an amount not to exceed .35 mill ($.35 on each $1,000 dollars of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property within the Boyne District Library District in perpetuity beginning in the year 2004, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law; and shall the Boyne District Library levy such new additional millage for said purpose; the estimate of the revenue the Boyne District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Library in the 2004 calendar year is approximately $130,600?

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Supporters, protesters greet president in U.P.

VISIT

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"I think it was showing support to our president even if we don't agree with all his views," Scout Zack Smith, 15, said.

Those who attended the event from Boy Scout Troop 11 are Connor Currier, 9, Trevor Currier, 11, Dustin Hess, 9, Casey Riley, 11, Dan Riley, 13, Brian Shutler, 11, Rob Shutler, 16, Zack Smith, 15, Brennan Stebe, 13 and Nate Tripplehorn, 14.

The experience is one that some got to undergo up close. Three people from the Charlevoix area were close enough to the president's stand that they shook his hand when he came down into the crowd.

Frieda Lewitt, a Petoskey resident, said President Bush made direct eye contact with her as he shook her hand twice.

"He told me 'I really want to thank you for coming out to see me today,'" she said.

The experience is one that Lewitt said she will carry with her throughout life.

"It was an epic thing for me," she said. "I'll never forget him."

Lewitt's son, Daniel Lewitt, 12, didn't get to shake President Bush's hand, but still enjoyed being in such close quarters with the Commander in Chief.

"Well, it's pretty much just an honor to be in the same room as President Bush," he said.

Lewitt said despite his young age, he takes an active interest in politics and thinks more children his age should do the same.

"I just really care about the president who can run the country," he said. "I can't wait to vote."

Robert C. and Margo Johnson of Charlevoix were also able to shake the president's hand.

"It was overwhelming," Margo Johnson said. "We had only hoped to be in the building."

Margo Johnson said the experience was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"I don't think you have to be a strong supporter to go see a sitting president," she said.

Robert C. Johnson said the president made a lot of eye contact and presented himself as a common guy.

"He's so warm, casual, just himself," Johnson said.

Margo Johnson said she received a regular handshake while her husband and the president exchanged a sort of high-five clasp.

Others may not have shaken the president's hand, but were just excited to be involved in such a national event.

Joshua Evans, 23, of East Jordan said he went because the opportunity to see a sitting president doesn't happen all that often.

"It's a great opportunity and everyone should just take it," he said.

Evans said it was a neat experience to see the president speak live instead of watching the event on television.

During the rally, President Bush said America's economy is the fastest growing of any major industrialized nations. The president also praised the military for their hard work in Iraq, but reminded those in attendance that America's greatest strength is the character of its citizens.

Throughout his speech, President Bush would discredit presidential candidate John Kerry and his running mate, John Edwards.

Even though the president got a lot of cheers from what he said and shook hands and made eye contact, not everyone was in favor of Bush's presence in Marquette.

Outside the Superior Dome, the atmosphere was not that of a pep rally. Those opposed to Bush's administration displayed their feelings in signs and T-shirts.

Moments of heated conversation may have erupted, but Jack LaSalle, chairman of the Marquette County Democratic Party, said the event ran smoothly for the most part.

"I never saw any people crossing the line," he said. "I thought we were well-treated and allowed to have a say."

LaSalle said the ability to protest so close to the Superior Dome was pleasing because protesters tend to be placed 10 to 12 blocks away.

Even though some things were running smoothly, LaSalle said 12 or 15 protesters who had waited in line to get their ticket were denied entry due to anti-Bush slogans on their clothing.

"That was the only wrinkle in the whole event that I witnessed myself," he said.

Jim Matteson, assistant treasurer of the Marquette County Democratic Party, said he has voted for both democratic and republican candidates in the past but won't be voting for Bush.

"I did not vote for him in 2000 and will not vote for him in 2004," Matteson said.

Over 320,000 jobs have been lost in Michigan during Bush's presidency, but at the rally Bush said people should be proud that over 29,600 new jobs were added since February.

Matteson said it's good there are jobs, but it's only 10 percent of what was lost.

"I don't consider that a gain in a four-year term," he said.

No matter whether one is pro-Bush or anti-Bush, Matteson said the rally did have one good quality to it.

"It increased an interest, on the part of young people and old people, in politics and in this election," he said.

> *"To be that close to a sitting president or any president is a valuable experience."*
>
> **John Haggard**, Charlevoix Republican

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A crowd of supporters greets President George W. Bush during his stop in the Upper Peninsula.

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Synopsis of Minutes
Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing
July 12, 2004

Supervisor Glass called the meeting to order with board members and approximately 10 residents in attendance.

Treasurer Williams reviewed the proposed budget for the July 2004 - June 2005 fiscal year. A motion to approve the budget as presenled was moved by Bob Rajewski and supported by Chuck Scherping with a unanimous approval of the residents in attendance.

Carol Martin, Charlevoix Township Clerk

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
Synopsis of Minutes
Regular Meeting held July 12, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Glass with all board members present.

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Williams.

The minutes of the June 14th regular meeting were approved.

The minutes of the Settlement Day meeting were approved.

Motion carried to approve Paterka rezone request from Ag. to R-I.

Discussed the water drainage problems on Waller Road and Whippoorwill. Supervisor and townships will work with the County Road Commission to change the name of Bay St. in Pine Point to Beach Dr.

Resolution adopted to levy 2.9452 mills to be levied to support the 2004-2005 fiscal year budget.

Motion carried to adopt the 2004-2005 fiscal year budget as approved by residents and the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing.

Motion carried to allow the Clerk to pay bills presented and appropriated.

Planning Commission scheduled for July 21, 2004 has been cancelled.

Next regular meeting of the Charlevoix Township Board to be held August 9, 2004.

Carol Martin, Charlevoix Township Clerk

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Skatepark to have demonstrations this week

SKATEPARK

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The Charlevoix Community Skatepark is owned and operated by the City of Charlevoix, which means all liability is covered by the city. Hankins said those who will work the park are doing so as volunteers and are not employed by the city.

Hankins said the Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. exists for fund-raising purposes only, which will include things like car washes and T-shirt sales.

Hankins said that any fund-raising involving skating is a city-sponsored fund-raiser.

SK8-A-Thon II-2020 Vision: See the Park, the current city-sponsored fund-raiser, will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 22. The talented skaters will be taking 20 pledges at $20 each, which will go toward the Skatepark Fund within the city.

The money will help with costs to operate the skatepark located next to the old middle school. This temporary location will be in operation until the end of October so those who skate can have a place to practice.

"Kids can be busy this year," she said. "We want to be able to skate while raising money for our permanent equipment."

Hankins said the fund-raiser is occuring during the 74th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival, but is not a part of it.

Hankins said the only level of involvement is having a skating demonstration during Venetian's Kickoff at Castle Farms on Tuesday, July 20.

The permanent location has yet to be decided upon, but is intended to be an indoor, year-round facility.

The outdoor, temporary equipment available includes one SkateWave quarter pipe, a 5 foot wooden half pipe evaluate by Suburban-rails, three SunRamp ramps and one spine and a flat cement surface area for freestyle.

When people come to skate, volunteers will put a colored wristband on their wrist and write the date on it. These daily user fee passes only cost $1 and so do helmet rentals.

Vending and concession items will also be available along with repair options, according to the information supplied at the special City Council meeting.

As stated in the information supplied at the City Council meeting, clinics will be offered for those to come and learn skateboarding, inline skating and BMX bike techniques from qualified instructors.

Volunteers must fill out an application, undergo a background check, have proof of or undergo CPR and First Aid Certification, read and sign the volunteer handbook and go through an orientation.

Adult volunteers are needed and anyone interested can contact Hankins at (231) 675-0847 or online at vichankins@hotmail.com.

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Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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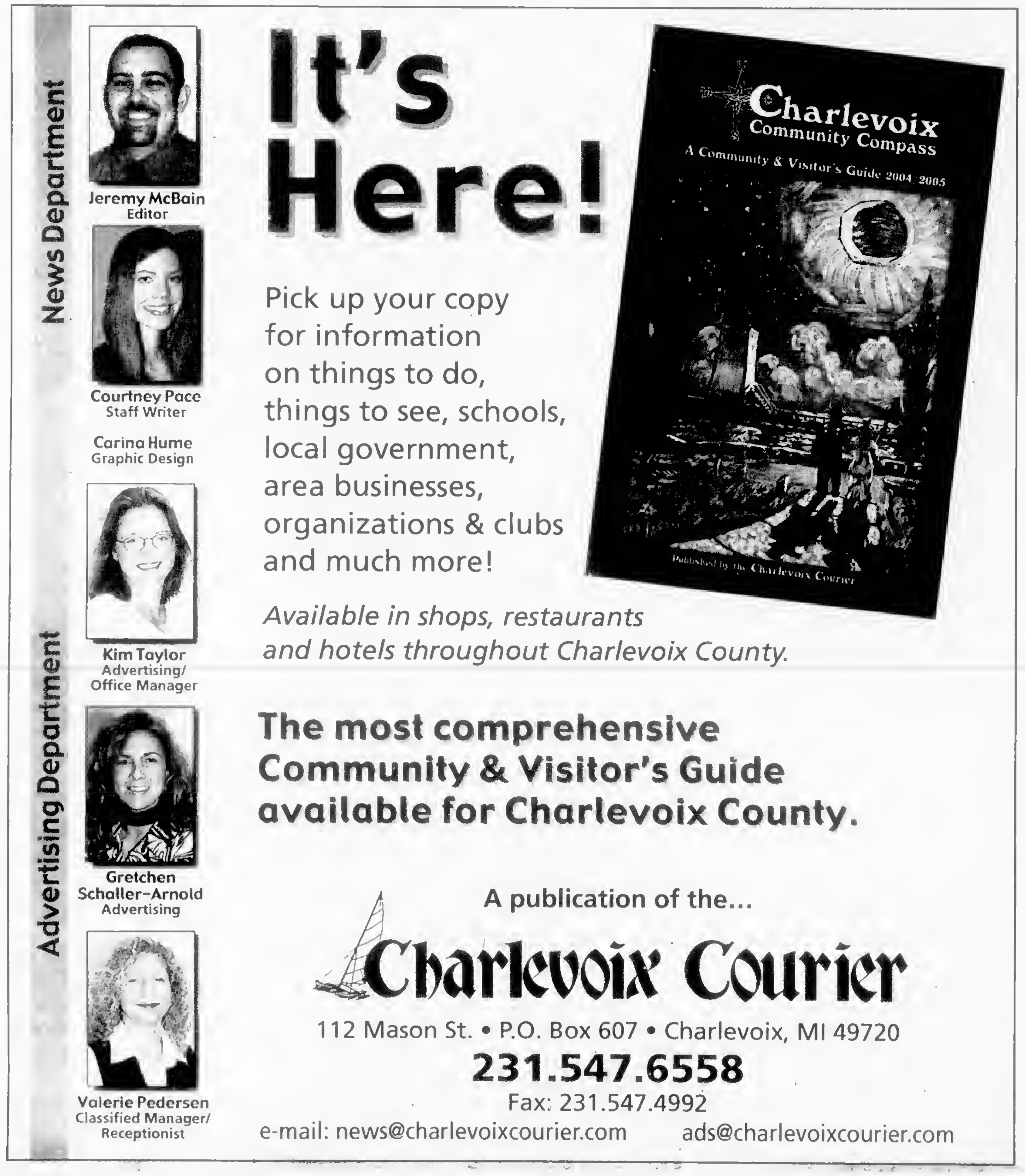
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SPORTS

CYC results for last week's races

Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for July 14.

The third race of the summer started out with heavy winds and shifted to moderate winds. The race consisted of a triangle and two windward-leeward legs. All of the 27 boats that sailed finished the race. Race results provided by Mike Miller, committee chair.

J-22 fleet: 1-Superfluous (Jensen); 2-Swine Flew (Strawbridge); 3-Paleface Lite (Grove); 4-Rock Steady (Burley); 5-Suzie Q (Kelly); 6-Hog Tide (Clagett).

Jib and Main fleet: 1-Flasher (Sherbarth); 2-Wind Ensemble (Henninger); 3-Fairret (Seymour); 4-Exitus (Pung); 5-Cincrous (Wasalewski); 6-Apothecary (Ochs); 7-Flash (Gordon).

P-26 fleet: 1-Tireless (Carland); 2-Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 3-Cygnus (Stuart); 4-Original Sin (Miller).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1-Stringthing (Thomas); 2-MJ2 (Begrow); 3-Our Thyme II (Herald); 4-Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 5-Kamikazee (Funck).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1-Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2-Padawan 2 (Lamb); 3-Northern Light (Orlow); 4-Hoi Polloi (Attee); 5-Blasen IV (Jurries).

Summer series results after three races with no drops:

J-22 fleet: 1-Superfluous (5); 2-Swine Flew (6); 3-Rock Steady (8); 4-Paleface Lite (13); 5- Tie: Thunderstruck and Suzie Q (17); 7-Hog Tide (22); 8-Whats Her Name (25).

Jib and Main fleet: 1- Tie: Apothecary and Flasher (8); 3-Wind Ensemble (11); 4-Fairret (13); 5-Cinerous (14); 6-Exitus (15); 7-Flash (17).

P-26 fleet: 1-Tireless (3); 2-Lost Vermonter (6); 3-Cygus (10); 4-Original Sin (11); 5-Artemis (16).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1-Stringthing (3); 2-MJ2 (8); 3-Our Thyme II (9); 4-Booma (10); 5-Kamikazee (16); 6-M3 (21); 7-Blue Runaway (22).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1-Gotcha! (5); 2-Hoi Polloi (7); 3-Tie: Padawan 2 and Northern Light (9); 5-Blasen IV (16); 6-Windrunner (18).

Courtesy photo

Summer Slam winners

The Dominators won the boys 16/17 division for the St. Mary's Summer Slam on July 18 at Michigan Beach. They are (from left) Christian Brown of Marshall, Michael DiMartino of Charlevoix, Brandon LaCount of East Jordan and Phil Steen of Charlevoix.

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MISC. FOR SALE 134

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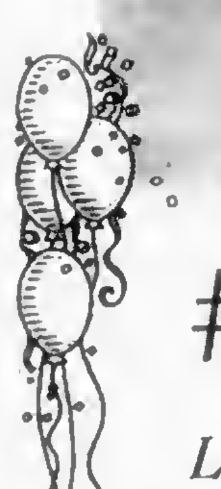

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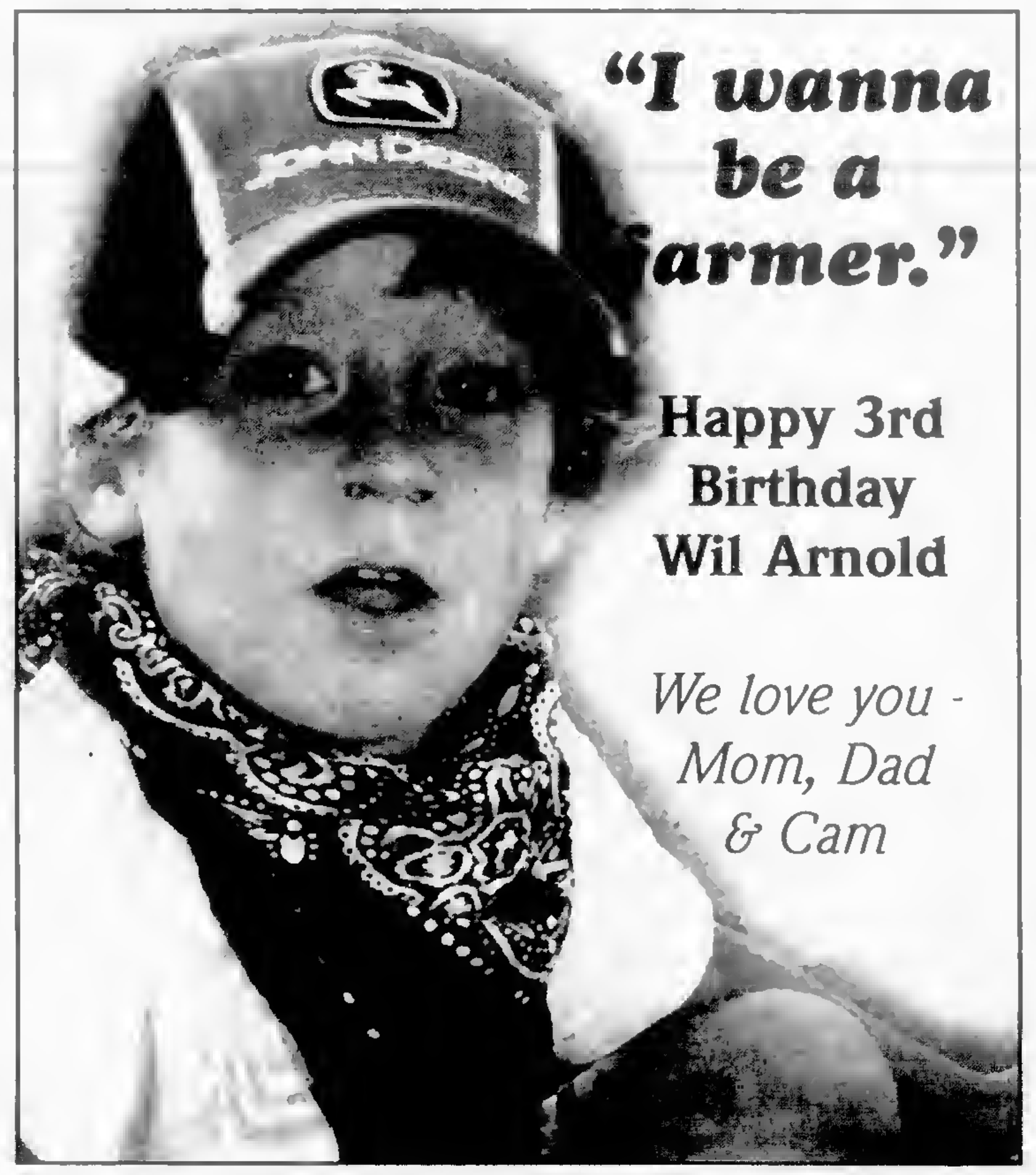
Love, Uncle Jeff, Aunt Greta, Wil, Cam, Papa & Grandma Arnold



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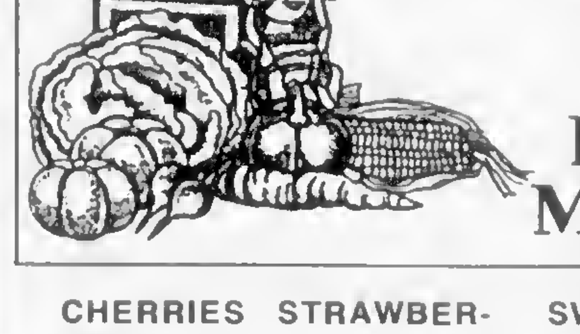

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BID 209

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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KITCHEN ADDITION-EXCAVATION & CONCRETE WORK

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Charlevoix Senior Citizens Center, Charlevoix, Michigan at 06906 Norwood Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, **until 1:00 p.m.**, prevailing local time, on **Thursday, July 29, 2004**, and then publicly opened and read aloud, for the construction of the excavation and concrete work for a proposed kitchen addition to the existing Senior Citizens Center.

Coordination for site inspection and/or questions regarding the project shall be directed to Mr. Earl Muma at the Senior Center address provided above, or by telephone at (231) 547-5361.

The work consists of construction of a foundation wall, with associated excavation, installation of a 45 sf concrete slab on grade, and backfilling and finish grading, according to blueprint specifications.

The Drawings and Specifications under which the work is to be done will be on file after June 25, 2004, and may be examined at the Senior Citizens Center, and at the office of Performance Engineers, Inc. located at 406 Petoskey Avenue, in Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Drawings and Specifications may be obtained from Performance Engineers by submitting a fee of Ten Dollars ($10.00) per set. The purchaser must supply the telephone number, fax number, and street address of the individual or firm to whom addenda (if any) can be directed.

Owner is a non-profit organization and not subject to sales tax, successful Bidder shall be provided with tax exemption information and shall not include tax within the Total price provided. Owner would also prefer a proposal that includes a deduction, which can be considered as a charitable contribution from the Bidder. Owner will provide charitable contribution documentation for tax purposes, where such proposal is submitted and accepted.

The right is reserved by the Owner to accept any Proposal, to reject any Proposal, and to waive irregularities in Proposals.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of a certain land contract made on November 1, 1997 by Mark A. Ehinger and Kathie A. Ehinger, as Vendees to Woodland Development Company as Vendor, on which land contract there is claimed to be due and unpaid through the date of the sale, ten thousand seven hundred seventeen and 23/100 ($10,717.23) principal, including interest at eleven (11%) percent per annum, being presently due pursuant to a Default Judgment of Foreclosure of Land Contract entered in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court, being File No. 04-285-20-CH on June 18, 2004.

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, August 27, 2004 at 11:00 am, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon the mortgage, together with the legal costs, charges of sale, and expenses, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the lands and premises mentioned and described in the mortgage, as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in the TOWNSHIP of PEAINE, County of CHARLEVOIX.

ISLAND HIDEAWAY PARCEL C: A parcel of land being a part of the West _ of Section 20, T38N-R10W, described as: Commencing at the North _ corner of said Section 20; thence S00°07'55"E, along the North and South _ line of said section, 2648.87 feet; thence N89°53'42"W, 779.71 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N86°55'45"W, 592.52 feet; thence S00°55'47'W, 665.22 feet; thence S85°03'21"E, 733.72 feet; thence 65.94 feet along the arc of a 2000.00 foot radius curve to the left, a chord bearing of N14°28'08"W, 65.94 feet; thence N15°24'48"W, 152.93 feet; thence 491.81 feet along a 2000.00 foot radius curve to the right, a chord bearing of N08°22'08"W, 490.57 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 10.01 acres of land,

Together with and subject to Easements as described in Liber 380, Pages 323-333, Charlevoix County Records for the ingress and egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities. Further, together with and subject to Declaration of Easement recorded in Libel 377, Pages 581-582, Charlevoix County Records. Subject to all other easements, restrictions and reservations of record and excluding all gas, oil and mineral rights, The above described property is to be used for residential and recreational purposes, and no mobile homes are allowed.

The redemption period will be six (6) months from the time of such sale. Said property is still subject to a land contract dated November 1, 1997 in the amount of ten thousand seven hundred seventeen and 23/100 ($10,717.23) principal including interest at eleven (11%) percent per annum, being presently due. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of this sale.

YOUNG, GRAHAM &
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Dated: July 1, 2004
Peter R. Wendling
Peter R. Wendling (P48784)
Attorney for Plaintiff
PO Box 398
Bellaire, MI 49615
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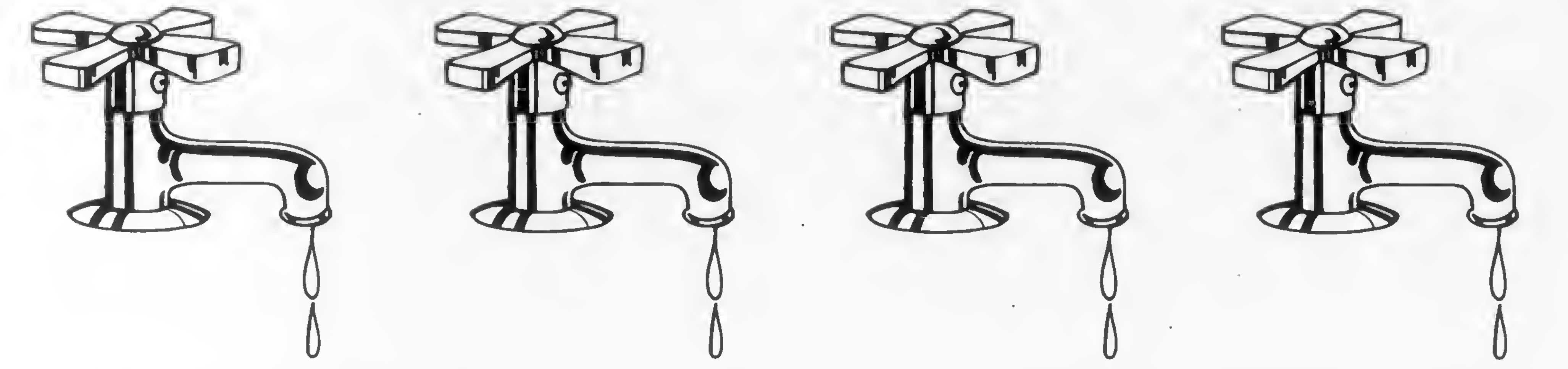

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397,and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THREE AND 51/100 DOLLARS ($101,653.51) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, August 27, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Courthouse, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85°54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 Inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line of said easement; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39°54'29"East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1°35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85°54'10" West 33,. 3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79°43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62°36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 62°36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79°43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said _ line North 85°54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0°54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: July 13, 2004

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
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Area events

Block party

Safe Harbor Baptist Church plans a free of charge block party from 3 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 21 on the church grounds. There will be a Moonwalk, The Titanic, popcorn, cotton candy and more. Safe Harbor is located off Old US-31 South near the intersection of US-31. If you have any questions, please call the church at 547 6283.

Demonstration

A demonstration by pro, semi-pro and area skateboarders, in-line skaters and BMX bikers is scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Castle Farms. The event is organized by the Charlevoix Community Skate Park Committee, a group of local parents and students who have been raising money to build a state-of-the-art facility in Charlevoix. For information, contact Vickie Daman, 547-8063 or e-mail Vicki Hankins at vichankins@hotmail.com

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in Charlevoix from 12 to 5:45 p.m. on July 22, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church at the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or just drop in.

All donors will be required to provide an ARC donor card, driver's license, or other government issued ID prior to donating.

Meet Roloff

Meet candidate Shirley Roloff from 6 to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, July 27 at 104 Palmer (by Michigan Beach) for fun, food and music. Roloff is campaigning for re-election as County Commissioner. Rain or shine the event will take place.

1949 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1949 is celebrating its 55th reunion on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Argonne. Social hour starts at 5 p.m., during which time a class picture will be taken. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and anyone wishing to visit with our class is welcome after 7 p.m. Direct any questions to Sally Bales at 348-5003 or Helen Emmons at 547-2955. They need addresses for Joan Montgomery and Dorothy Tookalo Dyer.

1954 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, or phone (248) 473-1324 or e-mail hillnsuzy@aol.com. Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. They are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colburn (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

Dental appointments

Dental appointments for children and adults available at Dental Clinics North with locations in East Jordan, Petoskey, and Traverse City. They accept Medicaid, Health KidsDental, MI Child and Northern Dental Plan. Dental Clinics North is a partnership of local health departments. Call toll-free (877) 321-7070 to schedule an appointment.

Schizophrenia meeting

Schizophrenia Anonymous meets at 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., every Thursday from July to December at the Community Health Education Building across from the main entrance of Northern Michigan Hospital. For more information call Diane D. at 347-1786.

Opinion poll

Safe Harbor Baptist Church will be conducting a door-to-door opinion poll on church issues between Monday, July 19 and Thursday, July 22 in the Charlevoix area. The church would appreciate your cooperation. Results will be published as soon as they are available.

Reading club

Charlevoix Public Library is having a Summer Reading Club. The club is for all children up to 11. Registration and reading are required to complete the club. Completion of the club will get you an invitation to our final party. Stop in or call the library to register or ask questions, 547-2651. Programs will run every Tuesday from 6:45-8 p.m. Events are as follows:

- July 27 — By invitation only — Tim Smith author of the Buck Wilder series.

Registration ends July 20.

Get more details when you register for the Summer Reading Club. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton. Phone 547-2651 or e-mail youth@charlevoixlibrary.org, visit the web site at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m, every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flap Jack Restaurant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, VFW —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-7545.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

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The days when water craft provided the principal means of transportation and were the center of summer entertainment, were re-enacted here Sunday night with the staging of a Venetian boat parade on Round Lake.

A crowd estimated at 5,000 persons saw the colorful spectacle. Every vantage point on the harbor was packed and despite threatening weather, efforts of the marine committee of the Board of Commerce, assisted by Gordon Todd, activities director, were rewarded with an event acclaimed the most beautiful ever witnessed here.

While the entry fell short of original expectations, the 24 boats taking part provided a sufficient number. The boats, lighted with colored Japanese lanterns and made beautiful in the darkness by colored flares, sparklers and Roman candles, entered Round Lake harbor from Lake Charlevoix in a long line. The boats split in formation for the first circle of the lake and finally joined in a larger circle. The Marold 11, gayly lighted, carried the city band which furnished music during the parade.

Those entering boats in the parade were C.S. Webster, Ray Kipke, Dr. F.W. Young, Ivan Falconer, Henry Partridge, Bruce Withers, Harry Lesser, Milo Todd, Miller Boat Co., Ward Richardson, Charlevoix Trolling Camp, Fred Bergmann, W.H. Wallace, Sander Halverson, Charles Bellinger, Ronald Fairbanks, Vane Smith, P.D. Campbell, Bill Novak, Sam Halverson, Glenn S. See, Robert Gerrie and Wesley Gilders.

Due to storms and other adverse circumstances, only a small number of boats from Port Huron-Mackinac Island cruise were present for the event. The greater portion of the boats have returned to their home ports, while some did not even complete the cruise.

Due to the fine success of Sunday night's event and complying with the request of numerous summer residents, another Venetian parade will be staged during the season, probably the third Sunday in August.

Charlevoix Courier, July 29, 1936

Belvedere Club celebrates 100 years of summer

One hundred years of summer in Charlevoix the Beautiful is being celebrated at the Belvedere Club this week.

The 350 members of Charlevoix's oldest summer community are observing their centennial year Saturday with activities steeped in the tradition of the club, according to Peggy Disbrow, member of the centennial committee.

"Children are a very important part of the activities at the Belvedere and they always have been," Mrs. Disbrow explained. "So the things we will be doing Saturday are planned for them as well as the adults."

A picnic featuring games for the young and young-at-heart will be held Saturday afternoon on the upperterrace of the club where the former Belvedere Club Hotel used to stand. Prizes will be awarded and box lunches will be supplied.

Following the afternoon's activities, club members will watch the Venetian Festival Boat Parade and fireworks display to complete the day.

"We thought the Venetian Festival would be a nice finish for the day," Mrs. Disbrow explained. "People at the Belvedere have always enjoyed it, so we planned our celebration around it."

On Sunday, the club members will gather at the Belvedere Casino for a hymn sing and prayer meeting reminiscent of the hymn sings that used to be held weekly at the club.

"The Belvedere Club was a very religious organization when it was started," Mrs. Disbrow said.

The Belvedere Club got its start in 1878 when six men from Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Fort Wayne banded together to form the Charlevoix Summer Home Association.

The men purchased 25 acres of land from the City of Charlevoix for $625 and immediately constructed six cottages and a pier.

"Most of the people came here by boat or stage in those days," Mrs. Disbrow explained.

The following year a boarding house, which later became the enormous Belvedere Hotel, was built.

The six men settled in Charlevoix because of its beauty and because they were boat people like so many of the Belvedere residents are today, the centennial committee member said.

"And of course Round Lake is a great asset," she pointed out.

Gradually the club grew to the 88 cottages that it has today. The Belvedere draws its members from St. Louis, Chicago, Grosse Pointe, Memphis, Nashville, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and parts of Texas.

Only a few members are left who are still related to the original founders.

One of those families is the John Ware family from Wichita, Kan. Ware brought his wife and 4-year-old daughter, Mickey to the Belvedere for the first time this summer. Mickey is one of four children in the Ware family who represents a fifth generation in the same family at the Belvedere.

Mickey is one of three five generation family members who are still summering in the same cottage.

There are three Ware family cottages in the Belvedere Club, built by three brothers, the sons of Elisha Ware who helped found the club.

Photo courtesy of Cynthia Postmus

This picture is of a cottage at the Belvedere Club in 1920. (Articles compiled by Cynthia Postmus on behalf of the Charlevoix Public Library.)

As the Belvedere grew, history was made. Statesman Adlai Stevenson, actor Bill Tallman and writer Ernest Hemingway all have roots in the club.

Other, not so well known, people created history at the club, too. Like the members of the club who sat up all night looking at the hotel as it was being constructed and decided it should be named the Belvedere, thus changing the history of the club.

Or the members who tell the stories of having to go down to the dining hall to use the only bathtubs in the club.

"You had to sign up to use the bathtubs and they charged you 25 cents," Mrs. Disbrow said recalling her history.

"They had running water more or less. It was cold or you could use heated up water from the stove."

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A parade of color

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

(Above) Boats in the Venetian Boat Parade cruise down the Pine River Channel to Round Lake. This was the first year the boats started in Lake Michigan. (Left) New Venetian Queen Danielle Kimble is crowned Friday night. (Below) Blues legend Koko Taylor performs for the crowd in East Park Thursday.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix lit up this past week during the 74th Annual Venetian Festival and everything went as smoothly as planned.

Venetian Board President Dan Barron said this year's Venetian Festival may have set precedent for some activities if everything can work out.

"We went the extra mile this year with staging extra events," Barron said.

The extra events included the June fund-raiser featuring the Young Americans, the Rayder Rumble and the Kick-off at the Castle.

Barron said these events were time consuming to pull together, but were worthwhile to explore the possibilities of what they could bring to the festival.

Later this week, Barron said he, festival board members, city department heads, law enforcement agencies and the United States Coast Guard will sit down and conduct post-festival critiques.

Barron said these critiques will allow them to see what worked well and what could be improved upon.

What did work was the boat parade's new route, which entails the boats coming through Pine River Channel and passing under the bridge.

"It's perhaps the best staged boat parade we've had in regards to distance between boats," Barron said.

This year, Barron said it took a little over 30 minutes for 20 boats to pass by the viewing area in East Park compared to an hour in years past.

"We create a whole new spectator viewing area along the channel," Barron said. "They're up close and personal with the lighted boats."

Barron said the Coast Guard was happy in regards to the

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Christopher Ezra Crowell, 28, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 92 days.

Christopher Ezra Crowell, 28, Charlevoix. Check-no account. Bound over to circuit court

Colin James Sweet, 17, Kalamazoo. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes: $100 in fines and costs.

Dayna Jean Niemi, 21, Canton. Minor in possession of alcohol. Thirty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes: $100 in fines and costs.

Robert Bernard Ernst, 69, Charlevoix. Assault with intent to murder/weapons dangerous self defense spray. Bound over to circuit court.

Joseph William Blaha, 21, Traverse City. Impaired driving. Six months probation: 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes: $750 in fines and costs.

Joshua Adam Boynton, 25, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

John William Wagner, 26, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Paul Warren Reinhardt, 33, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Eight months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

Edward Dee Speigl, 40, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes: $760 in fines and costs.

Christy Marie Ashworth, 33, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

Ryan Duane Cole, 27, Manistee. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $860 in fines and costs.

Patrick Paul West, 34, Boyne Falls. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve seven days, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 80 days held in abeyance; $915 in fines and costs.

Casey James Fortune, 43, Boyne City. Assault/Assault and Battery. Six months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for 20 days, 73 days held in abeyance; $830 in fines and costs.

Anthony Francis Wilson, 22, Petoskey. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow and weapons improper possession-motor vehicle-nongame. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Harry Joseph Leipsitz, 20, Farmington Hills. Allowing minors to consume on premises. Fines and costs totaling $750.

Alvino Noyola Jr., 30, Elmira. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow, second offense. Sentenced to 40 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 38 days.

Jason Donal Gephart-Irons, 29, Boyne Falls. Attempted to flee and elude officers, fourth offense. Four months probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 84 days held in abeyance, $700 in fines and costs.

Jeffery Allen Rasch, 43, Beaver Island. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $860 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Maple Woods, 00593 Magee Road, Boyne Falls, by Christy Marie Mason.

Superior Map Company, 111 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, by Paul Casciani.

A.R.C., 5247 Horton Creek Road, Boyne City, by William Raf Viniard.

C.C. & K. Associates, 11191 Evergreen Pointe, Charlevoix, by Lynn A. Kraft.

Casa Chavez Designs, 107 Burns Street, Charlevoix, by Mary Watson.

JJ Construction, 1202 State Street, Charlevoix, by Jamie K. Kelly.

Drayton Carpentry, 01190 Forest Ridge Trail, Charlevoix, by Darren Drayton and Charie Drayton.

R & E Construction and Maintance (sic), 05495 Kuzmik Road, Elmira, by Richard Goodrich.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

William Louis DuPont, 58, Charlevoix and Dianne Lynne Clifford, 54, Charlevoix

Steven John Tornga Jr., 23, Charlevoix and Carman Noran Burfield, 21, Charlevoix

Joydeep Bose, 39, Oceanview, N.J. and Maria Ann Caiafa, 39, Oceanview, N.J.

Karl Mathews, 27, Kidderminster, UK and Abbygayle Ann Parker, 28, East Jordan

Ryan Bruce Brooks, 22, Charlevoix and Melissa Marie Swem, 23, Charlevoix

Everett James Foster, 18, Boyne City and Nichole Camille Hill, 16, Boyne City

Juan Eugene Jason, 28, Charlevoix and Diana Lynne Patrick, 30, Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Todd Buckmaster vs. Joann Buckmaster

Steven Liddicoat vs. Nancy Liddicoat

Donald Pizzuro vs. Lynda Pizzuro

Births

Ava Marie Berlage was born July 17, 2004 to Clint and Krista Berlage of Charlevoix at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Ava weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces, at birth.

Ethan Lee Schovey was born July 19, 2004 to Joe and Andie Schovey of Boyne City at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He was 5 pounds, 11 ounces, at birth. He has one sibling, Mason Storm Schovey. Grandparents are Bob and Rose Davis of Boyne City and Rose Schovey of Boyne City.

Weather

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Voters to pick their candidates Aug. 3

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The primary election on Aug. 3 will decide the candidates for county-wide and township seats along with several proposed millages.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and voters can cast their vote at individual township halls and at city hall.

The following are the candidates running for township seats during the primary election on Aug. 3:

- Theodore S. Felter, Republican, and H. Dale Glass, Republican, are running for Charlevoix Township supervisor. Carol Martin, Republican, is running for clerk. Theda Williams, Democrat, is running for treasurer. Charles Center, Republican, Charles L. Scherping, Republican, and Nancy E. Rajewski, Republican, are all running for trustee.
- For Eveline Township Dan Skrzeczkoski, Republican, and John E. Vrondran, Republican, are running for supervisor. Donald S. Hayden, Republican, is running for clerk and Debra Healy-Jason, Republican, for treasurer. Machele Faith, Republican, and Eric J. Beishlag, Republican, are running for trustee.
- Timothy Boyko, Republican, is running for Hayes Township supervisor and Ethel Knepp, Republican, is running for clerk. W. Robbin Kraft, Republican, is running for Hayes Township treasurer and Frederick L. Parsons, Republican, and Douglas L. Kuebler, Republican, for trustee.
- For Marion Township Wilson R. Boss, Republican, is running for supervisor and Timothy Matchett, Republican, for clerk. Sonja F. Martin, Republican, is running for treasurer and Robert L. Fales, Republican, Joanne Jones, Republican, and Joe Seidel, Republican, for trustee.
- Wayne E. Boss, Republican, and Wayne D. Wynkoop, Republican, are running for Norwood Township supervisor. Doris A. Pearl, Republican, and Michelle D. Cyr, Republican, are running for clerk and Ellen Jenson, Republican, and Paul Grapp, Republican, for treasurer. Frank Hamilton, Republican, Denny L. Way, Republican, Sadie A. Bartosik, Republican, and Lynn Smolenyak, Republican, for trustee.
- For Peaine Township, John W. Works Jr., Republican, is running for supervisor. Colleen M. Martin, Republican, is running for clerk and Christina M. Morgan, Republican, for treasurer. Peter LoDico, Republican, Terry L. Saxton, Republican, and Paul Welke, Republican, are running for trustee.
- Donald Vyse, Republican, is running for St. James Township supervisor. Jean Palmer, Republican, is running for clerk and James L. Wojan, Republican, for treasurer. Richard L. Speck, Republican, and Timothy J. McDonough, Republican, are running for trustee.

These are the candidates running for county-wide seats during the primary election on Aug. 3:

Mary Beth Kur, Republican, and John Jarema, Republican, are running for prosecuting attorney. George T. Lasater, Republican, is running for sheriff and Jane E. Brannon, Republican, and Nathan Jason, Republican, for clerk. Marilyn Cousineau, Republican, is running for treasurer and Charlene Novotny, Republican, for register of deeds. Marc Seelye, Republican, is running for drain commissioner and Lawrence R. Feindt, Republican, for surveyor.

Valerie K. Snyder, Republican, is running for commissioner for District 1, W. Randolph Frykberg, Republican, for District 2 and Ronald L. Reinhardt, Republican, for District 3. Victor R. Patrick, Republican, is running for commissioner for District 4 and Dennis Jason, Republican, for District 5. Shirley J. Roloff, Republican, and Richard L. Gillespie, Republican, are running for commissioner for District 6.

Along with the county-wide and township elections, there will be some other issues on the ballots such as millage and tax proposals.

The Transit Millage Proposal if passed, will allow Charlevoix County to restore the .25 mills that provides for the operation of the Charlevoix County Transit System. If passed, the mill will cost .25 cents per $1,000 of taxable value of a home and will last from 2005 through 2008. It is estimated that in the first year the millage will raise $396,755.

A Senior Citizen Millage is also up for the vote. This proposal will allow Charlevoix County to renew the current .40 mills for senior citizen programs. If passed, this will cost .40 cents per $1,000 of taxable value of a home and it will last from 2004 through 2007. The millage is estimated to raise $634,808 for the county when first levied in 2004.

The Recycling Millage is proposed for a renewal of the current .15 mills for recycling purchases and programs. This proposal will cost .15 cents per $1,000 of taxable value of a home from 2004 through 2007. If passed, the mill is estimated to raise $238,053 when first levied in 2004.

Courtesy photo

Flower award

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club awarded certificates and pictures to the merchants who help beautify downtown Charlevoix. Awards were given to Mike Holmes at the Appletree for first place, Barb Grossbauer at Village Inn Pizza for second place and Rita McAvoy at Vacation Properties Network for third place.

Former Charlevoix resident dies while diving on lake

A 50-year-old Lansing woman, who was formally from Charlevoix, died around 2:30 p.m., Sunday, in Lake Charlevoix off of Depot Beach.

The woman, Bonnie Gates, was diving in the lake with some friends when she came to the surface and told one of her friends she was tired. She then lost consciousness while still in the water. The U.S. Coast Guard and Charlevoix County Sheriff's Marine Patrol responded to the scene and the woman was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

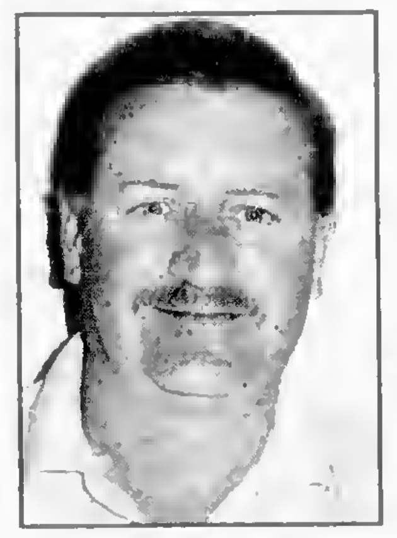
A preliminary investigation indicates she may have suffered a heart attack. The incident is still under investigation.

Gates was a long-time employee of the Family Independence Agency and worked in Charlevoix County for many years before moving to Lansing for a job promotion.

Bill Denemy, director of the Charlevoix/Emmet FIA office, said Gates was, "bigger than life."

"She was exceptionally well-liked. She was admired for her knowledge, quick wit and always had a positive comment," he said.

Gates started with FIA in 1987 and left the local office for a promotion in April 2003.



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Richard L.
Gillespie
"As County Commissioner, I will do my best for the taxpayers to aid in streamlining our county government, and be accountable for tax money collected from us and the way in which it is spent."
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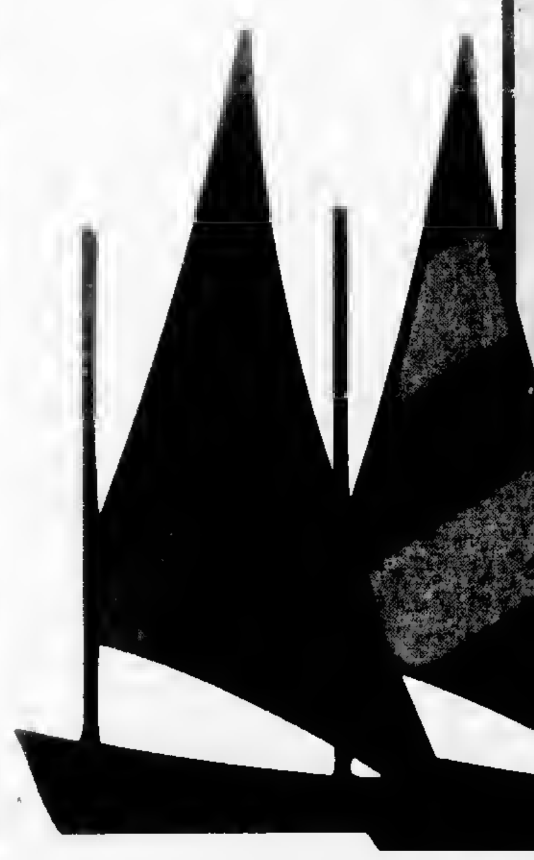

Lake Charlevoix Mariner's
BOAT AUCTION
August 14 • 10:00 a.m.
9 a.m. Registration
at Irish Boat Shop ~ Ferry Ave. Dock
SNEAK PEAK AUG. 13, 3PM-9PM
BOATS AND BOATING ACCESSORIES WILL BE AUCTIONED
Some of the boats to be auctioned off are:
Catalina, Sea Ray, Crestliner, Supra Ski Boat, small sailboats, runabouts & much, much more!
All proceeds benefit the Lake Charlevoix Mariners
ABSOLUTE AUCTION ~ ALL BOATS WILL BE SOLD.
It is not too late to donate - call Jeff Glenny at Irish Boat Shop 547-9967. Tax deductible.

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OPINIONS

The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

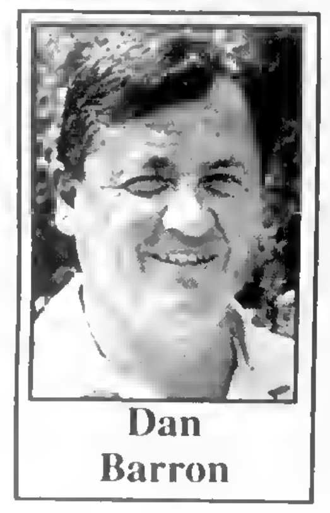
A salute to Mr. Venetian Festival

EDITORIAL

Another Venetian Festival is behind us.

Gone are the massive amounts of people, happily listening to the many bands that perform in East Park. Gone are the carnival rides that are filled with smiling children enjoying a thrill or two. Gone are the historical displays showing residents and visitors a little about our past. And finished are the two nights of fireworks that light up the skies over Lake Charlevoix and Round Lake.

Venetian Festival is a time of great joy in the city of Charlevoix. Even its critics, those who would rather see the crowds go somewhere else, spend at least a little time downtown enjoying some activity of Venetian.



Dan Barron

After many years of work this festival has become something the people and visitors to Charlevoix look forward to, year after year. It is our shining moment. Our event. Our festival.

But, what many people do not realize is that this festival would not be what it is today without the hard work of one man. This man gives a good deal of his time each year, both during the festival and throughout the rest of the year, to making sure everything is coming together for Venetian and the people will be happy.

This man is Venetian Festival President Dan Barron. Barron is Mr. Venetian for this community. He pulls strings to get us the best firework's show in the north, he writes to the contacts and convinces agents to bring their best musical talent to our Venetian stage — acts such as blues great Koko Taylor and he makes sure all the Venetian workers know what they are doing and keeps them on schedule.

Barron is an example of a truly community-minded person. Congratulations on another successful festival, Dan.

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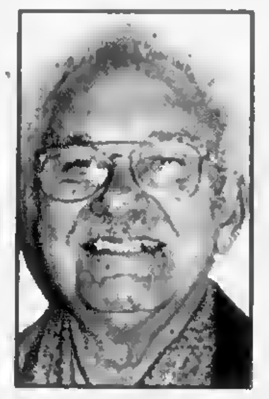
A new 'greener' way to look at burial in America



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Until about the age of 25, most humans seem programmed to consider themselves essentially immortal, which explains an abundance of risky behavior in folks from late teens into early twenties. The immortal period lasts longer in some than in others, but eventually we all pretty much have to confront our mortality. The only question faced for certain by everyone at that point is, "Once the spirit has departed, what should be done with the remains?"

For many years my favorite response to that eventuality came from an army veteran, a member of the "Greatest Generation" who, in his last days, pronounced, "Let the g-d army take care of it." The adjective he used did not indicate anger or dissatisfaction with the military, it was just one of the many adjectives that preceded the word "army" in any conversation. I remember thinking, "Why would I trust the army to handle that sort of thing well?" But I have visited this gentleman's final resting place and it is awe-inspiring. Barancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, Fla. is hundreds of acres of neatly clipped grass surrounding tens of thousands of simple marble markers each with its own name, rank and serial number.

More than a memorial to our veterans it is also a monument to our sort of Egyptian pharaoh approach to final resting places: a place where all these people are preserved, and cared for in perpetuity. It is an approach I have come to question.

I don't think that several thousand years in the future some then-interested archeologist will have any concern for my degree of preservation or care what I ate for lunch the day before I died. If we are truly a part of the earth than maybe we should think about returning to it rather then separating ourselves from it forever.

All of this somewhat morbid thought was stimulated by an article in the most recent issue of the AARP Bulletin. It discusses what are called "Green Burials." It seems that an entrepreneurial doctor in South Carolina has begun to offer plain pine box, no embalming, simple ground level marker burials in what is a permanent forest preserve. The wood will be preserved for the known future, people can visit the place in which their loved ones have been interred, and all those loved ones will again be part of the cycle of life, participating molecularly in all the surrounding air, trees and flowers. We say "dust to dust," but in the case of green burials we really mean it. Mother Nature takes care of it, without mowers, giant monuments or the need for perpetual human care.

This seems to be an appropriately religious, conservative and less expensive approach to death and burial. It is much closer to the way things have been through most of human history than what we have more recently come to think of as "normal." And as more and more humans crowd the earth we may eventually treasure quiet woods more than carefully clipped lawns.

Our South Carolina entrepreneur is not attempting to put all the usual funeral services out of business, he simply wants to change their involvement in a few small ways.

I don't know exactly what Michigan laws are regarding burial, but I do know that laws can be changed in the face of need or public desire. To paraphrase my veteran friend's statement, maybe it is time to "Let Mother Nature take care of it." That is longer term care than even the army is ready to provide.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Letters to the editor

Support Jarema

Editor:

We have had the privilege of having John and Krista Jarema's daughters in our daycare since they were babies. During that time, we have gotten to know John on a personal level. He is a very loving and attentive father whom his daughters adore. John believes in disciplining and training his children. They have been taught honesty, morals, compassion and to show love, kindness and respect to others. From early on, they have been taught Biblical principles and not long after they were able to talk, they could recite the Lord's Prayer from memory. Their love of God is very apparent in their young lives. They are a reflection of their parents.

We cannot think of a better or more qualified candidate for Charlevoix County Prosecutor than John Jarema. He is a man of integrity. He possesses all the characteristics that he has instilled in his daughters. Yet he is very serious and diligent when it comes to prosecution. He has a heartfelt passion for prosecuting and upholding our laws. We truly believe that his experience in personally handling over 100 trials (with an 80 percent conviction rate) sets him apart. John isn't afraid to take a legitimate case to trial and has proven that by trying more cases than any other attorney while in office. Although he has prosecuted many people, several of them have come back to tell him that they appreciated the way he treated them with respect. We ourselves, have heard this first-hand.

John is both personal and professional and we count it an honor to know him and support him.

Paul and Connie Bradley
Charlevoix

Support Roloff

Editor:

My name is Harvey Coates, formerly of Boyne City, now residing in Charlevoix for the past two years. I am involved in the community of Charlevoix by serving on the board of directors for the chamber of commerce and the convention and visitor's bureau. Throughout my short time serving the community of Charlevoix I have met some great and wonderful people, of whom Shirley Roloff is one of the greatest.

When I was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year, I didn't know who to turn to for help. Medical bills quickly began to pile up. I even stopped opening the envelopes because I didn't want to face the fact that I didn't have the money to start to pay on them. I soon fell into depression and let my sickness dishearten my optimistic personality. I blamed it on the chemo treatments.

My fiancé and sister-in-law were very understanding and helped by directing me to contact Shirley Roloff, who I found to be a very caring, giving and unselfish person. She created the Brian Roloff foundation to help aid cancer victims, in the honor of her son who lost the fight against cancer. She was able to raise enough money to support myself and two other cancer patients this year. Not only was she unselfish in giving the funds needed to pay off my medical bills, but she also gave me something else I was lacking in...hope. Shirley was able to help me gain a new perspective on life and with her words of encouragement, helped lead me out of my depression.

Shirley Roloff is a moral and just person with Christian values and a pure heart. She is a hero to me and many others, who strive to be more like her every day. She is a role model and a pillar of this community. She has given so much of herself to this community and now it is time to show our support by reelecting her as county commissioner.

Harvey Coates
Charlevoix

Support Jarema

Editor:

I am sending this "Letter to the Editor" in support of John Jarema for County Prosecutor. I have known John and his family for several years now and find him highly qualified for this position.

John is a man of integrity, honesty, forthrightness and deserves the chance to make the office of county prosecutor as good as it can be! He has served his community well and will continue to do so.

I cannot think of a better or more qualified candidate for Charlevoix County Prosecutor. He has handled over 100 trials with an 80 percent conviction rate and I find this very commendable. He is highly respected by his peers and even those he has had to prosecute.

Pat Drost
Charlevoix

Support Kur

Editor:

After moving north, I briefly worked part-time as an assistant prosecutor in Charlevoix County. Although I am not one to write letters to the editor, allegations I have read about Mary Beth Kur deserve a response by someone who was in a position to observe what did and did not occur in the office, and is familiar with other prosecutors' offices.

The disparaging allegations I have read about Prosecutor Kur and her office do not describe the office in which I worked between approximately October 2002 and March 2003. I saw that both Kur and the assistant prosecutors were dedicated to their jobs and worked diligently to serve the residents of and visitors to Charlevoix County. In addition to spending hours in court and at the office during the workday, Kur and her assistants took work home to be done on their own time - in the evening hours, on their days off, and on weekends. In short, they were all busy and hardworking.

As for claims of retaliatory behavior against support staff, I did not see any such behavior by Kur or any of the attorneys, all whom I found to be kind and thoughtful. It is unfortunate that certain former employees believe they worked in such a bad place because, from my vantage point, they seemed to have an understanding boss who served the public and was compassionate to her employees' personal needs.

I have worked as an assistant prosecutor and supervisor at the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office in Ann Arbor and as a training attorney for the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan/Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council. In the 10 years since I first met Mary Beth Kur at a National College of District Attorneys domestic violence conference, I have heard of the cases she has prosecuted and have seen her at statewide meetings. She is known to be a hard worker who is tough, but fair. In addition to my own observations, it says something positive about her reputation within the prosecutorial community that other accomplished elected prosecutors have attended her fund-raisers.

I know that being a prosecutor is difficult work. Because of the nature of the job, a prosecutor will often be the subject of criticism, but few realize the complexity of the job or know the extent of its duties. As a result, for example, someone may find fault with a prosecutor for not personally trying more misdemeanor cases without knowing enough to think about the amount of time the prosecutor spends prosecuting felony cases, reviewing warrants, serving as legal advisor to county departments, or performing countless other duties.

When I worked for Kur she had in the office a photo of a young man who was murdered sometime after the photo was taken. The photo is not in a position where everyone stopping by the office window can see it, but it is placed where the staff can see it, think of the young man, and, perhaps, be reminded of why the job is so important and meaningful, despite constant criticism by others. From my observations, Mary Beth Kur is mindful of the importance of her work and cares about trying to do what is right and responsible for Charlevoix County. Her experience and respect throughout the state are unmatched in this election.

Lori Coates Hay
Petoskey

Re-elect Kur

Editor:

I am writing this letter to show my support for Mary Beth Kur and her campaign to be re-elected as Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney. By an unfortunate oversight, my wife's and my name was omitted from the advertisement which featured the names of so many of Ms. Kur's supporters.

I left a profitable private practice of law in Macomb County in 2003 in order to work for Mary Beth Kur and relocate to this area. I was aware of the pending lawsuits, the rumors and the gossip. But when I talked to people who really knew what was going on, and when I found out for myself the truth about these things, then I knew I had made the right decisions.

I have now served as her Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the past year. In my 14 years as an attorney in Michigan, I can honestly tell the voters of Charlevoix County that I have never worked in an office where everyone gets along as well, works as hard or is as dedicated to the community we serve as the current staff of Mary Beth Kur does every day. This kind of morale doesn't happen by chance; it can only occur when the person at the top sets an example of professionalism, service, and mutual respect. For that, I am proud to be working for Mary Beth Kur and Charlevoix County.

Under her leadership, I and the other assistant prosecutors have excelled in the administration of justice. We prosecute criminals vigorously, but fairly. As of this writing, I have only lost one jury trial in over a year, while convicting nine. The system in place now works for the people of Charlevoix County. The reason it works is called Mary Beth Kur. We look forward to your support at the polls on Aug. 3.

John J. Puzzuoli
Chief Assistant Prosecutor
Charlevoix County

Clean up building

Editor:

I have seen many articles about how beautiful Charlevoix is. I live south of town and I drive to town every day; its the first thing I see and the last, and is not very nice. I am not alone on this. I can't help but see that eye sore of a burnt out Wojan building. Next to the Flight Deck Bar. You can't miss it. It has been sitting like that for over two years or so.

Everyone was worried about what Wal-Mart would do to the Stover Creek. What about that old rusty metal that still stands there and whatever else is still left in that building. Who knows?

That can't be very good for the environment! Rusty rain water running down into the creek. The longer it sits the worse it will get.

There is no reason why the Wojan building is still not cleaned up. It has been there long enough. If you want to keep to the famous saying, Charlevoix, The Beautiful, and not Charlevoix, the ugly burnt out building, then I think that the eye sore should be cleaned up.

Darlene Schmidt
Charlevoix

Kur the right choice

Editor:

These letters. They keep showing up in the paper about the Charlevoix County Prosecutors election.

First, Alec Sheets writes in about how downstate police unions are always endorsing elected officials, saying it's ludicrous for them not to exercise their constitutional right to free speech. That came out about the same time the newspapers were reporting the indictment of prosecuting attorney Carl Marlinga from the area Sheets moved away from to come to Charlevoix. Please don't drag north, Alec, the downstate type of politics that you apparently moved away from. What's ludicrous is having a bumper sticker on your car and having to wonder if the cop behind you is supporting the other candidate. Welcome to Charlevoix County, Mr. Sheets, but please don't come here and lecture us about how they do things where you came from. We don't need it and we don't want it!

Then comes a letter from my friend Allen Telgenhof, supporting his candidate. Allen infers his colleagues were afraid to go up against his candidate in court. I'm not so sure any elected official should have to be feared. I'd rather have one that is fair. And besides, Mr. Telgenhof was president of the Charlevoix School Board during the tenuous fight to build the new high school. After that experience, I suspect Allen fears no one.

The other tripe about how many cases are tried by whom means nothing. Mary Beth Kur is an administrator and department head in addition to being a good lawyer. The controversy in the prosecutors office and the people that caused it are gone, as they should be. Let's keep it that way. Join me in voting for Mary Beth.

Bill Supernaw
Charlevoix

Vote for Jarema

Editor:

I remember how shocked I was to hear about John Jarema losing his job from the prosecutor's office. Although I did not work directly with him, I am familiar with his work.

The words that best describe his work ethic include honesty, skillful, hard working, knowledgeable, and respectful. Not only is he respectful of his peers and the judges in whose courtroom he practices, but even of defendants he was prosecuting believing they all deserve an equal playing field regardless if they have an attorney. Never have I heard a degrading or sarcastic remark from John about anyone.

The upcoming election on Aug. 3 is very important and should be taken seriously. The citizens of Charlevoix County should be voting for the person who will best serve us in the function of the chief law enforcement officer. The one to whom officers of various agencies will be looking for leadership and who also has earned their respect.

Charlevoix County deserves a prosecutor who is available, approachable, experienced, hard working, honest and most of all respectful of everyone with whom he has contact on a daily basis. For the good of Charlevoix County, elect John Jarema for Charlevoix County Prosecutor.

Sandra Raecke
Charlevoix

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Letter to the editor

Support Ramsey

Editor:

I support John Ramsey for the 105th District House of Representatives seat. I have known John for more than 40 years. We were classmates and close friends at Michigan State University. John's core values have not changed over the years. He was then, and is now, a person with high integrity, strong moral values, and a great work ethic.

John's experience as founder and president of a major software company shows that he understands what it takes to create jobs and economic growth. His promise to fight for lower taxes will create a better environment for economic growth. John also understands that a strong education system is key to economic growth and will work for educational reforms that will provide a well trained work force in Michigan. I believe his ideas for stimulating growth in Northern Michigan will help bring jobs in this area.

John Ramsey will be a strong voice for Northern Michigan in the House of Representatives. I urge you to vote for John in the Aug. 3 primary.

John Tysse
Boyne City

Jarema best choice

Editor:

My wife and I both had the opportunity of working with John Jarema and Mary Beth Kur. We have also had good friendships at one time or another with both individuals. With saying this, we can honestly say that John Jarema would make the best choice for Charlevoix County Prosecutor.

It was very disheartening to read the letters degrading John's ability to become prosecuting attorney. Both my wife and I feel that John Jarema has the determination and skills to fulfill the duties as Prosecuting Attorney of Charlevoix County. We can honestly tell you from working with him that John is hardworking, honest and trustworthy. John has many ideas to improve the prosecuting attorney's office from better communication, improved workflow in the day-to-day functions and saving taxpayer's money. John is not a vindictive person and would not turn on a friend for having a difference of opinion.

When reading the Cooks' letter to the editor we could not help but realize that they left out that John Jarema's skills also helped them through their son's trial. They also left out Sandy Ward's countless hours on the phone explaining procedures, consoling the Cooks' family and friends, coordinating and organizing travel for the prelim and trial and preparing the proper paperwork. There were many people to thank for the success of the Cooks' trial from the police officers to the support staff who were there at the time of the trial to the prosecutors handling the case.

It is also nice to see that most of the individuals that worked with John everyday (law enforcement, clerks and attorneys) and have seen him work as the Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney are supporting him to be the new Charlevoix County Prosecutor. This should tell you that John has a strong work ethic and is the best choice for the chief law enforcement officer of this county.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter and please remember to vote Aug. 3 for the best choice for Charlevoix County prosecutor, John Jarema.

Dean Viles
Petoskey

Vote Jarema

Editor:

Invaluable Traits....

Honesty, integrity, compassionate, dedicated, competent, intelligent, loyal, dynamic, faithful, spirited, strong, sincere, truthful, moral, reliable, fair and just, conscientious, courageous, respectful, confident, virtuous and intuitive. These are the qualities that a prosecutor should have; make the obvious choice, vote John Jarema.

Kelly Ward
Charlevoix

Kur good for county

Editor:

This letter has been written on behalf of the following employees of the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorneys' Office: Sheana Bur, Victim Advocate; Jennifer Deegan, assistant prosecutor; Debra Niswander, support staff; John Puzzuoli, chief assistant prosecutor; Jeremy Kehr, law clerk; Brian Seely, assistant prosecutor; Staci Seelye, support staff; and Kerry Zahner, assistant prosecutor/child support specialist. This list represents the entire office.

We wish to inform the citizens and voters of Charlevoix County that we support Prosecuting Attorney Mary Beth Kur 100 percent. We know what Mary Beth Kur stands for and believes in, because we have worked with her every day-some of us for many years. She is a firm, but compassionate person who strives to achieve justice for all. She is fair and considerate to both victims of crimes and those charged with committing them.

But make no mistake, Mary Beth Kur vigorously enforces the laws that protect all of us.

Mary Beth Kur works very hard for Charlevoix County. We have all seen her put in hours at night and on weekends when the situation requires it. Being the Prosecuting Attorney is not a 9-5 job, and is certainly not something a mere "administrator" could ever accomplish as well as she has. Every day brings new challenges, unforeseen happenings, demands upon her time and county. She has proven her effectiveness in the courtroom. We, her staff, respect and trust her completely. She inspires each of us to do our jobs better every day. In return, we are able to manage the important daily tasks of running an office, handling the District and Probate Court dockets, collecting civil child support and paternity cases and serving the citizens of the county. Under her leadership and example, we allow her to focus on the serious crimes and civil issues that Charlevoix County faces, matters that require someone with the experience and temperament that she possesses.

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Letters to the editor

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We want to continue to serve the people of Charlevoix County and work for a prosecutor who represents the best of this community, who has given all that she has to protect us and keep us safe from crime. We are fortunate to be members of Mary Beth Kur's team and appreciate that her door is always open, to us, to law enforcement, to the public at large. Mary Beth Kur has earned our support and she deserves your support in her bid for re-election. Please consider our collective view when you vote for your Prosecuting Attorney on Aug. 3.

Sheana Burk
Victim Advocate
Debra Niswander
Support Staff
Brian Seelye
Assistant Prosecutor

Facts support Kur

Editor:

The recent letter from Jan Boss implies that if a prosecuting attorney is not in misdemeanor traffic court something must be wrong. Knowing first hand that Mary Beth works long hours, including weekends, I decided to look into this a little.

Here's what I found.

Here are only a few recent cases that Mary Beth Kur has tried and won:

- Murder — A 25-year-old boater was stabbed to death at the Charlevoix Marina.
- Drug delivery — A GHB (date-rape drug) delivery and overdose.
- Safe cracking — A career criminal broke into the safes of two Charlevoix businesses and received life sentences.
- Child rape — A 4-year-old little girl was sexually assaulted by her day-care provider's husband.
- Serious assault — Sheriff Lasater had the barrel of a shotgun rammed into his mouth while serving court papers.
- Adult rape — A woman was raped in her own home by an acquaintance.
- Teen rape — Several young girls were raped by an adult male.
- More than 20 serious child neglect cases, resulting in parental rights being terminated, allowing the children to be adopted by loving parents.

The list goes on and on. Now let's compare apples-to-apples.

Jan and I agree on one thing. Court records show Jarema has spent most of his career handling less complicated simple misdemeanor cases. Anyone who has read the paper or served jury duty in the last 11 years knows that Mary Beth Kur spends a great deal of her time handling, supervising and winning the longer, more difficult and more serious cases. That is where we want her to be. Sheriff Lasater, the longest serving sheriff in Michigan, rarely, if ever, issues speeding tickets. Does that mean he's not working? Of course not!

In Charlevoix County the prosecutor also acts as the civil attorney for the county. Others prosecutors may do more traffic cases either because they do not handle the civil work for their counties or they are short staffed. Emmet County has a separate lawyer that does the civil work. Cheboygan County and Otsego County have hired outside law firms to do their civil work.

And let's not forget that for two years Mary Beth has had to assist in the defense of three frivolous and ridiculous lawsuits brought against the county by John Jarema and his friends.

I for one, know first hand about how much time and energy frivolous lawsuits, brought by money hungry attorneys take. I along with the City of Charlevoix was sued by the partners in Jarema's law firm. After a lengthy trial and much expense, we won.

I'm appalled that considering all of the above, Jarema wants to represent us as prosecutor. You should be, too.

Bo Boss
Charlevoix

Support Ryan

Editor:

I am writing this letter to attempt to clear up some misconceptions and bring some things to light concerning Mr. Craig Ryan and the "interesting" letter concerning him appearing in the July 7, edition of the Courier. That letter purports to link Mr. Ryan with some sort of "gas cartel" and high gas prices. A very large portion of the price of gas is taxes and the increased cost of production caused by overbearing regulations. Mr. Ryan is on the record as being wholly against high taxes and regulations which drive the cost of all goods ever higher.

In Michigan the state gas tax is 19.875 cents per gallon. The federal gas tax of approximately the same amount is then applied. Not to miss out on a single farthing, the state sales tax is then applied on top of the aggregated sum. In effect, Michigan has the ridiculous policy of forcing its citizens to pay a tax upon tax. Imagine if the state gas tax was significantly lowered and the tax upon tax was eliminated. Gas prices would be significantly lowered; oil companies' profits could remain the same, and both the consumer

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Obituaries

Lori Ann Nelson-Gaudette: July 12, 1964 - July 18, 2004

Lori Ann Nelson-Gaudette, 40, of Charlevoix, formerly of Rogers City, died July 18, 2004, at her home in Charlevoix.

A private family service was July 19, 2004.

Lori was born July 12, 1964 in Rogers City, the daughter of Richard and Geraldine (Ganske) Tulgetske. She grew up in Holly, Michigan and attended Holly High School.

In May of 1981, Lori married Michael Loren Nelson, who preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 1989. Lori moved back to northern Michigan in 1989.

On July 2, 2001, Lori married James Michael Gaudette of Onaway. Together they owned and operated G.N.G Siding in Charlevoix.

Lori was an accomplished poet and a published writer. She enjoyed playing softball and fishing.

Lori is survived by husband, James M. Gaudette of Charlevoix; daughter Cassandra Maria Nelson of Petoskey; son James Michael Gaudette II of Charlevoix; step-daughter Wendy Lee Gaudette of Onaway; step-son Joseph Edward Gaudette of Cheboygan; parents Richard and Geraldine (Ganske) Tulgetske of Rogers City; maternal grandmother, Audrey Ganske of Onaway; sister, Richael (David) Harris of Holly; niece Kailee Harris of Holly; and nephew, Andrew Harris of Holly.

She was preceded in death by son, Michael Arthur Nelson on June 19, 2004.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the family of Lori Ann Nelson-Gaudette. Arrangements were handled by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Gerald M. Kelly Sr.: Died July 21, 2004

Gerald M. "Mickey" Kelly Sr., 85, of Jackson passed away on July 21, 2004 in Petoskey.

Mickey was a most valued employee of Kelsey-Hayes for over 52 years. He was an Army World War II veteran, earning five battle stars on D-Day and at the Battle of the Bulge.

He was a scout master with the Land of Lakes Council Boy Scout Troop. Helping to organize the Trinity Lutheran Church School, he acted as treasurer of both the church and the school for many years.

Mickey remained very active later in life, walking, or running, the Mackinac Bridge annually until age 84, helping at the Dahlem Environmental Center and working with others as a role-model at the JCC Fitness Center.

He was a cancer survivor, volunteering with the Stomy Club. He loved to bowl, cross-country ski, walk and play tennis.

Given all that Mickey achieved, he will best be remembered as a man who looked for beauty in all that God created, especially enjoying his church, his loving wife and his family.

On Feb. 15, 1943, Mickey married Dorothy Johnson. Together they had four children Gerald M. (Annette) Kelly Jr., Thomas P. (Luann) Kelly, John C. Kelly, and Karen (Thomas) Kelly-LaVanway.

He is also survived by six grandchildren, Katie, Carol, Kristen, Erin, T.J., and Parker; five great grandchildren, Mary Jo, Melanie, Maggie, Joey, and Sarah; brother William (Doris) O'Connell; sister, Pat (Harold) Hall as well as by many nieces, nephews and countless friends.

He was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Memorial services were at the Trinity Luthern Church with the Rev. Doug Krengel officiating and interment following in Roseland Memorial Gardens. Contributions to the Dahlem Environmental Center or Trinity Lutheran Church would be appreciated.

Revah Lindley: Aug. 31, 1912 - July 23, 2004

Revah I. Lindley, 91, of Petoskey, formerly of Flint, died July 23, 2004, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Revah was born Aug. 31, 1912, the daughter of Lon and Clara Biddinger. She graduated from Ithaca High School in 1929.

On April 19, 1930, she married David Lindley in Ithaca.

Revah was a longtime resident of Clio. She was employed by Dee Cramer Inc. in Flint, where she worked as an office manager. Revah was a member of the Birch Run Baptist Church, and was active socially with Helping Hands. She enjoyed knitting, cooking and Tiger baseball.

Revah is survived by sons Darrell E. (Janet) Lindley of Charlevoix, and Nolan K. Lindley of San Francisco; grandson, Michael (Karen) Lindley of Grand Rapids; granddaughter, Lauren (Jay) Cravens of Grand Rapids; and three great-great grandchildren. Her husband David preceded her in death, in 1994.

There will be a private family service held at a later date. All memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, 1040 Walnut, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Arrangements were handled by the Winchester Funeral in Charlevoix.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

A ride fit for a queen

Children and adults were able to experience a touch of the exotic on July 20 with elephant rides during the Venetian Kickoff at Castle Farms. Laura the Elephant is 21 years old and weighs over 8,500 pounds. Even royalty wanted to venture out on a miniature safari. 2003 Venetian Queen Candace Boss was accompanied by Danielle Kimble, Tess Hoaglund and Kristina Godwin Morena. Kimble was crowed the 2004 Venetian Queen during the July 23 coronation ceremony in East Park.

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Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
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05855 M-66

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Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

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104 State Street

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

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Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
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Candidates say they want to put past behind

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

ELECTION 2004

With the Aug. 3 primary election looming, both candidates for the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's race are reiterating their abilities to the voters.

Incumbent Charlevoix County Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur said, "I feel I am a tough but fair prosecutor. I am compassionate and I have a wealth of experience in the court room to offer the citizens of Charlevoix County."

Plus, she added she has an excellent staff.

Challenger, and former Charlevoix County Chief Assistant Prosecutor, John Jarema said, "I think I can bring my trial skills, my people skills and my communication skills with law enforcement and the public. I want to bring a proactive approach to the office and educate the youth and seniors."

If reelected to the position, Kur said she will continue to look for ways to incorporate technology into the office. She wants to improve communication between the prosecutor's office and the law enforcement agencies in the county with technology — such as allowing the electronic transmission of police reports and warrants — to help eliminate wasted paper.

Mary Beth Kur

She added she will also continue to seek our grant funding from state, federal and private groups to keep costs to the taxpayers down.

Jarema said, if elected, he will create educational programs for the youth of the county — such as the dangers of drugs and alcohol — and programs for senior citizens — such as how to avoid being a victim of identity theft.

Jarema added he will have a smaller staff than Kur's three attorneys and one part-time attorney.

John Jarema

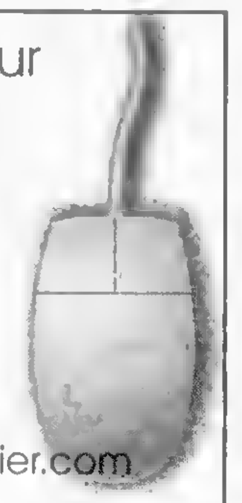
"If elected I will have to review policies in place by the current prosecutor, from retail fraud to drunk driving, to see if it fits into what I think of justice. I will meet with all of the staff to see who wants to stay and who is loyal to the job. I will have to review salaries of the staff and meet with commissioners," he said.

Jarema was previously fired from Kur's office for being disloyal to her and for not getting along with members of the staff, Kur said. Jarema contends it was because he was going to report possible misuse of funds to the Charlevoix County Commissioners and sued Kur. That case was settled by the county's insurance company.

While this campaign has been very bitter at times between Kur and Jarema, both say they want to put the past behind them after the election.

"I wished him (Jarema) the best just after I fired him and I have indicated on numerous occasions that it is very important to move ahead. I would say that again. I think that it is time to move on," she said.

Jarema said, "I don't have any animosity towards her. (If elected) I am not going to go in there and clean house. I am going to put the past behind us and see if we can move forward."



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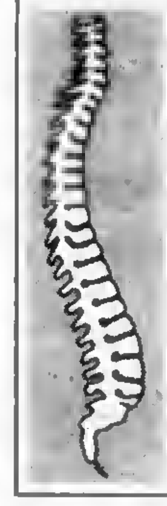

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Several trying for Norwood Township seats

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

It won't be an easy win for many incumbents at the August primary because several contestants are ready to step in and make a change, especially in Norwood Township.

In Norwood Township, the supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustee positions are all up for grabs.

Wayne E. Boss will have to fight to keep his seat as supervisor against newcomer Wayne D. Wynkoop.

According to previous information, Boss, 58, has lived in the township for 28 years and has served as supervisor for the past few years.

Boss was unable to be reached for comment before press time.

Wynkoop, 46, is ready to see some changes come to Norwood Township, and is running for supervisor in order to do so.

"I'm running just to restore the respect and trust of the citizens of Norwood," he said.

Wynkoop said there have been serious issues going on for a year or two in Norwood and he'd like to see the township a good place to live once again. He said he isn't in the race for personal gain, but just wants to ensure there is someone in office who can restore Norwood back to the way it once was.

Wynkoop, owner of Wynkoop's Truck and Auto Body Repair in Charlevoix, said if there weren't problems in the township he wouldn't be running for supervisor when he has a business to run.

Wynkoop said he has a good relationship with his customers and fellow Norwood residents. He said people respect him because he is honest, straight forward and considerate of other people.

If elected as supervisor, Wynkoop said he will do what's right and fair. He also said he will hold everyone to the same standards including fellow officers.

An issue facing the township that Wynkoop holds dear is a checks and balance system for those in charge.

"Mainly, make sure someone is doing their job," he said. "People are having a free for all with no one enforcing anything."

Wynkoop has lived in Norwood Township for over 20 years and has never been involved with any political office before.

"I will take the position without any personal agenda except for holding what's right for the people," he said.

The supervisor race may be close, but so is that of clerk. Doris A. Pearl will have to work to keep her seat against newcomer Michelle D. Cyr.

Pearl, 59, has been serving Norwood Township for the past 28 years through her service as zoning administrator, planning commission member and township clerk.

"In those 28 years I have never taken an action that is self-serving for the township," she said.

One of the big issues Pearl wants to fix is the divisiveness of the township.

"The main issue is to heal the divisiveness that has been created...," she said.

Aside from healing a divided township, Pearl said she is interested in issues most affecting township residents such as roads and the continual running of the township in regard to serving the people.

"Government officials are public servants and I've always felt very strongly that is job number one," she said.

Pearl, who has lived her whole life in Norwood Township, is up against political newcomer, Cyr.

Cyr, 39, has lived her whole life in Norwood as well, but also spent five years away at college. She has never held any political office, but is running to ensure things are run fairly.

"I'm running because I want a fair and equitable government," she said. "I also want to be more involved in the decisions and how our tax money is spent."

The issues Cyr is focusing on in regard to the position of clerk are tax payers' money and fairness.

Cyr said as clerk, she wants to ensure tax money is spent fairly throughout the township with regard to roads and land issues. She also said she wants things to be run in a fair manner and according to the law.

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"Not for a few people's interest and agendas, but for the betterment of the whole township," she said.

Cyr said she wants there to be a broader voice serving Norwood and that everyone's needs should be addressed and not those of a certain few.

"I feel there's a huge change that needs to be made," she said. "I can't do it alone, but it's possible with the right people."

Another tight race is the one for treasurer.

Incumbent Ellen Jenson, daughter of Doris A. Pearl, is vying for the position as treasurer against Paul Grapp.

Jenson, 33, said she wants to continue on as treasurer so she can still give back to the community and gain more knowledge in the position.

Jenson said there is a learning curve that goes along with the position, and four years doesn't let someone learn it all.

She also said it would be a bad time for someone new to take the position because there is a new person in the county treasurer's office, which is the township treasurer's right hand component.

"The knowledge base is not there," she said.

Some of the issues important to Jenson are taxes and everything that goes along with them.

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Plenty of choices for Norwood Township voters

NORWOOD

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She said the foremost aspect to the treasurer's job is to understand tax bills and be able to help people with issues they may have.

"My job is to help them and explain it the best I can," she said.

She also said it's important to make sure taxes are collected properly and to ensure people can get the answers they need in a timely manner.

Jenson has lived in the township her whole life except for four years during college and six years when she lived in Seattle. She said she has been back for a little over six years now.

Grapp, 43, has lived in Norwood Township for over 30 years and wants to become more involved in the community. Grapp said he is also running because he thinks the whole board needs to be replaced and many people told him to run.

"I just wish to work together with other people of the township and listen to their suggestions and have their voices heard," he said.

Grapp said people in the township should be well informed as to what's going on, which is one issue he wants to see action taken on.

"Apparently there's a small group of individuals that consider this their township and change things without anyone in the township knowing," he said.

Another issue important to Grapp concerns citizen's voices being heard. He said a majority of the people in Norwood Township are kept in the dark while a select few receive the minutes from meetings by e-mail.

The fate of farmers is also important to Grapp, who said tax increases are up more in Norwood Township than in other surrounding areas.

"It's been difficult for longtime residents," he said.

There are two trustee seats available and Frank Hamilton, Denny L. Way, Sadie A. Bartosik and Lynn Smolenyak are contesting for the positions.

Hamilton, 66, said he is running because there are two open seats and he has enough experience that qualifies him.

He has lived in Norwood Township for about 20 years and sat on the Norwood Township Board of Review for six years, was on city council and mayor pro-tem downstate for 13 years and was a city manager downstate for two years.

If elected, Hamilton said he would maintain what has already been established, but may try to get some new things passed such as a new township hall.

One issue important to Hamilton is converting the zoning jargon to something everyone can read and understand.

"The existing zoning board ordinances are extremely complicated," he said. "I have some difficulty so a novice would find it near impossible."

According to previous information, Way, 48, has lived in Norwood for five years and has no previous political experience. Way was unable to be reached for comment before press time.

Bartosik, 68, said she is running because of her concern over the treatment of residents.

"I want to be sure all the citizens of townships are treated equally and fairly in rights as residents," she said.

Bartosik said she isn't seeking change other than working for a pleasant and livable community.

Issues important to Bartosik include controlled growth of the area and use of the land.

"I just don't want to see uncontrolled changes to this very precious land of ours," she said.

Another contestant for the trustee position is Smolenyak, 48, who has lived in the area for almost 11 years and served as zoning administrator for the last three years.

Smolenyak said she is running because she thinks everyone should become involved in serving their community.

As zoning administrator Smolenyak said she was able to serve her community, but the position took up too much of her time.

"This will allow me to continue serving the community without involving so much extra time," she said.

The issue Smolenyak said she cares about is doing what needs to be done for the township.

"I hope we could be on track for better communication," she said. "Whoever serves any part of the government should be fully informed and involved."

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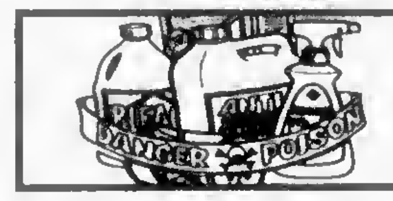

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By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

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"You can go on vacation and come back to a trained dog," she said.

Amick pointed out in Michigan a dog trainer does not have to be certified, however, she still took the time to take the classes and get the certificate. In addition to her schooling, Amick is a member of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, she is the owner of the Charlevoix Subway, member of the ASPCA and Pet Trainers Association and member of the National K-9 Trainers Association.

Amick has been a Charlevoix resident for 10 years. She is married and has two sons.

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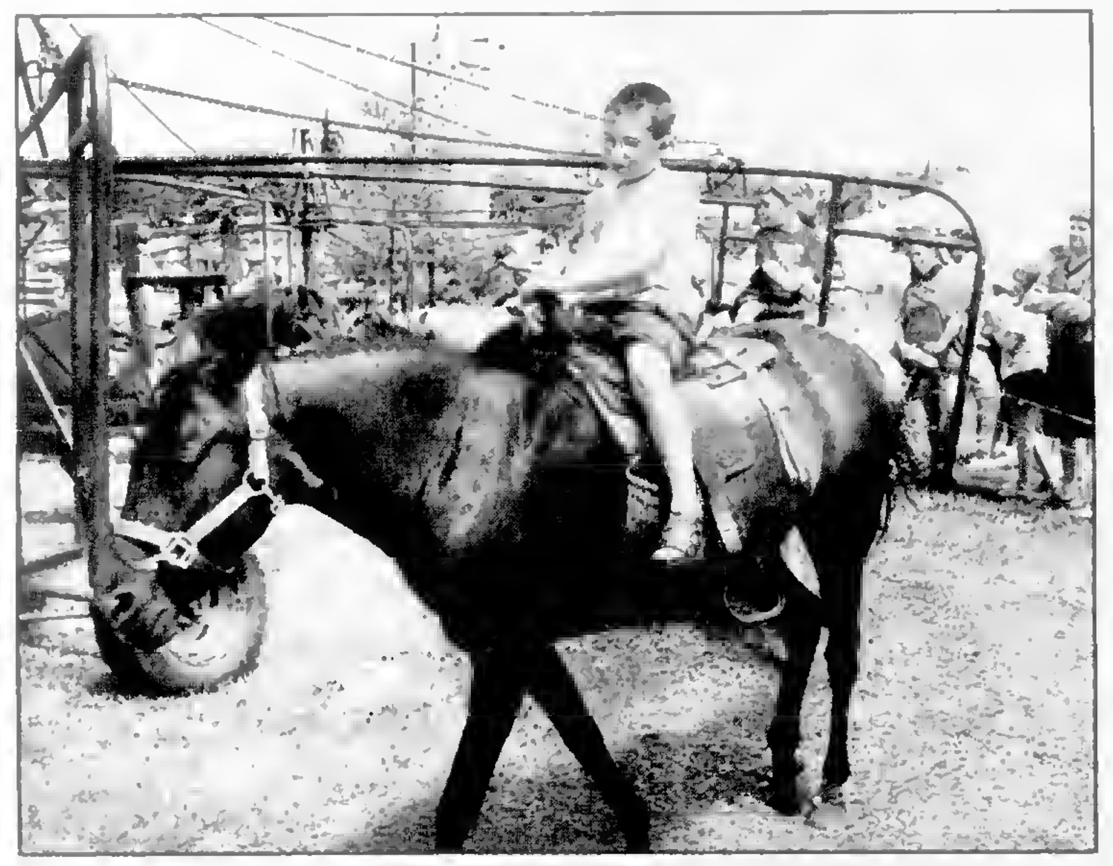

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Mosey down the trail

(Above) Brenden Gregory, 7, of Charlevoix goes for a horse ride during Kids Day last week in East Park for the Charlevoix Venetian Festival.

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- All other items must be bagged, boxed or bundled and weighing no more than 50 pounds each.

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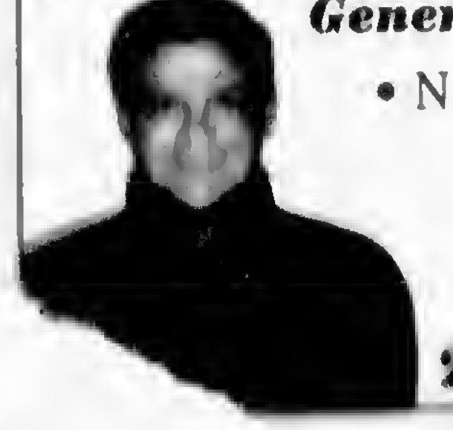

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Roloff to face Gillespie again for commission seat

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Longtime rivals for the Charlevoix County Commission District 6 seat, Shirley Roloff and Richard Gillespie are facing off once again.

The District 6 seat includes Charlevoix, Charlevoix Township, Marion Township, Norwood Township and Beaver Island.

Shirley Roloff

Incumbent Roloff, 67, Republican of Charlevoix, has been in the seat since 1996 when she was elected over Gillespie.

Gillespie, 49, Republican of Beaver Island, was in the seat from 1992 to 1996.

Roloff said she has many issues she would still like to get done as a county commissioner.

Richard Gillespie

First she said she believes the county should have a manager to oversee all departments and day-to-day operations. She added recycling is very important to her and she wants to expand the county recycling program to include composting and collecting office papers.

Roloff is also working on improving house numbers and streets signs for emergency crews.

As for housing, Roloff said she is looking at ways to bring more affordable housing to both Charlevoix and Beaver Island and in the past has taken groups of people in the housing industry and government to Beaver Island to look at their housing situation.

Also for Beaver Island, she said she wants to get a road grader for the island and create a new county substation out of the former Beaver Island Health Center.

Gillespie said his big issue is to provide fair and equal representations to all the residents of District 6, something he believes has been lacking in the past. Not only does this mean making sure Beaver Island has a voice in the county, but other outlying areas such as Norwood Township.

Gillespie said he would also like to bring oversight back to the county departments, he points to the issues in the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office as an example. In this issue, Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur fired her former Chief Assistant Deputy John Jarema, who then sued her. Following Jarema's suit, two other employees in Kur's office sued her and the county. Gillespie is saddened by this situation. He said when he was on the commission, he made it a habit to ask each of the county department heads how things were going in their offices. He believes just keeping tabs, such as this, could have prevented some of this.

By doing so, Gillespie said it will help eliminate unnecessary taxpayer waste in the form of lawsuits.

"This was something the commission let get out of hand," he said.

Gillespie added he wants to help the traffic situation in Charlevoix. One way to do this is to promote off-site loading of the Beaver Island Ferry — people dropping their cars off at a location outside of town and taking a bus to the ferry.

Gillespie also wants to look into the affordable housing issue in Charlevoix and Beaver Island.

"Somehow we have to work toward providing affordable housing, so the children can remain in this community," he said. "It is about representation and I feel that I am the best qualified to do the people's business."

The primary election is Aug. 3.

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Sheriff department responds to boating call

Sheriff George T. Lasater reported a boating accident on Lake Michigan around 10:30 p.m. on July 23.

The U.S. Coast Guard dispatched a "vessel in distress" call, which the U.S. Coast Guard rescue vessel and their helicopter responded to. They also requested assistance from the Charlevoix County Marine units.

Around 10:53 p.m. the U.S. Coast Guard helicopter located the vessel between North Point and Big Rock Point. Around 11:06 p.m. both the U.S. Coast Guard rescue vessel and a Charlevoix County Marine unit arrived near the scene, but were unable to make contact due to rocky conditions and four-foot seas.

The vessel in distress was located in three feet of water, approximately 150 feet from the shoreline.

Charlevoix County marine Officers Sgt. David Beyer and Don Richards then made contact with the people on board from the shoreline, four adults and three children. They where were then assisted to shore.

There were no injuries reported.

Several units called out in overturned canoe rescue

The Cbarlevoix County Sheriffs Office is investigating a boating accident around 5 p.m. off Norwood Beach, July 19.

Four young teenage boys were canoeing off Norwood Beach when a wake from another boat swamped their canoe approximately three-quarters of a mile off shore.

Two of the boys were able to swim to shore while the other two stayed with the canoe. There were no life vests on board when the incident occurred.

Sheriff's Deputy obtained a canoe and took life vests out to the two still in the water and escorted them back to shore. No one was injured and the vessel was undamaged.

The Charlevoix City Fire/Dive team, Charlevoix EMS, East Jordan Dive Team and the U.S. Coast Guard helicopter out of Traverse City and rescue boat out of Charlevoix station, were also called to the scene to render assistance.

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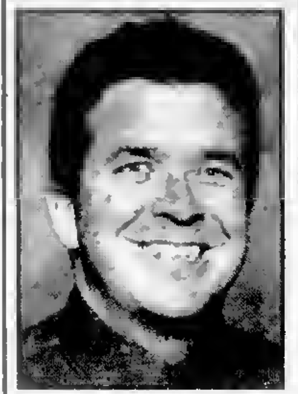
Jason to take on incumbent Brannon for clerk

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Longtime Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon has some competition this year for the republican nomination from newcomer Nate Jason.

Jane Brannon



Nate Jason

Brannon, 52, will face Jason, 34, in the Aug. 3 primary election for the republican nomination to the clerk's seat. Since there are no other contenders for the seat, this primary election will decide who will be the county's clerk.

Brannon has been the clerk of Charlevoix County since March 1980. She is a resident of Hayes Township, where sbe has lived since 1972. Before becoming the clerk, Brannon was the county's chief deputy clerk for two years.

In the time since she began her tenure as the clerk, Brannon has had many accomplishments. One of them was the computerization of the entire office and streamlining the way things are done in her office.

This is very important because the office has a wide variety of very important records for the county — everything from birth and death records to county history and finances.

"I have 125 years worth of history stored in this office," she said.

And Brannon has changes in plan for the future. She said she now has all of the vital records in the office on computer, thus making searching for those records easier for her staff.

Plus, she said around the first of the year, she will be installing public terminals in the clerk's office lobby so visitors can look up those vital records themselves.

Brannon is also working on making changes to the office's telephone system — something the public has complained about in the past. She said the new system will still be automatic, but it will be faster to connect to the person you are seeking than in the past.

As for the office's current customer skills, Brannon said everyone that comes to the clerk's office is served in a timely manner and this will continue. For example, when someone makes a request for a document through the Freedom of Information Act, Brannon said her staff responds to it as quick as possible.

However, she said sometimes searching for the document takes some time.

"What people don't understand is you can't just push a button. I believe you answer every request as timely as possible," she said.

Brannon added, "I believe you treat everyone the same and you follow the law. There are no gray areas," she said.

Brannon said the keys to being a good clerk are knowledge and experience.

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Jason is a resident of Eveline Township. He is currently in food sales with U.S. Food Services as a territory sales manager.

Jason said while he has no previous clerk's experience, he feels his experience keeping records and being a businessman are in his favor.

"My job is very detail oriented now," be said.

Jason said he is running for the clerk's position because he thinks he can serve the public, improve communication in the clerk's office and bring a "customer focus" to the clerk's office.

One way of serving the public and improving communications in the clerk's office, Jason said, is to get rid of the automated answering service for the telephones.

"I think telephones should be answered by human beings, not computers," he said.

He added he believes people coming to the clerk's office need to be served promptly.

"It's all about service," he said. "I think there is room for improvement."

Jason said he has visited the clerk's office in the past as a customer and was not happy with the service he was provided with.

"I think voters should vote for me because I can bring a friendly, energetic and responsible focus and I am open to new ideas," Jason said.

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Sewer line hookup OK

Set to open July 30, AmericInn Motel and Suites will be connecting to Charlevoix's sewer main until a gravity line can be constructed. Mayor Gabe Campbell said the council voted unanimously to approve the hookup, which will not cost the city anything. Campbell said the council made sure the connection fell under the new sewer agreement and that everything would run well and not affect local residents. Currently, only part of the gravity sewer line is installed. AmericInn Motel and Suites is located on US-31 near Bethany Lutheran Church and across from the Charlevoix Country Club.

E-mail scam found in area

Sheriff George Thomas Lasater said there is a new scam circulating in Charlevoix County.

Two citizens have advised the sheriff's office that they have received an e-mail from an attorney in Africa or representative that due to a death of a relative they have inherited several million dollars. The scam is so sophisticated that they receive copies of a death certificate and multiple official looking documents. The sheriff's office has contacted the FBI and at their request they are forwarding all documents to this agency. If residents receive this type of e-mail, please contact your local or state police agency or contact Sheriff George Thomas Lasater at 547-4461.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 2, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at 109 Bridge Park Drive, (the U.S. Coast Guard Conference/Training Center), Charlevoix, Michigan, to receive public input on a proposed amendment to the Emergency Declaration Ordinance of the City Code. The amendment is to change Title I, Chapter 6, Subsection 1.203(1)(c) to read:

> (c) Request the chief elected official of Charlevoix County, through the county emergency management coordinator, to declare a local state of emergency and to request assistance from the State of Michigan and its agencies.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

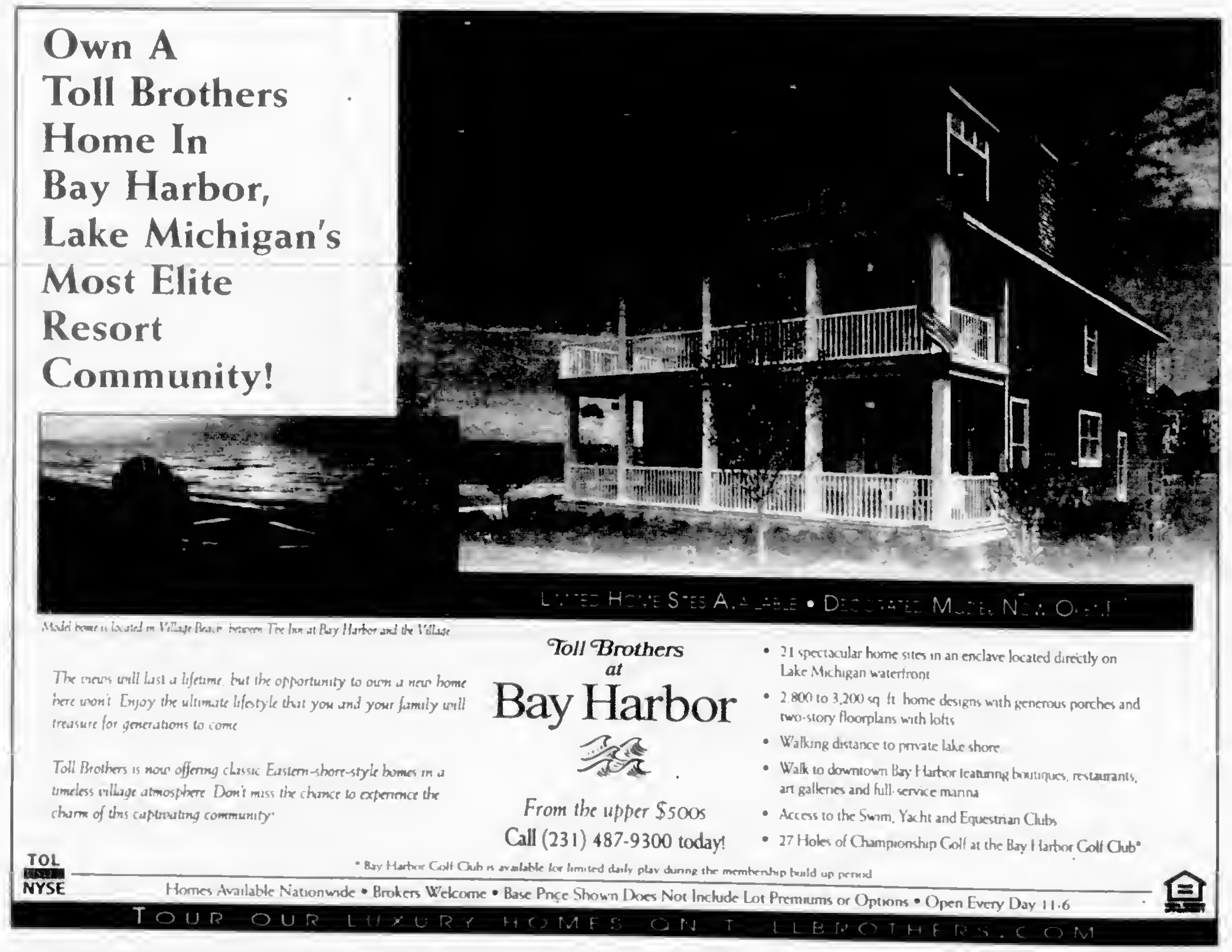
Entries needed for cookbook

The Charlevoix County Humane Society is collecting recipes for a fund-raising cookbook and needs your help.

Recipes of all types are welcome, including low-carb and Atkins meals, quick and easy meals, soups, salads, breads, appetizers, side dishes, old family recipes handed down from generation to generation, as well as your favorite desserts.

Recipes can be submitted to the Charlevoix County Humane Society via mail at 614 Beardsley Street, Boyne City 49712 or by fax at 582-6776. The deadline for submitting recipes is Aug. 30. Please include your name and address on the recipe, the amount it makes, and any other pertinent information.

The cookbooks will be sold later this year at various locations in Charlevoix County and all proceeds will go toward the general operating expenses of the Humane Society.



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Eveline Township

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased one mill, one dollar ($1.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000.00) of taxable value, on all taxable property in the Township for a period of two (2) years, 2004 through 2005 inclusive, for the purpose of Township road construction and maintenance? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1 mill would raise an estimated $189,159.00 for the Township when first levied in 2004.

Marion Township

This proposal will permit the Township to levy 1.5 mills for road construction and maintenance. The electors previously approved a similar millage in 2002, which expires in 2004.

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property (under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution) in the Township of Marion, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be renewed at 1.5 mills, (one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) per thousand dollars ($1,000) - of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township) for three (3) years, 2005 through 2007 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1.5 mills would raise an estimated $101,600.00 for the township when first levied in 2005.

Norwood Township
Proposal 1 - Road Millage

This proposal will permit the township to restore the township's 1 mill for road construction and maintenance previously approved by the electors and now expired. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced this millage to 0.9426 mills and restores the 0.0574 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed, on taxable property in the Township of Norwood, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be increased by up to one dollar ($1.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for three (3) years, 2004 through 2006 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that 1 mill would raise an estimated $38,769 for the township when first levied in 2004.

Norwood Township
Proposal 2 - Emergency Services

This proposal will permit the township to restore the township's 1/2 mill for emergency services (fire and ambulance) previously approved by the electors and now expired. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced this millage to 0.4712 mills and restores the 0.0288 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed, on taxable property in the Township of Norwood, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be increased by up to fifty cents ($.50) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1/2 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for three (3) years, 2004 through 2006 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire and ambulance emergency services? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that 1/2 mill would raise an estimated $19,384 for the township when first levied in 2004.

Peaine Township
Operating Millage

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 4 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the general operation of the Township. The electors previously approved two millage propositions totaling 4 mills to raise funds for the general operation of the Township, both of which expire in 2004. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced these millages to a combined 3.7848 mills. This ballot proposal combines the previously approved two millages into one millage renews the existing 3.7848 mills and restores the .2152 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed, on taxable property in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be increased by up to four dollars ($4.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (4 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for (4) years, 2005 through 2008 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the general operation of the township? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 4 mills would raise an estimated $195,894 for the township when first levied in 2005.

Peaine Township
Fire Protection Millage

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 1 mill for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection. The electors previously approved 1 mill to raise funds for fire protection, which expires in 2004. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced these millages to .9462 mills. This ballot proposal renews the existing .9462 mills and restores the .0538 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed, on taxable property in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be increased by up to one dollar ($1.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2005 through 2008 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1 mill would raise an estimated $48,973 for the township when first levied in 2005.

Peaine Township
Operating Millage - Transfer Station

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 2 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the Township transfer station. The electors previously approved two millage propositions totaling 2 mills to raise funds for the operation of the Township transfer station, both of which will expire in 2004. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced these millages to a combined 1.8923 mills. This ballot proposal renews the existing 1.8923 mills, and restores the .1077 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed, on taxable property in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, be increased by up to two dollars ($2.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (2 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2005 through 2008 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the township transfer station? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 2 mills would raise an estimated $97,947 for the township when first levied in 2005.

COUNTY PROPOSALS
Transit Millage Proposal

This proposal will permit the County of Charlevoix to restore the .25 mill, previously approved by the electors for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the County Transit System.

Shall the previously voted increase in the 15-mill tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan constitution on the general ad valorem taxes within Charlevoix County be renewed at 0.25 mill ($0.25 per $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years 2005 through 2008, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the County Transit System; and shall the County levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated $396,755?

Separate Tax Limitation Proposal

Shall separate tax limitations be established for a period of four (4) years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, inclusive, or until altered by the voters of the county, for the County of Charlevoix and the Townships and Intermediate School Districts within the county, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 5.9 mills as follows:

	Mills
County of Charlevoix	4.70
Townships	1.00
Intermediate School District	.20
Total	5.90

Senior Citizen Millage

This proposal will permit the County to renew the current levy of .4 mill for the senior citizen programs. The electors previously approved a similar millage in 2000, which expired in 2003.

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Charlevoix County imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for Charlevoix County Commission on Aging by .40 mills or $0.40 per $1,000.00 of taxable value for a period of four (4) years, 2004 through 2007 inclusive, for the purpose of supporting existing and implementing additional Senior Citizen programs? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .4 (4/10) mill would raise an estimated $634,808 for the County when first levied in 2004.

Recycling Millage

This proposal will permit the County to renew the current levy of .15 mill for recycling purchases and programs. The electors previously approved a similar millage in 2000, which expired in 2003.

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, be increased by .15 mills (15 cents $.15) per thousand dollars ($1,000) of taxable value for a period of four (4) years, 2004 through 2007 inclusive, for the purpose of capital purchases and recycling programs? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .15 mill would raise an estimated $238,053 for the County when first levied in 2004.

Boyne District Library
Library Millage Proposal

Shall the Boyne District Library levy an amount not to exceed .35 mill ($.35 on each $1,000 dollars of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property within the Boyne District Library District in perpetuity beginning in the year 2004, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law; and shall the Boyne District Library levy such new additional millage for said purpose; the estimate of the revenue the Boyne District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Library in the 2004 calendar year is approximately $130,600?

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Venetian Festival filled with music

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Many musical acts took the stage in East Park last week for the annual Venetian Festival. (Left) Peter Noone, of Herman's Hermits, strikes a pose Wednesday night.

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

(Left) A guitarist for the classic rock group Replay strums along during his band's set on Wednesday in East Park. (Right) Venetian veteran rocker Jill Jack returned to the East Park stage with her bluesy rock. Jill Jack opened for blues great Koko Taylor Thursday night. (Below left) Zion Lion's drummer keeps the beat during the band's reggae set in East Park. (Below) Trumpeters with the group Kids from Wisconsin entertain the crowd Saturday in East Park. The group performed a skit-like set of music until the Venetian boat parade.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

In addition to all of the national acts that took the East Park stage last week, several local acts could be heard. (Left) The children's musical and acting troupe Ragamuffin Theatre performed for children on Kids' Day, Thursday.

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Eveline Township voters to pick supervisor

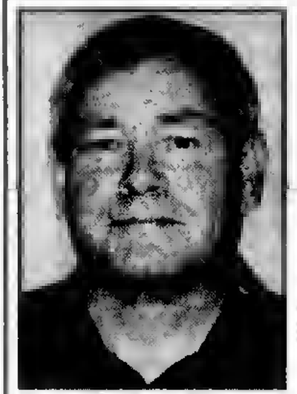
By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

ELECTION 2004

The supervisor of Eveline Township is one seat up for grabs at the August primary.

Eveline Township Supervisor Dan Skrzeczkoski of Charlevoix will fight to keep his seat against John E. Vrondran of Boyne City.

Don Skrzeczkoski



John E. Vrondran

Skrzeczkoski, 51, has been the supervisor for the past four years and has been on the board for 16 years. Before becoming supervisor, Skrzeczkoski said he was a trustee for about 12 years.

He moved to Charlevoix in 1975 and has lived in Eveline Township for between 20 and 22 years.

His involvement during this time includes the Zoning Board of Appeals for approximately 14 years and acting as the chair of the Charlevoix Chapter of the Michigan Township Association for about four or five years.

Skrzeczkoski said he is running because he wants to help the people in Eveline Township by servicing the public.

His platform includes some issues he ran on four years ago, with the number one issue being roads. Skrzeczkoski said since roads are important to any township, it's vital to keep up the Active Road Improvement Plan already in place.

"One high priority if I'm re-elected is to keep that activity going," he said.

Skrzeczkoski said during his term as supervisor, approximately 10 miles of roads were resurfaced and another several miles were seal coated and graveled.

Aside from improving the roads, Skrzeczkoski said he wants to increase the communication between officials and Eveline residents.

Skrzeczkoski said during his four years as supervisor he increased the amount of newsletters mailed to residents and helped develop a web site for the township. He said he also worked with newspapers, primarily the *Charlevoix Courier* and the *Petoskey News-Review* to help Eveline Township get better coverage. He said he wants to keep these going if re-elected.

When he can, Skrzeczkoski said he likes to talk to local residents and to the different associations in the area.

"Whenever I have time or I see someone I stop by," he said.

Skrzeczkoski said he also initiated a major rewrite of the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance for the township. He said the planning commission is completing the rewrite with the help of a professional planner, which is scheduled to be completed within a year.

Skrzeczkoski said those issues are still important to him, but so are a few new ideas he has in mind. If he is re-elected, Skrzeczkoski said he wants to look into developing two substations for the fire department and more recreational areas for Eveline Township.

Skrzeczkoski said he wants to try and raise the funds for these two developments without increasing the property tax of local residents.

"Residents pay enough property tax, they don't need to pay more," he said.

Skrzeczkoski's campaign may have to be convincing because Vrondran wants a chance at the seat.

Vrondran, 57, has lived in Charlevoix County all his life and Eveline Township for about 31 years. He doesn't have political experience, but assisted his father, who was a supervisor for many years in Wilson Township during the 1960s and 1970s.

Vrondran said he used to work and travel with his father, which gave him some insight into the responsibilities of a supervisor.

"It kind of gave me the initiative to run," he said.

Vrondran said he always wanted a political job and now that he is retiring he'll have more time to do so.

"I'm going to be for all the people," Vrondran said, which is his main focus.

Vrondran said he always wanted to be involved in such an intimate manner.

"There's a lot going on in the township and I just want to be part of it," he said.

One issue important to Vrondran is getting the public involved. He said as supervisor, he wants to see more public interaction with the issues facing the township.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL DOWNTOWN MEETING SYNOPSIS

Friday, July 16, 2004 - 12 noon • 210 State Street, Fire Hall Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. Council members Chamberlain, Haggard, Timms, and Campbell were present. Council members Gibson and Bellows were absent.

The following proceedings took place:

- Council adopted a motion approving the operations and procedures of the Charlevoix Skatepark for 2004.

Council adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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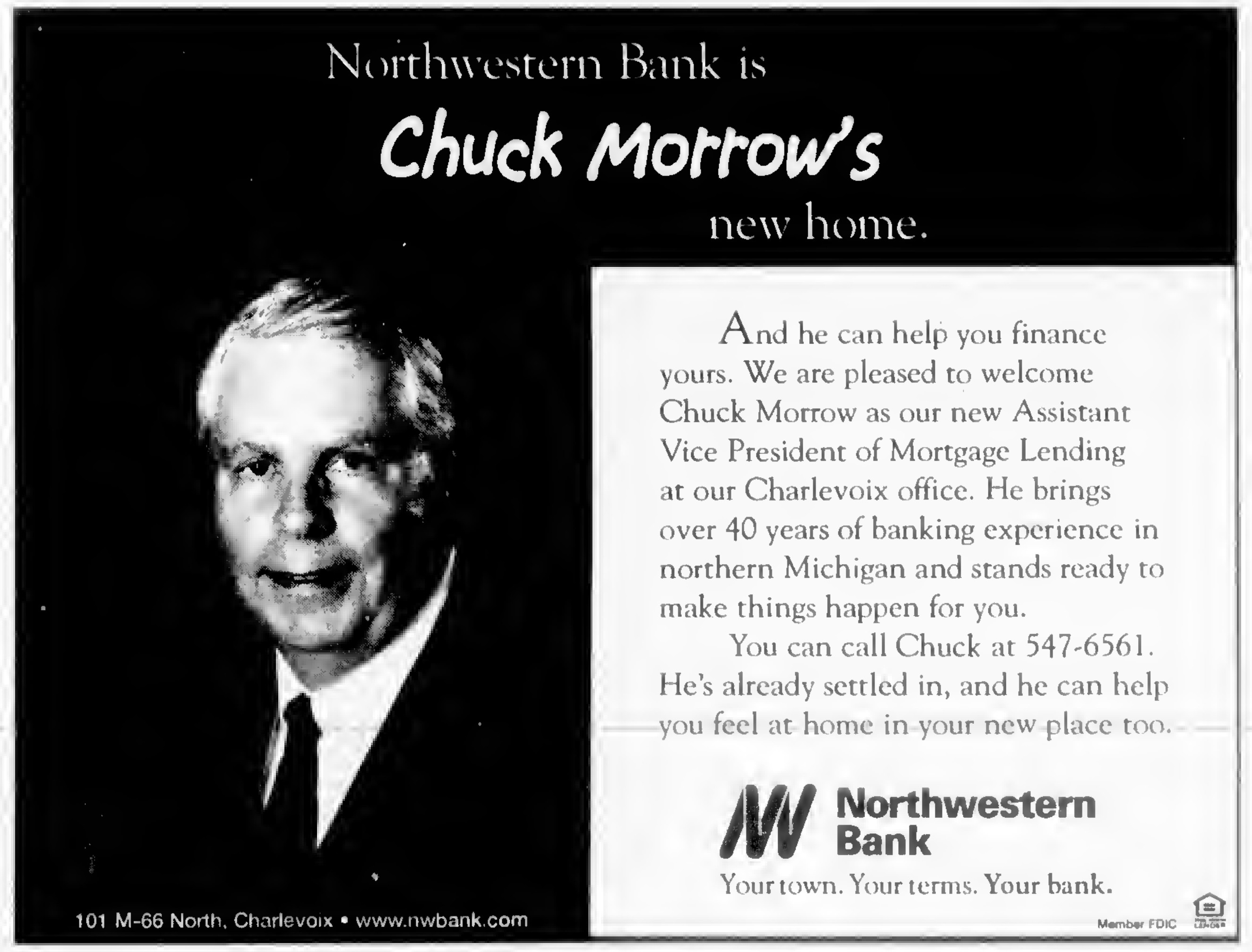

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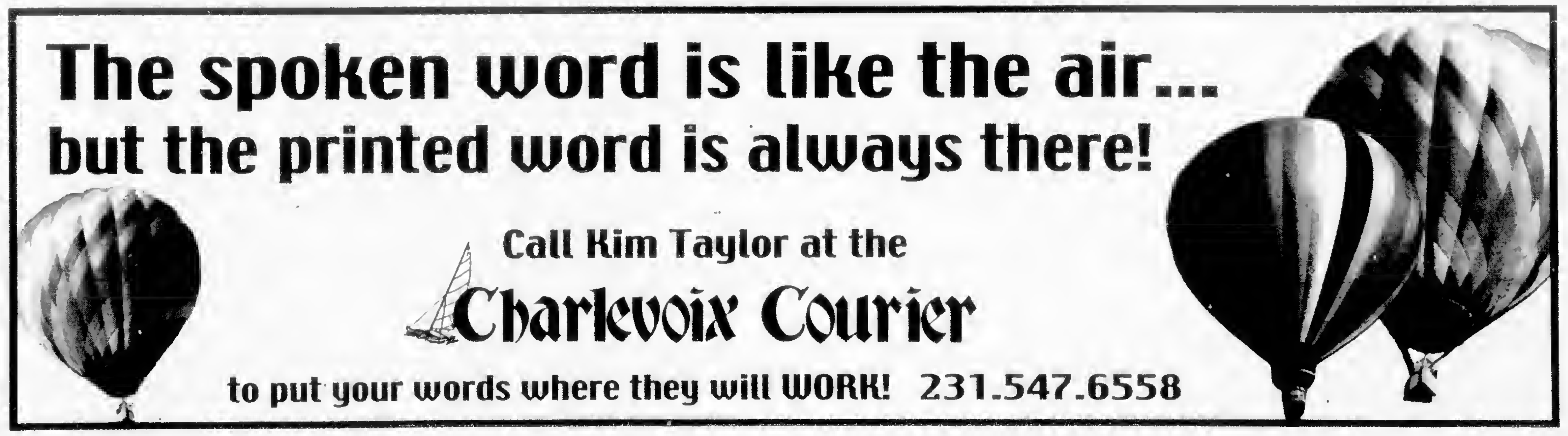

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Questions over hiring policy for school sports

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The new Charlevoix High School girls' basketball coaches have been chosen, but not everyone is happy with the procedure used to determine who received the positions.

Liz Grunch, previous varsity coach for volleyball and softball and physical education teacher, was chosen as the junior varsity basketball coach over former coach Lisa Carlson.

"I was told they'd rather have a teacher in that position," Carlson said.

Carlson said she doesn't have a problem with Grunch being chosen over her, but she does have issues concerning how Grunch got the job.

One of the reasons Carlson was given for losing her job was because she didn't have a teaching certificate.

She said she was also told teachers are more accessible during the day should something need to be discussed. Carlson understands the logic behind such a claim, but doesn't understand how a sport could take precedent over a classroom discussion.

"They're (teachers) supposed to be teaching during the day and not talking to the sport's director outside in the hall," she said.

If teaching certificates are what they're looking for, Carlson said she is currently attending Spring Harbor College in order to get hers.

"As taxpayers, we have just as much of a right to that job," she said. "We pay for their (teacher's) jobs."

Kanine said he doesn't favor teachers when looking at qualified candidates, but the experience in working with children does alert his attention because they are trained to work with a large group of children.

"As far as favoring teachers, absolutely not," he said. "We choose teachers because they have the training."

Carlson has been the junior varsity coach for eight years and has a wining record of 19 and 1 last year and 17 and 3 the year before.

"She has the best compiled record over the last three years," Norm "Boogie" Carlson, Carlson's husband said .

He is also concerned and upset over the whole situation.

"She's been involved in the program through three different head coaches," he said. "This is the first time they told her they got rid of everyone."

Norm Carlson said he went to all the school board meetings and questioned procedures as they were discussed. One such procedure was a head coach firing all those previously holding the said positions and hiring an entirely new staff.

Norm Carlson said Keith Haske, current Charlevoix Middle School principal and varsity boys basketball head coach, was chosen as the girls varsity basketball coach.

Norm Carlson said Kanine knew about this back in December, which would have given his wife more time to find a new job.

Lisa Carlson said that Kanine knew all along that he wanted Haske for the position even though others were allowed to apply.

"I was expecting Haske would get the job, but I didn't expect to lose my job," Carlson said.

The determination of a coach is supposed to be based upon yearly evaluations done by the head coach, and Carlson said she has not received an evaluation since 1999.

Norm Carlson said Kanine told Lisa he has two evaluations of her from Jim Parrish, previous varsity girls basketball head coach. Carlson said the evaluations were more of a critique and were turned in late so they aren't any good.

Kanine said he provided Lisa Carlson with copies of the two evaluations, but doesn't know if Parrish sat down with her to go over her evaluation.

Lisa said Kanine has a problem with her and yet never mentioned anything she should work on to her face.

"In the time I coached, never did he call me in there to talk about any problems he had with me," she said.

Both Carlsons and Parrish said they think Kanine is grooming Grunch to be the varsity girls basketball head coach, which is why he placed her in the junior varsity spot.

Lisa Carlson said Kanine won't deny to her that Grunch is to be the next varsity coach.

"If he didn't get Keith (Haske) in then no way of getting Liz (Grunch)," she said.

Carlson said the other varsity coach candidates would have probably kept her on if they had been chosen for the position.

Parrish said it's neat that Haske received the position and he hopes he receives the support he didn't receive during his time as varsity head coach.

Kanine said he doesn't have a plan to try and get Grunch in as varsity coach.

"I don't have any idea if Liz Grunch will or won't be the varsity head coach," he said. "I don't know if she'd apply or if she'd get it."

Kanine said he chose Haske because the previous coaches were not getting the team where he thought they should be.

"I wouldn't have hired anybody that wouldn't move that team forward," he said.

Kanine said he only wrote up Haske's recommendation for junior varsity coach, but didn't actually pick the person himself. He did say that Grunch's time as head coach for volleyball and softball gives her more experience in running a program than Carlson.

Despite any personal feelings, Carlson said she feels bad for the inconsistency the girls are having to put up with.

"The people who really suffer from all this are the girls," she said.

Grunch denied comment.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Rising country star

Local country singer Chris Dominic entertained the crowd on July 20 during the Venetian Kickoff at Castle Farms. Dominic divides his time between Charlevoix and Nashville, Tenn. where he is currently working on recording a new demo CD.

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Local book shop to feature author signings

Six authors are slated to appear at the Bridge Street Book Shop, located at 407 Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix in the next few days:

At 7 p.m., on Friday, July 30, author and local summer resident Jim Maas will be signing copies of "Power Sleep" and "Remmy and the Brain Train," two books written about the importance of sleep in both adults and children. Maas is a professor, Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow and past chairman of the Department of Psychology at Cornell University.

At 1 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 1 George Rose, Cross Village native and graduate of Harbor Springs High School, will sign copies of his book, "One Hit Wonders: Baseball Stories," about a select group of major league ballplayers who have had one and only one big league hit. Rose leads the reader through eight decades of baseball history, through the eyes of the players who lived them. Rose has been a baseball fan since the age of seven, and is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

At 7 p.m., on Monday, Aug. 2, Cathryn Michon will do a comedy show, as well as sign copies of her book, "The Grrl Genius Guide to Sex." Michon is an award-winning actress, writer and stand-up comic, in addition to being a self-proclaimed genius. Her stand up show "The Grrl Genius Club" has played at the Hollywood Improv, Caroline's and Madison Square Garden to sold-out audiences. Her television writing credits include Designing Women, China Beach, Sisters, South Park, and Diagnosis Murder.

On Tuesday, Aug. 3, the Bridge Street Book Shop welcomes popular author Steve Hamilton. Born and raised in Detroit, Steve Hamilton graduated from the University of Michigan where he won the prestigious Hopwood Award for fiction. His first novel, "A Cold Day in Paradise" won the Private Eye Writers of America/St. Martin's Press Award for Best First Mystery by an unpublished writer. Once published, it won the 1999 Edgar and Shamus Awards for Best First Novel and was short-listed for the Anthony and Barry Awards. Hamilton currently works for IBM in upstate New York where he lives with his wife Julia and their two children.

Hamilton will be signing copies of his new book, "Ice Run," as well as the paperback editions of "Blood in the Sky" and "A Cold Day In Paradise."

At 2 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 5, Kathy Boltz Phillips will sign copies of her book, "The Day the Electricity Went Out," a children's book. Phillips is a recognized professional artist who sells her artwork at fine art fairs.

At 1 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 7 nationally acclaimed children's author Kathy-jo Wargin, of Petoskey, will visit Charlevoix and sign copies of her numerous children's books, including: "Legend of the Lady's Slipper," "Legend of Leelanau," "Legend of the Loon," "Legend of Mackinac Island."

The Bridge Street Book Shop is located at 407 Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, please call 547-7323.

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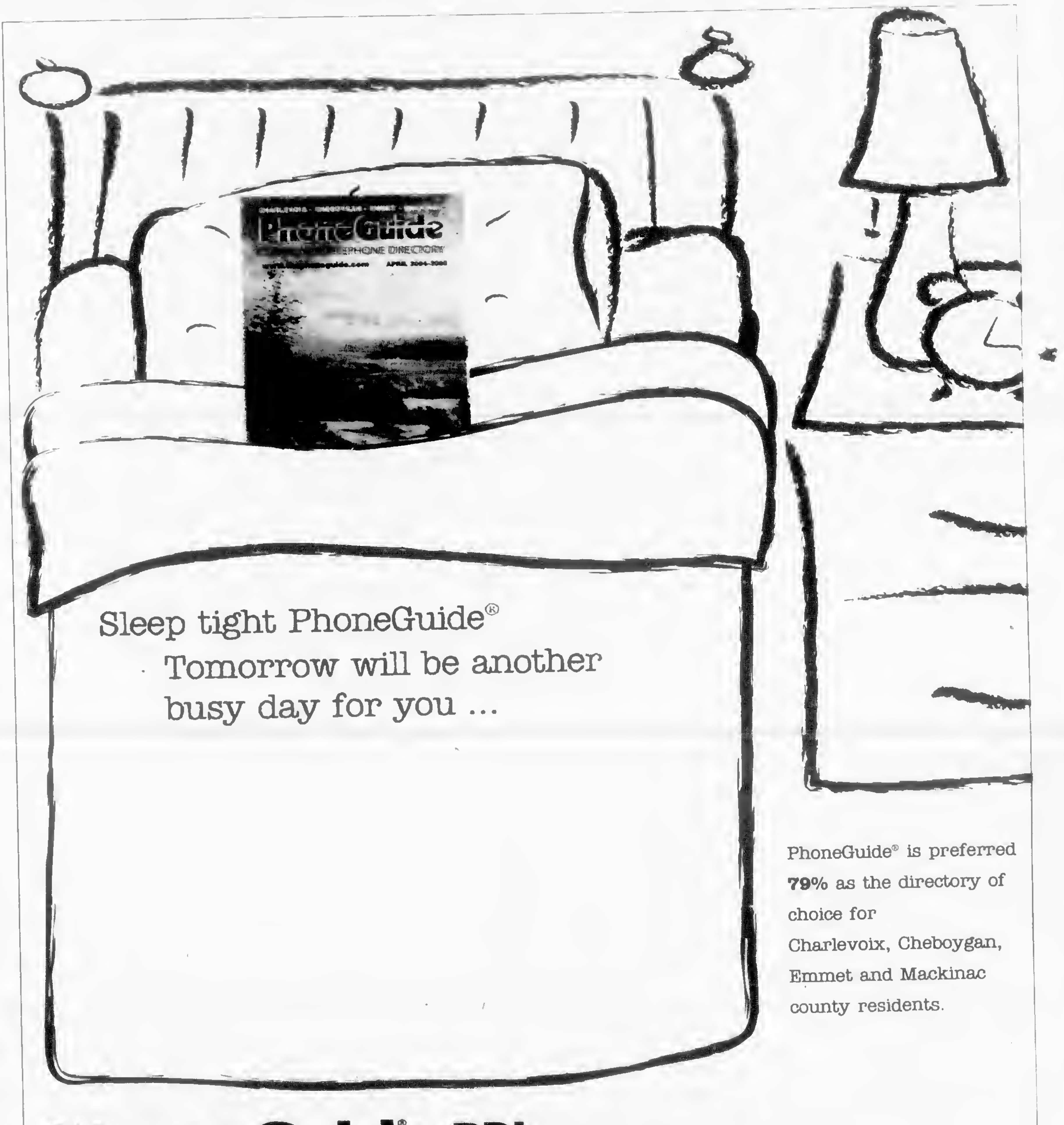

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Plenty of fun for kids of all ages at Venetian

Venetian is not just for adults as these children can attest. (Right) Haley Wurst, 2, and Jade Wurst, 3, of Commerce Township enjoy the craft tent on Kids Day. (Below) Mason Louiselle, 6, of Charlevoix, takes a tumble off the bull.

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Alexan Jennings, 5, of North Carolina tries to keep her grip on the rock wall in East Park.

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(Above) Children and adults were able to experience a touch of the exotic on July 20 with elephant rides during the Venetian Kickoff at Castle Farms. Laura the Elephant is 21 years old and weighs over 8,500 pounds.

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(Above) Victoria Sweet, 3, of Charlevoix tries out the motorcycles at the carnival during the Venetian Festival. (Left) Children pop in and out from between inflatable obsticals in a bouncy toy at the Kids Day. (Below left) Stephen Holmes, 9, from New Canaan, Conn. watched as Scott Herrington applied a Temporary Airbrush Tattoo (TAT) to his arm. Herrington said he and some other friends are freelancers of TAT International and only do the tattoos during festivals.

Hospice auction July 30

The 2004 Hospice of Northwest Michigan Auction will be on Friday, July 30 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Through the generosity of Linda and Richard Mueller, who are donating the facility for the evening, and several local restaurants and caterers who are donating hors d'oeuvres, funds will be raised to help offset volunteer and bereavement services provided to Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

A new approach will be used in this year's auction. Donations will be grouped in package form, combining similar themes to showcase unique items from persons and businesses supporting Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

An example of this format is a condo at Big Sky, donated by Dick and Janine Schaible, with $500 towards airline tickets from Connie Saltonstall. Another major packages includes a scale model dragster donated and autographed by Kid Rock combined with a car detailing certificate from Great Lakes Motor Works. A party package includes a birthday party with clowns (Wowie the Clown with Wiggles and Wyatt the Magic Wonder) a chopper tricycle, a fabric clown and two large pizzas. A single item example features an Ashley Pie Saver and a wild game dinner party.

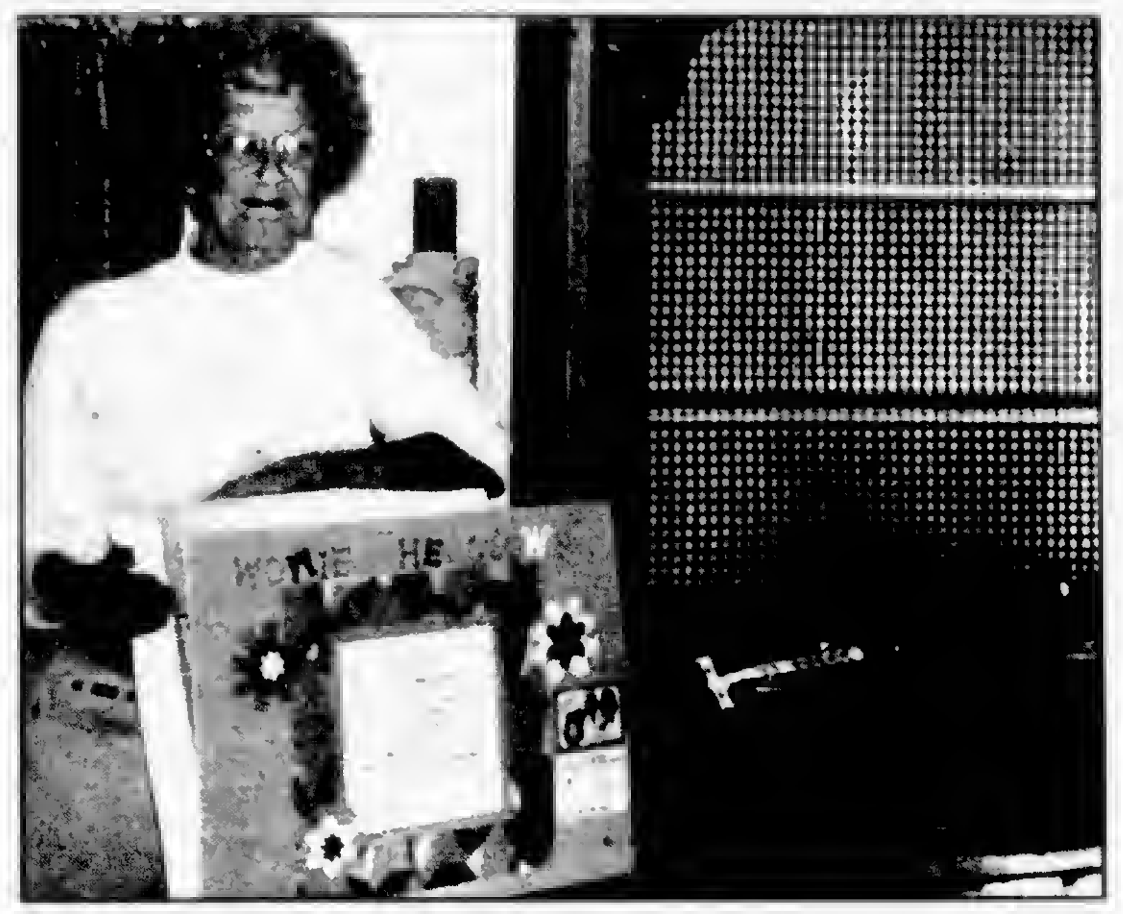
Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the silent auction.

Scott MacKenzie and Rip Hayes are the auctioneers beginning about 7:30 p.m. Margaret Thomson, a local pianists, will provide music before the live auction begins.

Ticket prices will be $30, $60 and $90 per seat. All prices include a complimentary beverage, a chance to win the $300 and $200 door prizes and hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets are available at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City, Busy Bridge Antiques in East Jordan, The Clothing Company in Charlevoix, Orchard Hills LTD in Bellaire and at the door. The Hospice office should be contacted regarding any questions (231) 536-2842.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan is working in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency to provide a comprehensive hospice program for those facing a life limiting illness.



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Leona Bartlett shows off some of the items up for auction in the Hospice fund-raiser.

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Flying high

Tony Kiernan, 16, shows off his skills during the Venetian Kickoff on July 20 at Castle Farms. The Charlevoix Community Skatepark demonstrated what it has to offer through the talent of the young skateboarders, rollerbladers and BMX bike riders.

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Crooked Tree to host McPartland jazz concert

Grammy Award winner, jazz great, Marian McPartland, will be in concert.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center and Bay View Association present the Marian McPartland Trio in concert, at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20. The concert will be at Bay View Association in John Hall Auditorium.

This is the first performance in the Virginia McCune Performing Arts Series for 2004/2005.

Born Margaret Marian Turner in Windsor, England, the host of Piano Jazz began to teach herself Chopin waltzes on the piano by ear when she was only 3 years old.

McPartland later pursued classical training at London's Guildhall School of Music before joining a four-piano vaudeville act that traveled throughout Europe during World War II entertaining the Allied troops.

While on tour in Belgium, she met and began to play with her future husband, Chicago cornetist Jimmy McPartland. In the U.S. after the war, McPartland performed for a brief time with her husband's Dixieland band.

But McPartland heard the call of bebop and began to head in other musical directions. She formed her own trio and landed a two-week gig at the renowned Hickory House in New York City.

With her ability to gently shepherd a poignant ballad, to swing with real power, and to stay ahead of new developments in jazz, McPartland turned those two weeks into a ten-year residency. It became a gathering place for jazz colleagues like Oscar Peterson, Benny Goodman, and Duke Ellington.

After recording for several existing labels — including over 50 albums with Concord — McPartland founded her own imprint, Halcyon Records. Artists who have recorded on Halcyon include pianists Earl Hines, Teddy Wilson and Dave McKenna. McPartland's composing has not escaped notice either, and her material has been recorded by Tony Bennett and Peggy Lee, among others.

In addition to hosting Piano Jazz, Turner maintains a busy schedule, recording, touring, lecturing and teaching year-round. She is deeply committed to music education in the country's public schools and was inducted in the International Association of Jazz Education Hall of Fame in 1986.

She has received honorary degrees from Hamilton, Union and Bates Colleges, Bowling Green University and the University of South Carolina.

Her books include "The Artistry of Marian McPartland," a collection of transcriptions released by Columbia Pictures Publications and "All in Good Time," jazz profiles published by the Oxford University Press. In 1983, Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz received a George Foster Peabody Award for excellence in broadcasting.

The concert is part of Petoskey's Festival on the Bay Celebration and is sponsored in part by CMU Public Radio. Tickets are $100 Sponsor, reserved seating, includes an Afterglow with Marian McPartland Trio; $50 Patron, reserved seating; general admission: Adults $20 for Crooked Tree Arts or Bay View members /$25 non member, children $8 member/$10 non-member.

For more information, please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. Bay View box office will sell tickets through Aug. 6, call (231) 348-9551 to purchase at Bay View Association.

FACTS

How does the current Charlevoix County Prosecutor compare with other prosecutors?

County	Population	Number of criminal Assistant Prosecutors	Number of trials by Prosecutor	2003/2004 Salary
ANTRIM Charles Koop - Prosecutor	23,110*	2001 - 2 2002 - 2 2003 - 2 2004 - 2	2001 - 9 2002 - 5 2003 - 8 2004 - ? **TOTAL - 22**	2003 - $71,528 2004 - $73,316 2.5% increase
EMMET Bob Engel - Prosecutor	31,437*	2001 - 3 2002 - 3 2003 - 3 (2 for part of year) 2004 - 2 (1 for part of year)	2001 - 11 2002 - 8 2003 - 13 2004 - ? **TOTAL - 32**	2003 - $79,072 2004 - $80,472 2% increase
OTSEGO Kevin Hesselink - Prosecutor	23,301*	2001 - 1.5 2002 - 1 (1.5 for part of year) 2003 - 1.5 2004 - 1.5	2001 - 5 2002 - 5 2003 - 4 2004 - ? **TOTAL - 14**	2003 - $89,237 2004 - $90,576 1.5% increase
CHARLEVOIX Mary Beth Kur - Prosecutor	26,090*	2001 - 3.5 (1 added partway) 2002 - 2 2003 - 2.5 2004 - 2.5 plus an intern	**2001 - 0** **2002 - 1** **2003 - 1** **2004 - ?** TOTAL - 2	**2003 - $79,846** **2004 - $84,900** **6% increase**

* **Census** data provided by Federal Census, 2000; **Otsego** data provided by Prosecutor Kevin Hesselink; **Emmet** data provided by Deputy County Clerk, 90th District Court; **Charlevoix** data provided by County Clerk, 90th District Court, Charlevoix County Court Records; **Antrim** County Data provided by Antrim County Clerk

The FACTS are that Charlevoix County has the most criminal assistant prosecutors; the second highest paid prosecutor who has personally tried 2 trials since December 2000 (none in 2004 as of yet). It is time for a prosecutor who will try all cases, not just the high profile cases. I have personally tried over 100 trials while in the prosecutor's office and I will continue to try cases as your prosecutor. I will be a prosecutor for all the citizens of Charlevoix County.

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Venetian Parade filled with music, marchers

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Spectators lined Bridge Street Saturday morning for the annual Venetian Festival parade. (Left) The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps donned authentic clothing and instruments during the parade.

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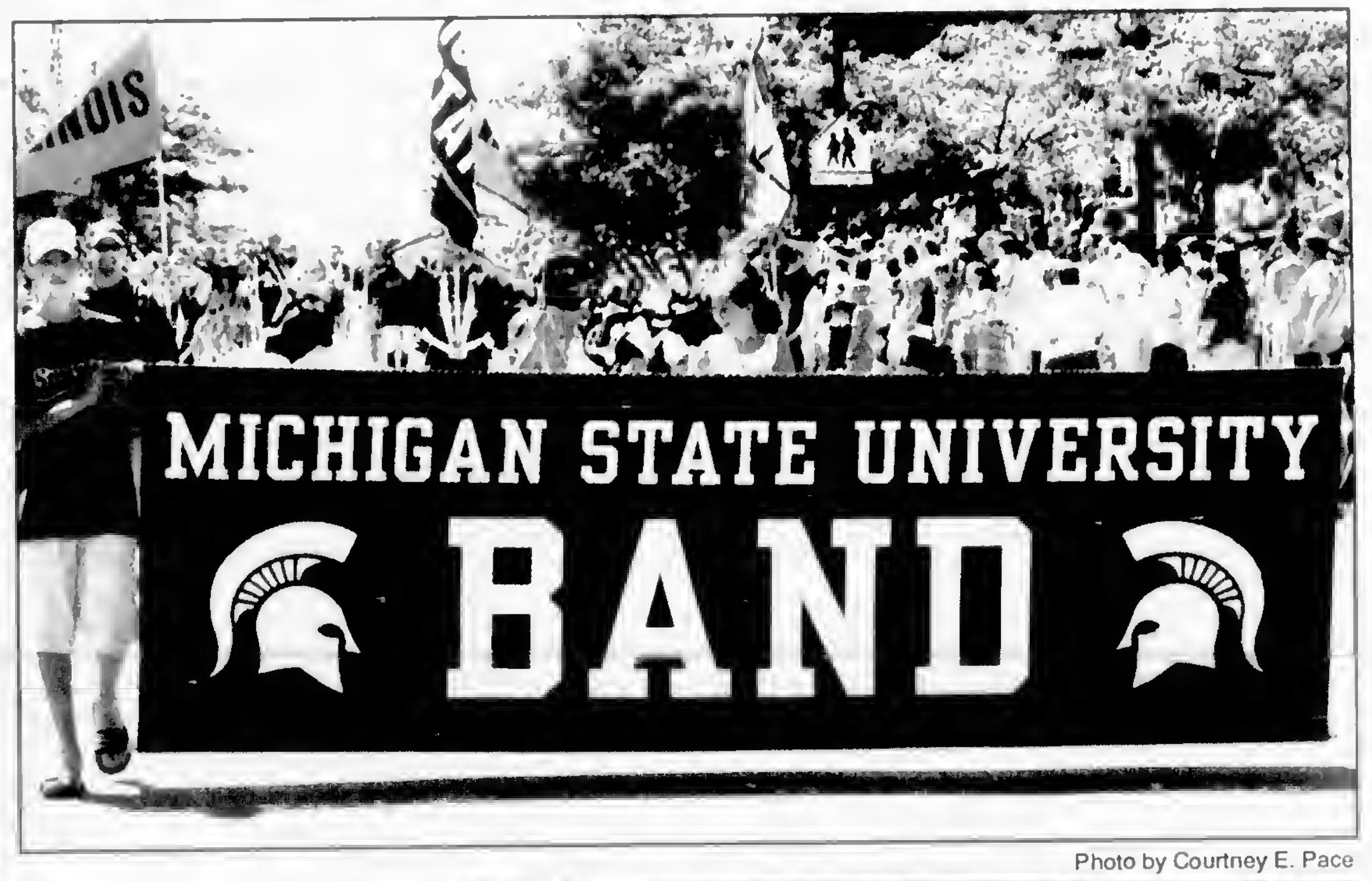
(Above) The Grand Traverse Highlanders Bagpipes and Drums brought a touch of Scottish style to the parade. (Below) Ending the parade in style was the Michigan State University Spartan Marching Band, which made their way down Bridge Street in a mass of green and white.



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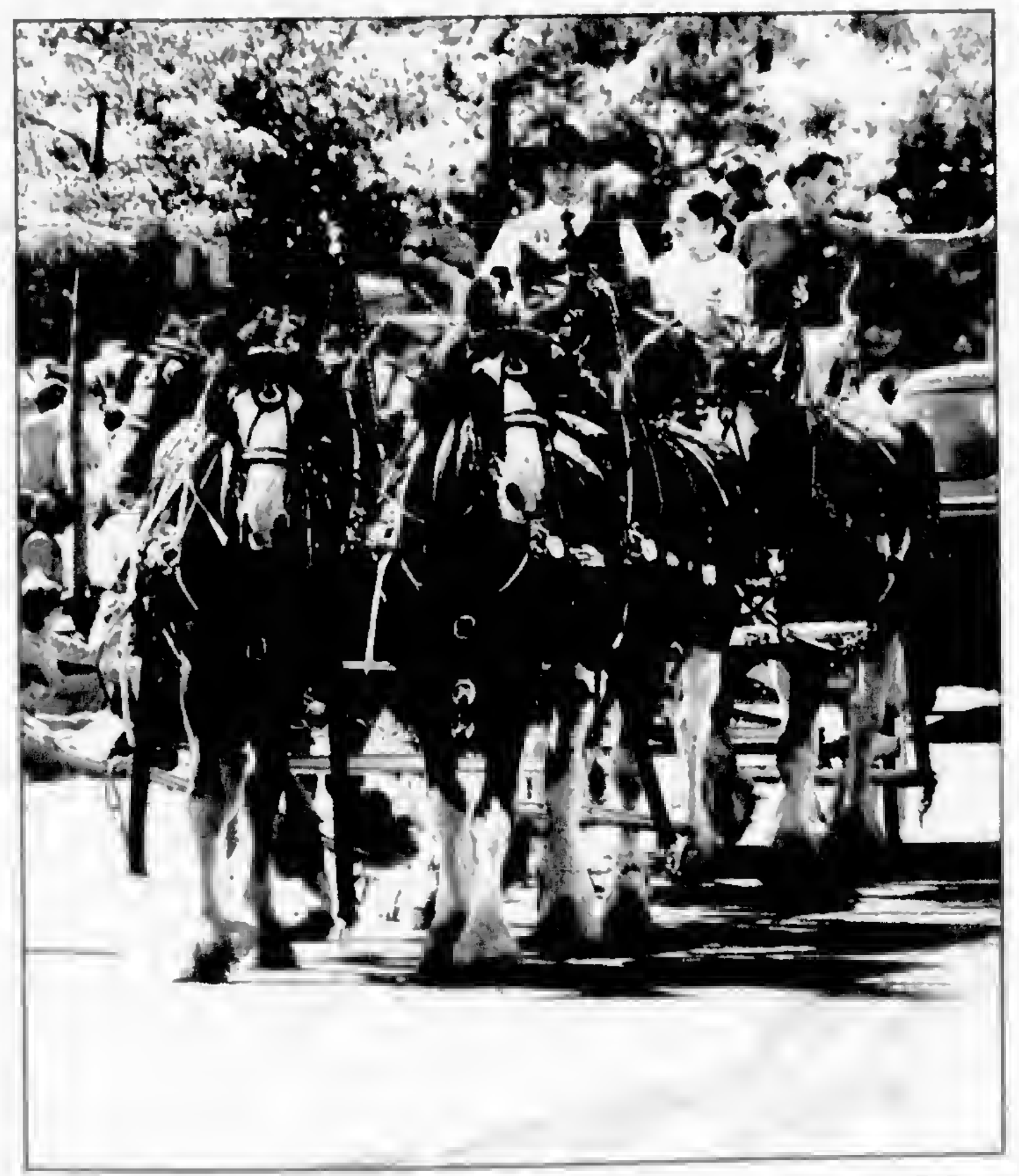

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(Left) Venetian Parade Grand Marshall Ted Lindsay made his way through town with real horse power. Several draft horses pulled the wagon that Lindsay rode on. Lindsay waved to the crowd as small children eyed the large-hoofed horses. (Right) The Hawaiian shirt wearing Petoskey Steel Drum Band played Jimmy Buffet tunes on their unique instruments.

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Harbor Industries granted tax abatement

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

Harbor Industries was recently granted tax abatement on a newly installed saw, valued at around $500,000.

The abatement falls under a five-year block set aside for construction renovation in which the company can file new property.

Harbor CEO Tim Parker said, "It's obviously the continued support of the city which helps us maintain our competitiveness. These tax abatements help us invest in new technology."

The tax abatement allowed the company more money to use toward renovation, and encouraged Harbor Industries to build a new building, he said.

Even though mayor Gabe Campbell said that he's not that thrilled about tax abatement, he said that the new building not only improves the looks of Charlevoix, but has also provided opportunities for employment.

"It sure is beautiful compared to what we had," said Campbell.

The site renovation by Harbor Industries received tax abatement under Public Act 198 of 1974, which was provided to allow companies more money through tax abatement to make renovation possible.

Before receiving the abatement, Harbor Industries had to file with the city of Charlevoix on a point system basis. Points are awarded for different criteria such as the number of new employees and the installation of money-saving properties.

The maximum number of tax abatement years granted is 12, with 110 points. Harbor Industries, upon the time of filing, had 200 points.

Because of the gap in the points, Harbor Industries reached a deal with the city of Charlevoix for tax abatement on any new property added within the first 5 years.

Businesses are taxed on both lot and personal property. The abatement that allowed for reconstruction drastically cuts the amount of tax paid on personal property.

"It's a substantial tax reduction, but they still pay a significant amount of taxes," said Carol Ochs, city clerk.

According to the city, Harbor Industries pays the second highest amount in taxes.

The taxable amount for businesses is calculated on Dec. 31 of the year before. This amount is subject to changes due to millage and formulas used to calculate taxes on new property, rehabilitation property, and personal property.

The five-year umbrella for new properties will end in the year 2005, concluding the tax abatement process this year. Although all properties added under this tax abatement deal will have 12 years of exemption, no new properties can be added after this year.

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Weddings

Helm — Nedow

Angela Helm and Eric Nedow, both of Phoenix, Ariz. were married Dec. 27, 2003 with a Christmas theme in front of 125 guests at St. James Cathedral in Orlando, Fla.

Angela is the daughter of Cherie and Robert Helm of Charlevoix. Eric is the son of Richard and Robbin Nedow of Gaylord.

The bride wore a strapless, candlelit, satin, ball gown with a scalloped bust and waistline. It was adorned with Swarovski crystals scattered throughout.

The maid of honor was Christine Lutz of Grove City, Ohio. Bridesmaids were Shelly Goschka of Mount Pleasant, Jeanne Weber of Okemos, Tonni Benet of Byron Center and Sara Nodurff of San Diego, Calif. They wore strapless cranberry gowns with chiffon overlays. They carried white calla lily bouquets.

The flower girl was Shelby Cole of Winter Haven, Fla.

The ring bearer was Tyler Cole of Winter Haven, Fla.

The best man was Nick Nedow of Okemos. The groomsmen were Scott Gregor, of Gilbert, Ariz., Joe Ward of Chandler, Ariz., Tim Mahos, of Gainsville, Fla. and Robbey Helm Jr. of Montana.

A reception was given at the downtown Marriott in Orlando, Fla.

The couple went on a wedding trip to Negril, Jamaica.

They are making Phoenix, Ariz. their home.

Angela is currently in sales and Eric teaches and coaches basketball.

Clifford — DuPont

Dianne Clifford and Bill DuPont were married on Friday, July 23 at their home at 1214 State Street in Charlevoix.

Kris Way and Jim Berlage witnessed their vows which were presided over by Reverend Nancy Rohde.

Bill has been a resident of Charlevoix for the past 14 years and a sailor in the area for more than 20 years. He will continue commuting each week to his law practice downstate.

Dianne moved to Charlevoix four years ago after a 25 year career with Amway Corporation in Ada Michigan. She is now the Executive Director for United Way in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties as well as an employee at the Bridge Street Book Shop.

Bill and Dianne have five grown daughters and five grandchildren.

Bill's children are: Courtney (Ed) Ostapow of Charlotte.; Adrianne and Whitney Meuleman of Tuscon, Ariz.

Dianne's children are: Amy (Tim) Hoover of Holland; grandchildren, Madeline and Aidan; and Sari (Jason) Rogers of Jenison; grandchildren Courtney, Sophia and Sam.

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This clown didn't just make funny faces and bad jokes for the crowd, this one created animal balloons for children on July 24 during the 74th Annual Venetian Festival Parade.

Venetian Festival winners of electrical boat parade

The 74th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival Boat Parade results were:

Small Boats (less than 35 feet overall)

- First place Summer Semester (34 foot Silverton), Spiderman, owned by Richard Giddens of Cadillac.
- Second place, Bigger than Don's (21 foot Crownline), Venetian Luau, owned by Patrick Norton of Orion.
- Third place, Luv Shak (31 foot Four Winns), Cliff Lagerman Rayder Athlete Class of 48, owned by Mark Snyder of Traverse City.

Big Boats (greater than 35 feet overall)

- First place, Got Bugs (36 foot Carver), Christmas in July, owned by Gary Collier of Traverse City.
- Second place, Waterways (37 foot Wellcraft), The Venetian Way, owned by Scott Way of Charlevoix.
- Third place Alyssa B (40 foot Lindmark), Cheerleader Heaven, owned by Katharine Rammacher/Charlevoix Charters, Charlevoix.

Directors Choice given for Daylight Decoration, Dockside Presence and Hospitality,

- First place, Blue Boy (46 foot SeaRay), Michigan State Spartans, owned by the Spadafore Family, East Lansing.
- Second place, Alyssa B (40 foot Lindmark), Cheerleader Heaven, owned by Katharine Rammacher/Charlevoix Charters, Charlevoix.
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Art center to host appraiser Aug. 17

The Annual Appraisal Clinic conducted by Ernest DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries and Fine Art Appraisers, Detroit will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug.17 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Learn the market value of paintings, collectibles, antiques, fine furniture, china, silver, jewelry, oriental rugs and other items of value.

The fee for each item is $10 for a verbal appraisal and $15 for a written appraisal. Reservations are not accepted, as this is a first come, first served format.

DuMouchelle will also accept items for consignment or purchase. In-home appraisals are available by appointment for Wednesday, Aug. 18 and Thursday, Aug. 19.

The fee for in-home appraisals is $125.

Contact Donna McDougall at the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337 for more information or to schedule an in-home visit. The arts center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey.

Planned Parenthood offers college kits

The first year of college is an exciting time for young men and women. But for too many freshmen, it will also be the first time they are in situations where they feel they are not in control.

Alcohol abuse, drug use, and date rape are, unfortunately, too common at many colleges and universities.

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan (PPNM) is offering "Off To School – Play It Safe" packets for college-bound young adults to help prepare new students for some of the situations they may face.

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan's Education Coordinator Kathy Snooks helps develop the packets, while a volunteer puts them together.

"Our hope is that college-bound young men and women will share this information with their parents and use it as a starting point for conversations about what they may face as first year students," said Snooks. "Even if students who pick up the packets are not faced with every situation covered, they will be knowledgeable about what's out there, and prepared to take care of themselves."

The "Play It Safe" packets contain a variety of written materials covering topics such as watch out for date rape drugs, abstinence and self-esteem, drinking and college life and contraceptive choices.

The packets are free to any interested college-bound students and are available at Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan at 1219 N. Third Street in Petoskey.

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The event takes place at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

However, Pool Board President Tim Boyko said, "By special arrangement with the club we will have seating for 25 extra guests."

Club members may call the club at 547-9796 to charge their reservations to their account. Others may call the pool at 547-0982 to reserve tickets.

In addition to the excitement anticipated when the coveted BMW Mini-Cooper automobile is auctioned, other items to be auctioned include stays at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel, Chicago's Drake Hotel, an a condo in Hawaii, morel mushroom safari, sailing, fly fishing, golf outings, antique jewelry and art, a wine tasting party and the Cemex Challenger.

AmeriCorps in need of members

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District is seeking 20 AmeriCorps members to work with local school districts during the 2004-2005 school year.

AmeriCorps is commonly referred to as "the domestic Peace Corps," Char-Em ISD is entering its seventh year of the AmeriCorps program, which is designed to reduce physical and emotional violence among students through lessons/trainings in no bullying, conflict resolution, character education, and good citizenship.

The 20 AmeriCorps members will be assigned to one school within Charlevoix, Emmet or northern Antrim counties.

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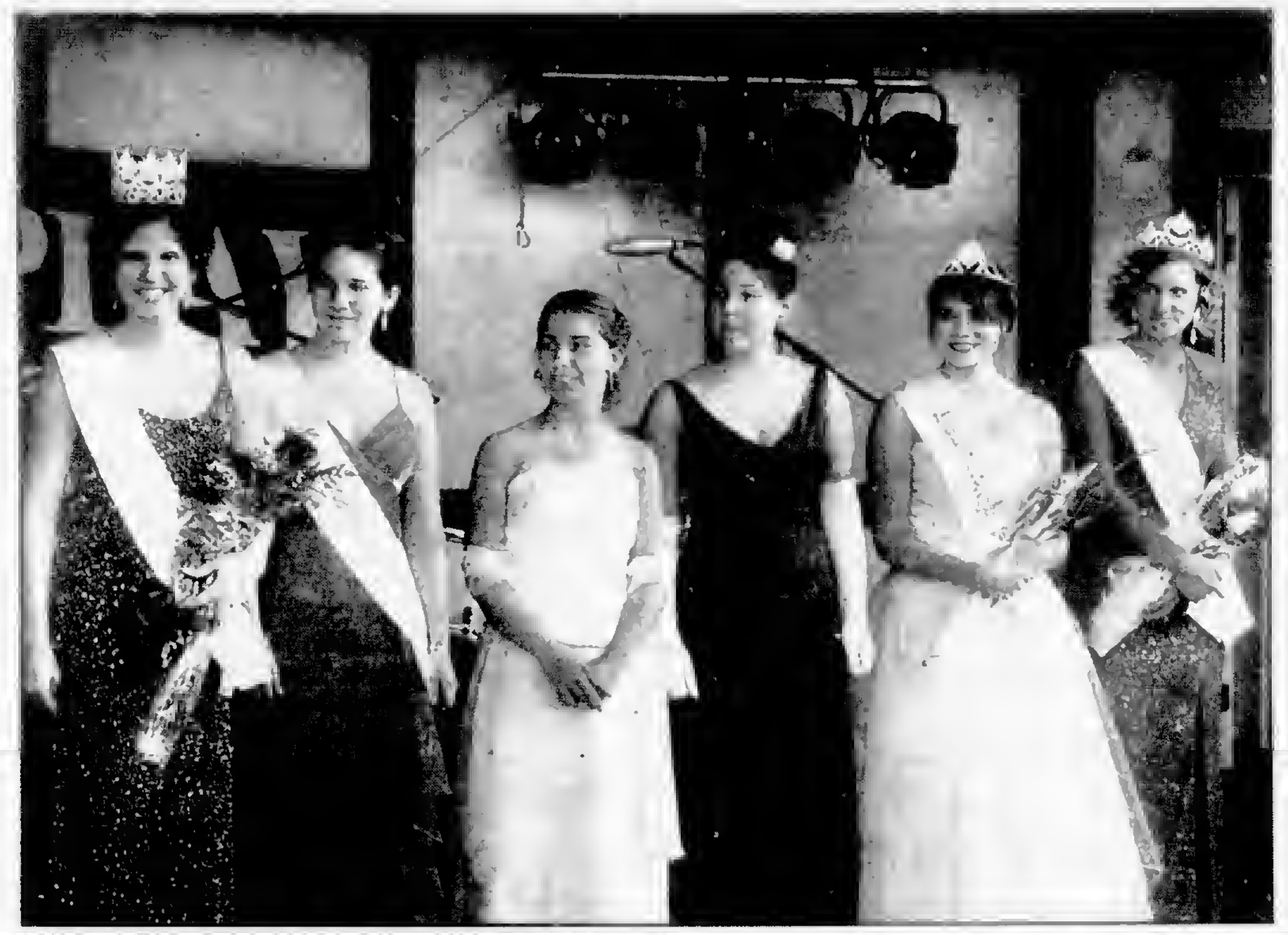

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Kimble is queen

(Above) The Queen and her court stand ready for action during the coronation ceremony on July 23: Danielle Kimble, 2004 Venetian Queen, Tess Hoaglund, Miss Congeniality, Trisha Watkins, Kellie Young, Kristina Godwin Morena, second runner-up, and Rachel Wyniawskyj, first runner-up. Ready to start her reign, Kimble looks out over the mass of people who gathered to see which young lady would be queen.

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Charlevoix's cave people come out for annual party

This Charlevoix couple dressed in their finest animal print to attend the Venetian Festival activities. Calling themselves Charlevoix's Cave People, they stopped to take pictures with spectators and pose in their fancy get-up.

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SPORTS

Venetian golf champions announced

The final matches of the 2004 Keith Carey Cup Golf Tournament were completed during last week's Venetian Festival.

This year saw a great turnout with a total of 48 golfers participating and competing in one of four separate match play categories. New for this year was the addition of a Men's Senior Division which had a total of eight entries.

This year's winners and runners-up are as follows: David Shearer defeated Bruce Beaudoin four and three to win the Men's Championship Division; Chris Putman defeated brother Shawn Putman two up to win the Men's First Flight Division; Bill Ward defeated Jack Niswander four and three to win the Men's Senior Division; and Katie Zbierajewski defeated Fran Marschner two and one to win the Women's Championship Division. Both David Shearer and Katie Zbierajewski are repeat champions having successfully defended their titles from last year.

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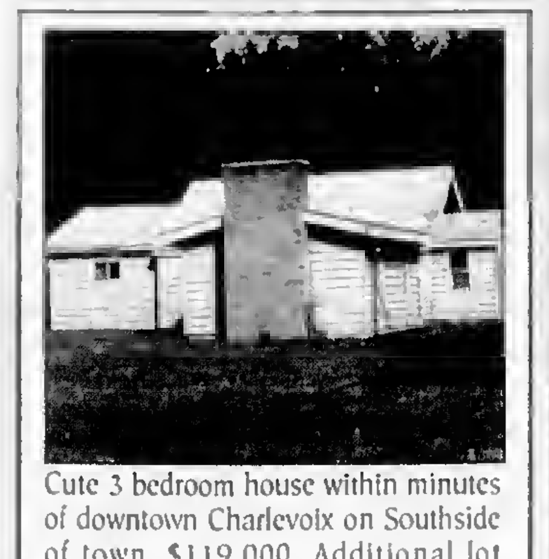

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Ty Telgenhof threw a one-hitter against the Mets, giving up no earned runs. J.D. Speigl had two hits and scored a run. Michael Heckendorn singled and had a run scored and an RBI. Nathan Golovich singled and scored.

Against Cobra Gold, Heckendorn scored three runs, drove in two and picked up the pitching win with two innings of shutout relief. Telgenhof had two hits and two RBI.

Heckendorn gave up only one hit against Darien and struck out eight in his second win of the tourney. He also was two-for-two at the plate with two stolen bases. Sam Balasz also had two hits.

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(7-28-1-203)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of a certain land contract made on November 1, 1997 by Mark A. Ehinger and Kathie A. Ehinger, as Vendees to Woodland Development Company as Vendor, on which land contract there is claimed to be due and unpaid through the date of the sale, ten thousand seven hundred seventeen and 23/100 ($10,717.23) principal, including interest at eleven (11%) percent per annum, being presently due pursuant to a Delault Judgment of Foreclosure of Land Contract entered in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court, being File No. 04-285-20-CH on June 18, 2004.

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, August 27, 2004 at 11:00 am, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court tor the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose ot satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon the mortgage, together with the legal costs, charges of sale, and expenses, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the lands and premises mentioned and described in the mortgage, as follows, to-wit:
Land situated in the TOWNSHIP of PEAINE, County of CHARLEVOIX.

ISLAND HIDEAWAY PARCEL C: A parcel of land being a part of the West _ of Section 20, T38N-R10W, described as: Commencing at the North _ corner ot said Section 20; thence S00°07'55"E, along the North and South _ line of said section, 2648.87 feet; thence N89°53'42"W, 779.71 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N86°55'45"W, 592.52 feet; thence S00°55'47'W, 665.22 feet; thence S85°03'21"E, 733.72 feet; thence 65.94 feet along the arc of a 2000.00 foot radius curve to the left, a chord bearing of N14°28'08"W, 65.94 feet; thence N15°24'48"W, 152.93 teet; thence 491.81 feet along a 2000.00 foot radius curve to the right, a chord bearing of N08°22'08"W, 490.57 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 10.01 acres of land,

Together with and subject to Easements as described in Liber 380, Pages 323-333, Charlevoix County Records for the ingress and egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utitities. Further, together with and subject to Declaration of Easement recorded in Libel 377, Pages 581-582, Charlevoix County Records. Subject to all other easements, restrictions and reservations of record and excluding all gas, oil and mineral rights, The above described property is to be used for residential and recreational purposes, and no mobile homes are allowed.

The redemption period will be six (6) months from the time of such sale. Said property is still subject to a land contract dated November 1, 1997 in the amount of ten thousand seven hundred seventeen and 23/100 ($10,717.23) principal including interest at eleven (11%) percent per annum, being presently due. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of this sale.

YOUNG, GRAHAM &
ELSENHEIMER, PC

Dated: July 1, 2004
Peter R. Wendling (P48784)
Attorney for Plaintiff
PO Box 398
Bellaire, MI 49615
(231) 533-8635

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397,and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THREE AND 51/100 DOLLARS ($101,653.51) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, August 27, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Courthouse, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85°54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 Inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line of said easement; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39°54'29"East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1°35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85°54'10" West 33,. 3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79°43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62°36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 62°36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79°43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said _ line North 85°54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0°54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: July 13, 2004

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684

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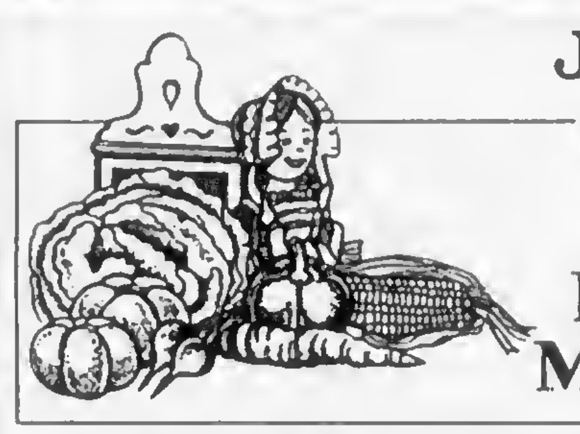

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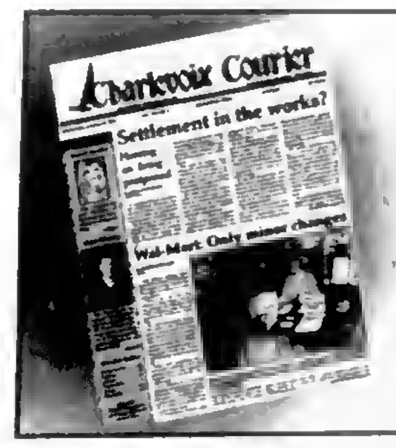

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE
FILE NO. 03-010572-DE

Estate of Marian Catherine Prosello Watkins, deceased.
Date of birth: 07/23/1930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Marian Catherine Prosello Watkins, who lived at 526 N. Lake St. #115, Boyne City, MI 49712, Michigan died June 12, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Herbert L. Watkins, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: July 21, 2004

Terence J. O'Neill P18501
P.O. Box 1966
Saginaw, MI 48605-1966
989-790-0960

Herbert L. Watkins
P.O. Box 395
Boyne City, MI 49712
989-675-4372

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
33RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE NO. 04-303-20-CH

DONALD R. COLE
Plaintiff,

v

ESTATE OF
JOSEPH E. GALLAGHER
ESTATE OF
ANNA J. GALLAGHER
Defendants,

Attorney for Plaintiff
Hayes, Turkelson & Groat, P.C.
By: Travis J. Groat (P66010)
03488 M-66 North
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-1111

TO: Estate of Joseph E. Gallagher and Estate of Anna J. Gallagher

IT IS ORDERED:
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court on a QUIET TITLE action. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before September 1, 2004. If you lail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Date: July 16, 2004

Judge Richard M. Pajtas P18594
Charlevoix County Building
301 State Street
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231-571-7200

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and producer/retailer would benefit.

Taxes are only part of the problem; massive government regulation drives the cost of production even higher and shuts the door to new competition that would force prices lower. A giant misconception exists that the position of large business and the consumer are always opposed. This is simply not true. Higher taxes and the cost of production are always passed on to the consumer; a reduction in both simply helps both parties.

Deregulation and competition drive prices lower, not further government investigations and action.

Simply because Mr. Ryan pumped gas for a local petroleum company does not mean that he is now somehow a slave to a "special interest." If I worked for McDonald's before I went into public service, would this mean that I was now a slave to the giant corporation of McDonald's? Businesses support Mr. Ryan because both the consumer and producer would benefit from the policies that Mr. Ryan supports. A vote for Craig Ryan this coming election is a vote for integrity, honesty, experience and good policy that benefits both businesses and the consumer.

Jeremy Kehr
Ellsworth

Support Boss

Editor:

I've lived in Norwood Township for over 32 years and I've listened to a lot of bashing about our political officials during this time. I feel it's time they get something nice said, so I'd like to say that Wayne Boss took the bull by the horns (as they say) a couple of years ago on an issue in Norwood Township that had been going on for all of the 32 years that I've lived there and more so I've been told.

That issue was getting Richardson Road paved. One of the biggest issues was the road is a county line road and who will pay, to make a long story short Wayne worked with the County and came up with a plan to tar and chip the road. When the people who live on Richardson Road heard about this we ask to have the road asphalted instead. Wayne worked with the county and coordinated a plan that if the residents of Richardson Road would come up with a cash difference the asphalt could be done and it was.

Wayne also worked closely on the preliminary work and the spring areas under the roadbed tiled and drained so they would not cause problems down the road.

In summary this is only one thing but I feel it was a very important and difficult one and Wayne handled it very professionally.

Please be professional and vote Wayne Boss Aug. 3.

Herb Cummings
Norwood Township

Kur best for county

Editor:

I must preface this letter with the fact that I am related to an employee of the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office, my wife is an assistant prosecutor and has worked for Mary Beth Kur for approximately 3-and-a-half years. Regardless, I do think it is only fair that I voice my opinion in regard to a letter to the editor written by Kelli Ward, the daughter of Sandy Ward, former Charlevoix County employee who quit and has filed a frivolous lawsuit against Charlevoix County, wasting valuable County resources and tax dollars.

I have been witness to the state of the prosecutor's office both pre-and post John Jarema firing. Since Mr. Jarema's firing, the office is once again an efficient and harmonious machine. My wife and her fellow assistants have done the best they can to continue working hard for the people of Charlevoix County, despite the best efforts of Mr. Jarema to falsely malign the office and their efforts.

Take the time to speak to a member of Mary Beth Kur's staff, they are without question dedicated to serving the people of Charlevoix County. They are not interested in frivolous lawsuits, simply results.

I urge you to vote for Mary Beth Kur on Aug. 3. She is an excellent lawyer and an even better person.

Jack Deegan
Charlevoix

Kur a good prosecutor

Editor:

Our family would like to publicly thank Mary Beth Kur for her assistance in helping us resolve our family's 3-and-a-half year nightmare that began when we purchased a new construction house, that was later found to have over 100 building code violations. With the help and support of Mary Beth Kur, and her assistant Carrie Zahner, the Charlevoix County Building Department was successful in finding the builder in contempt of court for failure to repair the numerous defects and building code infractions in our home.

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ment in our home protected, we dealt closely with the prosecutor's office beginning in 2000 until the fall of 2003, when we finally moved to another house. At this point in time there was discord in the prosecutor's office, and through this ordeal it was Mary Beth Kur who we determined to be ethical, professional and of high standards.

We believe that the people of Charlevoix County deserve a prosecutor who will work for the citizens of Charlevoix. Ms. Kur was the one who was there to protect us when we were in crisis. We found out the hard way.

We throw our battered hat to Ms. Kur.

Mark and Molly Dupuis
and family
Charlevoix

Vote Kur

Editor:

The people of Charlevoix County are fortunate to be served by Prosecuting Attorney Mary Beth Kur.

Ms. Kur is respected by her fellow prosecutors around the state. One measure of that respect is her election by her peers to the board of directors of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. Her wise counsel and expertise are valued across the state. She is the only prosecutor appointed by the Governor to serve on Michigan's Domestic Violence and Treatment Board. Mary Beth has earned her reputation as a fair, hard working and dedicated prosecutor.

As prosecutor, Mary Beth Kur makes difficult decisions that affect the lives of individuals and the community as a whole. Her experience, sound judgment and profound sense of justice continue to serve Charlevoix County well. She should be re-elected on Aug. 3.

Brian Mackie
Washtenaw County Prosecutor

Vote Glass

Editor:

I am writing to make public my endorsement of Dale Glass as candidate for supervisor of Charlevoix Township. I have worked closely with Mr. Glass for over 30 years as member of the township board and am certain he is the right man for the job. He has always been very hard working and concerned with the affairs of township business. Upon my retirement from supervisor of Charlevoix Township he willingly took over my duties and has done an excellent job. I believe that his knowledge and many years of experience in township government will be an important asset to the township.

I therefore urge the voters of Charlevoix Township to re-elect Dale Glass as Township Supervisor.

Oscar P. Stroud
Former Supervisor
Charlevoix Township

Vote Jarema

Editor:

In response to the letter, "Kur works for Charlevoix," give me a break! Felony cases were listed that span the entire ten year career of this prosecutor in Charlevoix County. In case you didn't know Mr. Boss, in some of those cases the jury came back with a lesser conviction than charged; maybe a win but not a victory.

Some questionable legal advice has come down from Kur to the county and has resulted in the prosecutor and county being sued. Kur cost the county money when she tried to fight Sandy Ward's unemployment. The Administrative Law Judge ruled that Ward had a disability due to stress of the workplace and the county had liability for not placing her in other jobs within the county. As a result of this, the pending suits have a claim of disability under the State Disabilities Act. Kur's legal advice to the county that the employees were not in a "protected class" and that the county policy didn't apply was dead wrong. This will cost the county again.

As for Kur "assisting in three frivolous and ridiculous lawsuits brought about by John Jarema and friends"; the county is paying for legal counsel so why is Kur so consumed — is she afraid of something?

As for the lawsuits, the Jarema Whistleblower Lawsuit ended with a judgment against Kur and Charlevoix County.

It is absolutely ridiculous to say the other two pending lawsuits are frivolous. The cases were reinstated immediately when the element of constructive discharge was met with letters from Rozema and Ward of "retirement/resignation and instead of intolerable, intimidating and retaliatory conduct suffered from after truthful testimony in the Jarema Whistleblower lawsuit." Also added was a count of the State Disabilities Act claiming disability as a result of workplace stress.

There is no attorney or employee here trying to get rich as Bo Boss suggests, just citizens wanting the prosecutor and county held accountable for allowing as the Personnel Committee stated an intolerable work environment.

I want to make just a short comment on Mr. Kilgour's letter too. Kur's new, young staff replaces a support staff with a combined service of over 53 years with Charlevoix County. One of the replacements is a sister to an assistant prosecutor in the office, something the county policy frowns on, but then elected officials can do anything they want in their office. The other new employee is the granddaughter to one of Kur's campaign contributors.

All I can say is the former employees in the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office should just consider it a blessing to be out of there.

Bernie Ward, III
Charlevoix

(Editor's note: The Jarema Whistleblower Lawsuit ended in a form of settlement called "judgment." It is not an admission of guilt. This was done by the county and Kur's insurance provider.)

Support Jarema

Editor:

I have been reading with interest and disbelief recent letters sent in by various supporters of the present prosecutor, Mary Beth Kur. Back in 1993, I was employed in the Prosecutor's Office under Department Head/Prosecutor Richard W. May, now Judge May of 90th District Court. During my tenure as Victim Assistance Coordinator (1993-2004) I was bestowed the honor of Outstanding Victim Advocate in 1998 by Governor Engler and Senator VanRegenmorter. It was my job to guide victims through the maze of the criminal justice system and inform them of their rights under the Crime Victim Rights Act. I found it extremely important to give compassion and understanding to everyone, as each case us unique and important to them. Unfortunately, when Judge May left the prosecutor's office so did the leadership I admired. In my opinion it was replaced with an extemporaneous attitude, I missed decisive, clear cut policies, leadership and integrity. I believe expert management skills are a necessary component to maintain an office responsible to the citizens of Charlevoix County.

Unfortunately, in my opinion the Victim Assistance Program also suffered. Over the years, as the Victim Advocate, I encouraged consistent policy, restitution protocol and case management, but these requests were not implemented as I had hoped they would be. Without a doubt if there had been better communication between attorneys and non-attorney support staff, many victims would have been better served and no victim would have ever fell through the cracks.

However, it was indeed a pleasure to work with John Jarema, Chief Assistant Prosecutor of Charlevoix County, for seven years. Mr. Jarema was a man of honesty, integrity and I was always proud to be in court with him. Mr. Jarema dressed and acted like the professional he is. Mr. Jarema was the attorney I went to as Victim Assistance Coordinator to see that the job got done right. John Jarema treated everyone fairly and with respect. He could take the worse situation and make everyone feel whole. Mr. Jarema was a man of values and found worth and importance in his work. High morals were of the utmost importance to him. Take the time to ask any attorney that you may know in the northern Michigan area of the work quality and expertise John Jarema brings to the table.

This is a significant primary election coming up in August. Up until now, the people of Charlevoix County have not had an opportunity to pick their prosecutor. Let me assure all the citizens of Charlevoix County if you choose John Jarema as your prosecutor, you will be proud of the choice you made. Give John Jarema the chance to prove his work ethics and to show you that family values count in a politician. Indeed, I too believe this election should be based on experience and performance. Jarema has a proven track record as an excellent and prepared trial attorney. Jarema has the experience in all phases of the legal system: Criminal law, civil law, environmental law and has an outstanding performance record. Now is the time to make your choice, make it the right one. Vote Jarema.

Sandra Ward
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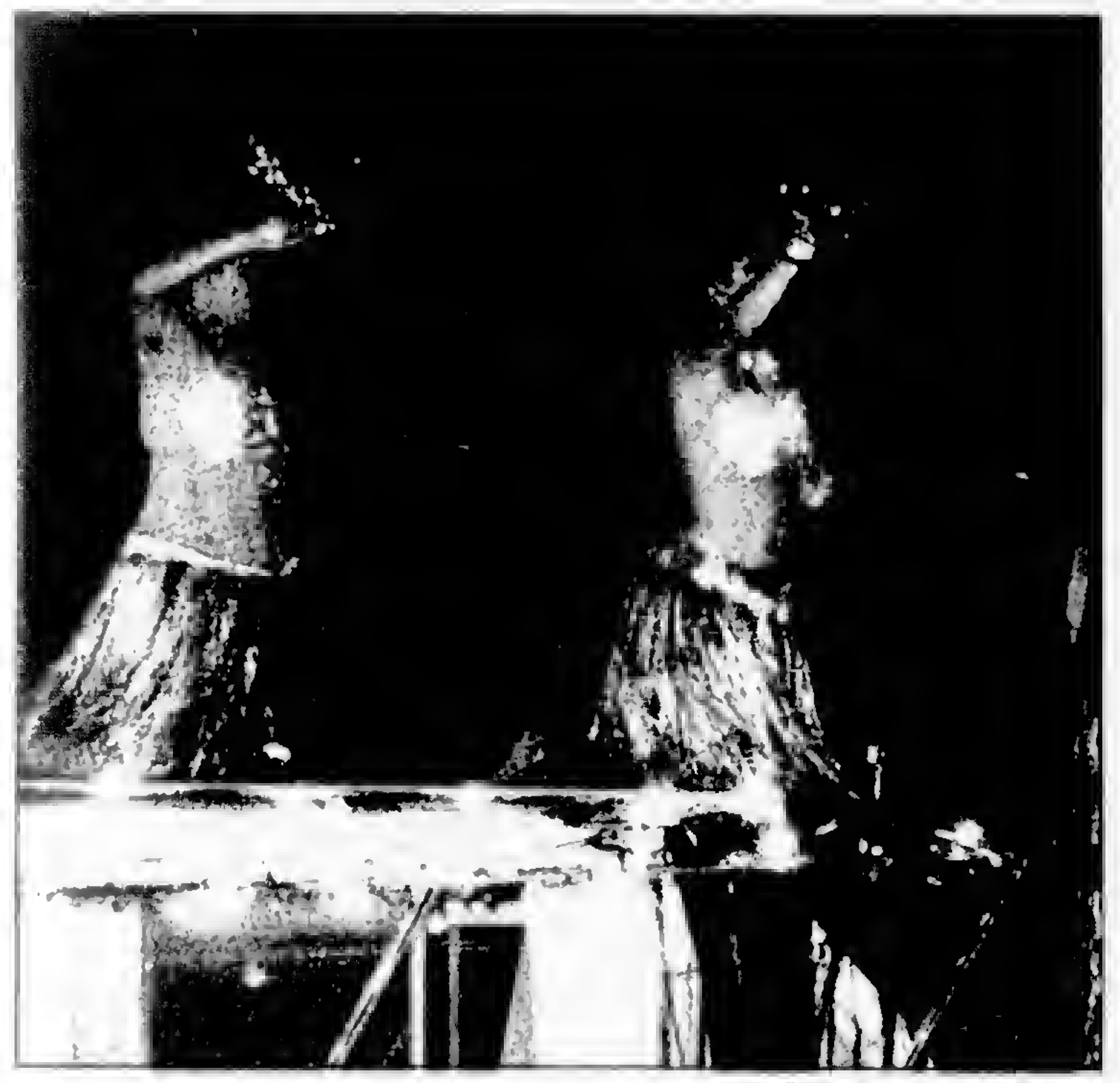

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Between the annual Venetian Festival Fireworks over Lake Charlevoix and Round Lake on Friday night (right) and the annual boat parade hijinks, (above) lights and fireworks, Venetian spectators were wowed by all the color that filled their evenings.

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(Above) This was just one of many boats in the Grand Electric Boat Parade that was decked out for Venetian Festival on Saturday. (Left and right) Fireworks filled the skies over Round Lake on both Friday and Saturday nights in conjunction with music.

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MaryLee, MaryLee how does your garden grow?

By B. JON GOHS
Special to the Courier

Each year the Charlevoix Garden Club invites a new group of gardeners to showcase their flora in their annual garden walk earlier this month, including MaryLee Campbell.

According to Campbell, one of this year's participants, July is a good month for a walk in the garden.

"One of the nice things about hot weather is that you get immediate feedback from the plants because they grow so fast," she said.

But, it can also be a busy time for gardeners, because according to Campbell, plants love the heat and since perennials have a tendency to want to take over the rest of the garden by spreading and reseeding, they must be trimmed back on occasion.

Although Campbell is new to the garden tour, she is no stranger to the world of horticulture.

"When I was a kid my grandmother had a big garden and I used to help her in it," she said. "She used to put her peas in on Good Friday so they could rise with the Lord."

It seems Campbell's grandmother wasn't the only one to influence her bourgeoning hobby.

"I had a big redwood box my dad built for me. It had a cactus at one end, that was the desert and it had different plants at the other end, with horses and stuff," she said. "Like a kid would play with a dollhouse I had my little animals in my little garden."

But there is nothing childish about the intricate placement of annuals, perennials and trees in Campbell's garden. And it is her fondness of vibrancy which directly influences her planting decisions.

"Because I like bright colors I've always tended to put annuals in. But due to spatial restrictions, I'm trying to put more and more perennials in," she said. "My favorite colors are oranges and reds and yellows, but I have a little bit of everything."

Indeed there are over a hundred varieties of plants and trees in her yard and although she hasn't expanded her garden since it was redesigned two years ago, Campbell did plant some flowers under her European weeping beech tree this year for the first time. A tree, which according to Campbell, was at one time a runt in her husband's nursery.

"He thought he couldn't sell it so he brought it home and planted it," she said.

Now some 30 years later the weeping beech is over two stories tall.

Among Campbell's other agricultural specimens are a weeping cherry tree, zinnias, mums, chard, beebalm, and delphinium just to name a few. And her raised garden, which contains an "Italian section" consisting of peppers, basil and tomatoes, is replete with. a deer proof fence and brick flooring — which according to Campbell, aids in plant growth.

"Because the floor of the raised garden is made of brick," she said. "It is hotter than the rest of the yard."

Although Campbell does all of the weeding and bed work with the plants, it was her husband's landscaping company, Site Planning Development, who built the raised garden, rock walls and brick flooring.

According to Campbell, the best thing about gardening is its introspective qualities.

"Gardening is good for the soul — it's good think time," she said.

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MaryLee Campbell inspects her garden.

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Please bring your own seating and in case of rain the concerts will be at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park Streets.

Ragamuffin show

Ragamuffin Children's Theatre and Choir will be presenting their day camp production of A Little Princess at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium at 2 and 7 p.m., on Saturday, July 31 and 2 and 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 2.

The day camp starts on Monday, Aug. 26 and runs all week, culminating in the performance. For information call Kathleen at 237-9686.

1949 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1949 is celebrating its 55th reunion on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Argonne. Social hour starts at 5 p.m., during which time a class picture will be taken. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and anyone wishing to visit with our class is welcome after 7 p.m. Direct any questions to Sally Bales at 348-5003 or Helen Emmons at 547-2955. They need addresses for Joan Montgomery and Dorothy Tookalo Dyer.

1954 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, or phone (248) 473-1324 or e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com. Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. They are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colbum (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

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Area meetings

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The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the comer of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m, every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flap Jack Resturant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-7545.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

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Another Venetian Festival ends

VENETIAN

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staging and safety aspects of the parade's new route. If weather conditions permit, Barron said the new route will be continued in the years to come.

Another new feature to Venetian was the Rayder Rumble, in which the Charlevoix High School 2001 state finalist team played against the 2004 state finalist team.

Barron said this first time event generated enough profits to be split between the Venetian Festival and the Charlevoix High School Athletic Department.

"We'll build on it in the future and stage it every year or so," Barron said.

Having the Venetian kickoff at the Castle turned out well considering it was a first time event. Barron said the Venetian Festival Board is looking into the potential of Castle Farms as a midweek venture.

"We hope we can work it out and continue our wonderful relationship with Linda and Richard Mueller for future years," Barron said.

Barron said Castle Farms also has the possibility of bringing in more nationally known performers.

This year's theme was sports legends, which will remain a part of Venetian but not necessarily the theme, Barron said.

The sports legends exhibit put on by the Charlevoix Historical Society focused on basketball this year and highlighted some local heroes.

"There's some general history and other areas of local history, but we're looking to keep Charlevoix sports as part of that historical display," he said.

Barron said next year's sports legend exhibit will focus on football because there are a number of coaches and players from Charlevoix who went on to play college football and a few who played or coached in the National Football League.

Barron said the Venetian Board will explore the idea of having all-star games with Charlevoix High School alumni facing off against one another or other alumni from local schools such as Petoskey High School.

Of all the new events that were tested out this year, Barron said those that have long-term prospects will be pursued in the years to come.

"We'll probably roll out new twists next year," he said.

One change that may occur is the cancellation of the Friday night fireworks.

"We need additional funding and revenue to continue with the Friday fireworks display," he said.

The Friday fireworks have been conducted for the past five years.

Barron said the Friday fireworks are the first to go if sufficient funds aren't there next year, but some mid-week activities will be looked at next.

Barron said the Castle Farms venue may help create needed funding by charging an admission fee to see nationally known performers and through food concessions that could directly benefit the festival.

"We'll explore and see where we'll stand financially," he said.

Barron said the number of people visiting northern Michigan this year was down due to weather and the economy, but specific festival events were up this year.

"Our festival numbers are strong and up, but the overall number of people in town may not be," he said.

The carnival set an all-time record, Barron said, and Kids' Day wrist bands sold out at 850 this year compared to 700 last year.

The large crowds attending the festival didn't cause too many problems for local law enforcement.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Like many Venetian Festivals, traffic on Bridge Street was congested in the downtown area last week. Thanks to jaywalkers, like this one above, traffic problems were only worsened.

Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson said the police were involved in about 129 events this year, not including parking tickets.

These events are not limited to unlocking cars, noise and parking issues and alcohol induced situations.

Halverson said the new remote control the police can use to change the light at the intersection of Bridge and Clinton streets was a little helpful after the initial rush of traffic had passed.

"Probably the first half hour after the fireworks was over, probably the only thing that would help is David Copperfield," Halverson said.

The device helped some, but Halverson said there's just not enough room to handle the flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Halverson said his officers handled the week well, but are happy to return back to their normal routine.

"I don't think we'd like to turn around and do it again next week," he said.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX • ELECTION NOTICE

The City of Charlevoix polling place for primary elections Tuesday, August 3, 2004 will be **210 State Street, in the Police Garage**. Please enter through the Fire Hall. Handicapped parking will be available.

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The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Held a public hearing to consider Harbor Industries' request for a tax abatement on a new beam panel saw.
- Motion adopted to modify the restriction on Mackinaw Food Service Corporation (Pizza Hut) to eliminate the requirement to have a shake shingle roof. Color is not a problem.
- Motion adopted to approve ambulance purchase from Wheeled Coach Industries, in the amount of $99,912.00.
- Motion adopted to appoint Bill Bellows as primary delegate and Mayor Gabe Campbell as alternate delegate to the Michigan Municipal League Convention.
- Motion to set a public hearing for August 2, 2004 to consider an amendment to Title 1, Chapter 6, Section 1.203(1)(c) - Emergency Declaration Ordinance of the Charlevoix City Code.
- Adopted Resolution 2004-07-05, allowing Harbor Industries a 12-year tax abatement on a new beam panel saw.
- Adopted Resolution 2004-07-06, approving Mackinaw Food Service Corporation's liquor license request.
- Adopted Resolution 2004-07-07, allowing John Martin to purchase service credit in the retirement system (MERS).
- Adopted Resolution 2004-07-08, allowing Ed Whitley to purchase service credit in the retirement system (MERS).
- Council met in closed session to discuss pending litigation.
- Council met in open session and adopted a motion authorizing City Attorney Jim Young to take appropriate action regarding CCMS litigation.

Council adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

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Voters make their picks

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor
And by COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The race for prosecuting attorney was a close one, but John Jarema ended up winning over incumbent Mary Beth Kur.

Jarema had 3,055 votes to Kur's 2,868.

Jarema said, "I can't wait until Jan. 1 to take office and be the Charlevoix prosecutor. It is truly an honor to be prosecutor and something that I have always wanted to be."

He said he realizes that the vote was very close, meaning the public is divided on him getting the office. Therefore he said healing is needed in the community and he is willing to sit down with any citizen so they can see what kind of person and attorney he is.

He added he needs to work with the local law enforcement agencies.

"I think there needs to be a healing process with some of the police departments because they have had a wedge driven through them. I will see that it happens," he said.

As for Kur, Jarema said he does not hold any ill will toward her.

"I wish Mary Beth and her family the best," he said.

Jarema added he does not have any plans to fire the current staff of the county prosecutor's office. All of the current employees of the office have stated their support of Kur.

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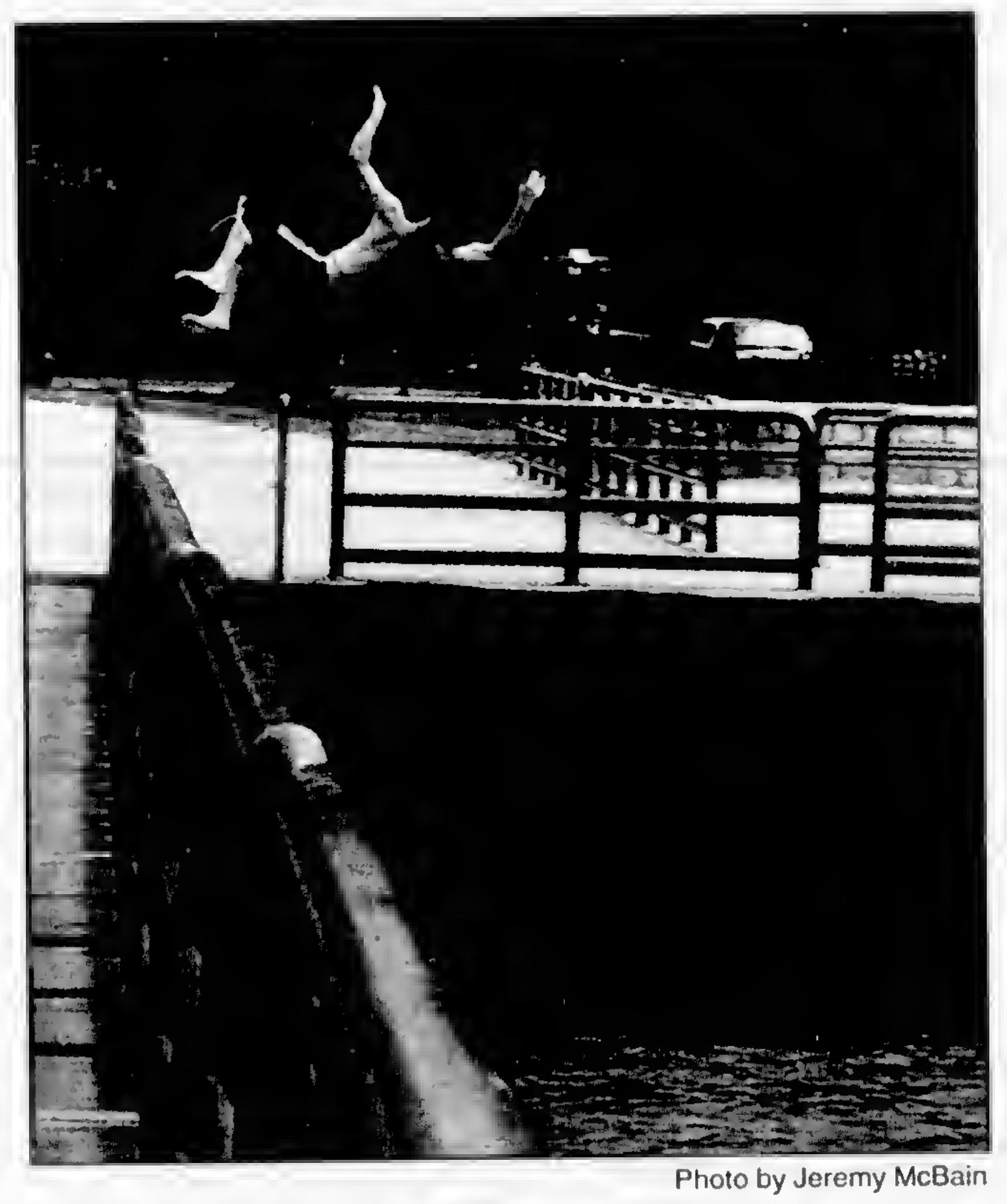
Photo by Courtney E. Pace
Voters at Charlevoix City Hall make their picks in the primary election Tuesday.



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Head over heels

An unidentified swimmer takes a dive off of the Charlevoix pier, near Lake Michigan Beach, Monday to cool off in the 80 degree weather. Jumping from the pier is illegal.

NBA, WNBA trophies coming to Charlevoix

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Get ready to have a brush with fame when the 2004 NBA Champion Detroit Pistons and the 2003 WNBA Champion Detroit Shock championship trophies come to Charlevoix.

The trophies are traveling throughout Michigan as a part of the 2004 Championship Trophies Tour and will be available for photo opportunities for those who want to take a little piece of sports history home with them.

Patti Barraw, event coordinator for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, said the proceeds will be used to purchase a Computer Aided Detection System for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Imaging Department.

"It detects cancer at earlier stages than mammograms," she said.

Barraw said the money will also be used to expand the Boyne Rehabilitation Center and to help underwrite the hospital's community outreach programs.

This isn't the first time a famous trophy has come to Charlevoix. Barraw said the Charlevoix Area Foundation brought the Stanley Cup to town about two years ago.

Pictures with the NBA and WNBA trophies cost $25, with $15 being tax-deductible, and will be taken from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Aug. 10 at the Charlevoix Bandshell in East Park.

Marell Staffel, owner of Charlevoix Camera, will be taking the photographs. Barraw said people will be able to pick up their 8 inch by 10 inch pictures at Charlevoix Camera approximately an hour after they are taken.

The event is sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's Hospital Employees Reaching Out (H.E.R.O.) Club.

For more information call the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation at 547-4024.

Other opportunities to see the trophies are on Aug. 12 at the Michigan State Fair, Aug. 16 at the Detroit Pistons Basketball Camps in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, Aug. 21 at the Woodward Dream Cruise and Sept. 3 at the Chrysler Arts, Beats and Eats Festival. For more information about the tour call The Palace of Auburn Hills at 248-377-0100 or visit www.pistons.com.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Ann Elizabeth Hall, 25, Ellsworth. Operating while license suspended-revoked-denied-allow. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Benjamin Richard Robinson, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol, first offense. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Melody Ann Bishop, 18, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Attend BASES classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Timothy Joel Sothard, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Ryan Daniel Smith, 17, Gaylord. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Attend BASES classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Devon Dean Shotmiller, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Attend BASES classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Christopher John McKenney, 29, Boyne City. Bond-ahsconding or forfeiting. Bound over to circuit court.

Richelle Danette Newman, 35, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, third offense. Bound over to circuit court.

Jason Michael Cook, 18, Elmira. Minor in possession of alcohol, third of subsequent offense. Nine months probation; $500 in fines and costs.

George Jay Mueller, 47, Bloomfield Hills. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance ahuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

Jason Alan Groh, 24, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Jeremiah Bricker Grove, 18, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 349 days held in abeyance; $600 in fines and costs.

Nigel Andrew Martin, 21, Charlevoix. Failure to report property damage accident. Fines and costs totaling $250.

John Bernard Stark, 37, East Jordan. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 30 days on electronic monitor, 62 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $915 in fines and costs.

Matthew William Helvie, 26, Charlevoix. Disorderly person/drunk. Sixty days in jail with credit for four days.

Cindy Lou Gruening, 42, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year prohation; 93 days in jail with credit for 11 days, serve 12 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 55 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,485 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Richard Palmrose, 22, East Jordan. Check-non sufficient funds under $100. Fines and costs totaling $591.79.

Scott Richard Carlston, 43, Boyne City. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Fines and costs totaling $1,000.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

M. A. P. Construction, 3554 Barnard Road, Charlevoix, by Michael Peck.

Cash Fast, 02282 South Advance Road, East Jordan, hy Nancy C. Brooks.

Pussy Willow Studio, 30 Hunters Lane, Boyne City, by Christine Bentley and Charles Bentley.

Rivers Edge Design, 211 East Water Street, Boyne City, by Kelly S. Bingham.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michael John Fuson, 25, East Jordan and Monica Ruthann Brock, 21, Lewiston

David Scott Levy, 44, Charlevoix and Jessica Louise Hisey, 30, Charlevoix

Richard Brian Bristol, 31, Apple Valley, Calif. and Katherine Anne Kujawski, 24, Apple Valley, Calif.

Scott David Leist, 34, East Jordan and Theresà Marie Allen, 28, East Jordan

Christopher Allen Crego, 20, Boyne Falls and Elisha Mae Fiel, 18, Boyne Falls

Jeffrey Lee Mestelle, 51, Beaver Island and Veronica Lynn Bigelow, 30, Beaver Island

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Colleen Carlson vs. Richard Carlson

Births

Raegan Nicole Stoltenberg was born July 25, 2004 to David and Courtnie Stoltenberg of Boyne City at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Raegan weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, at birth. Mack and Joshua are her siblings.

Robert Rafael Behrendt was born July 26, 2004 to Sandra and Michael of East Jordan at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Robert weighed 8 pounds at birth. He has one sister Cristina. Grandparents are Kendra Behrendt of Charlevoix, James Behrendt of Flushing, Martha Behrendt of Flushing, Sofia Castro of Colombia.

Aeris Lilly Drost was born July 28, 2004 for Corrine Kosmyna and Cory Drost of Petoskey at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, at birth. Grandparents are Connie Drost of Eastport, Yvonne Threet of Adrian and Tom Kosmyna of Onsted.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
July 27	73	57	—
July 28	74	58	—
July 29	78	64	—
July 30	83	66	.01
July 31	71	64	.25
August 1	70	60	—
August 2	80	64	—

Correction

A story on page 3 of last week's edition of the *Charlevoix Courier* about a former resident passing away in Lake Charlevoix, should have said the incident took place off of Ferry Beach.

Also, in a story on Page 11 of the July 21 edition of the *Charlevoix Courier* about a resident writing an account of her life, it should have said she has six living brothers.

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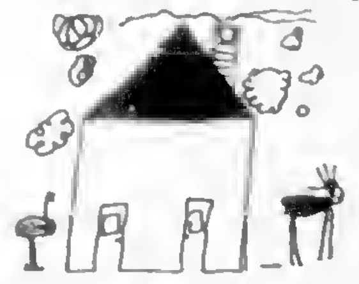
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Friends luncheon to honor Edith Gilbert

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Longtime Charlevoix resident and etiquette legend, Edith Gilbert, will be honored at a luncheon given by the Friends of the Library at noon on Aug. 18 at Castle Farms.

Gilbert, who is renowned for her books on weddings, party's and etiquette, is also a longtime supporter of the Charlevoix Public Library. In the early 1960s, Gilbert started the first Friends of the Library in Charlevoix because she thought the city needed one.

"I was active in the Friends of the Library in Detroit and when I came up here there was no organization," she said. "It was a good thing to do."

Gilbert said the original Friends of the Library died off, but was resurrected over the past few years.

She has summered in Charlevoix since 1940 and has been a year round resident for about 42 years. Gilbert said she loves Charlevoix because of the people that live here.

"I call it an assisted living community because everybody is so helpful," she said. "All my friends and neighbors are wonderful."

Over the years, Gilbert has become a very active member of the community by giving her time as a board member of the Waterfront Art Fair and the Charlevoix Historical Society. She said she also volunteered at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Her involvement in local affairs goes beyond volunteering.

Gilbert said she is also responsible for the current railings on the drawbridge in downtown Charlevoix.

"The thing I'm most proud of is having the beautiful railings installed," she said.

Gilbert said she wanted the new railings so no one would be able to fall.

"It was a very dangerous situation," she said. "People could have fallen through the railings into the channel."

At the Crooked Tree Arts Center located in Petoskey, Gilbert said she has an art gallery named after her.

"At the fund-raising campaign for Crooked Tree Arts Center, my friends made a donation in my honor," she said.

Aside from donating her time to local issues, Gilbert is an author, columnist, wedding consultant and special events speaker. Her articles are published in *The New York Times*, the *Chicago Tribune* and by *United Feature Syndicate*. Gilbert also writes a column for the *Charlevoix Courier*.

As an author, Gilbert has penned several books that help guide young couples through the sometimes complicated process of planning a wedding and books that explain how to properly throw a fashionable party.

Gilbert's books include: "Summer Resort Life: Tangos, Teas & All," "Complete Wedding Planner," "Easy Entertaining," "Wedding Details FAQ's: 101 Answers to Your Top Wedding Planning Questions," "All About Parties," "Let's Set the Table with Edith Gilbert" and "Tabletop the Right Way: An Informational and Training Guide for the Professional in the Hospitality Industry."

At the luncheon some of her books will be available such as "Wedding Planner" and "Easy Entertaining" from the Bridge Street Book Shop. Copies of "Summer Restort Life: Tangos, Teas & All" will also be available.

Joyce Herbert, co-chairman of the luncheon and a member of Friends of the Library, said the cost is $50 for the luncheon and it will occur in the Knights Hall at Castle Farms.

Gilbert said the Gilbert family has always been friends with the Loeb family, previous owners of Castle Farms. She said going there will be neat because the facility has changed over the years.

"I'm thrilled to see what's happened there since it's been restored to its former glory," she said.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Kay Heise holds the designs for the new library with Edith Gilbert sitting below.

Herbert said the facility was donated by Castle Farms owners, Linda and Richard Mueller. She added the proceeds will go toward the capital campaign fund for the new library.

Alberta Beyers, co-chair of the luncheon and a member of Friends of the Library, said the menu will feature recipes from Gilbert's "Easy Entertaining" and will be catered by Gray Gables.

Beyers said the luncheon will start with a sweet and sour spinach salad accompanied by a schnecken, a type of pecan roll followed by a main course of shrimp and artichoke casserole. Dessert will be a trifle, which is a type of sponge or pound cake topped with fruit and mousse or cream.

During the luncheon a question and answer session called "Ask Edith" will occur.

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A proposal that could save Venetian money

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

The end of July and the start of August means one thing in the newsroom of the *Charlevoix Courier* — Venetian Festival is over and we have a reprieve in our busy schedules until school starts.

This year's Venetian Festival was just as fantastic as the many Venetian Festivals in the past. This all-volunteer festival continues to be a shining star of the summer for Charlevoix and northern Michigan. The people who put this on deserve a salute.

However, the Venetian Festival organization is saying changes may be needed to keep the festival going in the future. They cite lack of funding as the reason for these possible changes. One of those changes is getting rid of the popular Friday night fireworks over Lake Charlevoix.

This, I believe is a mistake. The fireworks are one of the most popular events at Venetian — many times more important than many of the other activities that Venetian Festival hosts. Getting rid of it would be detrimental to the festival and cause a loss of visitors.

Then there are the parts of the festival that have either outlived their welcome or are just plain unneeded. These cause the festival to be thought of as a joke, an inconvenience or something that needs to be eliminated.

Therefore, I believe there are many more areas that the Venetian Festival organizers need to look at cutting before the fireworks and changes that will keep the festival viable in the future.

Here are my thoughts as the editor of the local newspaper — one that covers the festival intimately each year:

Carnival

This is by far the biggest complaint I have about the festival each year. Since this carnival is located right outside of my office on Mason Street, I have to put up with its annoying lights, sounds and odors for four days.

But, I recognize that the carnival is a very popular attraction at the Venetian Festival, one that brings in many young people and families.

However, the location of the carnival is horrible. Every year it closes down Mason Street and takes up an entire city parking lot. This comes at a time when the festival is bringing in thousands of new people, and shoppers, to the downtown area for the many events in East Park. But, because the carnival takes up so much of our usual parking, we experience a serious parking problem — much to the happiness of the Charlevoix Police Department's parking ticket department.

This parking problem causes much unhappiness among the locals and the visitors. We must move this carnival to a more appropriate location near the downtown area.

There are locations available, so that argument is not valid. And, the argument that the Venetian Festival organizers want to keep activities as close to downtown as possible is moot now that Castle Farms and Charlevoix High School have become a part of the Venetian week.

Length

By shortening the time of the Venetian Festival the organization will save countless amounts of money each year.

Sure it is fun to go to a different activity each night for a week, but honestly, Venetian Festival doesn't really get going until Thursday or Friday night. By starting Venetian Festival on Thursday or Friday night, we will save money on musical and other events that take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Music

We really don't need three acts a night during the Venetian Festival. Keep it down to one act with an opening band and you will save money.

Sure it is nice to have so many bands, but it is not needed. And when you are strapped for cash, you need to cut out the unnecessary things.

Sports

While the actual Venetian Sports events are vital to the festival, I think the whole sports legends theme this year was too silly. And I am not alone with this one. Many people were confused by the sports legends theme and how it actually fit into the Venetian Festival. After all, the Venetian Festival is not called the Charlevoix Sports Festival.

The Venetian Festival organizers should take off their musty old varsity jackets. If you must come up with a theme, stick to something that makes sense to the summer and Venetian ideals. Although a theme for a festival is really just overkill.

There is more to Charlevoix than our high school sports teams and more to Charlevoix history than what high school teams went to the state finals. Those are simply side notes in the wonderful character that is Charlevoix.

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Thank you

Editor:

Last week the schooner Madeline, Michigan's official Tall Ship, spent several days in dry dock at Irish Boat Shop. She was there to have her bottom scrapped and repainted. The crew of the Madeline would like to publicly thank Irish Boat Shop for the wonderful treatment that we received. Charlevoix is lucky to have such a facility!

And, we would also like to thank the Harbor Master for allowing us to use the grocery dock for an evening's lay over.

Rich Brauer
President
Maritime Heritage Alliance

Venetian thanks

Editor:

The summer jewel of Charlevoix, "Venetian," has once again smiled upon us due to many, many generous financial contributions and the legions of dedicated Venetian volunteers. The Charlevoix spirit of community was once again exemplified by the team effort of the Coast Guard and law enforcement, the hard working Venetian Board and the employees and staff of the City of Charlevoix who staged "Venetian" in an outstanding manner.

The Venetian Board hopes that the 2004 festival has graced you with warm memories and thanks each and every Venetian supporter for a job well done.

Dan Barron
Venetian President

A great crop

Editor:

We would like to say a special thanks to the Charlevoix Band Parents for the incredible work they are doing in keeping the petunia beds weeded. They are doing a great job, getting all the weeds and not disturbing the flowers. It is a real joy for us to water each day, knowing that faithful workers are out there giving the flowers their chance to grow. Your dedication to weeding even in the cold and rain is commendable.

This year, new dirt was put in and weed killers were left out, and you can see the results. The flowers are growing like they are supposed to, with water and soluble fertilizer being the only thing touching them. We fertilize lightly every six days and they are beautiful. We found out that granular fertilizer or weed killers cannot be put on or even near them on the grass.

Again, our heartfelt thanks to all of you for making it possible to have the wonderful crop we have this year, and one of the best crops we have had in the last 23 years.

Dale and Marilyn Boss
Charlevoix

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

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How to save money

Editor:

I have read a article lately how we need more money for fireworks during the Venetian Festival. Why do we need fireworks on two consecutive nights?

Also, I can't for the life of me see why they shoot off four or five rockets at the same time. All they do is conflict with the each other. It is much more beautiful to shoot one off at a time and leave a little space between blasts. We are wasting a tremendous amount of money. We could get by on a quarter the amount of money and it would be more beautiful.

Donald Hodney
Charlevoix

Felter left out

Editor:

This year's Venetian Festival honored basketball coaches and athletes as legendary. Of those mentioned, Cheryl Pence stood out as the only female. She was a tremendous athlete and is deserving of this honor.

However, several people were wondering about Toni Felter and the women of the 1972 and 1973 teams. Many consider these women legendary. Although community members suggested Toni and her teams to the Venetian Sports Legends Committee, they were not considered. It is my understanding that a coach or athlete had to have state honors in order to be considered legendary. Men's athletics have always had state opportunities. Did the committee consider the fact that state honors did not exist for women until the mid to late 1970s?

In 1970, there was no women's basketball program. Toni Felter started it as a girl's club. These young girls borrowed T-shirts from their fathers and taped numbers on them. During the 1971-72 year, the girls were given team status. This was significant as Toni and these young women had to battle a society that did not believe women's sports deserved any funding, gym time or attention. In 1973, the girls were allowed to use uniforms that were for all sports, not just basketball. Toni was coaching the entire women's basketball program (JV and Varsity) on her own until 1974.

Under the guidance of Coach Felter, the 1972 and 1973 Charlevoix High School women's basketball teams went undefeated. Not only did these women have back-to-back undefeated seasons, they posted a 33 game winning streak that ran from 1972 into 1974. The 1972 to 1974 Charlevoix High School women's hasketball teams posted 30 straight conference wins. There was no state recognition for these women, no all-state honors or state tournaments. Again, did the Venetian Sports Legend Committee even consider this? What Coach Felter and her teams accomplished is legendary. They created an outstanding program that gave girls and young women a chance to dream.

Toni Felter was the coach of the Charlevoix High School women's basketball program from 1970 to 1981. When the program collapsed in the 1980s, Charlevoix High School asked her to come back and rebuild it. From 1989 to 1992, Coach Felter worked to put the program back on its feet. In 1970, when women had no athletic opportunity and were given even less consideration, Toni Felter took it upon herself to fight and create a program that young women could be a part of. Toni still takes part in the Charlevoix High School basketball programs today by running the clock and attending games. Coach Felter gave so much to so many young women. Her courage, character and accomplishments are legendary!

Gary and Sharlene Spencley
Charlevoix

Great job with petunias

Editor:

I am writing to thank all of those who diligently weed the petunias.

One morning on my way to work at 7 a.m., I witnessed many volunteers in the pouring down rain picking out the weeds to ensure the beautiful flowers would flourish.

The petunias look incredible this year, and it is greatly due to your efforts.

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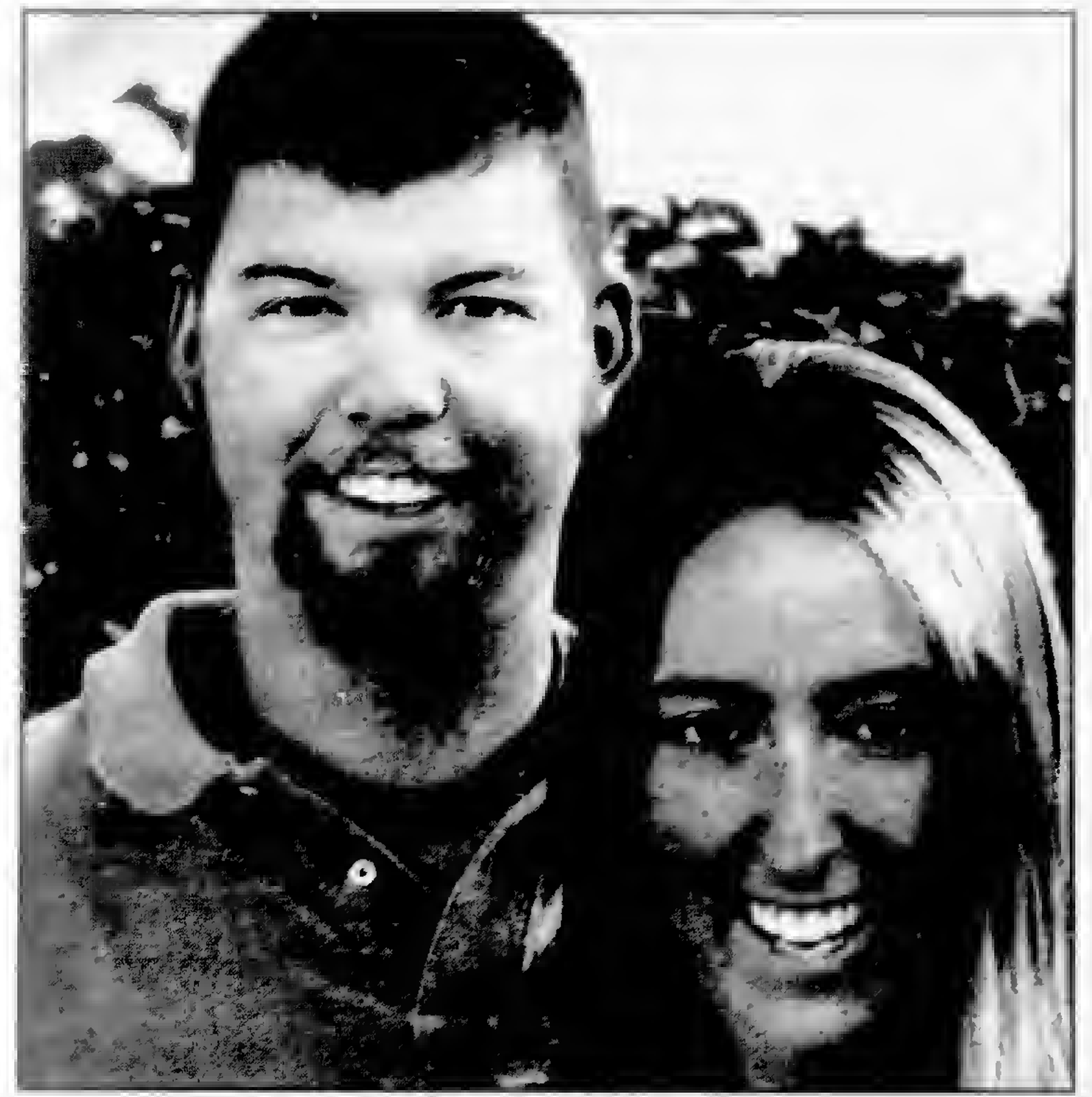

Riley — Price

Sarah Marie Riley of Harbor Springs and Evan Stiles Price of Boyne City are engaged to be married.

Sarah is the daughter of David and Wendy Price of Harbor Springs. Evan is the son of Dale and Linda Parsons of Boyne City.

A wedding is being planned for Sept. 11, 2004 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Petoskey.

Sarah is a 1996 graduate of Boyne City High School and graduated from Kalamazoo Valley Community College. She is employed by Polly's Planting and Plucking and Nub's Nob.

Evan is a 1997 graduate of Harbor Springs High School. He attended North Central Michigan College and is employed by Walstrom Dock and Dredge.

Harp — Ruehle

Christina Harp of Charlevoix and David Ruehle of Charlevoix are engaged to be married.

Christina is the daughter of Chris and Lori LaRosa of Charlevoix. David is the son of Bobbie and Gazza Powell of Brisbane, Australia, and Gary and Brenda Ruehle of Charlevoix.

A wedding is being planned for Nov. 6, 2004 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2003. She is now employed at Screen Masters of Charlevoix.

The groom-to-be graduated from Northwest Academy in 2003. He is currently employed at LexaMar.

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CMU grads

Three Charlevoix students graduated from Central Michigan University in May. They are: Robert Kennedy, Jessica S. McCafferty and Jason L. Terryberry.

Alma dean's list

Two Charlevoix students were named to the dean's list at Alma College for the 2004 winter term. They are Marilee Brooks, daughter of Fredrick and Cynthia Brooks; and Shannon Nystrom, daughter of Jim and Diane Nystrom.

Horon on president's list

Laura Horon, daughter of Joe and Debbie Horon of Charlevoix, made the president's list in her first year at Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids.

Campbell graduates from Wittenburg

Jonathan H. Campbell, of Charlevoix, graduated from Wittenburg University in May. He is the son of John Campbell and Mary Campbell, of Charlevoix.

Alma College grads

Two Charlevoix students graduated from Alma College in April. They were: Marilee Brooks, of Charlevoix, who is the daughter of Fredrick and Cynthia Brooks of Charlevoix; and Laura Schairbaum, of Downer's Grove, Ill. and formerly of Charlevoix, who is the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Philip and Mrs. Virginia Schairbaum.

Ulrich on dean's list

Elizabeth Anne Ulrich, of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list at DePauw University for the 2004 spring semester.

CMU honors list

Five Charlevoix students were named to the honors list at Central Michigan University for the spring session. They are: Robert A. Kennedy, Jennifer L. McClellan, Lindsey Pace, Lauren J. Silberhorn and Bengamin R. VanGuilder.

Bruce attends annual meeting

Timothy Bruce, of Northern Michigan Benefits in Charlevoix, earned the honor of attending the 2004 Million Dollar Round Table Annual Meeting June 12 to 16 in Anaheim, Calif. Bruce, was among about 7,000 Round Table members, special guests and speakers from more than 65 nations who were in attendance.

Symphony a success again

The weather was perfect – a little cool – just right for dancing under the stars, when the sixth annual Symphony on the Green presented the Jimmy Dorsey orchestra.

More than 350 people turned out for the concert and helped raise over $53,000 to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital.

This year's symphony was in support of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation goals to assist in the purchase of a new CAD Mammography machine for the hospital, for the expansion of Boyne Rehabilitation Center in Boyne City and for community outreach programs hosted by the foundation.

"We very much appreciate Charlevoix State Bank, Citizen's Bank, Spectrus, Inc and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pew for helping to sponsor the event," said Patti Barraw, Event Coordinator. "Without their support and the support of John & Ranny Riecker, Stephanie and Richard Mueller, III, Glenn and Valerie Mueller and all our contributors and donors we would not have reached our goal of $50,000."

Barraw said the committee is already looking into orchestra ideas for next year and hopes to bring "something a little different" for the 7th Annual Symphony on the Green.

"The Castle was a wonderful location and Richard and Linda Mueller and Allan Lovelace were very helpful in making the night a big success," Barraw said.

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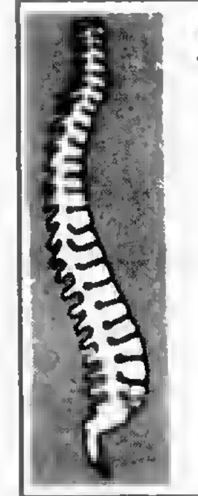
Nancy Knorr, soloist with the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, performs.



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Charlevoix skater to be featured in movie

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

Chris Couture, a Charlevoix resident and a serious inline skater, will be featured with a profile in an inline skating movie that is soon to come out.

After playing travel ice hockey and street hockey for years, Couture began to get interested in doing tricks on skates in about 1996.

The profile will allow Couture to show off his vocabulary of tricks, much more than he would be able to exhibit in the short run of a competition.

Couture, who remains without a sponsor for his sport at this time, said that the profile will give him "a big possibility for a sponsor."

Getting a sponsor would help Couture out a lot with the expenses of his sport. His skates have to be replaced about every four months.

Couture is also a psychology major at Kalamazoo College.

The profile, which runs approximately 5 minutes, is part of the movie "Penniless" that will premier at 7:30 p.m. at the State Theatre in Kalamazoo on Aug. 27 and come out to buy on DVD in September or October.

Since street and park skating were removed from the X-games, inline skating has received a lot less exposure. The X-games showcase extreme sports each year on television.

"The people that do it really love to do it," said Couture.

Couture recently participated in a skating demonstration at Castle Farms during Venetian week.

Although he doesn't usually skate park, Couture did tricks to please the kids, such as fulfilling a request to touch the rafters in the demonstration area.

"I try to be a role model as much as possible," Couture said.

Courtesy photo

Chris Couture performs a trick on his skates.

Obituary

Gladice Marie Martin-Pappas: Jan. 13, 1913 - July 26, 2004

Gladice Marie Martin-Pappas, 91, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Grainfield, Kan., died July 26, 2004 in Charlevoix.

Gladice was born Jan. 13, 1913 the daughter of William and Iva Mae (Kline) Martin.

She grew up in Grainfield, Kansas, and graduated from Grainfield High School. On Jan. 11, 1934, she married Allen Pappas in Denver, Colo. Gladice traveled with Allen throughout his enlistment in the Army. Together they lived in various parts of the country and also in Heidelberg, Germany and Athens, Greece.

Gladice was a member of the United Church of Christ Congregation in Melbourne, Florida and was very active in a ministry for the poor and homeless. She was President of the League of Women voters in Indian Harbor Beach, Fla.

Gladice is survived by daughters, Judith (Ronald) Willey of Charlevoix; six grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; brother, Dean (Barbara) Martin of Salt Lake City, Utah, sisters, Iva Lee (Frank) Hurdle of Littleton, Colo., and Jessie (Eric) Buss of Littleton, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen, on Jan. 28, 1989, and by her daughter Susan Young on Nov. 17, 2002.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Congregational Church Pilgrim Bell Ringers at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

A memorial service will be at a later date in Colorado. Arrangements were handled by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Marguerite L. McKay: Died Aug. 3, 2004

Marguerite L. McKay, 86, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Mass of the Resurrection will be 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

Joseph "Ralph" Napont: Oct. 31, 1933 - Aug. 1, 2004

Joseph "Ralph" Napont, 70, of Charlevoix, passed away Sunday evening Aug. 1, 2004.

Ralph was born Oct. 31, 1933 on Beaver Island, and was preceded in death by his parents Agnes (Nanigaw) and Bernard Napont. He was also preceded in death by his friend Louise Kane.

He is survived by siblings Clifford Napont of Charlevoix, Richard (Sandy) Napont of Pellston, MaryAnn (Napont) Boulton of Charlevoix, Rita (Napont) Blacklock of Dearborn Heights, Marilyn Napont of Petoskey and Melvin Napont of Beaver Island. He is also survived by his maternal aunts Mary (Nanigaw) Keshick of Petoskey and Irene (Nanigaw) Bigeagle of Chicago, Ill., along with many nieces and nephews and cousins.

Ralph was also a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and lived his life as a commercial fisherman, a carpenter and also served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

Rosary will take place at Winchester's Funeral Home on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Funeral services will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Thursday at 1 p.m. Family and friends are being received at the residence of his sister Mary Ann, at 603 Sherman Avenue, Charlevoix.

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St. Mary youth return from neighborly trip

A team of young people and adults from St. Mary's parish in Charlevoix spent a week of their summer vacation reaching out to persons in need in the inner city of Pontiac.

The team participated in a project called Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA). Young Neighbors in Action involves over 2000 participants in providing service to poor children and families all across the United States.

This is the seventh missionary trip to the inner city for the youth from Charlevoix. In the previous six years they have spent time remodeling an old convent that is now being used to keep the youth off of the streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, fixing up a home that will be used for the homeless, working with Alzheimer patients, distributing literature door to door about illegal toxic dumping and other environmental issues, working with refugees who are seeking asylum in the United States and working in a soup kitchen.

This year the youth worked at Lighthouse Emergency Services, located in Pontiac. They worked with a program called PATH. PATH stands for Pontiac Area Transitional Housing. Lighthouse PATH is an empowerment program providing transitional housing for homeless women and their children in a safe, structured environment.

While at PATH, the youth from Charlevoix spent the first 90 minutes of each day working with 3 and 4 year old children whose mothers were in the PATH program. All these children had been homeless at one time.

The youth played with, read to, and became fast friends with these beautiful children. The rest of the day was spent doing manual labor for the benefit of the children.

Charlevoix youth spent three days turning an abandoned area of concretet into a playground. They did this by painting on the concrete a basketball court, a baseball diamond, a four square area and a place to play hop-scotch.

The youth also spent some time painting murals on the walls of the areas where the infants and toddlers had their daycare.

The team this year consisted of: Jaleesa Baier, Sonya Plude, Scott Plude, Jamila Baier, Joel Kippe, Jack Wisneiwski, Lauren Bradley, Scott McFalls, Eric Baldwin and Patty Furtaw.

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Here, youth from St. Mary's Church make an abandoned area of concrete into a playground in Pontiac.

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Teens break into business world with pontoon

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Boaters on Round Lake need not worry about docking and walking to a restaurant in Charlevoix. Its seems the Charlevoix harbor is becoming a beacon for its own restaurants with the start of another floating food distributor called Two Guys and a Grill.

Two Guys and a Grill is the brainchild of Charlevoix High School juniors Kenny Anderson and Josh Saur. It joins one other floating restaurant on Round Lake this summer.

The two boys came up with the idea of grilling and selling food on Round Lake last summer when they transformed a small barge into their own floating picnic spot, complete with lawn chairs, a stereo and a cooler. According to the boys, when they were out enjoying themselves, they would have boaters stopping by their barge to see if they would sell them some food.

So Saur and Anderson came up with the idea to go into business for themselves.

"It is extremely nice to set your own hours," Anderson said.

Saur added, "And be your own boss and make a profit too."

The two boys spent the winter looking for a pontoon boat they could turn into their new job, decorating it and obtaining the necessary permits from the city and health department.

Two Guys and a Grill opened for business on June 13. They serve hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and chicken breasts, along with beverages and potato chips.

They said business has been really good on the weekends.

Boaters can order food by calling 881-3116 or hailing the business on VHF channel 71. Food can be delivered to a boat or dock, via an inflatable raft the boys tow behind their pontoon.

Boaters can also tie up to Two Guys and a Grill, but they can not eat on board the vessel.

Two Guys and a Grill are open on sunny days from 12 to 5 p.m.

ALLIGATOR ALLEY

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Kenny Anderson and Josh Saur are the owners of Two Guys and a Grill on Round Lake.

Pool auction breaks record

The Charlevoix Area Pool's annual auction last weekend broke its previous fund-raising record this year by raising $80,000.

The auction is the major fund-raiser for the non-profit pool, located on US-31 near the Charlevoix Country Club.

Bruce MacArthur, a board member for the pool, said this year broke last year's record of about $70,000 thanks to Allen T. Ackerman's underwriting of the auction dinner. He said bidding at this year's auction was fierce at times.

On the very first item, a ticket to the Michigan State University versus the University of Michigan football game, a bidding war was started between a state fan and a University of Michigan fan.

Eventually, the ticket was won with a $2,800 price tag.

Another big prize was a ride on the Cemex freighter the Challenger. It went for $3,000.

MacArthur said one of the biggest tickets was placed by Charlevoix resident Bill Schuiling, who paid $15,000 for a trip on a boat owned by resident Mike Dow. But, this was a deal for Schuiling, who bought the same item last year for $30,000.

And the pool was not the only organization to win with this auction. According to MacArthur, Glen Catt bought the Gift of Love item for $1,600. This item allows participants at the Bergmann Center use of the pool for six days a week.

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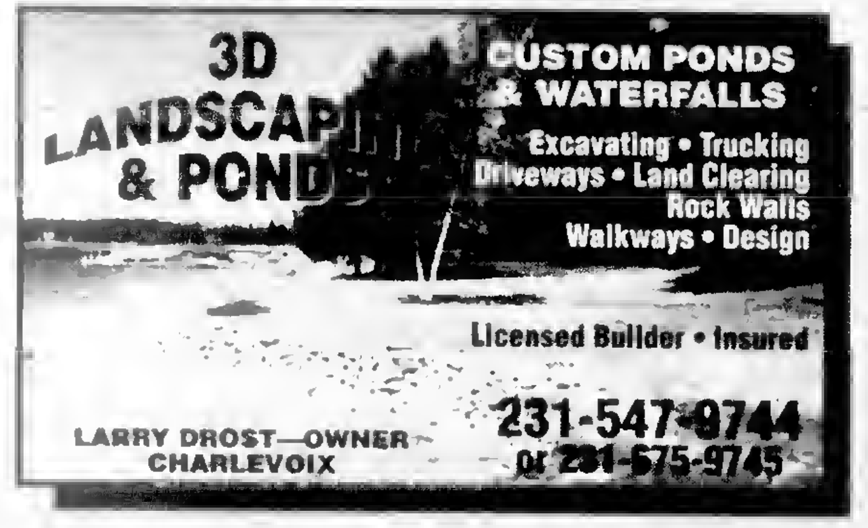

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West Nile Virus found in Charlevoix County

Officials from the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties announced that a crow submitted for testing from Charlevoix County on July 14 is positive for the West Nile virus.

West Nile virus is a mosquito-born virus that can infect birds, horses and humans.

"West Nile virus cannot be spread directly from birds to people," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director. "However, increased sightings of dead jays and crows can sometimes predict an increase in human cases of West Nile virus. We're asking people to report dead birds at www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus."

People who do not have access to the Internet can telephone their local health department to report dead birds.

By tracking the locations and numbers of dead birds, the health department can keep the community informed about any increased risk of West Nile virus. After reporting a dead bird, it is important to dispose of it properly. Meyerson recommends wearing heavy gloves or using tongs to double-bag the dead bird and throw it out with other household garbage.

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, one human case of West Nile virus has been reported in the State so far this year, in Kalamazoo County.

To reduce the risks of becoming infected with West Nile virus, Meyerson recommends the following precautions from April through October, the West Nile virus "season":

- If outside when mosquitos are most active, wear protective clothing and an insect repellent containing DEET. Avoid applying it to children under 2 years of age and always follow the manufacturer's directions.
- Reduce exposure to mosquitoes around the house and the yard by making sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens and drain all standing water from mosquito breeding sites like flower pots, pet bowls, clogged gutters and pool covers.
- Help remind neighbors to eliminate mosquito-breeding sites on their property.

Although the decision to institute a mosquito abatement program is up to individual communities, the health department is not recommending counties, cities or townships to institute any spraying programs at this time.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

For additional information about West Nile Virus. Contact your physician or your local health department office or visit www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus.

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Scholarship winners

Hospital Guild President Ruth Waters (right) presents checks for $500 to scholarship recipients Larry Nunemaker (left) and Stephanie Busman at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild's annual picnic recently at Michigan Beach. Two other scholarship recipients, who were unable to attend the picnic, were Jennifer Fortune and Jessica Pettis.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Downtown Development Authority
Annual Report - Unaudited
March 31, 2004

Plan #1

Revenue

Property taxes captured - summer	$531,420
Property taxes captured - winter	151,693
District property tax, collection fees, etc	34,139
Charges for services	38,453
Grants	0
Interest earned	9,015
Bond proceeds	27,360
Total Revenue:	$792,081

Expenditures:

Interest on Long Term Debt	$465,470
Capital Outlay & Operations	292,497
Total Expenditures:	$757,967

Outstanding debt:	Principal	Interest	Total
LTGO Bonds - Municipal Bond Auth.	$2,290,000	$390,133	$2,680,133
Act 99 Installment Contract - Bridge Park	914,778	101,723	1,0165,01
Act 99 Installment Contract - CMS	635,000	159,019	794,019
	$3,839,778	$650,875	$4,490,653

Bond Reserve	$267,598

Assessed value:	Initial (1984)	Captured (2003)
Homestead	$0	$683,422
Non-homestead	$565 936	15,060,213
Total DDA District Taxable Value		24 286,787

Tax Increment Revenue

City of Charlevoix	$191,471
Charlevoix Public Schools	266 426
State Education Tax	73,523
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Charlevoix Public Library	7,270
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Hiroshima Remembrance to be in Petoskey Sunday

Steve Little, a local musician and Vietnam veteran, will tell of his recent trip to Vietnam at the annual Hiroshima Remembrance and Reflection Sunday, Aug. 8.

The program, sponsored by the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom, begins at 1:30 p.m. at Petoskey's Mineral Wells Park.

In an attempt to heal the psychological wounds of war, Little returned to Vietnam with a team of Veterans for Peace members to work on humanitarian projects. With the help of the Veterans Vietnam Restoration Project, Little and his team built a primary school in the Hue province.

Following his talk, Little will accompany Nancy MacArthur-Smith in a brief singing session.

Don Hartman, a well-known Mennonite from Brutus, will give the moment of reflection on the fifty-ninth anniversary of dropping of an atomic bomb by the U.S. on Hiroshima Aug. 6, which instantly killed more than 70,000 Japanese. On Aug. 9, Nagasaki also was bombed. More than 200,000 lost their lives either to the bombs or later to radioactive fallout.

Blossoms will be floated on the Bear River as memorials to the victims.

Audience members are asked to bring a flower and folding chairs.

For more information, call Bruce Sanderson (231) 582-7592.

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Four generations

Recently four generations of Rathjens gathered for a picture. They are: (front) Gavin Rathjens, 3, (back, from left) John Rathjens, Frank Rathjens, Jr. and Frank Rathjens, Sr.

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Businesses report good sales during Venetian

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Business was booming during the 74th Annual Venetian Festival despite a smaller crowd.

Jacqueline Merta, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, said the businesses she talked to said their sales were either equal to last year or up over the Venetian weekend.

"The chamber thought it was a great, spectacular weekend," she said. "It (Venetian) was very well run and an outstanding event."

Merta said no one was down in sales out of the merchants she talked to. One of the businesses that did well over the weekend was Stafford's Weathervane.

Jeff Sprecksell, general manager of Stafford's Weathervane, said business was good.

"This year was better than last year," he said.

Sprecksell said the restaurant broke its previous record of the number of people served on the Saturday night of Venetian. He said the restaurant served 466 dinners on Saturday night during Venetian, which bypassed last year's record of 428.

"It went very smoothly," Sprecksell said in regards to the usually hectic atmosphere of Saturday night during Venetian.

Sprecksell said compared to last year, the Weathervane is up in sales for the Saturday night of Venetian and for the month of July. He also said the restaurant is up about 12 percent for the whole year compared to last year.

"Saturday night of Venetian food sales were up, but alcohol was about the same," he said.

Another restaurant in town had a good Venetian weekend as well.

Chuck Whitney, owner of Whitneys of Charlevoix, said his establishment did better than last year.

"I don't think the numbers of people were here in Charlevoix," he said. "But enough for what we needed."

Whitney said the number of people that flocked to Whitneys was satisfactory because too many people can bog things down.

"We can't serve anymore dinners than we can get out," he said.

Whitneys is a restaurant that features an upstairs, partial-outdoor bar called Top Side, which Whitney said is a very popular place for people to go during Venetian.

Whitney said having some events down at Castle Farms took some of the people away from the downtown area on Tuesday night, but it didn't really affect business.

"The Castle should be incorporated into the community," he said. "It's too nice of a facility."

Whitney said individual merchants shouldn't worry about their own numbers, but the numbers of the town as a whole.

"The numbers are down because Charlevoix is competing with other cities and the chamber doesn't promote Charlevoix on a whole," he said.

Overall, Whitney said it was a good Venetian and people are spending money even though there aren't that many people in town.

"People want good, solid service and a quality item," he said. "They'll pay money for it, but it has to be a good item."

Whitney said it is important for him to satisfy guests so they will remember the service and come back during the off-season.

"We use the summer to advertise for the off-season," he said.

Whitney said businesses used to make enough money during the three peak summer months to practically get through the off-season. Now, he said some businesses are making more money in the off-season than the peak season.

"The way we advertise is by doing as well as we can in the summer," he said.

Aside from restaurants, Venetian provided good business for local merchants.

Rhonnie Egger, manager of the Rocking Horse Toy Co. in Charlevoix, said she didn't have the final figures in but business was good.

"It was a very good weekend," she said.

Pam Beer, manager of The Clothing Company, said business was good, but about equal to last year.

"It was actually quiet, but steady," she said.

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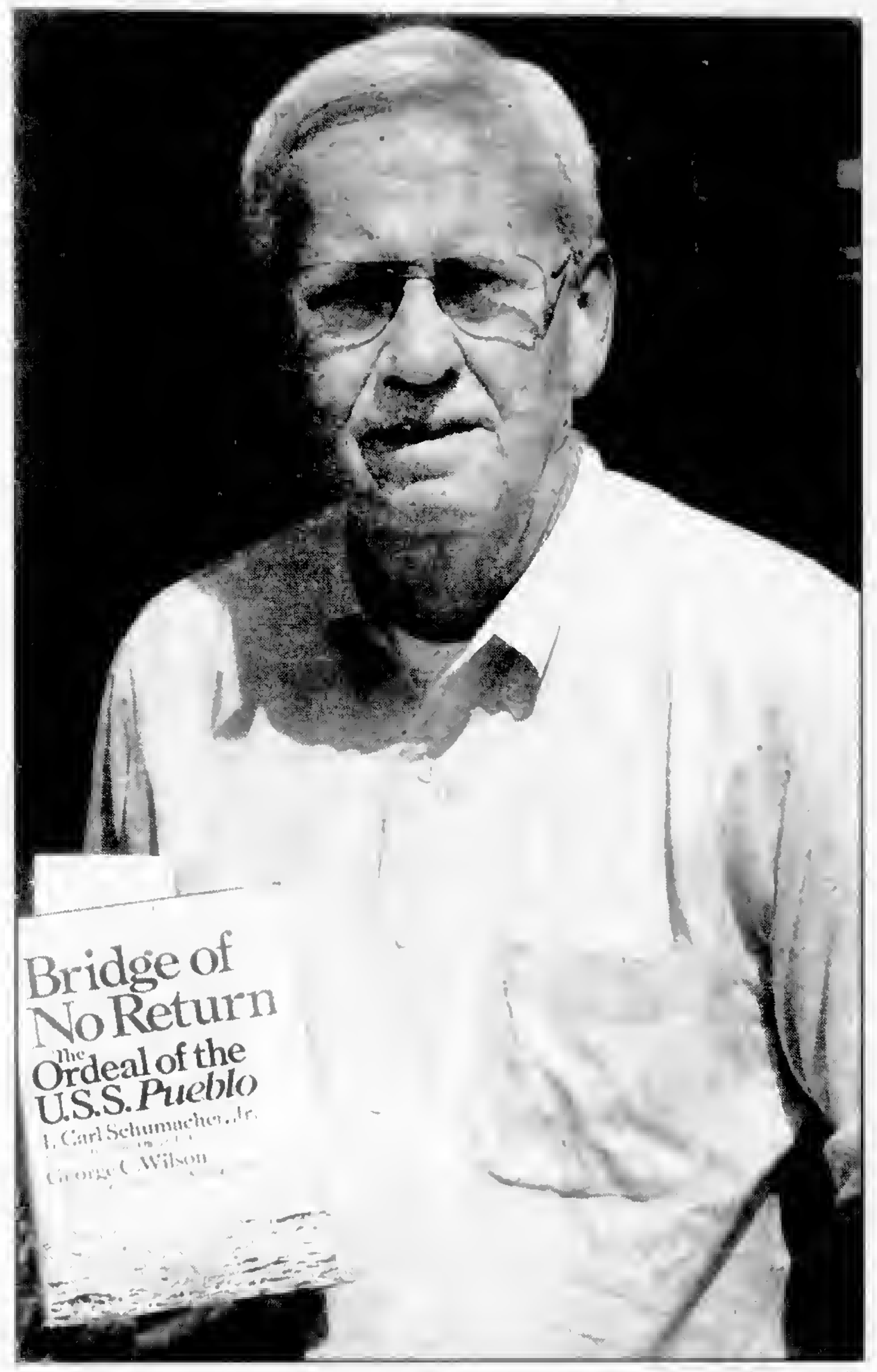
Author to speak about hostage experience



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Carl Schumacher will detail the time he spent in North Korea as a hostage in the 1960s Aug. 10 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Lt. F. Carl "Skip" Schumacher Jr. will bring history alive when he tells of his experience during the U.S.S. PUEBLO incident at 7 p.m. on Aug. 10 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

The PUEBLO incident occurred 36 years ago, but still brings emotion to those who were involved.

"Even though it's a footnote in history, it still commands feeling," Schumacher said.

Schumacher, 61, lives in St. Louis, but he is not a stranger to Charlevoix for his family has been coming up to Charlevoix for several generations.

He wrote a book about his account of the PUEBLO incident called "Bridge of No Return," which is no longer in print but available at most libraries. He donated a copy to the Charlevoix Public Library in the 1970s.

Schumacher graduated from Trinity College and served in the Navy from 1965 through 1969. He later went on to receive a graduate degree from Harvard and currently runs a financial service in St. Louis called Financial Support Services that provides bookkeeping for individuals and foundations.

During his talk, Schumacher said he will describe in detail the mission he and other U. S. Navy men were sent on, what things looked like in the mid-1960s, and he will address intelligence requirements at the time.

Schumacher said interest in the PUEBLO incident remains because of the lack of support the men received when they needed it the most.

"The interest is largely stimulated by the reaction of the Navy and the way they handled the whole incident," he said.

The incident occurred on Jan. 23, 1968. Schumacher said the PUEBLO was sent to gather intelligence off the coast of North Korea when they were attacked.

Schumacher said the underlining assumption is that the United States wanted to put an unarmed ship in hostile territory and get away with it, which is what the Russians were doing.

The PUEBLO, a converted AKL, was attacked by the North Koreans and the crew was taken hostage. Schumacher said one man was dying, three more were severely wounded and nine were incapacitated with wounds when the late Cmdr. Lloyd M. "Pete" Bucher decided to surrender in order to save the rest of his crew. Schumacher said the PUEBLO did not receive any military aid.

Schumacher was 24 when he was taken prisoner along with the other men aboard the PUEBLO, but the average age of the crew was 19.

During the talk, Schumacher said he will describe what it was like to be taken as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans. Schumacher said the PUEBLO crew was the first United States hostages taken by hostile force.

"That fact really distinguished the way we were treated," he said.

Schumacher said the crew was treated as hostages instead of POWs, and as a result were used for North Korean propaganda

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- All other items must be bagged, boxed or bundled and weighing no more than 50 pounds each.

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Summer resident was a prisoner in North Korea

HOSTAGE

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purposes.

The men tried to undermine the propaganda efforts of the North Koreans, which Schumacher said was reasonably effective. He said their efforts did not have any international impact, but it did help keep the crew's morale and focus together.

Things turned sour when *Time* magazine published a photograph of the crew and explained how they were trying to undermine the North Korean propaganda movement.

Around the first of December 1968, Schumacher said the crew endured three weeks of beatings they referred to as Hell Week.

"They were upset with us," he said. "It was a confirmation that our anti-propaganda efforts were successful."

Schumacher said a negotiation break through occurred during the bleakest moment and after 11 months the men were set free on Dec. 23, 1968.

"We were beaten severely on a Thursday and three days later the North Koreans were sending medics to clean us up," he said.

When the men returned home Schumacher said the nation greeted them with great fanfare, but the Navy was to hold a Court of Inquiry to blame Bucher and two other officers for violation of naval regulations. Court-martials were recommended, but were thrown out by the Secretary of the Navy.

Schumacher said that was supposed to be the end, but 36 years later people still feel that Bucher was mistreated by the Navy.

"There was no satisfactory resolution or conclusion," he said.

Schumacher received the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and the Silver Star, which was also awarded posthumously to Duane Hodges, who was killed when the North Koreans attacked the PUEBLO.

Schumacher will be available to answer questions the audience may have after the talk, which is a part of the Charlevoix Public Library's Author Series.

More information about the PUEBLO incident can be found at www.usspueblo.org.

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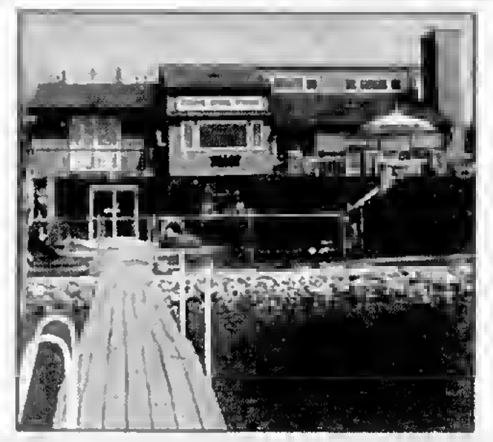

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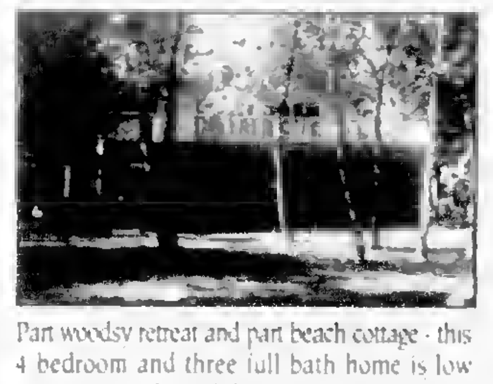

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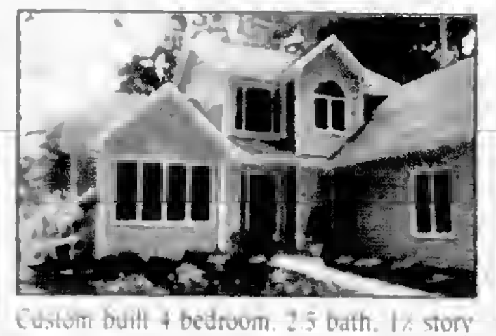

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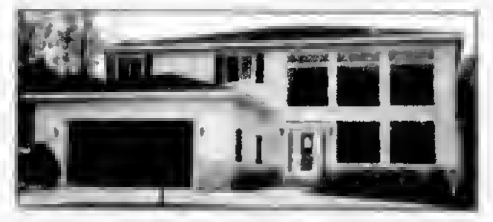

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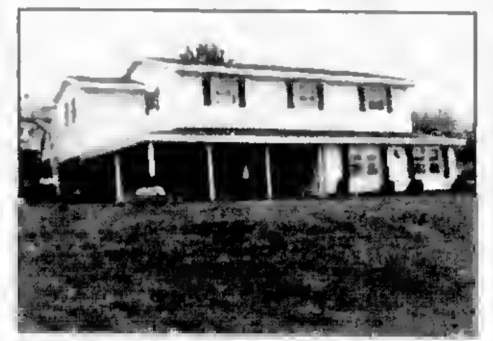

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Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of.

If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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Trichotillomania disorder support event planned

Marcie Israel (C.C.S.W.) will be providing a support group for trichotillomania sufferers. Marcie is a behavioral therapist, and one of the primary Michigan referral sources for the Trichotillomania Learning Center (a non-profit organization that provides information and support for those who suffer from trichotillomania, a chronic hair pulling disorder that affects people of all ages. Hair may be pulled from the scalp, eyebrows, eyelashes, and other body parts.

Harbor Health and Fitness Center will be hosting this event from 5 to 6:30 p.m., on Aug. 8, located at 104 Mason Street. They will be offering additional theraputic techniques used to treat this disorder.

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Business offers customers a new view

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

There's a new watersport for the adventurous spirit now that Sunshine Charters is offering parasailing in addition to their long-standing sailing charters.

Captain Gary Dawson, owner of Sunshine Charters, said it's hard not to take advantage of the geographic nature of Charlevoix.

"It offers another way to really see Charlevoix and all its beauty from the water," Dawson said.

Dawson said it's a shame there aren't more options available for people to enjoy the lakes while in the Charlevoix area.

Sunshine Charters has been in operation since 1997 and Dawson said he has taken probably over 10,000 people sailing and is hoping people enjoy parasailing as well. It offers private charters and group charters for those who want to experience the open waters.

The parasailing option has been running since July 27 and Dawson said business has been good and trips were made every hour during the second day of operation on July 28.

Sunshine Charters was run for five years by Captain Nicole Dawson and is now run by Captain Josh Leese of Charlevoix.

Leese, 22, who has been with Sunshine Charters for seven years is accompanied by Co-Captain Charlie Godfrey, 20, of Wolverine.

Leese has been sailing since he was 10 years old, but this year is his first year as a parasailing instructor and captain.

"It's been so much fun," he said. "Everyone's having a blast."

Leese said many people are happy that parasailing is available in Charlevoix so they don't have to drive somewhere else to enjoy the experience.

The clientele parasailing brings in is different from that of the people who take the sailboat tours, Leese said. He said some people who already own boats don't necessarily want to take a boat tour, but they will go parasailing.

Godfrey has six years experience in parasailing through working with Jim Rizzardi in Mackinaw City. Rizzardi, who has been doing parasailing since 1988, runs Mackinaw Parasailing and is also co-owner of the parasailing in Charlevoix.

Leese and Godfrey said the reactions they have gotten from parasailors is nothing but excitement and fun.

"Most people have a good time," Godfrey said. "No complaints."

Leese said it's fun to watch people take off from the launch deck on their first time up.

"It's cool to see people's eyes get real wide," he said.

Before the crew harnesses a person in, they ask if the person wants to get wet. The crew can dip just a person's toes in the water or dip someone so their chest gets wet.

Lori Karakashian, 20, and her sister Kim, 16, of Farmington Hills, flew tandem and loved the trip even though some fear was there in the beginning.

Lori said the experience was less stressful than one would imagine.

"It was a lot more relaxing than I actually thought it would be," she said. "It was really nice to fly up there and see the lake."

Kim, on the other hand, had some reservations about soaring 600 feet in the air.

"I was kind of scared at first because normally I'm afraid of heights, but when you're up there you can't really tell how high you are," she said.

Parasailing is available Monday through Sunday with the boat leaving at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. from the Charlevoix City Marina Dock 32.

For those who want to start their day in style with the early 9 a.m. trip there is a discount. When one full price ticket is purchased for the early trip the second person flies for free.

To some 600 feet may be a little too high, so Sunshine Charters offers heights of 150 feet and 300 feet as well with all flights lasting approximately 10 to 15 minutes each.

Prices for 150 feet cost $45 for a single flyer and $75 for a tandem flight. For 300 feet a single flyer costs $55 and $95 for a tandem flight. The 600 foot flight costs $65 for a single flyer and $115 for a tandem flight.

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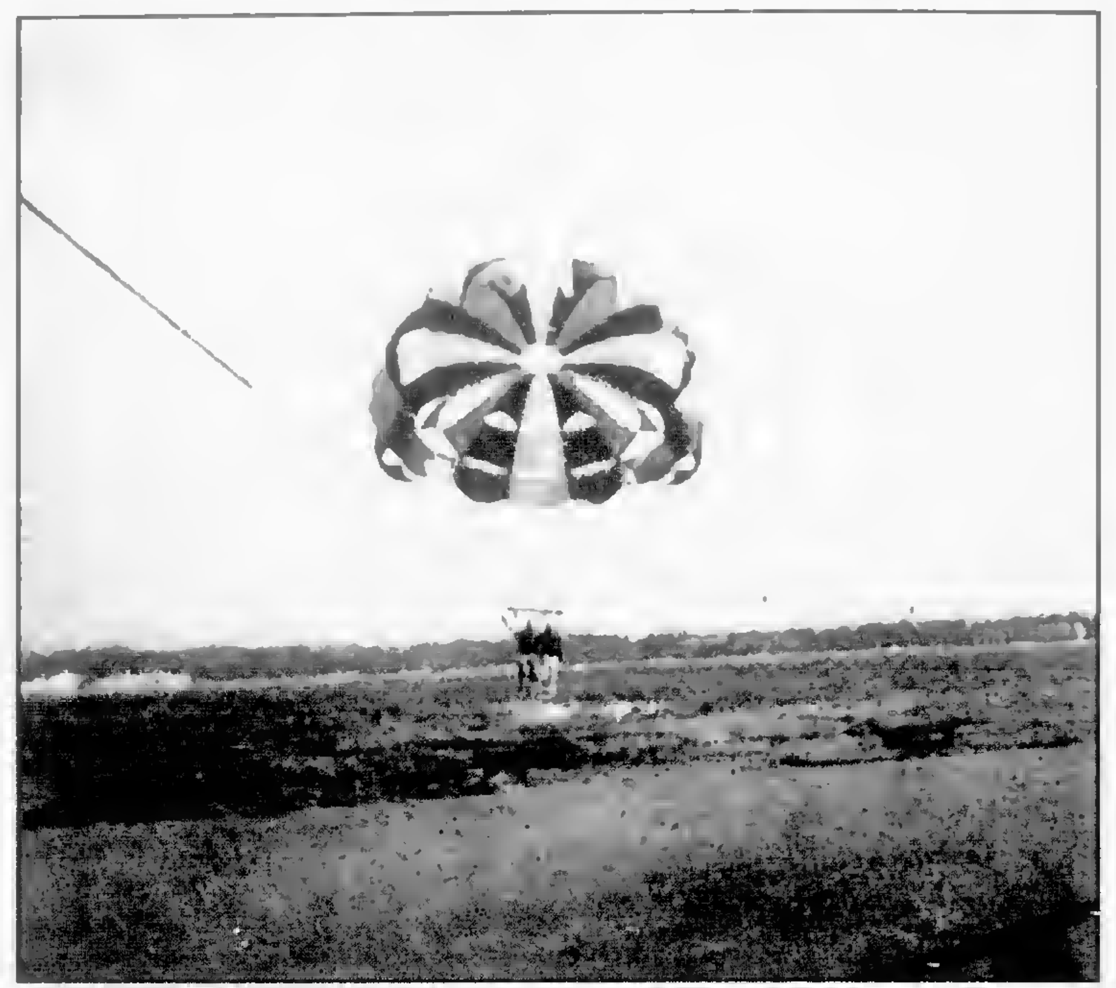

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Horsey ride

Hannah Kane, 3, of Charlevoix takes a minute to relax on Michigan Beach with a horse ride at the playground.

Library working on design plans in several meetings

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Final schematics for the new library were approved at the July 29 library board meeting and the plans include a magical atmosphere for children and a graffiti area for teens.

Valerie Meyerson, director of the Charlevoix Public Library, said the library is pleased with the plans for the children and teen areas.

"We're really excited about it," she said.

Alice Riemenschneider of Riemenschneider Design Associates presented ideas to create a Hansel and Gretel type cottage as the entrance to the children's area.

At the board meeting, Riemenschneider said she thought the cottage entrance should feature a mushroom-type roofing that parallels Earl Young's architecture seen throughout Charlevoix.

She also presented ideas on featuring what she called an enchanted walk-way that could be castle-like with cobble stones and trees with passageways.

Riemenschneider said she wanted the area to be very interactive for the younger children.

The teen area will be enclosed in glass so those using the room can have privacy, but others can supervise the room.

Riemenschneider presented the idea of painting a wall with a special coating that would enable it to be used like a whiteboard, enabling teens to write messages to one another and work out homework problems with dry-erase markers.

Meyerson said the writing wall is a good idea.

"I like that because the kids have a good place for them to do projects," she said.

Meyerson said having a message wall fits in with the original planning to feature more interactive items for patrons to use.

The ideas in the schematics will become more detailed during the design development phase, which Meyerson said lays out what things will look like and where they'll be located.

Four meetings will take place during the design development stage and will cover site designs, exterior designs, interior designs and miscellaneous items.

The first design development meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Aug. 19 and 9 a.m. on Aug. 20 and will be in the basement of the Charlevoix Public Library.

The following meetings are tentatively scheduled for the same times on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, Sept. 21 and Sept. 22 and Oct. 11 and Oct. 12.

A regular library board meeting will occur at 4 p.m. on Oct. 14.

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Islanders to celebrate homecoming

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

Decades of tradition will be continued from Aug. 6-8 with the continuation of the Beaver Island Homecoming celebration.

The Beaver Island homecoming tradition started with native islanders coming back to visit at the same time each year. Today, homecoming has grown to be a big event for the island and is the longest running annual event for Beaver Island.

"It's grown beyond that into an island festival party," said Steve West, director of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce.

A very important event associated with the homecoming is a softball tournament. Four original teams and four newer teams will participate in the double-elimination bracket-system tournament. It is by invitation only.

"It brings a lot of interest and money to the island," said Tim McDonough, who has run the tournament since the death of his father.

He added that the tournament is "entertaining for a lot of people."

The tournament has been named "The Bud McDonough Memorial Softball Tournament" in honor of the man who started the event 29 years ago.

Game times are on the hour every hour on Friday from 1 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weather permitting, the tournament winners should be decided by 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7.

Beaver Island Sports Boosters will be selling hot dogs and soft drinks at the softball tournament to benefit the sports program.

There will also be a chicken dinner at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 8 to benefit the Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island.

Adult tickets are $10 each for "an exceptionally good meal," said West. He added that the event "goes until they run out of chicken."

The homecoming celebration is open to anyone who wishes to come, but at this time, a place to stay is hard to come by. Accommodations must be booked many months in advance.

People make their way to the Beaver Island homecoming in one of three ways. Some take a boat with Beaver Island Boat Company or take a plane with Island Airways out of Charlevoix. Others take their own boats to Beaver Island.

Although the two marinas are not yet full, West said they fill up pretty quickly. Boaters also have the option of anchoring in the harbor.

The celebration packs many people onto the island each year and brings a lot of people to area businesses.

"It's important part of the island economy," said West.

Arts center to host sculpture presentation

The Crooked Tree Arts Center Visual Arts Series continues with Creative Dimensions, a Sculpture Invitational, opening Aug. 15 and running through Sept. 24.

An opening reception is scheduled from 4 - 6 p.m. for Sunday, Aug. 15 and is free and open to the public.

This exhibition will be on display in both the Edith Gilbert Gallery and West Gallery of the arts center.

Crooked Tree Arts Center's Visual Arts committee member, Judy Landis has curated the invitational bringing sculpture artists from all over the state of Michigan together.

This multi-dimensional show includes welded steel, cast bronze, wood, painted stoneware, hydrostone, painted metal and stainless steel. Artists include David Petrakovitz, Robert Purvis, William Allen, Paul Varga, William Tye, James Beach, Rod Bearup, Sergio DeGuisti, Holly Hanessian, Jay Holland, Curt LaCross, Louis Marinaro, Glen McCune, Walter Midener, James Miller-Melberg, John Pappas, C. Malcolm Powers, James Quinlan, Daniel K. Roache, Kirk Roda, John Stevens and Joel Stoppel.

A Coffee At Ten presentation is scheduled at 10 a.m. for Tuesday, Aug. 24.

Doug Melvin, fine arts instructor at North Central Michigan College will provide a gallery tour and lecture. Coffee At Ten is free and open to the public.

For more information, please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4437 or visit www.crookedtree.org. The arts center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey.

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Junior Golf program wraps up another season

The Charlevoix County Junior Golf program concluded its ninth summer of providing golf lessons and competition for the youth of northern Michigan.

The Belvedere Club hosted the final event of the year, the awards and picture day.

One hundred and fifty two youth registered with the majority from Charlevoix, but a good number came from Petoskey and Boyne City. Also represented were Harbor Springs, Alanson, East Jordan and Ellsworth. Juniors played at five local clubs, the Charlevoix Country Club, the Belvedere, the Municipal, Antrim Dells and Dunmaglas.

The program champions were: J.D. Speigl, who captured the boys' 14-17 year old flight; Christine Vincent won the girls' flight; Kyle Parker won the 12-13 year boys' flight; Ellie McFalls captured the girls' crown; Harmon Grubbs won the boys' 10-11 year olds trophy; Nikki Speigl captured the girls' championship; Tyler Speigl won in the 8-9 year old boys' flight; Kelly Parker took the girls' title.

In the Venetian Carey Cup tournament, winners were:

- 14 and over flight — Tyler Kenifeck
- 12-13 year olds flight — the winner was Kyle Parker for the boys while Ellie McFalls captured the girls' championship.
- 10-11 flight the winners were, boys-Ben Myers with Jordyn VanMeter winning the girls' title.

In the Sunday night league, the Spartans won in a playoff to capture the title. Winning team members included: Aaron Bradley, Nick Dorn, Kyle Parker, Harmon Grubbs, Beau Boss,

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Program champs are: J.D. Speigl Christine Vincent, Kyle Parker, Ellie McFalls, Harmon Grubbs, Nikki Speigle, Tyler Speigle, Kelly Parka here with Director Dean Davenport.

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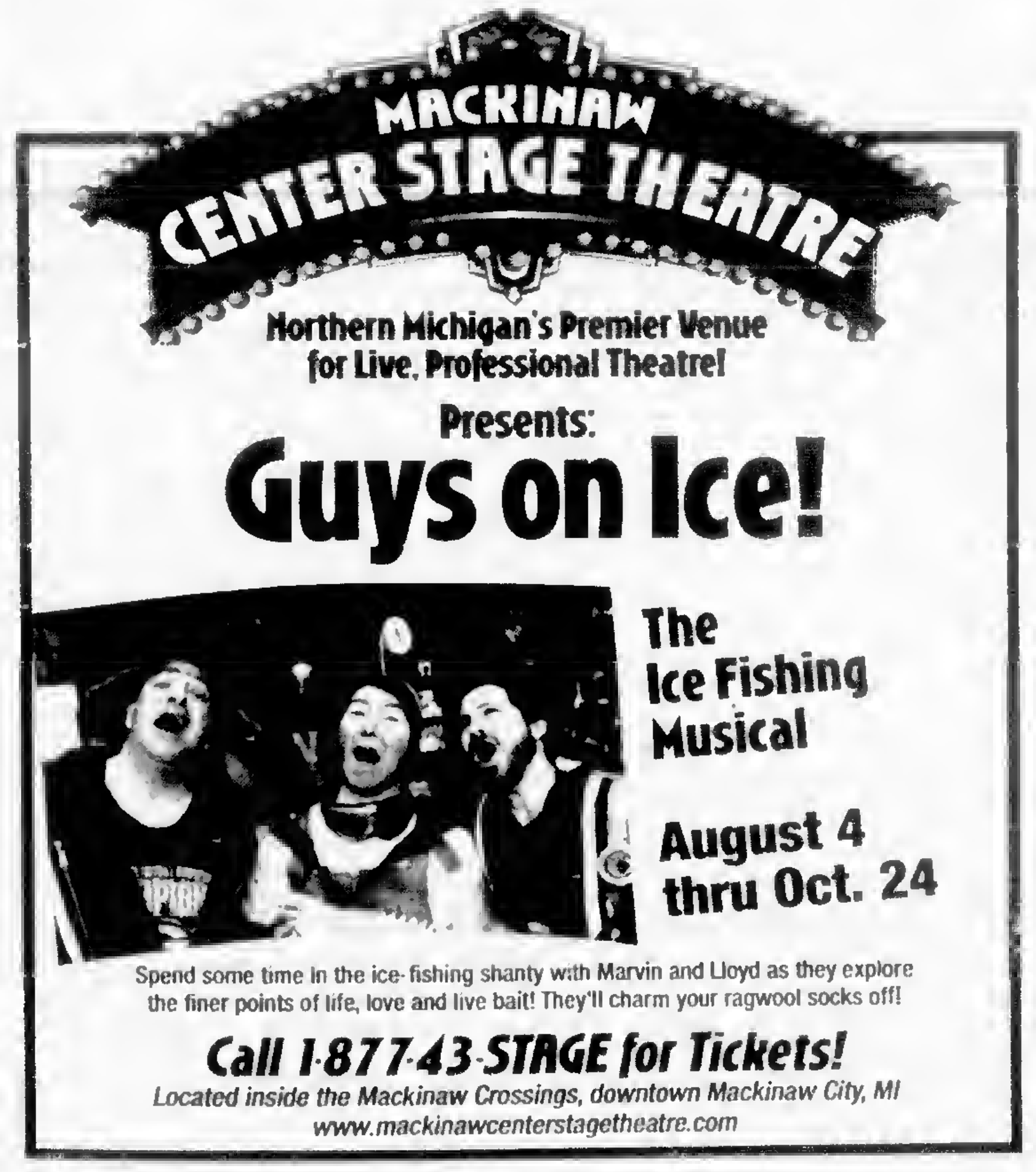
Venetian Cup winners were: Tyler Kenifeck, Kyle Porker, Ellie McFalls, Ben Myers and Jordan VanMeter.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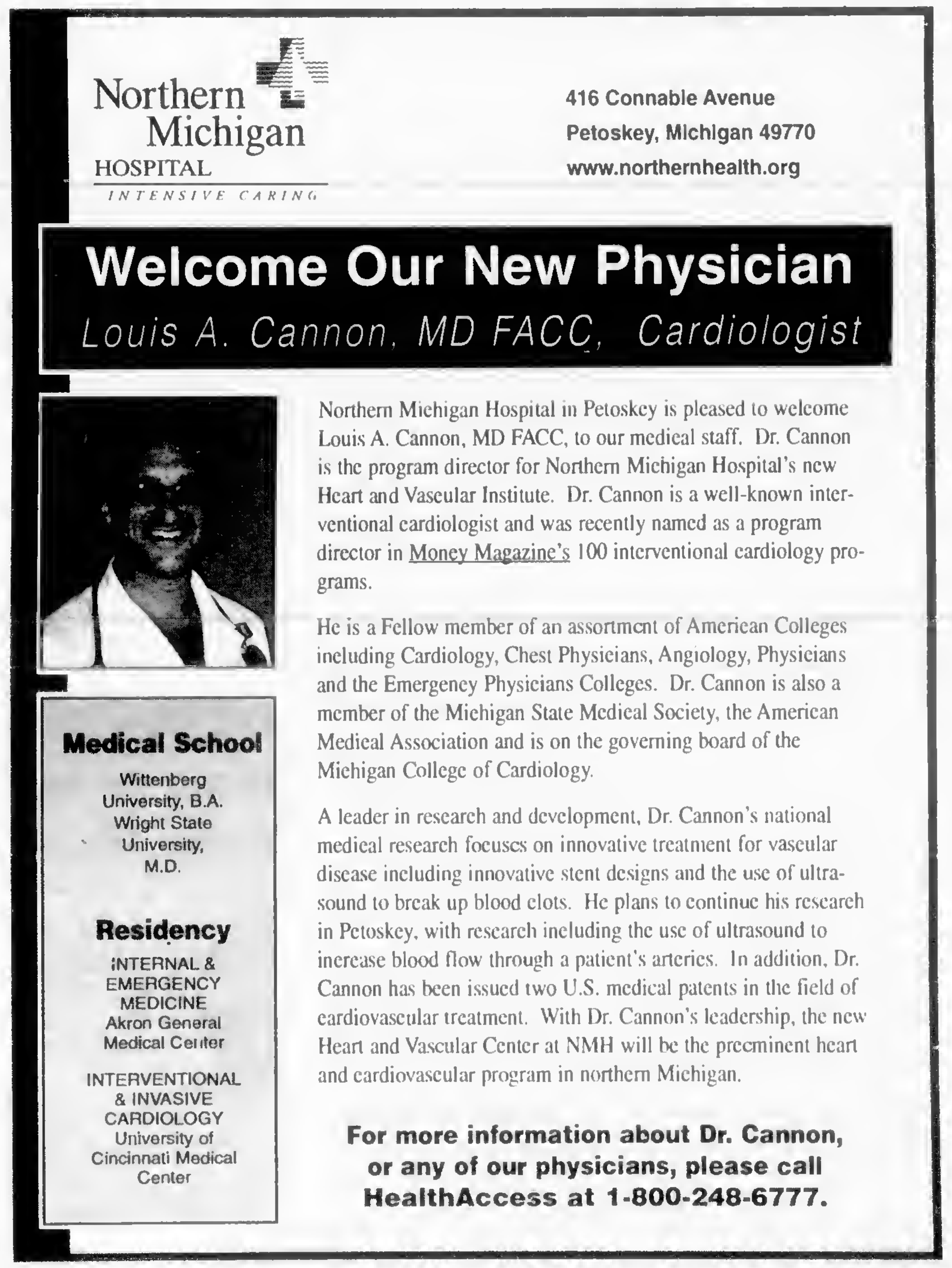
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He is a Fellow member of an assortment of American Colleges including Cardiology, Chest Physicians, Angiology, Physicians and the Emergency Physicians Colleges. Dr. Cannon is also a member of the Michigan State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and is on the governing board of the Michigan College of Cardiology.

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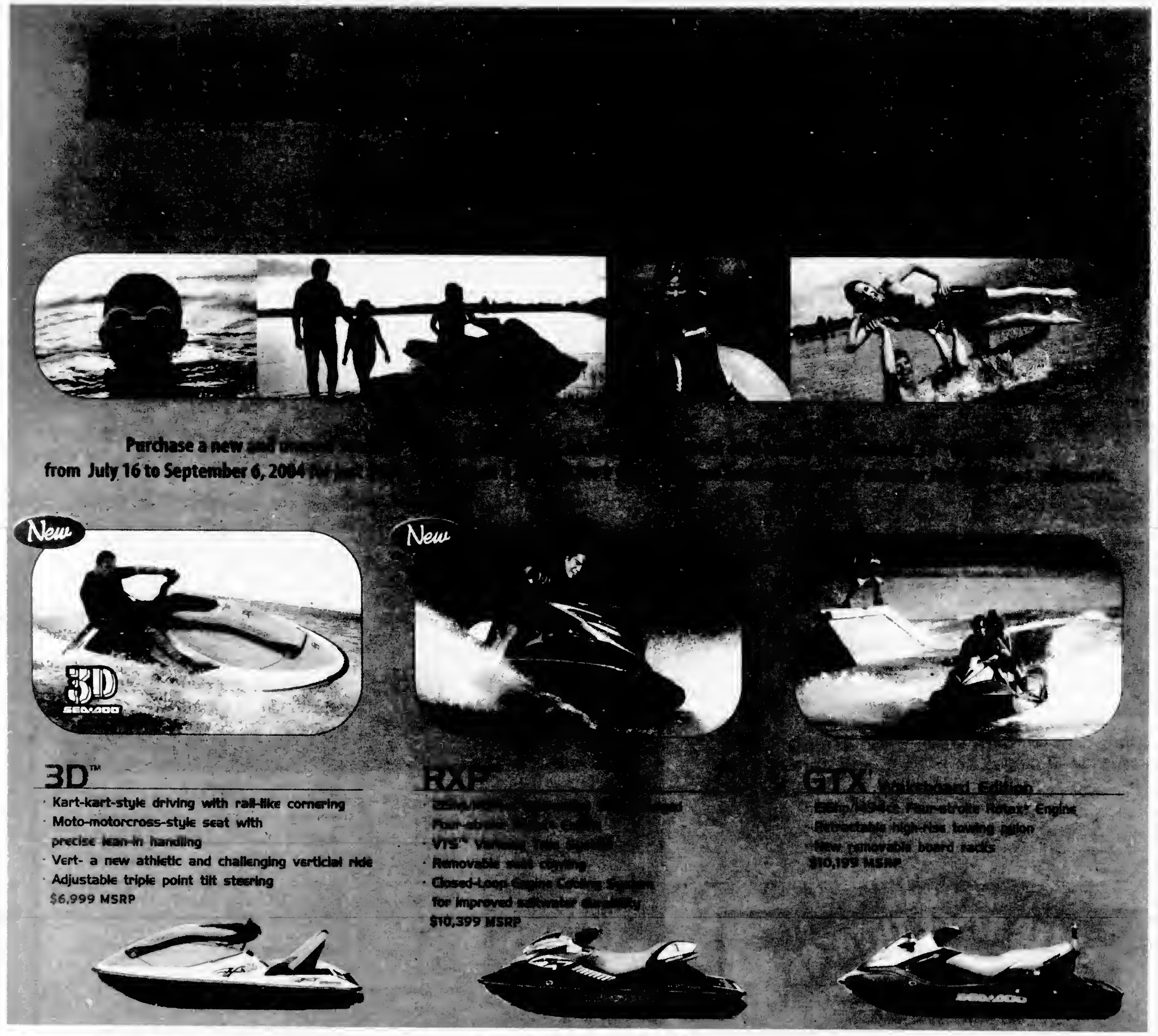
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Junior Golf program announces champions

GOLF

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Alex Foster, Calvin Towsley and Tyler Kenifeck.

Skill test champions were as follows:

- Chipping: 9 year olds - Greyson Spegele; 10s - Chris McFalls; 11, Austin Thom; 12, Brock Yenglin; 14 and older, Alex Molter.
- Pitching champions include: 9, Tyler Speigl; 10, Nolan Ager; 11, Logan Kline, 12, Tyler Jones and Dave Mays; 13, Nick Williams; 14 and older, J.D. Speigl.
- Putting winners included: 8 , Parker Skeel; 9, Tyler Speigl; 10, tie between Sawyer Russell and Austin Themm; 11, Ben Myers; 12, Evan Themm; 13, Matt Cross and Jerry Christin tied; 14 and older, J.D. Speigl.

Scholarship winners who received a free week of golf at Ferris State University's Golf Academy were recognized and included: Beau Boss, Jack Carlson, Jerry Christin, Doug Reynolds, Rob Rundblad, Ellie McFalls, Peter Ward and Charlie Sherman.

Executive Director Dean Davenport was especially pleased with the program this year.

"Our mentor program had over 35 adults that committed to attending each session and that allowed for a safe teaching and playing environment. Both the Belvedere and Charlevoix Country Club provided incentives which rewarded our mentors, and as a result, our program continues to improve," he said.

Both courses allow mentors special golfing dates.

Davenport also cited the teaching professionals that donate their time.

"Steve Braun and Marty Joy from the Belvedere, Joan Waha from Ye Nyne Olde Holles, Scott Blechel from the Charlevoix Golf Course and Steve Good from the Charlevoix Country Club. Kasey Davenport and Katie Zhlerjewski served as teaching assistants. In addition, all these courses plus Antrim Dells and Dunmaglas provide course time for teaching and playing sessions even during the busy summer time. The Charlevoix Recreation Department and Director Ike Boss have provided us with administrative help which has enabled us to handle the tremendous amount of paper work associated with having this many golfers," he said.

A few juniors did not pick up their colored, framed picture during the award day and can now pick them up at the Aartvark Studio and Gallery on Bridge Street in Charlevoix. There is no charge.

The Charlevoix Country Club will salute the Junior Golf Mentors by hosting them to a morning of golf and a luncheon on Thursday, Aug. 19. Those planning to attend are asked to call 547-6433 to make a reservation.

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Putting champs are: Parker Skeel, Tyler Speigl, Sawyer Russell, Austin Themm, Ben Myers, Evan Themm, Matt Cross, Jerry Christin and J.D. Speigl.

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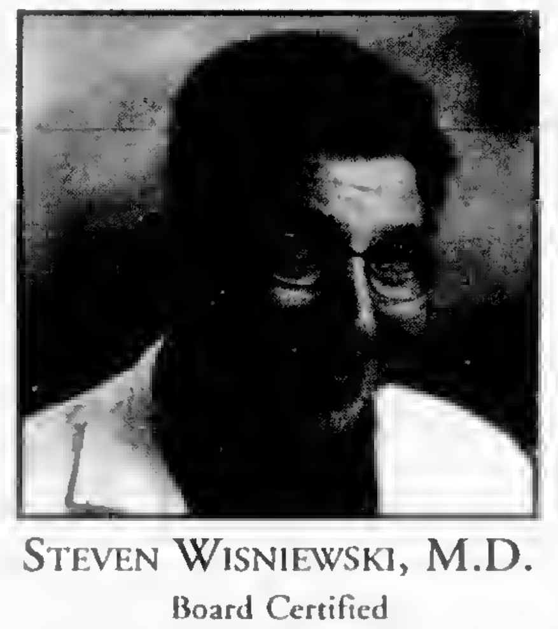

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Local student cheers on Armstrong in France

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

Kevin Kusina, who has watched biker Lance Armstrong on TV for years, recently went to France to support Armstrong in his sixth Tour de France victory.

Kusina, who will be a junior at Charlevoix High School, made the decision to spend his money on the trip about a year ago, when Armstrong won his fifth Tour de France.

"This sort of caught my eye," said Kusina about choosing to attend the race.

Kusina made the trip with his sister, Kelly, who is 24. The two backpacked and camped while in France to save money on the trip.

Kusina said it was "awesome" to see Armstrong.

"Up the mountain, he always has this blank look on his face. It's incredible how much pain he can take," he said.

Tour de France has been an annual bicycle racing tradition since1903, with the exception of the years 1915-1918 and 1940-1946.

This year participants began in Liege, Belgium and biked 3,391.1 kilometers (about 2,102 miles) to Paris, France. The race began on July 3 and commenced July 25. Only 147 of the 188 entered finished the race.

To finish first among the 146 other competitors, Armstrong maintained an average speed of over 40 kilometers per hour.

"The speed at which he goes is inhuman," said Kusina.

Each part of the race is called a stage. Participants start each stage in groups. Elapsed time is scored at the end of the stage, and the biker with the lowest total elapsed time wins the Tour de France. This year's Tour de France consisted of 20 stages.

Kusina saw about seven stages of the race while in France. He was able to see both starts and finishes. The last day of the race is run like a circuit race, so viewers get to see the competitors about eight times.

Kusina is a bicyclist himself, but he says that biking is just "recreational fun" for him.

While in France, Kusina met people from Austin, Texas who gave him and his sister rides to five of the Tour de France stages.

He was with the family in a group of Armstrong fans when Armstrong pointed towards the group in appreciation.

"It was great," said Kusina about the fan recognition.

The family also invited Kusina to stay with them at their home in Austin in October and attend the Ride for the Rose, a benefit for the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

The entrance fee for the Ride for the Rose is a donation to the Lance Armstrong Foundation which goes to benefit cancer research and survivorship.

"If I do that, I'd have to do some fundraising," Kusina said.

If you wish to donate to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, go to wearyellow.com to purchase a Live Strong bracelet. One hundred percent of proceeds go to benefit the foundation.

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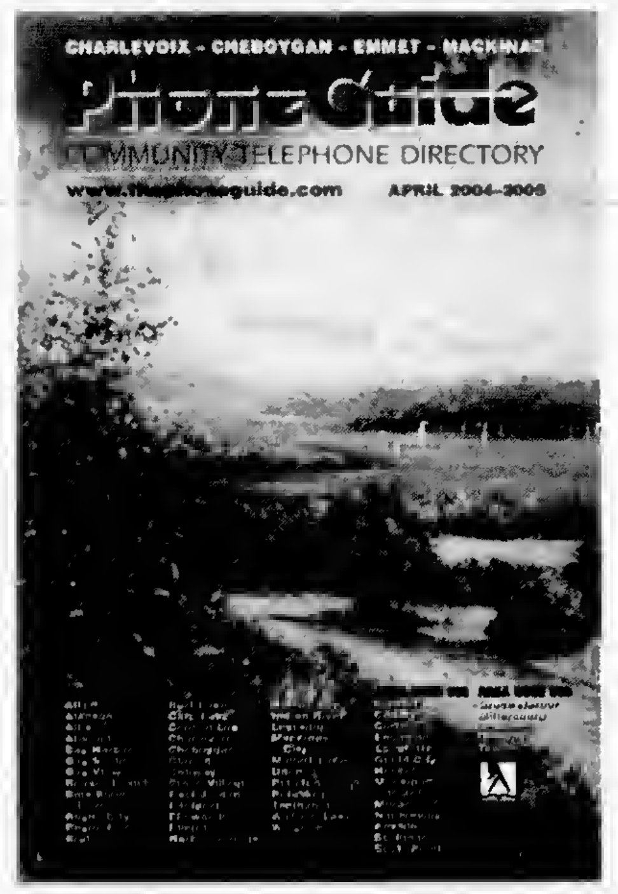
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Orchestra to have concert at Castle Farms Aug. 6

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra continues its Castle Farms Summer Series at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, with a concert featuring Bay View Festival artists Risa Renae Harman, soprano, and Martha Hart, mezzo-soprano.

The Bay View Music Festival artists Harman and Hart have established international reputations but return to northern Michigan every summer to participate in the active musical life at Bay View.

Harman recently sang the Pergolesi in Rome and as the U.S. Jenny Lind competition winner, she toured Sweden. She has toured with the New York City Opera National Company and performed as soloist at the Alice Tully Hall in New York and at the Kennedy Center.

Hart's roots are in Michigan,. Her mother, Mary Scott Vanderlinde, grew up in Petoskey and Hart is in her thirteenth season at Bay View. Hart has appeared as soloist with the conductor Robert Shaw, and has been the featured soloist on the Shaw Festival Singers recordings.

She recently recorded the music of Charles Ives with the St. Olaf Choir.

The orchestra has completed three successful seasons performing throughout northern Michigan. The orchestraIs development has been supported in part by a grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, regranted by the Chehyogan Area Arts Council.

The orchestra also benefits from grants received from the Petoskey/Harbor Springs Area Foundation and over 70 individual patron contributors.

Tickets for the Castle Farms Summer Series are available in Petoskey at the Horizon Books, McLean and Eakin Booksellers, and the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337, Harbor Springs at Between the Covers, BookCellers, in Charlevoix at the Bridge Street Book Shop and at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City.

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Venetian Festival Tennis Tournament champions

The Charlevoix Venetian Festival Tennis Tournament results were:

- Girls and boys, 11 and under, singles — Kevin Lyons was the winner. Whitney Powel was the runner-up.
- Girls, 12-15 singles — Cameron Powel was the winner. Calla VanAtta was the runner-up.
- Boys, 12-15, singles — David Zackheim was the winner. Andy Holmes was the runner-up.
- Women's singles — Kathy Haueisen was the winner. Karen Peters was the runner-up.
- Women's doubles — Mary Kay Goldblatt and Katie Kavanaugh were the winners. Laura Kemp and Wendy Reeve were the runners-up.
- Men's singles — Frank Hagelshaw was the winner. Steven Powers was the runner-up.
- Men's doubles — Erik Lundteigen and Nate Turner were the winners. Larry Letwin and Nick Kling were tbe runners-up.
- Mixed doubles — Katie Kavanaugh and Erik Lunteigen were the winners. Mary Kaye and Stuart Goldblatt were the runners-up.
- Senior women's doubles — Lucy Witthoeft and Judith Pettijohn were the winners. Fran Cheyne and Carol Calcaterra were the runners-up.
- Senior men's doubles — Larry Letwin and Nick Kling were the winners. Frank Hagelshaw and Jim VanBrocklin were the runners-up.
- Senior mixed doubles — Karen Peters and Roger Posthmus were the winners. Gina Lepman and Bob Heath were the runners-up.

Courtesy photo

The girls' and boys', 11 and under division winner was Kevin Lyons, (left) and Whitney Powel was the runner-up.

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(Above) Senior women's doubles winners were (on right) Fran Cheyne and Carol Calcaterra. The runners-up (on left) were Lucy Witthoeft and Judith Pettijohn. (Below) Men's doubles winners were (on right) Erik Lundteigen and Nate Turner. (On left) Larry Letwin and Nick Kling were the runners-up.

Townies win in annual Venetian tournament

Two eye-popping catches in deep left-center with runners on base earned defensive player-of-the-game honors for the Townies star Dave Black in tbe annual Townies versus Belvies softball meet.

The annual softball classic was tied 5-5 going into the fifth inning until Louie McKenzie's infield single loaded the bases for the locals. Several hits later witb two outs ran the score to 14-5 and iced the game for pitcher Dave Novotny's fourth straight win.

Tug Orr replaced his Uncle Potter as the "Belvies" pitcher tbis year.

B. VanLoo, playing in his tbirtietb game was inducted into tbe local hall of fame, along witb defensive specialist, and MVP, Rob Lyons for the Belvedere.

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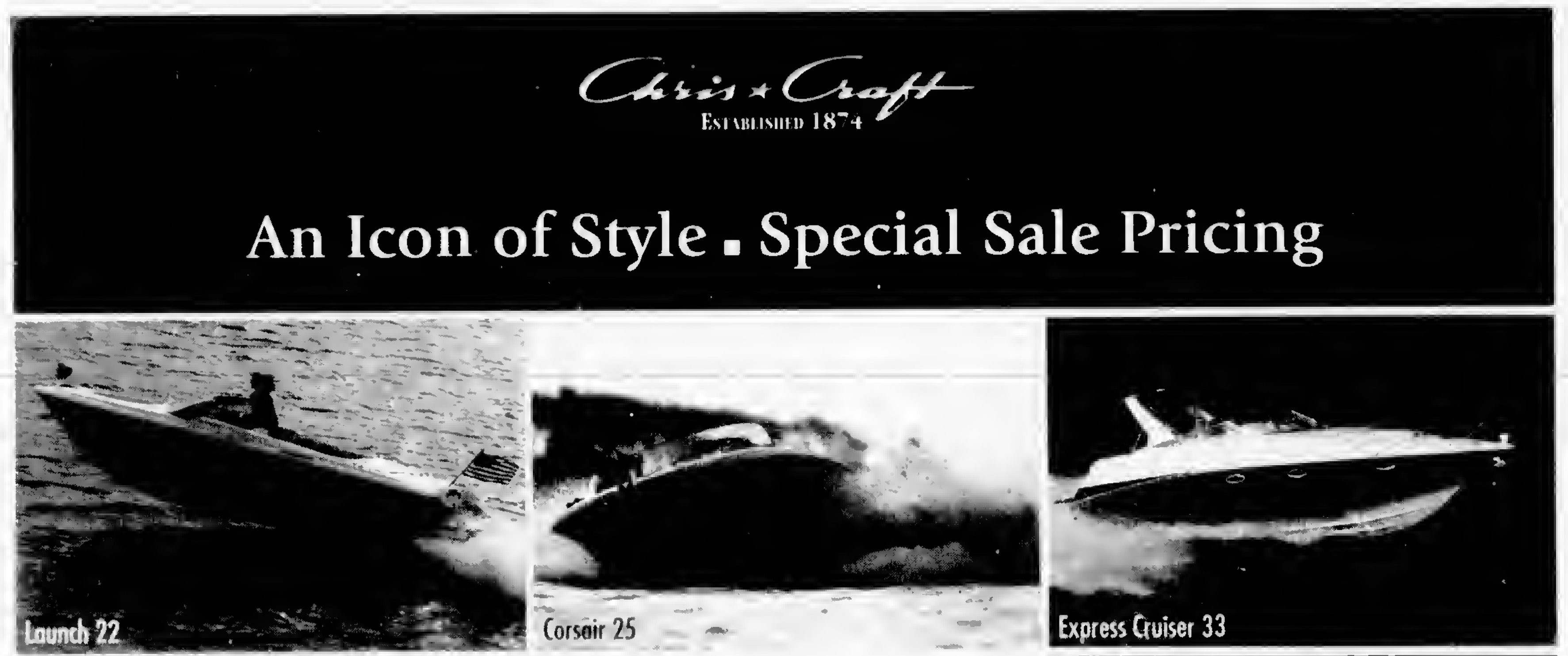

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Charlevoix Yacht Club racing results for July 28

The Charlevoix Yacht Cluh race results for July 28, 2004 are:

Postponement due to lightning moved the Venetian Cup race forward to this week. Any boat was able to enter the race, but only boats registered with the Charlevoix Yacht Club were scored for the summer series. The race was sailed in light to moderate winds and consisted of three windward-leeward legs. 30 boats participated in the race. Race results provided by Mike Miller, committee chair.

- J-22 fleet: 1-Swine Flew (Strawbridge); 2-Superfluous (Jensen); 3-Thunderstruck (Pirie); 4-Rock Steady (Burley); 5-Suzie Q (Kelly); 6-Whats Her Name (Robinson).
- Jib and Main fleet: 1-Flash (Gordon); 2-Exitus (Pung); 3-Cheemaun (Heininger); 4-Fairret (Seymour); 5-Wind Ensemble (Henninger); 6-Apothecary (Ochs); 7-Flasher (Sherbarth); 8-Friday's Child (Rowe).
- P-26 fleet: 1-Artemis (Bowerman); 2-Original Sin (Miller); 3-Tireless (Carland); 4-Cygnus (Stuart); 5-Lost Vermonter (Tinney).
- Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1-Stringthing (Thomas); 2-Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 3-Kamikazee (Funck); 4-Our Thyme II (Herald); 5-MJ2 (Begrow); 6-M3 (Carey); 7-Blue Runaway (Williamson).
- Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1-Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2-Northern Light (Orlow); 3-Blasen IV (Jurries); 4-Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller).

Summer series results after four races with no drops:

- J-22 fleet: 1-Tie: Superfluous and Swine Flew (7); 3-Rock Steady (12); 4-Thunderstruck (20); 5-Tie: Paleface Lite and Suzie Q (22); 7-Tie: Whats Her Name and Hog Tide (31).
- Jib and Main fleet: 1-Tie: Flash and Apothecary (14); 3-Wind Ensemble (16); 4-Tie: Exitus and Fairret (17); 6-Flahser (21); 7-Cinerous (24).
- P-26 fleet: 1-Tireless (6); 2-Lost Vermonter (11); 3-Original Sin (13); 4-Cygnus (14); 5-Artemis (17).
- Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1-Stringthing (4); 2-Booma (12); 3-Tie: MJ2 and Our Thyme II (13); 5-Kamikazee (19); 6-M3 (27); 7-Blue Runaway (29).
- Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1-Hoi Polloi (8); 2-Gotcha! (9); 3-Northern Light (11); 4-Padawan 2 (16); 5-Blasen IV (19); 6-Windrunner (25).

Charlevoix slow pitch league results

The Charlevoix Recreation Department slow pitch and ponytail results were:

July 29

Men's slow pitch

- Fischer Restoration/Bellaire General Store beat Pat McKeown Ford, 15-0.
- Cemex/Local D480 beat Ferguson and Cbamberlain/Don's IGA, 11-6.
- Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Lakesbore Tire/Top Rank, 16-4.

Girls' junior ponytail

- Maroon Pirates beat Green Athletes, 12-5.
- Grey Rockies beat Green Athletes, 16-2.

July 28

Men's slow pitcb

- Fischer Restoration/Bellaire General Store beat Grey Gables, 10-9.
- Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Cemex/Local D480, 17-7.
- Coast Guard Acacia beat Boss Engineering, 7-0.
- Coast Guard Acacia beat Cemex/Local D480, 11-9.

Senior ponytail

- Grey Rockies beat Blue Jays, 5-5.
- Blue Jays beat Red Pirates, 4-3.

July 27

Women's slow pitcb

- Fieldcrest Inn beat Kwiki Duplicating, 7-5.
- Waterfront Salon/J. Arnold Painting beat Runners 4U, 11-5.
- Medicap Pharmacy beat Bingham Insurance, 29-13.
- Medicap Pharmacy beat Runners 4U, 15-8.

Junior ponytail

- Grey Rockies beat Maroon Pirates, 11-3.
- Green Athletes beat Maroon Pirates, 12-11.

July 20

Women's slow pitcb

- Waterfront Salon/J. Arnold Painting beat Medicap Pharmacy, 18-2.
- Kwiki Duplicating beat Runners 4U, 13-2.
- Fieldcrest Inn beat Bingham Insurance, 13-1.
- Kwiki Duplicating beat Bingham Insurance, 16-1.

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Venetian Festival Drenth Memorial foot race results

The results of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival Drenth Memorial Race were:

- One mile champion, female — Sarah Kaufman of Appleton, Wis. with a time of 6 minutes, 53 seconds.
- One mile champion, male — Joe Kaufman of Appleton, Wis. with a time of 6 minutes, 33 seconds.
- Five kilometer champion, female — Jane Stieber, of Boyne City, with a time of 18 minutes, 43 seconds.
- Five kilometer champion, male — Blaise Henning, of Harbor Springs, with a time of 15 minutes, 59 seconds.
- Five kilometer master champion, female — Karen Clark with a time of 22 minutes, 45 seconds.
- Five kilometer master champion, male — Keith Kaiser, of Oden, with a time of 18 minutes, 34 seconds.
- 10 kilometer champion, female — Jami Grant, of Hort, with a time of 40 minutes, 26 seconds.
- 10 kilometer champion, male — Ryan Newsted, of Petoskey, with a time of 32 minutes, 28 seconds.
- 10 kilometer master champion, female — Sheen Watkins, of Birmingham, with a time of 45 minutes, 1 second.
- 10 kilometer master champion, male — David Watkins, of Birmingham, with a time of 34 minutes, 18 seconds.

Historical Society to host train show

The Charlevoix Historical Society has scheduled a train show at the Charlevoix Historic Depot for 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 13, 14, 15 and Aug. 20, 21 and 22.

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FOUND 072

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GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALE 100

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CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT 158

CHARLEVOIX CONDO available weeks of 7/12-17, 8/8-15, 8/16-22, 8/23-26. Pool and hot tub. Call 231-881-3528.

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RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010718-DE**

Estate of Helmuth Siegfried Bischoff
Date of Birth: June 12, 1924

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Helmuth Siegfried Bischoff, who lived at 13099 Cedar Street, Charlevoix Township, Michigan died May 31, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kurt N. Bischoff, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: July 30, 2004

Barron & Golski, PLC
Harry K. Golski P25177
309 Petoskey Ave., P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9950

Kurt N. Bischoff
2635 Mapleton Avenue, Suite 68
Boulder, CO 80304
(303) 859-1419

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LEGAL NOTICE **210**

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397,and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THREE AND 51/100 DOLLARS ($101,653.51) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, August 27, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Courthouse, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85°54'I0" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 Inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'IO" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line of said easement; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39°54'29"East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1°35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85°54'I0" West 33,. 3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'I0" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79°43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62°36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 62°36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79°43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said _ line North 85°54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0°54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: July 13, 2004

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684

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LEGAL NOTICE **210**

STATE OF MICHIGAN
33RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE NO. 04-303-20-CH

DONALD R. COLE
Plaintiff,

v

ESTATE OF
JOSEPH E. GALLAGHER
ESTATE OF
ANNA J. GALLAGHER
Defendants,

Attorney for Plaintiff
Hayes, Turkelson & Groat, P.C.
By: Travis J. Groat (P66010)
03488 M-66 North
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-1111

TO: Estate of Joseph E. Gallagher and Estate of Anna J. Gallagher

IT IS ORDERED:
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court on a QUIET TITLE action. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before September 1, 2004. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Date: July 16, 2004

Judge Richard M. Pajtas P18594
Charlevoix County Building
301State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-571-7200

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LEGAL NOTICE **210**

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 04-010719-LG
FILE NO. 04-010720-LG

In the matter of Walter T. Bryant and Austin M.R. Bryant
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including Christofer M. Bryant whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at 3:15 p.m. at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The Petition(s) filed by Catheryn Bryant requesting that Deloris M. Maule or another suitable person be appointed Limited Guardian for the above-captioned persons.

Date: July 29, 2004

Catheryn Bryant
452 Lewis Ave.
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Meningitis vaccines

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Lasater to speak

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society announced Sheriff George Lasater is scheduled to speak at its meeting at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 5. The meeting will be in the community room of the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main Street, Boyne City. Sheriff Lasater's speech will be about Charlevoix County World War II veterans and the book he is currently writing about them.

The public is invited to attend. For further information contact Joy at (231) 582-3440.

Little Big Band concert

Charlevoix Concerts in the Park presents the Little Big Band in concert at 8 p.m. this Thursday.

The Little Big Band captures the attention of audiences of all ages while performing songs from the swing era, classics of the 50s and 60s and contemporary hits of today. This husband and wife team has engineered an outstanding stage show from years of performing experience.

Please bring your own seating and in case of rain the concerts will be at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park Streets.

Golf tryouts

The Charlevoix High School Golf program's 18 hole qualifiers are at 4 p.m. this Thursday and Friday, Aug. 5 and 6, at the Belvedere Golf Course. Please bring your physical exams as they are required. For further information please contact coach Jim Glynn.

Chicken salad lunch

The Christ Episcopal Church of Charlevoix will host its annual Chicken Salad Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 14. They are located at the corner of Clinton and State streets. Lunches will be served on the lawn or in our new parish hall. Take outs are available. The price is $7.50.

1949 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1949 is celebrating its fifty-fifth reunion on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Argonne. Social hour starts at 5 p.m., during which time a class picture will be taken. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and anyone wishing to visit with our class is welcome after 7 p.m. Direct any questions to Sally Bales at 348-5003 or Helen Emmons at 547-2955. They need addresses for Joan Montgomery and Dorothy Tookalo Dyer.

1954 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, or phone (248) 473-1324 or e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com. Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. They are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colburn (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

Sports Boosters meetings

The Charlevoix High School Sports Boosters monthly meeting is at 7 p.m., every third Wednesday of the month.

The meetings are in Room 103A of the ,Charlevoix High School and open to the public. For more information call 348-3317 or e-mail hnmadison@cmsenergy.com.

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Area meetings

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-7545.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785.

For membership information, call 547-0552.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

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Recipes can be submitted to the Charlevoix County Humane Society via mail at 614 Beardsley Street, Boyne City 49712 or by fax at 582-6776. The deadline for submitting recipes is Aug. 30. Please include your name and address on the recipe, the amount it makes, and any other pertinent information.

The cookbooks will be sold later this year at various locations in Charlevoix County and all proceeds will go towards the general operating expenses of the Humane Society.

Children's House has openings for fall students

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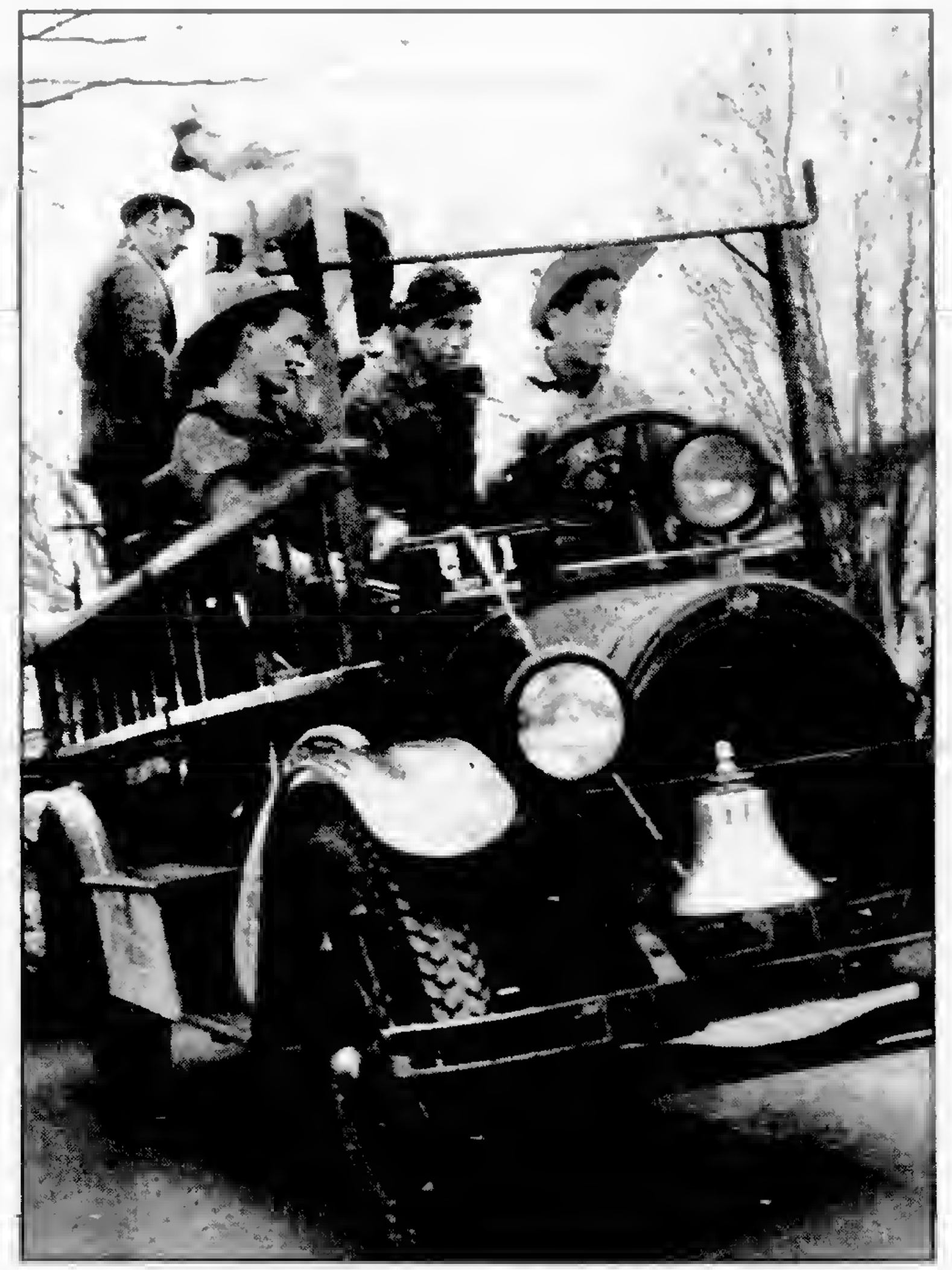

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A picture of the past

Edward Heise is seen here driving a fire truck from the historical files of Charlevoix. With him are Jimmy Bogart (cloth hat) behind Heise, with Glenroy Zelly in front next to Heise. The owner of this picture, Lorraine Heise, would like to know the occasion of this firetruck ride and the name of the man in the back. Please contact her at 347-9657.

Char-Em ISD to offer five day workshop on youth

A special type of training, Life Space Crisis Intervention, offers parents and other adults an array of tools to respond to a child/student's chronic pattern of self-defeating behavior.

Offered by Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI) is a five day workshop geared toward anyone who works with youth — probation officers, school personnel, counselors, foster care workers, court officers and others. The workshop will be offered 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Aug. 19, 20, 23, 24 and 25, at Char-Em ISDin Charlevoix.

According to LSCI co-trainer James Marquoit, the foundation of LSCI is based on developing a caring relationship with the student/youth.

More than 250 people have been trained in LSCI throughout the ISD, said Nancy Koehler, a co-trainer for the workshop. Koehler has been an educator for more than 20 years with 11 years experience teaching severely emotionally impaired youth. She is currently a behavior specialist to local school districts throughout Char-Em ISD.

Information about registering for the workshop is available by calling Diane Heinzelman, Char-Em ISD Special Education Director at (231) 547-9947 or online at www.charemisd.org. Click on "Professional Development" and scroll to the bottom of the page for the "Life Space Crisis Intervention" heading. Deadline to register is August 12.

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Prosecutor's race one of many Tuesday

ELECTION

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"I need to sit down in the near future and figure out who wants to join my team and be committed to the citizens of Charlevoix and who doesn't," he said.

Kur said she is proud of the campaign she put on and is prepared for what lies ahead.

"If it turns out he wins, life is going to switch gears for me," she said.

At the time of the interview, she was unsure about the results of the primary.

Given their past history, Kur said she is willing to work with Jarema in order to provide a smooth transition in the office. Kur had fired Jarema as Chief Assistant Prosecutor.

"I'll do what needs to be done in the best interest of the citizens of Charlevoix County," she said.

After serving the citizens of Charlevoix County, Kur said she doesn't have any definite plans about what she will do now.

Those who currently work for Kur don't have a certain future as their jobs may be lost when Jarema takes office.

"That's not their decision," she said. "That will be his decision."

Kur was not the only incumbent to be bested Tuesday at the polls.

In Norwood Township, incumbent supervisor Wayne E. Boss was beaten by challenger Wayne D. Wynkoop, 110 votes to 175. Also, incumbent clerk Doris Pearl was beaten by Michelle Cyr, 139 votes to 145.

Wynkoop said there have been some issues hanging over the township for the past two years that need to be worked out.

"We need to reunite the town in the worst way because there's a lot of ill feeling between all the citizens of the township," he said.

Facing old issues isn't easy, but Wynkoop said he's positive about what the township officials can accomplish.

"We need to move forward and try not to think about things that have happened in the past," he said.

Boss, who served as the Norwood Township Supervisor for five years, said the people have spoken.

"I think it just means they weren't satisfied with the people in there and decided to pick somebody else," he said.

Boss said he doesn't have any specific future plans related to government, but will continue with his business.

And in Eveline Township, incumbent supervisor Dan Skrzeczkoski was beaten by challenger John E. Vrondran, 154 votes to 272.

Other county results were:

- For Charlevoix County Clerk, Jane Brannon kept her seat against challenger Nathan Jason, 3,346 votes to 2,028.
- For Charlevoix County Commission District Six, incumbent Shirley Roloff kept her seat in a race against challenger Richard Gillespie, 823 votes to 625. Gillespie is a resident of Beaver Island and handily took the votes there, winning 260 votes to 76.
- For Charlevoix Township supervisor, incumbent H. Dale Glass beat back a challenge from Theodore S. Felter, 352 votes to 176.
- For Charlevoix Township trustee, Charles Center and Nancy Rajewski were picked for the two open board seats. Center got 368 votes and Rajewski got 411. Challenger Charles Scherping got 134 votes.
- For Marion Township trustee, Joanne Jones and Joe Seidel were picked for the two open board seats. Jones received 243 votes and Seidel received 249. Challenger Robert L. Fales received 155.
- For Norwood Township trustee, Sadie A. Bartosik and Denny L. Way were picked for the two open board seats. Bartosik received 136 votes and Way received 120. Challenger Frank Hamilton received 100 and Lynn Smolenyak received 108.
- For Peaine Township Trustee, Peter Lodico and Paul Welke were picked for the two open board seats. Lodico received 81 votes and Welke received 108 votes. Challenger Terry L. Saxton received 66 votes.
- The Transit Millage Proposal passed by 64 percent, the Separate Tax Limitation Proposal passed by 58 percent, the Senior Citizen Millage passed by 77 percent and the Recycling Millage passed by 72 percent.

Lastly, while the final results were not in for all the counties, John Ramsey won in Charlevoix County for the 105th District with 2,413 votes for the Republican nomination. Kevin Elsenheimer was in second with 1,049 votes.

However, at press time, the Michigan Secretary of State had the unofficial totals for Antrim and Otsego counties. According to those totals, Kevin Elsenheimer was leading in those two counties with 3,202 votes. Craig Ryan was in second with 3,116 votes.

Added to the Charlevoix totals, Elsenheimer was in first with 4,251 votes, Ramsey was in second with 3,889 and Ryan was in third with 3,743.

For the Democrats, Jim McKimmy won in Charlevoix County with 373 votes to Greg Dean's 321 votes. McKimmy was also leading when added to Antrim and Otsego counties' numbers with 1, 345 votes to Dean's 1,042.

Cheboygan County still needed to report its numbers.

There are 19,775 total registered voters in Charlevoix County. On Tuesday, 7,125 of them showed up to cast their ballots. Therefore the total turnout for the election was 36 percent of registered voters in Charlevoix County.

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Not a done deal for Jarema

Green party candidate trying for prosecutor

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

John Jarema's hopes to be the next Charlevoix County Prosecutor have another hurdle to jump, now that he will be facing an opponent in the November general election, Green Party candidate Ellis Boal.

"I have long been a supporter of the Green Party. This was an opportunity to serve, with no Democrat on the ticket and the Republicans split," Boal said.

Jarema, a Republican, beat incumbent prosecuting attorney Mary Beth Kur, also a Republican, in a close primary race last week. At the time, it was not known that he had an opponent, therefore it seemed that he would be the only name on the November general election ballot.

Boal, 59, said he believes a wide selection of people will be supporting him for election.

"I will have a coalition of Green Party people. I expect the Democrats to support me and a lot of Republicans to support me who were very much on one side (in the primary race)," he said.

Boal is a 1972 graduate of Wayne State University law school. After graduation he spent a year with a law firm working on labor law. After that, he said he worked for himself in labor law and went into semi-retirement in 2000, when he moved to northern Michigan.

Ellis Boal

While he has argued many labor cases on behalf of the workers, including an upcoming argument before the

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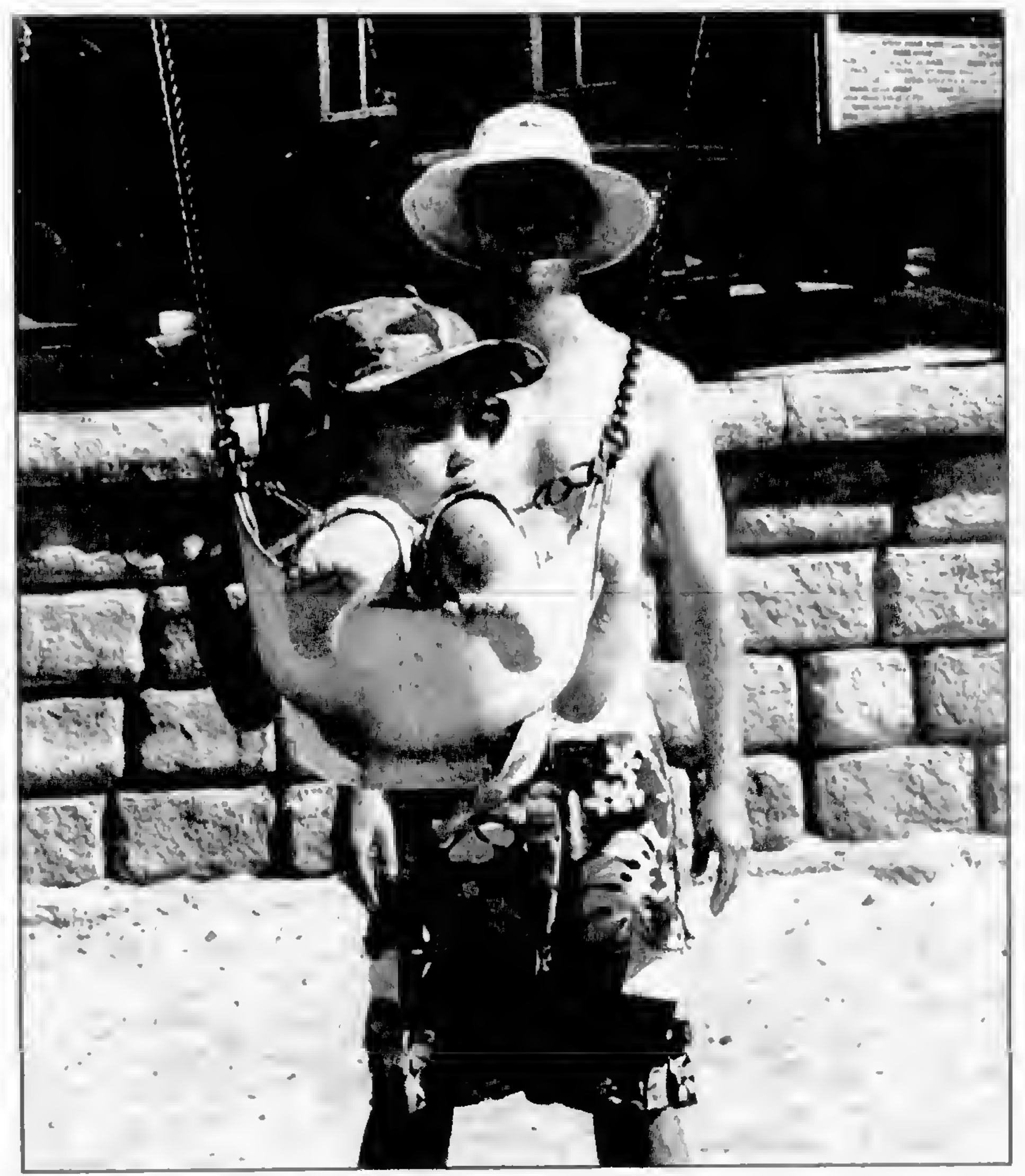
Photo by Jeremy McBain

Almost flying

Dylan Lorincz, 2, of Dexter gets a push from his dad, Matt, on the swings at Lake Michigan Beach Friday. The beach was crowded with people taking advantage of the warm weather.

Do we have enough parking for handicapped in Charlevoix?

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

At least one resident is asking: Is Charlevoix handicapped friendly or are there needs that haven't been met yet?

During the city council meeting on July 6, Charlevoix resident Christa-Maria expressed a need for more handicapped parking spaces, especially along Bridge Street.

"I just want our town, with all the festivals and activities, to be a handicapped friendly town," Christa-Maria said.

She said she isn't out to better the situation for herself, but to enable everyone with a handicap to have an easier time getting to the downtown area.

Christa-Maria told the council that if a city has 100 parking spaces, four percent are to be delegated for handicapped parking.

Police Chief Dennis Halverson said the police department is currently conducting surveys to determine how much the handicapped parking spaces are used in Charlevoix.

He said once all the data is gathered it will be analyzed to determine whether or not more spaces are needed due to the usage history.

If all of the parking spaces are full most of the time, then more spaces may be necessary.

Halverson said his parking people are checking the spaces a few times a week and at varying times in order to get a more accurate determination of usage.

Local attorney and Charlevoix resident Richard E. Joseph has been in a wheelchair for the past two years and would like to see more handicapped park-

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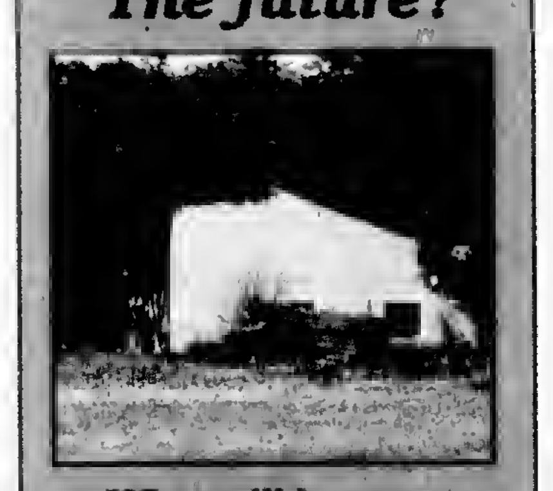
The future?


What will happen to this property on US-31 now that Wal-Mart has backed out of its plans for a Supercenter?

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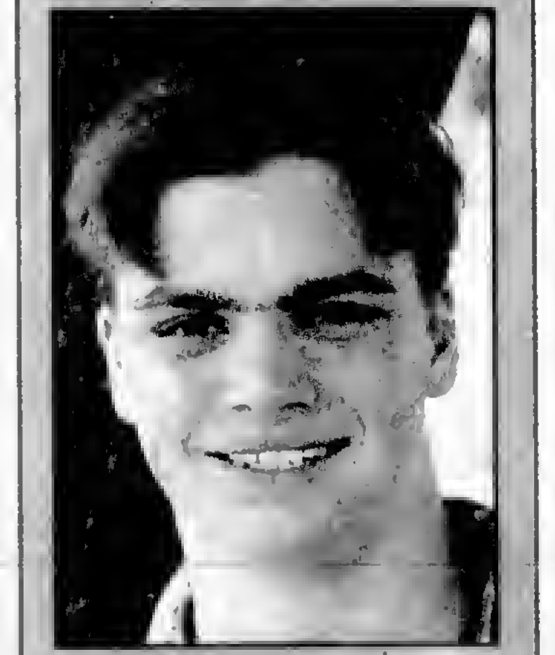
Charlevoix fan


Laurent Feyen, who was an exchange student at Charlevoix High School, shares his love of the United States and Charlevoix.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Vanessa Marie Frick, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs. Sentence suspended with proof of Navy enlistment.

Jonathon Edward Daniels, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Linsey Nicole Saunders, 19, Macomb. Minor on possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Mary Katherine Colvin, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

David Lee Gocha, 34, East Jordan. Controlled substance-Maintaining a drug house. Two years probation; sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $470 in fines and costs.

Michael Andrew Daneff, 20, East Jordan. Attempted breaking and entering a building with intent. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 79 days, serve 90 days; $1,112.48 in fines and costs.

Kyle Lee Symonds, 20, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of personal property-$200 or more but less than $1,000/operating while impaired. Two years probation; sentenced to 12 months in jail with credit for two days, serve 120 days/sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 30 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $10,367.12 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Lawrence Burkle, 19, East Jordan. Home invasion, second degree. Sentenced to a minimum of three years and two months and a maximum of 15 years in jail with credit for 80 days; $756 in fines and costs.

Christopher John McKenney, 29, Boyne City. Criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree-victim between 13 and 16 years old. Sentenced to a minimum of 16 months and a maximum of 24 months in jail with credit for 24 days.

Christopher John McKenney, 29, Boyne City. Absconding or forfeiting bond. Sentenced to a minimum of 23 months to a maximum of four years in jail.

Christopher John McKenney, 29, Boyne City. Stolen Property-receiving and concealing-$1,000 or more but less than $20,000. Sentenced to a minimum of 23 months to a maximum of five years in jail with credit for 24 days.

Christopher John McKenney, 29, Boyne City. Two counts of possessing child sexually abusive material. Sentenced to a minimum of 23 months to a maximum of 48 months in jail with credit for 114 days.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

The Write Stuff, 109 W. Upright, Charlevoix, by Susan E. Miller.

Patches of Sunshine, A Quilters Resource, 01380 W. Mason Creek Drive, Charlevoix, by Leslie Knoop.

E. T. Clean Home, 02920 Campten Road, Elmira, by Patrice M. Turner.

The Cleaning Crew, 2250 Schroeder Road, East Jordan, by Charla LaVake.

Kelly Media Works, 312 W. Upright Street, Charlevoix, by Bobbie L. Rathjens.

The Trison Company LLC, 8911 Martin Road, Charlevoix, by James P. Hater.

Boyne Country Marine Storage, 1123 Contractors Drive, Boyne City, by GRT Limited Inc.

Cole's Island Gallery, 36015 East Side Drive, Beaver Island, by Brian Cole.

Up North Institute, 204 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, by JoAnne Bier Beemon.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Daniel Robert Polleys, 30, Walloon Lake and Kelli Lynn Hammond, 25, Walloon Lake

Craig Russell Rinkel, 38, East Jordan and Tina Marie Wheeler, 41, East Jordan

Lyman Joel Harris, 29, East Jordan and Mandie Lynn Larobardiere, 28, East Jordan

Richard C. Hoffman, 39, Ellsworth and Debbie L. Sweet, 39, Ellsworth

Mick B. Lopez, 27, Englewood, Ohio and Heather Lynn Willis, 23, Englewood, Ohio

Joseph Edward Pattenaude, 22, East Jordan and Julie Anne Kassuba, 18, East Jordan

Nicholas J. Neumann, 26, Louisville, Ky. and Dayna K. Koger, 28, Louisville, Ky.

Corey Robert Eaton, 24, Boyne City and Jessica Rose Froats, 23, Boyne City

Michael Paulin Forrest, 36, St. Louis Park, Minn. and Hayley Griffin, 36, St. Louis Park, Minn.

John R. Tomkinson, 30, Chicago, Ill. and Jeannine Terese McAndrew, 25, Chicago, Ill.

Daniel Robert Jackson, 28, Charlevoix and Lindsay Joy Faitsch, 22, Mishawaka, Ind.

Jeffrey David Smith, 40, Walloon Lake and Crystal Lynn Leonard, 36, Walloon Lake

Zachary Minor Jones, 23, Boyne City and Gwendolyn October Brammer, 19, Boyne City

Joey Shawn Loper, 27, Boyne Falls and Barbara Jean Mazzella, 27, East Jordan

Brian E. Watros, 30, Charlevoix and Kimberly Marie Kurkierewicz, 24, Charlevoix

Raymond Francis Christensen, 30, Boyne City and Susan Ann Famularo, 35, Boyne City

Corey Allen Pitchford, 24, Boyne City and Kristi Lin Gasco, 26, Boyne City

Jon Lane Ecker, 35, East Jordan and Melinda Diane Fosmore, 21, Petoskey

Daniel Emory Lewis, 33, East Jordan and Kristina Diane Gipperich, 32, East Jordan

Births

Kadin Scott Fralick was born on Aug. 2 to Ada and Robert Fralick of Charlevoix at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Kadin weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces at birth.

Gavin Alexander Hewitt was born Aug. 2 to Scott and Jennifer Hewitt of East Jordan at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Gavin weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces, at birth. His sibling's name is Ethan.

Ebhlin Jean Rose Manwell was born Aug. 7 to Amy and Michael Manwell of East Jordan at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Ebhlin weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, at birth. Siblings are Cheyenne and Jack Manwell. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sullivan of Manistee, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Manwell of Saginaw and Mr. and Mrs. George Underhill of Clarkston.

Correction

The cutline to a photograph on page 28 of last week's edition of the *Charlevoix Courier* showing the winners and runners up of the women's doubles tennis tournament, should have said Lucy Witthoeft and Judith Pettijohn were the winners and Fran Cheyne and Carol Calcaterra were the runner's up.

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Owner has plans for debated property

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Photo by Jeremy McBain

According to the owners of this property on US-31, near Marion Center Road, it will look very different within a year. The property was once the site of a proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter.

While there may not be a Wal-Mart going in on his property, Al Wojan has plans for it.

Wojan owns the land on US-31, near Marion Center Road, that was being looked at for a possible Wal-Mart supercenter last winter. He is one of several land owners the mega-retailer was considering to buy out in that area to build a new store over 150,000 square feet in size.

However, Wal-Mart abruptly pulled out of the project in May.

"I have plans," Wojan said when asked what the future of his property may be. "There are several things that I am tentatively trying to do."

Previously, Wojan had a manufacturing facility on the property that made door molding and furniture parts. However, that business came to a halt when it burned down in October 2001. The burnt-out remains of the manufacturing facility have been left standing since, prompting some complaints to the township over their appearance.

But, Wojan said people need not worry, as he is planning on cleaning the property up within the year for his new venture. He would not say what plans he was considering for the property.

Wojan said he did not know if Wal-Mart would ever be interested in his property or Charlevoix again in the future.

"I believe my plans will be going forward quite soon," he said.

And, he added, the remains of his old building will be renovated or torn down.

This will be good news for Charlevoix Township, as it has been working with Wojan to get the property cleaned up, township supervisor Dale Glass said.

But, Wojan's property is just one of several in the township, that officials are trying to get cleaned up. To help them with this, Glass said the township is working on a updated nuisance/blight ordinance.

He said the ordinance is in committee now and he is not sure when it will be presented to the township board.

Glass added, the township is also working updates to its zoning ordinances to limit the size of buildings that are build there and throughout the township. This type of ordinance could prohibit large retailers like Wal-Mart from building "big box" stores in Charlevoix Township.

This change is also being studied in committee and Glass did not know when it would be brought before the planning commission or township board.

The anti-Wal-Mart group This Is Our Town — which put up a strong fight to keep Wal-Mart from building a store in Charlevoix Township — has been working with the township and other government agencies to create this building size restriction.

Bob Hoffman, president of This Is Our Town, said, "There are a number of townships that have indicated an interest in it."

However, Glass said the current ordinance was strong enough to keep Wal-Mart out of Charlevoix Township. He added Wal-Mart's plans were in violation of the township ordinance when it submitted its information for a site plan review.

Wal-Mart never got that site plan review before the township because it pulled out before ever meeting with the planning commission.

Hunter education clinic to be given

A Hunter Education Clinic will be Aug. 28 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, located north of Charlevoix on US-31.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., in the clubhouse. The days activities will conclude at 4 p.m.

There will be a lunch break, and registrants are asked to bring a drink and sack lunch.

This clinic is open to all residents 12 years of age and up, or who will be 12 prior to purchasing a 2004-2005 hunting license.

A testing session, for those who complete the Aug. 28 clinic, will be in Charlevoix, with the time and date to be announced at the Aug. 28 clinic.

Attendance is mandatory at both sessions (clinic and testing) to receive the Hunter Education Certificate.

For additional information call Jim Mansen at (231) 547-6862.

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Dogs should not be in park during festivals

EDITORIAL

What will we say if a child gets bit?

What will we say if a beloved pet is killed or hurt on accident by the crowd?

The time has come for the community and the council to address an issue that has been simmering in East Park for quite some time. It is time that we address dogs and other pets being in the park during festivals.

Sure, it is fun to take your dog for a walk in the park. East Park is a great place to toss a disk in the air for your pet to chase, run and play with your pet or show him off to others. But, these are all great activities to do with your pet when the park is not crowded.

It seems some people just don't understand that it can be confusing to a dog to be placed in a crowded situation such as East Park during the Venetian Festival. Everywhere they look, there is a person standing there. Everywhere they walk, they are bumping into someone. There is no room to run and various people keep coming up and touching him.

To an animal this would be a very stressful situation to be placed in. And when an animal is under stress, there is no telling what could happen. We are lucky that nothing really has to this point.

Simply put, dogs need to be kept out of East Park during festivals. And since it seems that dog owners probably will not willingly keep them out, it is time that we — as a community — make sure they keep them out with a ban.

Sure, the Charlevoix City Police Chief has concerns about enforcing such a ban, but it still needs to be done. We have trouble enforcing many ordinances in the city, such as no parking signs; does that mean we need to get rid of every one of those ordinances?

It is real simple. If you see a dog in East Park during a festival, the police need to tell the owner that city ordinance prohibits pets in the park during those times. If the owner does not comply with this warning, then they are issued a ticket. Therefore the city makes money, the park is safer and the dog is safer — everyone wins.

The chief of police, the city council and the citizens need to take this issue seriously.

Try telling the parents of the first child that is mauled by a stressed out dog that you could not keep her safe because you felt a ban was unenforceable.

Letters Policy

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Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not exceed 450 words. The deadline for letters is 5 p.m. the Friday before publication.

An address and daytime phone number should accompany the letter for verification purposes.

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Writer may have a reason for problems facing Texas

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Years as a practicing scientist and teacher have taught me a considerable degree of skepticism and disdain for the easy answers.

Those years have also taught me to look for physical explanations for what is happening. After years of school test scores dropping, they began to rise again about six years after we stopped using lead as a gasoline additive.

Prior to the ban on lead, the air in many of our cities had enough lead content to possibly have caused minor loss of educational capability of children breathing it from birth. Blood of the few children tested in that long ago time had lead content that we now consider somewhat hazardous. Our air is now freer of lead, although it might still contain troublesome elements of other sorts.

Polluting elements in water can be avoided, as can hazardous substances in food. We have some choice over what we eat and drink. But what is in the air can affect all of us, and substitute sources of air are pretty much unavailable.

What follows is not an explanation, only an enjoyable logical exercise.

I have read that Texas has the most polluted air of any state. That is certainly arguable, but suppose for a moment it is true. Is there something in the air of Texas that might affect all of us? Consider two examples.

When Rod Paige was superintendent of schools in Houston, the school dropout rate plunged, culminating in an almost unbelievably low dropout rate of 1.5 percent in 2000-2001. It was called the Texas miracle in education.

Mr. Paige apparently believed the reports of his school principals. It is now clear that the figures were seriously in error, if not outright lies, but Mr. Paige believed them. He is now the Secretary of Education in the Bush administration.

More recently the police crime laboratory in Houston was accused of possibly providing false information to juries in what may be 10,000 cases over the past 25 years. A panel of six independent forensic scientists has concluded that officials in that laboratory may have offered "false and scientifically unsound" reports and court testimony.

There does not appear to have been any overall scheme to accomplish this. But people in charge of the laboratory believed what turned out to be sloppy laboratory work without seriously questioning it.

James Bolding who was in charge of a serology laboratory in 1987 gave testimony that was critical to convicting an accused rapist, who is now on his way to freedom after 17 years in prison. Mr. Bolding apparently believed in the results his technicians reported, and hundreds of juries may have believed Mr. Bolding and others from the crime lab.

Mr. Bolding has not been nominated for head of the FBI crime lab, but it wouldn't surprise me.

I would suggest, only partly tongue in cheek, that there might be something in the air of Texas that reduces or eliminates normal human skepticism, something that causes those affected by it to believe without question what they are told by others.

You will surely be able to think of other examples of equivalent loss of normal skepticism on the part of past and present citizens of Texas.

It's just a thought.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letters to the editor

Thank you

Editor:

The groundbreaking ceremony at Charlevoix Middle School for the Butterfly Garden was held May 1. Since that day there have been many hours of hard work by garden club members, students and teachers, donations and contributions. The Butterfly Garden is planted, in full bloom and even attracting butterflies.

This was a joint project between the Charlevoix Area Garden Club, the Kiwanis supported Builders Club with their advisor Larry Roth, faculty members, student counselor Kasie Laframboise, both science teachers Paul Gelderblom, Amy Pott and their students.

The garden could not have been completed without the generous contributions from our wonderful community. I would like to express my appreciation to all those who contributed and helped out.

This project has been a great learning experience with many rewards and memories but most wonderful was the involvement and enthusiasm of all the students.

Thank you all!

Mary Kengle

CAGC Middle School Garden Chairperson

Great job

Editor:

It is moments like this when a

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Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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wonderful event takes place that I feel the need to say thank you to one and all who participated in making this Venetian festival the best ever.

I have watched Venetian parades and fireworks over the years and the idea of having the boats move through the channel to Round Lake is long overdue. The fireworks were spectacular and there were activities for all ages to participate in. My family especially enjoyed running the Drenth races.

Congratulations to Dan Barron and the Venetian Committee for such a great festival.

Pat Ranger

Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

On behalf of the committee to elect John Jarema for Prosecutor, I would like to thank all of the voters in Charlevoix County who supported John. We are humbled and honored at the number of voters in the Aug. 3 primary election.

Thank you also to the many people who donated their hard earned money, time and resources to help elect John.

The many encouraging words and prayers received throughout the campaign were also appreciated.

Barb Sheets

Campaign manager

Premature planning

Editor:

In my opinion, Mr. Jarema is planning his restructuring of the Prosecuting Attorney's office a little prematurely.

Mr. Jarema's win at the primary only secures his position on the November ballot: It does not give him the keys to the office.

Again Mr. Jarema is not presenting the whole picture. Mr. Jarema is not running unopposed in the November election.

Mike Patrick

Charlevoix

(Editor's note: Republican John Jarema will be facing the Green Party's Ellis Boal in November for the county prosecutor's seat.)

Sports legends

Editor:

Bobo Bennett, Deano Davenport, Bill Denemy, Marcus White, Quinton Walker, Clayton Walker, Guy Swanson, Joe Etienne, Gary and Ron Vandenburg, Walt and Billy Poquette, Bob Mol, Joe Beaudoin, Sam Supernaw, Charles Coleman, I could go on but I think you get my point.

To narrow the Rayder basketball legends to players from seven teams is doing an injustice to great players and teams of the past that didn't put it all together to get "down state."

As a member of the 1960 20-1 regional finalist team I remain a "legend in my own mind."

Dave Schuchard

Class of 1960

Aberdeen, N.C.

Blood drive success

Editor:

There was an amazing response in Charlevoix on July 22 to the news from the American Red Cross of the severe shortage of blood products for the sick and injured.

The summer blood drive at the Community Reformed Church is traditionally attended by fewer donors because of all the activities going on in the area. I'm so happy to report that July 22 proved to be the exception!

The American Red Cross collected 87 pints of lifesaving blood from 97 donors. Most of those donors proved their devotion to and zeal for helping others with their tremendous patience as they went through the blood donation process. I cannot express enough gratitude to them!

I want to thank all of my volunteers who worked hard and went the extra mile to make sure everything went smoothly. Thanks to the Charlevoix Lions Club, Connie Pischner, Ed Whitley, and our very own "blood drop" and blood drive promoters, Jerry Shea, son, John, and wife, Michelle.

To those who could not stay to donate because of time restraints, thank you for trying! Our next community blood drive in Charlevoix is Sept. 16 at the Reformed Church. Please return to give the gift of life!

Ellen Schuiling

Coordinator

Charlevoix

Letter reponse

Editor:

Those of you who regularly read the letters to the editor are probably thinking that Norwood Township is one sorry place by now. One faction of our township has repeatedly sought to discredit, and malign our township officials. They have presented you with half-truths and less facts.

Case in point: as the past Zoning Administrator, (referred to by Marilyn Maynard July 14) I offered my resignation in a letter to the board in January 2004 effective February 2004. I fully documented my reasons to the board which is public record. The "13 counts" referred to by Mrs. Maynard amount to personal opinion of actions and decisions with which she may not agree, but are issues and decisions that were reported to the Board, discussed and acted on by the Planning Commission and ZBA, or are incorrect. In addition, during the majority of my tenure as Zoning Administrator, Mr. Maynard, a current elected trustee, was the head of the Planning Commission, and member of the ZBA which gave him every opportunity to question any of my actions within the public forum of those meetings.

There exists in government the public forum for voicing concerns and questions. This is what should be used to question our public officials before anything else. I believe that our township officials are honorable and have been trying to do their best to conduct township business, and act in the township's best interest.

Lynn Smolenyak

Norwood Township

Thank you

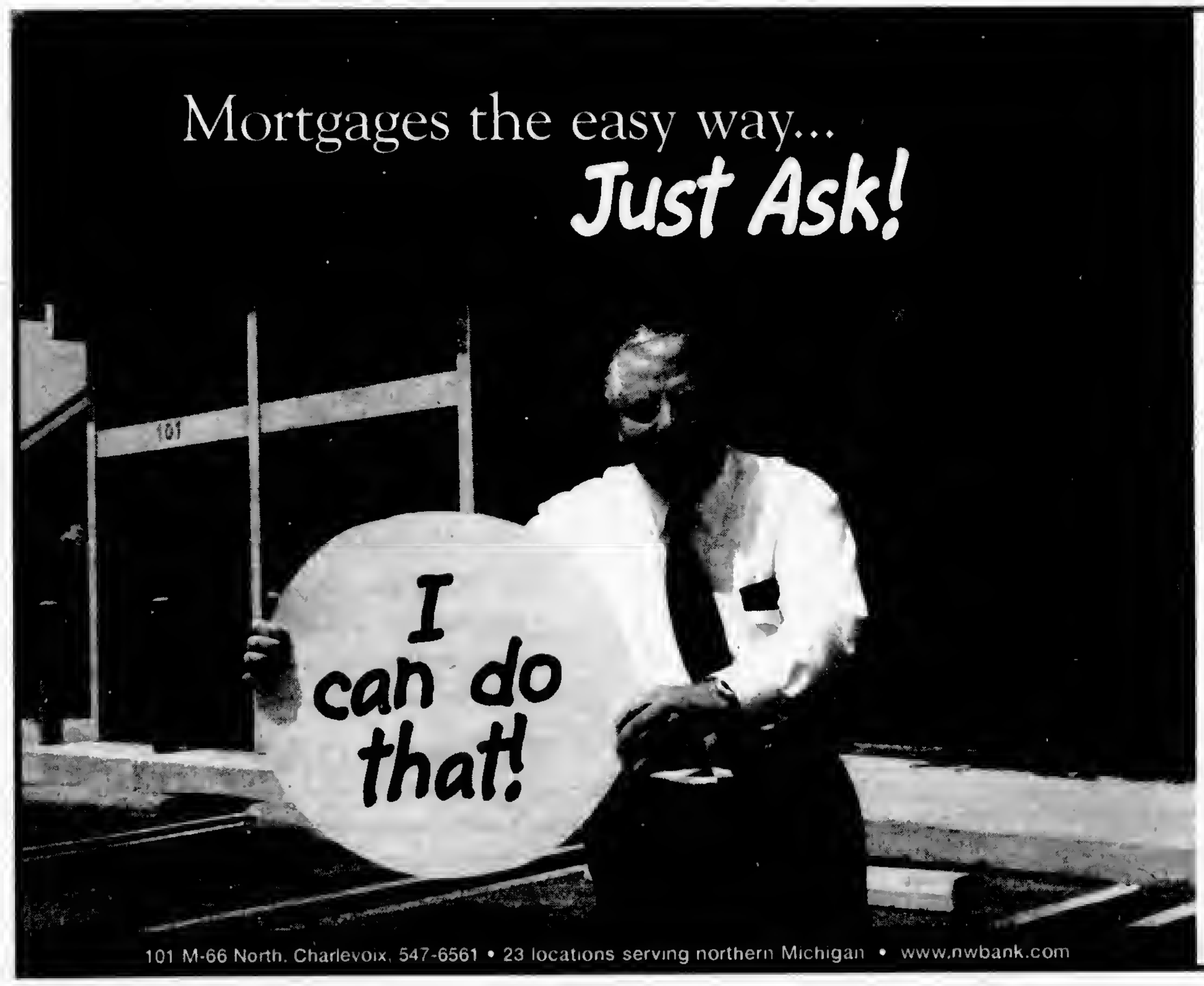
Editor:

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Mr. Dale Boss and the parents of the band boosters for their tender loving care of the petunias. Every single block of the miles and miles of petunias are healthy, weed-free and just plain beautiful.

The hanging petunia baskets were a wonderful addition to our downtown lamp posts and Jake Teuscher and Madison Ramsey are doing a great job of adding just the right amount of water and plant food because every basket is thriving. Thanks so much to all of you for making Charlevoix's petunias extra beautiful this year.

Zita Winn

Charlevoix



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Library wraps up reading programs

The Charlevoix Public Library, once again, had very successful summer reading programs.

The Charlevoix Public Library hosted its annual summer reading programs for six weeks this summer. One club targets children ages 0-11, and the other was for children 11-13.

Its younger club met Tuesday evenings for an hour. Children brought in reading records to show the librarians how many books they had been reading and to receive a prize. Over 100 kids joined the club and read a combined total of over 1,700 books

The "tween" club had 15 kids attend Tuesday afternoons for special events. These kids brought friends, wrote book reports and completed over 75 hours of reading. Each time they read for 15 minutes, completed a book report, attended a library teen event or brought a friend, they received a slip to put their name on for a chance to win a downtown-shopping spree.

One of the special events for the tweens was a pizza taste off. Local businesses donated pizzas for a chance to win the title of "Best Pizza in Charlevoix." Fourteen teens participated in the taste off creating a deadlock vote 7 to 7 to award Pizza Hut and BC Pizza as the "Best Pizza in Charlevoix."

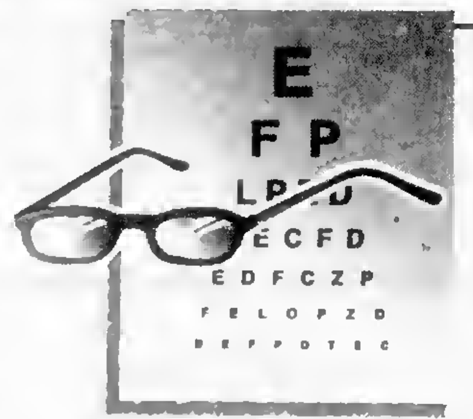
Jordyn Fassett was the grand prize teen winner this year. She walked away with a basket filled with prizes and gift certificates donated from Charlevoix businesses.

Because of the generosity of local businesses every teen that completed the club received gift certificates and/or prizes. A special award basket was given to Lynzie Gotshall for having the most slips in the drawing — a total of 128.

For further information about library programs, contact Amy at 547-2651.

Courtesy photo

Students in the teen reading club were: (back, from left) William, Jalyn, Jenice, Bekah, Nataleigh, Amber, (front) Jake, Jordyn, Lunzie and Tyler.



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Lions to have White Cane Safety Days

On Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13 and 14, the Charlevoix Lions will be out and about in Charlevoix for their annual "White Cane Safety Days" Fund Drive.

Since its 1930 conception in Peoria, Ill., the red-banded white can is recognized worldwide for identifying and protecting those with little or no vision while they are crossing streets and otherwise moving about. It's the law in Michigan and every other state in the US to give white cane bearers the right-of-way.

As a symbolic reminder to the public, each lion collecting contributions will be carrying an official "White Cane."

Donations to the Lions help support the Michigan Eye Bank and Transplant Center; the Michigan Leader Dog Training Center and Puppy Search and Development Program; the Welcome Home for the Blind in Grand Rapids. Locally the Lions Club helps support the low-vision reading center at the Charlevoix Public Library and pays for glasses for needy individuals with special eye problems.

Recently the club made a special donation to the newly updated optical surgery section at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Lions Bruce Herbert and Rick Sutton are co-chairing this year's fund-raiser.

The Lions also take in used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Currently, used glasses can be dropped off at the Charlevoix library, Charlevoix State Bank, Steve Voci, OD's office at 103 Clinton and Reed Freidinger, MD's office at 14730 Park Avenue.

Charlevoix Fire Department responds to smoke call Aug. 3

The City of Charlevoix Fire Department was called to a report of a basement full of smoke around 3 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the James Green residence at 03300 Barnard Road.

Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire with minimal damage. The fire was contained to a few contents in a room in the basement of the house. The structure itself was not damaged by the fire.

Most of the family members were camping at the time of the fire. The fire was discovered by an adult son that lived at the house, but had just returned to find smoke in the basement.

No one was injured during the fire.

Firefighters were on scene about two hours. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Crooked Tree Arts Center to host Sculpture Invitational

The Crooked Tree Arts Center Visual Arts Series continues with Creative Dimensions, a Sculpture Invitational, opening Aug. 15 and running through Sept. 24.

An opening reception is scheduled from 4 - 6 p.m. for Sunday, Aug. 15 and is free and open to the public.

This exhibition will be on display in both the Edith Gilbert Gallery and West Gallery of the arts center.

Crooked Tree Arts Center's Visual Arts committee member, Judy Landis has curated the invitational bringing sculpture artists from all over the state of Michigan together.

This multi-dimensional show includes welded steel, cast bronze, wood, painted stoneware, hydrostone, painted metal and stainless steel. Artists include David Petrakovitz, Robert Purvis, William Allen, Paul Varga, William Tye, James Beach, Rod Bearup, Sergio DeGuisti, Holly Hanessian, Jay Holland, Curt LaCross, Louis Marinaro, Glen McCune, Walter Midener, James Miller-Melberg, John Pappas, C. Malcolm Powers, James Quinlan, Daniel K. Roache, Kirk Roda, John Stevens and Joel Stoppel.

A Coffee At Ten presentation is scheduled at 10 a.m. for Tuesday, Aug. 24.

Doug Melvin, fine arts instructor at North Central Michigan College will provide a gallery tour and lecture.

Coffee At Ten is free and open to the public.

For more information, please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4437 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

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Obituaries

E. James Hiller: Nov. 10, 1919 - Aug. 3, 2004

E. James Hiller, 84, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004 at Burcham Hills Retirement Center in East Lansing.

The funeral service was at 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6, at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Mary Willis officiated. Interment was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Jim was born Nov. 10, 1919, in Charlevoix, the son of Ernest and Christine (Petersen) Hiller. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1937, and attended Davenport Business College in Grand Rapids. On July 10, 1942, he married Mildred Withers in Charlevoix. She preceded him in death on June 11, 1995.

During World War II, Jim served with the U.S. Army Air Corp in the Philippines. He was a former mayor of Charlevoix, and served on the Board of Directors of the Charlevoix County State Bank. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, Charlevoix Lodge F & AM #282, and the Northwest Shrine Club. He owned and operated Charlevoix Lumber Company, and worked as a building contractor.

Survivors include daughters; Pam (Don) Smith of Charlevoix, Rebecca Pease of Lansing, and Roberta (Don) Mann of Dimondale; son, Tim (Karla) Hiller of Haslett; eight grandchildren, one great-grandson, brother-in-law Ray Champion.

Jim was preceded in death by his sister Anne (Hiller) Champion, and brothers, Lee Hiller and Don Hiller.

Memorial contributions may he directed to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, Heartland Hospice of Mason or Burcham Hills Retirement Center in East Lansing.

Marguerite L. McKay: Nov. 27, 1917 - Aug. 2, 2004

Marguerite L. McKay, 86, of Charlevoix, died, Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

A Mass of the Resurrection was Friday, Aug. 6, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Thomas Neis officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Marguerite was born Nov. 27, 1917, in Ann Arbor, the daughter of Emerson G. and Lillian (Engstrom) Hull. She graduated from Charlevoix High School, and was on the court of the first Venetian Queen in 1935.

She owned "The Chatterbox" restaurant in Charlevoix during the 1940s. Marguerite lived in Columbia, S.C. for many years where she worked in retail. She and her late husband Kenneth made their home in Chicago for over 30 years.

Marguerite was known as "The Cotton Queen" by Ken. Following Ken's death in 1986, she returned to Charlevoix. She loved cooking, bingo, animals, reading and current events.

She always gave good advice and helped many family and friends throughout her life. Marguerite was a wise and well-respected matriarch in her family by whom she will be lovingly missed.

She was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, and Beta Sigma Phi in Charlevoix.

She is survived by her sister, Edna Miller of Charlevoix; stepdaughter, Donna (Hal) Schuman of Los Angeles, Calif.; niece, Vicki (Chip) Emery of Minneapolis, Minn. and Charlevoix; great nieces, Sandra (Baxter) Robertson of Redwood City, Calif., Michelle (Grant) Scorsone of Pittsburgh, Pa., Melissa Garner of Charlevoix; great nephew, Jared (Lauren) Emery of Minneapolis, Minn.; great-great nieces, Marguerite Robertson of Redwood City, Lillian Emery of Minneapolis, Minn; great-great nephews, Corey Garner of Charlevoix, Kyle Garner, Anthony, Christopher and Robert Scorsone all of Pittsburgh, and Jamey Carter of Charlevoix.

Marguerite's daughter Sandra Jeanne Von Dohlen preceded her in death in 1961.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society or to the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Slow traffic

Just as they do several times a day in the summer, boats lined the Pine River Channel Friday waiting for the bridge to open. Here several boats wait on both sides of the bridge.

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Tillers to host second annual Farm Festival

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Tillers International is preparing for its second annual Farm Festival that features traditional farming methods.

The Farm Festival will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 14 at Inwood Farm, which is owned by Tillers and located near the intersection of US-31 and Ferry Road. The cost is $5 per car.

Dulcy Perkins, project coordinator for Tillers International, said the Farm Festival is more of an open house where people can come and see what Tillers has to offer such as blacksmithing, timber framing and ox-driving demonstrations.

Last year, Perkins said quite a few neighbors showed up for the event, but overall the Farm Festival is still a relatively new aspect in the community.

Those who are curious or seek more knowledge of traditional farming methods are encouraged to stop by.

Perkins said Tillers has been at Inwood Farm since 2002 when the land was donated by Charlevoix resident Betty Hoffmann, who's nephew took a draft horse class.

Dick Roosenherg estahlished Tillers International in 1991 after leading an ox-training project in Benin, Africa in the 1970s during his time in the Peace Corps along with the aide of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization.

Roosenberg and talented craftsmen came together to share their knowledge and skills at the Kalamazoo Nature Center.

Perkins said Roosenberg realized the importance traditional farming skills used during the development of America and Europe, which he then applied to developing countries.

Some of the countries that have been aided by Tillers are Nicaragua, Honduras, Kenya, Tanzania and Madagascar.

Foreign countries aren't the only ones receiving aid. Tillers also teaches farming techniques to communities throughout the United States and Canada.

Tillers is a non-profit organization and Perkins said the group has donors from all 50 states and has taught students from almost every state.

Those who wish to learn more about ox-driving, fence building, timber framing, blacksmithing and other traditional techniques can attend the classes offered through Tillers. These classes teach skills important for small farmers.

For more information ahout Tillers International and Farm Fest call (800) 498-2700 or go online at www.wmich.edu/tillers.

Library close to meeting its capital campaign goal

With a volunteer fund-raising committee and a generous community, the Charlevoix Public Library is approaching its capital campaign goal of $1.6 million.

There have been twenty-three major pledges of $5,000 or more, starting with a lead gift of $600,000 from the Downtown Development Authority. Individuals have contributed a total of $607,000; foundations, $105,000; and businesses, $20,000.

This amounts to $1,332,000 or 83 percent of the goal.

The new library will be housed in the old middle school on Grant Street between Clinton and Mason streets. Plans include landscaping the grounds to beautify the neighborhood, replacing windows to resemble their original 1927 design, restoring the old fireplace and renovating the interior to accommodate all library services on one floor.

Among the stacks of books, magazines and audio materials, there will he adult spaces with quiet corners, a teen area with computers and lounge chairs and a children's center for reading and learning activities.

In addition to the personal requests for support, many community events are taking place on behalf of the library's building fund.

Literally every penny counts as library patrons drop their copper coins into the million penny box in the lihrary entrance lohby.

The Community Pool is sponsoring a pool party on behalf of the library on Aug. 15, and the Friends of the Library are having a fund-raising luncheon in honor of Edith Gilbert on August 18.

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Father and son open gaming 'shire'

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Video gamers in Charlevoix without high speed internet or powerful computers have a place to go in Charlevoix — Cyber Shire.

The business, owned by father and son Kurtis and Alex Busman, of Atwood, have several computers for customers to use to gain access to their e-mail, computer games on the Internet or Local Area Network (LAN) or to brush up on their computer skills.

The Busmans wanted to do something as a father and son business team and they felt their enjoyment of video games was the perfect way to do it.

"This is something (playing video games on the Internet) we have been doing at home for a while," Kurtis said.

Alex added, "We knew there were a lot of gamers around that would like to play."

Those games the Busmans are talking about are high speed video games where users can compete with other users from across the world on the Internet or throughout the area on a LAN.

While customers have a host of video games and other computer related activities to take part in, those who are not really sure about how to play these new internet games or LAN games need not fret, Cyber Shire is planning on teaching these and other new computer uses — such as navigating the internet — in on-site workshops in the future.

Kurtis said he hopes to start offering classes within the next month.

"The first class is going to be on how to buy and sell on eBay (an Internet auction site)," he said.

Plus, the Busmans are open to their customer's suggestions on what other classes to have.

Kurtis said they are also planning on hosting LAN parties. At these parties, computer users will get to play a video game against one another and many other people in the Local Area Network.

The Busmans have been residents of Atwood for about 16 years. In addition to running Cyber Shire, Kurtis is the director of maintenance at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Alex is a student at North Central Michigan College.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Kurtis (left) and Alex Busman with some of the computers at Cyber Shire.

Cyber Shire is currently open from 10 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday. The hours will change after Labor Day to 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight on Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday. It is locaed in the Oleson's Plaza on Bridge Street.

However, Kurtis said the hours of operation are not set in stone.

"If people are here doing stuff, we will stay," he said.

Cyber Shire can be contacted by calling (231) 237-1439.

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Top Rank sells out to Waste Management

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Charlevoix waste hauler Top Rank was officially sold to its main competition in the area Waste Management recently.

Tom Horton, government affairs manager for Waste Management, confirmed the sale of Charlevoix's Top Rank to Waste Management occurred sometime in the last couple of weeks. He would not say what the terms of that sale were.

In a written statement, Horton said, "The employees and operations of Top Rank Disposal are now a part of Waste Management's northern Michigan operations. We are pleased that nearly all Top Rank employees have opted to remain with the company, helping maintain Top Rank's excellent service reputation."

Horton said Top Rank customers will not experience any change in their service or current collection schedules. Eventually, they will see a change in the color of their collection truck and will begin receiving invoices from Waste Management, instead of Top Rank.

He added, "Collection days will remain the same, but could change in the future as efforts to minimize truck traffic in neighborhoods impacts schedules. Customers will be notified well

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TOP RANK
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These Top Rank trash containers will soon have a new name on them.

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New haulers extend service to Charlevoix

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in advance in future schedule changes become necessary."

Horton said customers who purchased the Top Rank stickers that they attach to their garbage bags will still be served. He added the stickers will still be available in the future.

Furthermore, Horton said the company has no plans for any price changes at this time. He said there will still be plenty of competition for Waste Management in the area.

"Our experience throughout Michigan is there is more competition in the state now, more than ever. There is never a lack of competition," he said.

Besides Waste Management, Top Rank was the only waste disposal service that served the Charlevoix area. But, this is changing in light of the sale of Top Rank to Waste Management as two new waste haulers are moving in.

Dennis Hass, owner of Walloon Lake Refuse Service, said he will now be offering his services in the Charlevoix area. Previously, he served the east and northeast side of the county, as well as Petoskey.

"Generally speaking, anytime Waste Management makes a move that way, it impacts our business and people are looking for alternatives," Hass said.

He said this buyout will help increase his business, especially as he moves into Charlevoix and East Jordan.

Matt Bergon, owner of North Country Sanitation, located between Kalkaska and Mancelona, said he is also going to be offering his services to Charlevoix area residents.

Bergon said he is not concerned at all about competing with Waste Management and has been doing so for the past three years in Kalkaska and Mancelona.

"We have been taking a lot of business from Waste Management," he said.

Walloon Lake Refuse Service can be contacted by calling (231) 535-2222. North Country Sanitation can be contacted by calling (231) 587-5848.

Waste Management is the largest waste service in the United States. It is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

For more information about your local service if you have Waste Management or Top Rank, contact the company at (231) 547-1035.

Top Rank officials could not be reached for comment before press time.

Women Give to Locks of Love

Courtesy photos

Two area women recently gave the gift of hair to the organization Locks of Love. Locks of Love provides cancer patients with wigs during their treatment. (Above right) Marion Craig Rogers, 76, had her braids cut when she was 13. She kept those braids until recently when she donated them to Locks of Love. (Above left) Adrian Winchester shows the lock of hair she donated recently.

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Mariners to host annual boat auction

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

Through the generous donations of many businesses and boat owners, a boat auction will provide money to run the Charlevoix Mariners program.

"The auction represents almost 100 percent of total income," said Tom Barnes, treasurer of the Charlevoix Mariners.

The auction, which has been running annually for three years, and every other year for about 20 years, will be at the Irish docks parking lot north of Ferry Beach.

A preview from 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13 will allow for pre-registration and a sneak peek at items to be sold at the auction. Anyone is welcome to volunteer their time to help clean boats during the preview time. Registration begins at 9 a.m. on auction day, Saturday, Aug. 14. Bidding will begin at 10 a.m.

The auction includes "powerboats to sailboats, big and small," said Keith Attee, vice president of the Charlevoix Mariners.

Some of the boats to be auctioned off are a Catilina, a Sea Ray, a Crestliner, a Supra Ski Boat, small sailboats and runabouts.

"It's a well-rounded bunch of boats to serve everyone's interest," Barnes said.

Other items, from artwork and jewelry to a Beaver Island trip, have been donated to the auction in the past.

The Mariners auction is run on absolute sale, which means that there is no minimum bid on any of the items. Because of this, many people get great deals on boats at the auction.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to get good quality boats at a tremendous price for a good cause," said Barnes.

Jeff Glenny, auction coordinator, said that the auction is used to "promote youth sailing programs in the area."

The Mariners run a sailing school with the money raised at the auction.

"It's everything. It is our major fund-raiser," Glenny said.

Woman hurt in auto crash

A 24-year-old East Jordan woman was injured in a one vehicle crash around 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 6 in Eveline Township.

Jennifer R. Snyder was northbound on M-66 near Holy Island Road.

Snyder lost control of her 1995 Buick when she braked to avoid hitting a vehicle she was following when it slowed. Snyder's vehicle left the roadway and rolled.

Snyder was treated at the scene by Charlevoix and East Jordan EMS and transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The crash remains under investigation.

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On behalf of Charlevoix County Senior Citizens and the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, I would like to thank the following volunteers, individuals and businesses for their generous contributions of support, gifts of door prizes and volunteerism for our 25th Annual Picnic. This celebration of our seniors was held on July 14, 2004 at Whiting Park. This was a tremendous community effort to put on such an event to celebrate our Charlevoix County Senior citizens. With sincere appreciation, Susan Bergmann, Director.

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Charlevoix County Senior Citizens and the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging.

For more information or to donate to our 2005 event ... Please call 231-237-0103, Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, 207 Antrim Street, Charlevoix

Sheriff warns residents about paving scammers

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about paving scams in the area.

Each year traveling criminals come to northern Michigan to do hit-and-run paving work. Homeowners and business owners are urged by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office to be especially cautious when approached by people selling asphalt paving and sealing products. Traveling criminals were very active in northern Michigan last year. They are expected to return in force during the spring, summer and fall of 2004.

If suspicious of fraudulent activity, consumers should call the nearest local law enforcement agency.

Traveling criminals usually leave their customers with a driveway or parking area that will eventually reveal poor workmanship. Poor work is not always evident immediately. Problems may not appear for several weeks or months.

The traveling criminals paver will be long-gone when the pavement begins to break up, making legal action difficult or impossible.

Traveling criminals sell asphalt paving material door-to-door after having scouted neighborhoods for their best targets. Their sales pitch is designed to appeal to those who are especially susceptible to the offer of a so-called bargain.

Their victims are often northern Michigan senior citizens.

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German man falls in love with Charlevoix area

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix may be small, but it may become home to one German man in the future.

Laurent Feyen, 20, of Buxtehude, Germany, came to Charlevoix as an exchange student during the 2001 to 2002 school year and fell in love with the city.

"I don't like big towns," he said. "I like Charlevoix because Charlevoix is the opposite of a big town."

Feyen, who goes by Larry, said he likes the slower pace of life in Charlevoix compared to his hometown in Germany.

"I'm more at peace here," he said due to the calming effect the environment has on him.

Feyen learned about the exchange program from his brother, Timo, 33, who studied in Iowa 15 years ago.

"Since then I had that American thing in it," he said.

His brother returned to the United States the next summer and brought Feyen back a 48-star flag that was over 50 years old. Feyen was told the flag was marched in a parade during World War II.

Feyen said he knew he wanted to come to the United States at age 10.

"It was never a question," he said.

High school in the United States was interesting and harder than expected for Feyen.

His year at Charlevoix High School did not count back in Germany due to the differing school systems, which Feyen said added to his lack of academic focus.

"I focused more on the social than the academic skills while I was here," he said.

The hard part was balancing sports, academics and the time needed to make friends, which Feyen said didn't work out so well for the others who were exchange students the same time he was.

Feyen said there was a student from South Korea and one from the Ukraine, who didn't enjoy himself and said he wouldn't return.

Despite the hardship of getting to know people in another country, Feyen said he recommends taking part in an exchange program.

"It gives you a lot more globalized view on the world," he said.

Feyen said he thinks people should spend time in other countries in order to find out what the country's real opinion is on topics affecting the world such as the war in Iraq.

"You see where someone comes from whether you agree or not," he said.

His term as an exchange student wasn't his first time in the United States. During sixth grade, Feyen said he came to the United States for a three to four week tour of the south.

He said it was amazing to see nothing in either direction while driving down the highway.

Feyen went to Chicago during his exchange program and followed that up after graduation with a four week trip around the United States with his parents.

He ventured all over to some places such as Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas. He went to the south again and relished in what it has to offer.

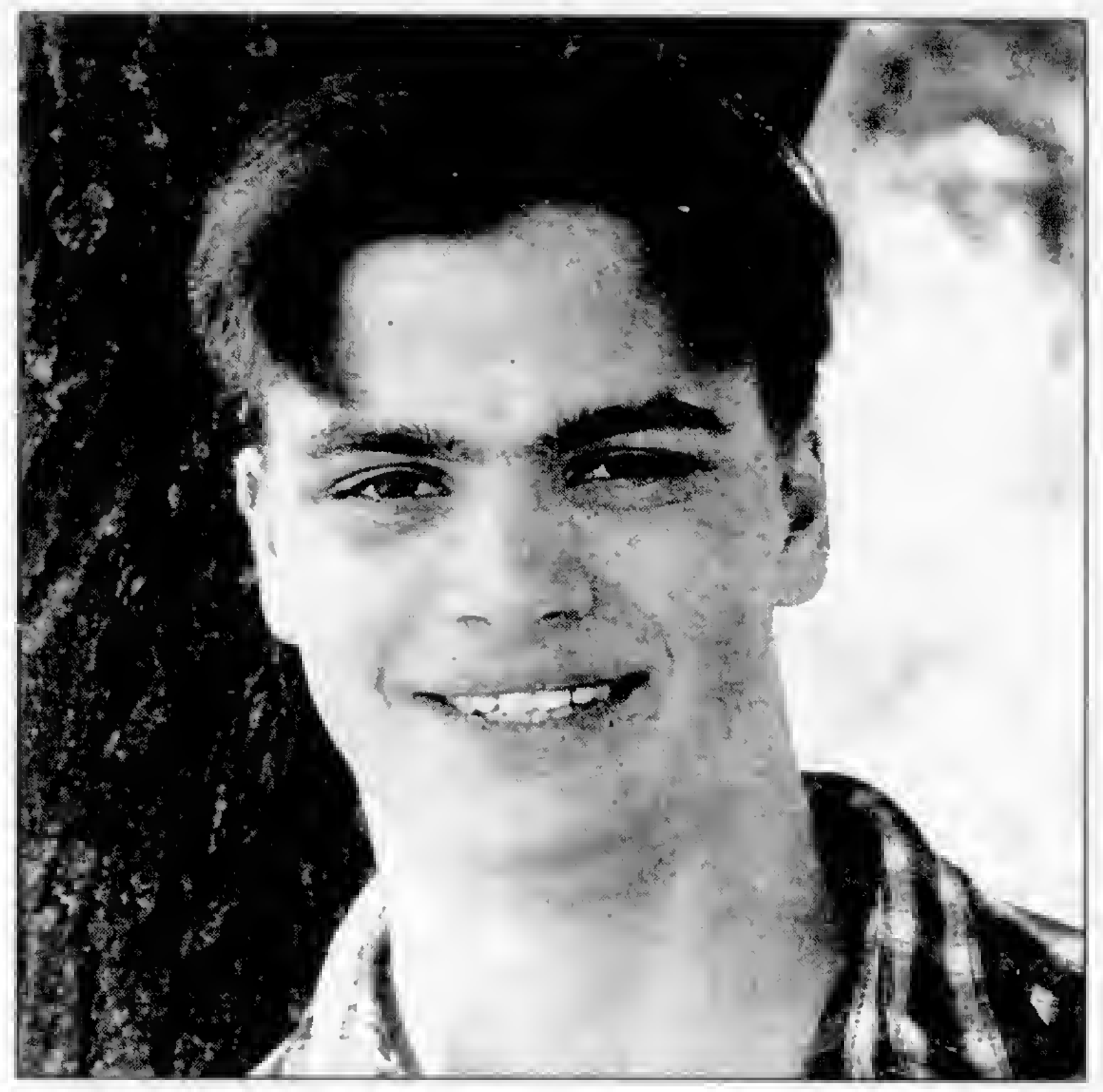
"What I liked about the south is that you get a decent steak," he said.

Western apparel is what Feyen likes to wear, which he got hooked on while in the United States.

"Montana is where I think I got hooked on that cowboy thing," he said.

This is Feyen's third summer in Charlevoix and he hopes to come back next year to visit all of the friends he has made over the years.

"If you know these people you have to stay in contact and e-mail and phone calls don't just do it," he said.



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Laurent Feyen, 20, is a German visitor who came to Charlevoix as an exchange student during the 2001-2002 school year. Feyen loves Charlevoix and the quaintness not found in larger cities.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, August 2, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.
109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present. The following proceedings took place:

- Held a public hearing to consider public opinion on the amendment to Title 1, Chapter 6, Section 1.230(1)(c) - Emergency Declaration Ordinance of the Charlevoix City Code.
- Motion adopted to approve the Mayor's appointment of Christine Michaud as City representative to the Library Board.
- Motion adopted to request the Planning Commission to work on suggesting a place for assisted living in our present zoning structure, with the option of working with the townships.
- Motion adopted to award restroom cleaning bid to Runners4U.
- Motion adopted that the City of Charlevoix vote for the 7 candidates on the ballot for the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund Board of Trustees.
- Adopted Resolution 2004-08-01, approving transmission utilization agreement with the Michigan Public Power Agency.
- Motion to approve Ordinance 696-04: the amendment to Title 1, Chapter 6, Section 1.230(1)(c) - Emergency Declaration Ordinance of the Charlevoix City Code.

Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

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Waiting for a bite

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Billed as "The Affordable Golf Tournament," the entry fee is only $40 per person.

"We have had players comment that it is almost as if we are paying them to play because of the amount and quality of the prizes distributed at the tournament," said tournament director Tim Petrosky. "Last year we distributed gifts with a retail value of more than $3,000 to golfers. Everyone went home with a prize."

The event is a four-person scramble. The entry fee includes golf, a buffet dinner at Giuseppe's Restaurant and the traditional tournament trademark: oodles of prizes. Prizes will be awarded based on skill, luck and random draw, and to teams that finish first, last and right in the middle.

"This tournament is more about fun than competition, although we do have strong teams every year," said Petrosky. "Year after year area businesses generously donate great prizes that pretty much assure everyone goes home with a smile on their face no matter how they golfed."

Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course pro shop. The event is limited to the first 20 teams that register.

An optional skins game and "mulligans" will also be available to teams. The shotgun start is at 4:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.

Rotary uses proceeds from the event to benefit the community with an emphasis on area youth.

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Business Briefs

KUDOS TO THE VENETIAN FESTIVAL

Excellent! Outstanding! Phenomenal! All of these just seem inadequate to describe this year's Venetian Festival. An entire week of athletic events and concerts in the park, topped off with a carnival, a great street parade, a fantastic boat parade, and 2 nights of spectacular fireworks. A special thanks to the Venetian Board of Directors and the many volunteers who made this event outstanding. Also, a special thanks to the city, county, state, and Coast Guard professionals for helping to make this event a reality. Thanks to all of you for making Charlevoix the great place it is!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR CAR RAFFLE

The Chamber Car Raffle is just around the corner, and there are still over 200 tickets available. The tickets will be drawn at a special "After Hours" event on Thursday, September 16, 2004, at the Belvedere Club Casino from 6-9pm. Your ticket enables you and a guest to attend the party, which includes food and entertainment at no extra cost. Tickets will be $100 each for a chance to win a 2004 Chrysler Sebring LXI Convertible. In addition to the Chrysler Sebring, there will be three cash winners.

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2005 HISTORIC PHOTOS CALENDARS ARE HERE!

The ever-popular historic photos calendars have just arrived, with 13 brand new pictures for 2005. The price is unchanged, $13.75 (tax included), plus $3.50 extra for mailing. This is one of the finest the Charlevoix Historical Society has produced yet. The 2004 Christmas ornament should be here in a few weeks.

ED'S REPAIR AND CREATIONS JOINS CHAMBER

The Chamber welcomes Ed Fralick as a new member. Ed is a creative business man known in Charlevoix for his outstanding welding and sculpting. He specializes in one of a kind sculptures made from mild steel and wrought iron. He also invented the electronic ignition for the antique Harley Davidson motorcycle. Ed is located at 6932 U.S. 31 South, 237-0239.

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- Periodic seminars, and workshops on business related subjects
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Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Waterfront Art Fair - August 14

This will be a very busy time for Charlevoix with all the art exhibitors and people in town. This will be a perfect time to come to town and enjoy the art work and friends visiting our area. This prestigious 46th annual event is from 9am-6pm, rain or shine.

Screaming Bluedogs are Back

Back by popular demand, the Screaming Bluedogs are coming to Antrim Dells Golf Course Saturday, August 14, 2004. This popular band from Chicago is playing from 7pm until midnight. A light dinner menu will be available. Call Antrim Dells at 231-599-2113 for further information.

Aug. 12 - Char-Em Workshop "Risk Management in the Workplace", 547-9947.
Aug. 14 - 46th Annual Waterfront Art Fair, 547-2675.
Aug. 14 - Antrim Dells presents "The Screaming Bluedogs", 599-2113.
Aug. 17 - Raven Hill Discovery Center "Felting", 536-3369.
Aug. 18 - Friends of the Library Luncheon honoring Edith Gilbert, 547-0457.
Aug. 19-21 - Charlevoix Sidewalk Sales, 547-2101
Aug. 19 - Summer Concert Series "Charlevoix High School Jazz Band"
Aug. 20 - Marian McPartland Trio in Concert, 347-4337
Aug. 21 - Gallery 704 Art Show & Sale "Gemini", 237-0704
Aug. 24 - Raven Hill Discovery Center "Pysanki", 536-3369
Aug. 25 - Raven Hill Discovery Center "Quillwork", 536-3369
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Charlevoix's Staffel returning to art fair

Bonnie Staffel is back and that's good news for all the fans of her craft.

It has been 20 years since Staffel has shown her work in the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair and she is eagerly looking forward to the opportunity of establishing a personal connection with her customers once again.

The twists and turns of Staffel's career, like the coils of clay she carefully molds into art, have created a life of artistic self realization and accomplishment. Pottery has been the life blood of Staffel since the mid 1940s when she had her first artistic introduction to clay at an art class at the Toledo Art Museum in Toledo, Ohio.

"It was at that moment that I knew pottery was for me," Staffel said.

Years followed, which defined Staffel as an artist in the medium of clay. These included an "amazing" semester at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, being part of the Artists of the Round Table in Toledo, being a participant in one of the first Ann Arbor Art Fairs and eventually heading north and settling into the little studio and showroom on US-31 South that locals fondly remember.

Staffel entered the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair, still in its formative stages in the 1960s for the first time. Her husband, William, in fact, designed the logo for the event that has been used ever since. The Staffels became catalysts in forming an arts community known as Artists North, along with other local artists at that time.

In 1985, certain events occurred that changed the direction of Staffel 's career. At this time, she accepted a position at John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, N.C., as a resident artist. She subsequently became the program director and also became involved in an exchange program there with Danish folk schools where she took new techniques in smoke and reduction firing abroad. Staffel was in her 60s and still going strong.

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Artist a local favorite

STAFFEL

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In 1991, Staffel was invited to join a restoration effort in Canton, Miss., modeling after the folk school concept. The idea was meant to revive tourism to the area. The three year experience was stressful and unfulfilling, and Staffel returned to Charlevoix in 1994.

Staffel has been back in the area for 10 years, continuing her career as a professional potter. Her work has been shown at the Crooked Tree Arts Center and the Artists Market in Petoskey, and sold at the Bier Studio. She has also taught occasional workshops in pottery techniques.

A recent diagnosis of carpal tunnel has hampered her ability to handle clay and throw her pots with the same ease as she once did. But where there's a will, there's an 81-year-old Staffel with a way.

"I stick pretty much to objects I can manage," Staffel said.

Platters, bowls and casseroles line the workroom's shelves waiting to be fired and painted for the upcoming show. Production is slower but that makes each piece more unique. Staffel will he presenting, among her offerings, the hand-painted utility dishes that have hecome her signature pieces over the years.

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Bonnie Staffel will show her art this weekend.

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Waterfront Art Fair to be Saturday in East Park

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Art lovers will get to satisfy their cravings in Charlevoix Aug. 14 when the forty-sixth annual Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair fills East Park.

About 145 artists out of over 1,000 applicants of all types and from all over the country will be at the annual juried show. The Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair is considered one of the foremost art shows in the midwest bringing in 25,000 people at times and is the second oldest juried art fair in Michigan.

The show opens as early as 6 a.m. and closes around 5 p.m.

At the art fair, spectators and buyers will see watercolors, oils, acrylics, jewelry, ceramics, pottery, fibers, paper sculpture, mixed media and photography with a midwest flavor.

The artists will be on hand to show off their work and greet visitors.

The art fair is organized by the non-profit organization Charlevoix Council for the Arts. The mission of the founders is to bring fine art to the community.

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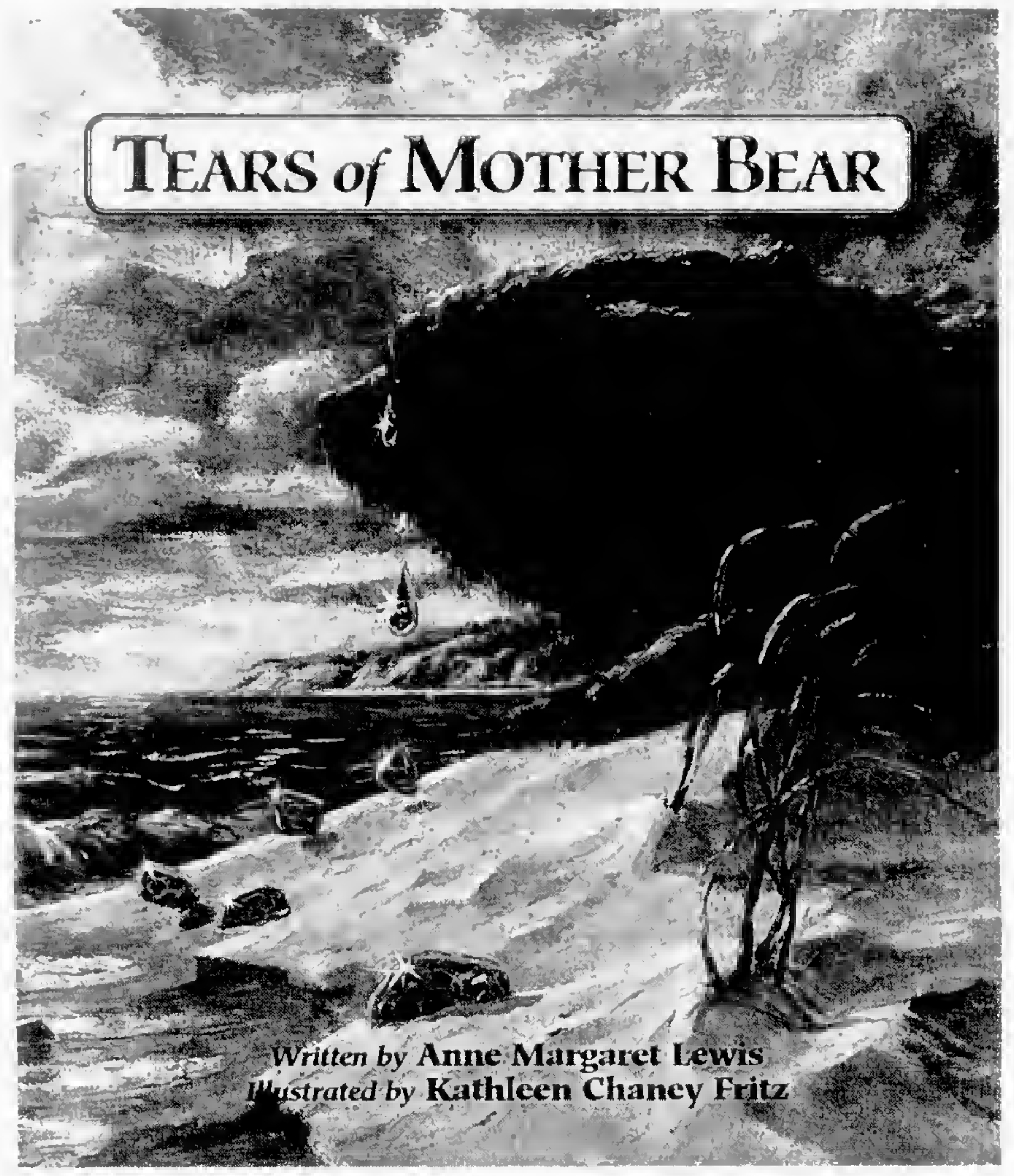

TEARS of MOTHER BEAR
Written by Anne Margaret Lewis
Illustrated by Kathleen Chaney Fritz

Perhaps the answer lies in the discovery that Mother Bear has been leaving her tears all over the beaches of Lake Michigan for hundreds of years.

Tears of Mother Bear is this summer's brand new bestselling children's book published by Mackinac Island Press, Inc., skillfully illustrated by the most talented Kathleen Chaney Fritz and wonderfully written by Anne Margaret Lewis. Kathleen Chaney Fritz is the #1 collected print artist in the great lakes region. All 15 original oil paintings from the book were purchased as a collection by one collector at the books premier party earlier this summer by one collector.

Some have said this is the best book they have seen in 20 years. Bookstores are calling *Tears of Mother Bear* a great summer bedtime story and some have said that every cottage in northern Michigan should have a copy for kids and adults alike.

Stop by the Kathleen Chaney Fritz booth to get your signed copy, booth #'s 10 and 11 at Saturday's, August 14th Charlevoix Art Fair.

Author of *Tears of Mother Bear*, Anne Margaret Lewis will be signing books from 9-11 a.m. at The Appletree and from 11-12 at Bridge Street Books.

Illustrator Kathleen Chaney Fritz will be available to sign copies all day at booth #'s 10 and 11.

Five different prints from *Tears of Mother Bear* are available for purchase at the Kathleen Chaney Fritz booth and The Appletree.

Illustrator Kathleen Chaney Fritz

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Artist calls Charlevoix show one of the best

Fresh as a breeze, Douglas David's calming impressionistic sea and landscapes and warm peony still-life compositions will once again grace the scene at the 46th annual Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair this weekend.

David, of Indianapolis, Ind., is notable for having received many awards for his work including the design of the 2003 Indiana State license plate, the Individual Artist Program Grant of the Indiana Arts Commission (2000, 2002), the Merit Award granted by the Hoosier Salon of Indianapolis, Indiana (2001), The Kokomo Art Association First Place, First and Second Place (2002-2003), and the TERA/Teaching Excellence Award in 1998 from the Herron School of Art, Indiana University.

David only presents his work in five art shows annually and considers this art fair to be one of the best. He has shown at the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair for the past eight years.

"I love the Waterfront Art Fair. There is a quality of artists who show here, and educated, well traveled buyers, many with multiple homes, who aren't afraid of price points," David said.

His loose, spontaneous brush strokes and palettes of blues and violets in the spirit of the Monet school of impressionism capture the moments he paints.

"You have to know when to quit so it doesn't look labored or overdone," David said. "I strive to make my work calming, so people can get lost in it. There are color harmonies in everything. When I paint, I am painting an atmosphere with light and its effect."

Participating in art fairs, gets artists out of their studios and out to meet the public. Artists, like David, keep abreast of the trends in interior design, in order to maximize saleability. The peonies have been a new interest for the past five years. They are cheery above-the-fireplace pieces that have proved quite popular. And of course, there are the lovely scenes that meld warm sun into cool atmosphere.

The biggest compliment for David, he would admit, is when "someone buys a piece and then comes back for more."

He is looking forward to being revisited by returning patrons at this year's Waterfront Art Fair.

Courtesy photo

David Douglas will be attending the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair with his work.

Transmission purchase may save city money

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

During the Aug. 2 city council meeting, members gave the go ahead for a transmission purchase that will enable Charlevoix to own more power and thus save money in the long run.

Electric and Water Superintendent Ed Whitley, said purchasing transmission is a lot cheaper than leasing it.

The purchase will cost the City of Charlevoix an estimated $209,007, which Whitley said will be paid back in about a five year period by saving $97,000 a year through ownership.

Whitley said Charlevoix will own close to 10 mega watts of transmission once the purchase is complete.

"It will cover over two-thirds of the transmission with what we purchased and already owned," Whitley said.

Charlevoix will own 70 percent of transmission needs and lease only 30 percent.

Transmission is what takes the power from the generator to distributors, which then distribute power to local customers.

"It gets the power from wherever the generator is at," Whitley said.

Mayor Gabe Campbell said with the purchase the city will become closer to guaranteeing electric power to Charlevoix residents.

"We already know there's going to be an electric shortage," he said. "We're closer to getting to guarantee kilowatts, closer to a comfort zone."

Campbell said he is excited to use money from the electric fund to actually purchase something that has to do with electricity and power.

The purchase enables the city to have a long-term fixed price instead of dealing with changing leases, Whitley said. He said the only additional cost is for operation and maintenance of the transmission.

Whitley said he the purchase will enable Charlevoix to have a reliable source of power at a reasonable cost.

"This is a real good move," Whitley said. "Council has done real well in Charlevoix in planning for the electrical future."

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SPORTS

Charlevoix Yacht Club racing results for Aug. 4

Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Aug. 4 are:

The fifth race of the summer series was sailed in heavy winds, reaching up to 25 knots. A few boats were unable to finish the race because of hardware problems due to the heavy winds. There were even a few sails ripped by the winds. Twenty-four boats successfully finished the race. Race results provided by Mike Miller, committee chair.

J-22 fleet: 1-Superfluous (Jensen); 2-Swine Flew (Strawbridge); 3-Suzie Q (Kelly); 4-Thunderstruck (Pirie); 5-Hog Tide (Clagett).

Jib and Main fleet: 1-Flash (Gordon); 2-Wind Ensemble (Henninger); 3-Apothecary (Ochs); 4-Sail La Vie (Williamson); 5-Flasher (Sherbarth).

P-26 fleet: 1-Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2-Tireless (Carland); 3-Original Sin (Miller); 4-Cygnus (Stuart); 5-Artemis (Bowerman).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1-Stringthing (Thomas); 2-Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 3-Our Thyme II (Herald); 4-Kamikazee (Funck); 5-M3 (Carey).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1-Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2-Northern Light (Orlow); 3-Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 4-Blasen IV (Juries).

Summer series results after five races with one drop:

J-22 fleet: 1-Superfluous (5); 2-Swine Flew (7); 3-Rock Steady (12); 4-Thunderstruck (15); 5-Suzie Q (19); 6-Paleface Lite (22); 7-Hog Tide (27); 8-Whats Her Name (31).

Jib and Main fleet: 1-Flash (5); 2-Apothecary (11); 3-Wind Ensemble (13); 4-Tie: Exitus and Fairret (17); 6-Flasher (19); 7-Cinerous (25); 8-Cheemaun (36); 9-Sail La Vie (37).

P-26 fleet: 1-Tireless (5); 2-Lost Vermonter (7); 3-Original Sin (12); 4-Cygnus (14); 5-Artemis (16).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1-Stringthing (4); 2-Booma (10); 3-Our Thyme II (12); 4-MJ2 (13); 5-Kamikazee (17); 6-M3 (24); 7-Blue Runaway (29).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1-Hoi Polloi (5); 2-Gotcha! (8); 3-Northern Light (9); 4-Padawan 2 (16); 5-Blasen IV (17); 6-Windrunner (25).

Travel baseball team finishes fourth place

The Charlevoix Rayders 14 and under travel baseball team finished its season with a fourth place finish at the Otisville tournament.

The Rayders lost to tournament champion Belleville, 4-1; defeated Otisville, 16-8; lost to Richfield, 7-2; lost to Kearsley, 5-3; and defeated Tecumseh, 9-2 in pool play.

Tied for third following pool play, Charlevoix then entered a mini-playoff for third place where they beat Tecumseh, 1-0 and lost to Kearsley, 5-0 in two inning games.

Nic Williams scored the only Rayder run against Belleville, as Charlevoix was no-hit by a pair of Belleville hurlers. Ty Telgenhof threw three innings giving up only two hits and no earned runs but was the tough luck loser. Michael Heckendorn pitched three innings of no-hit relief, striking out four.

Two-out rallies were the key against host Otisville as the Rayders scored five with two down in the second inning and eight runs with two outs in the fourth.

Nate Golovich had two hits, two runs scored and two RBI. Joey Anthony and Clayton Mitchell each had a hit, a run scored and two RBI. Heckendorn scored three runs while Sam Balasz and Woody Nitchman each scored two.

Telgenhof earned the pitching victory in relief, retiring all four batters he faced.

Against Richfield, Williams was two-for-two at the plate with two RBI. Telgenhof was also two-for-two with a run scored and two stolen bases. Heckendorn threw over two innings in relief, giving up no runs, no hits and striking out three.

Heckendorn ran his consecutive no-hit streak to over seven with two more hitless innings against

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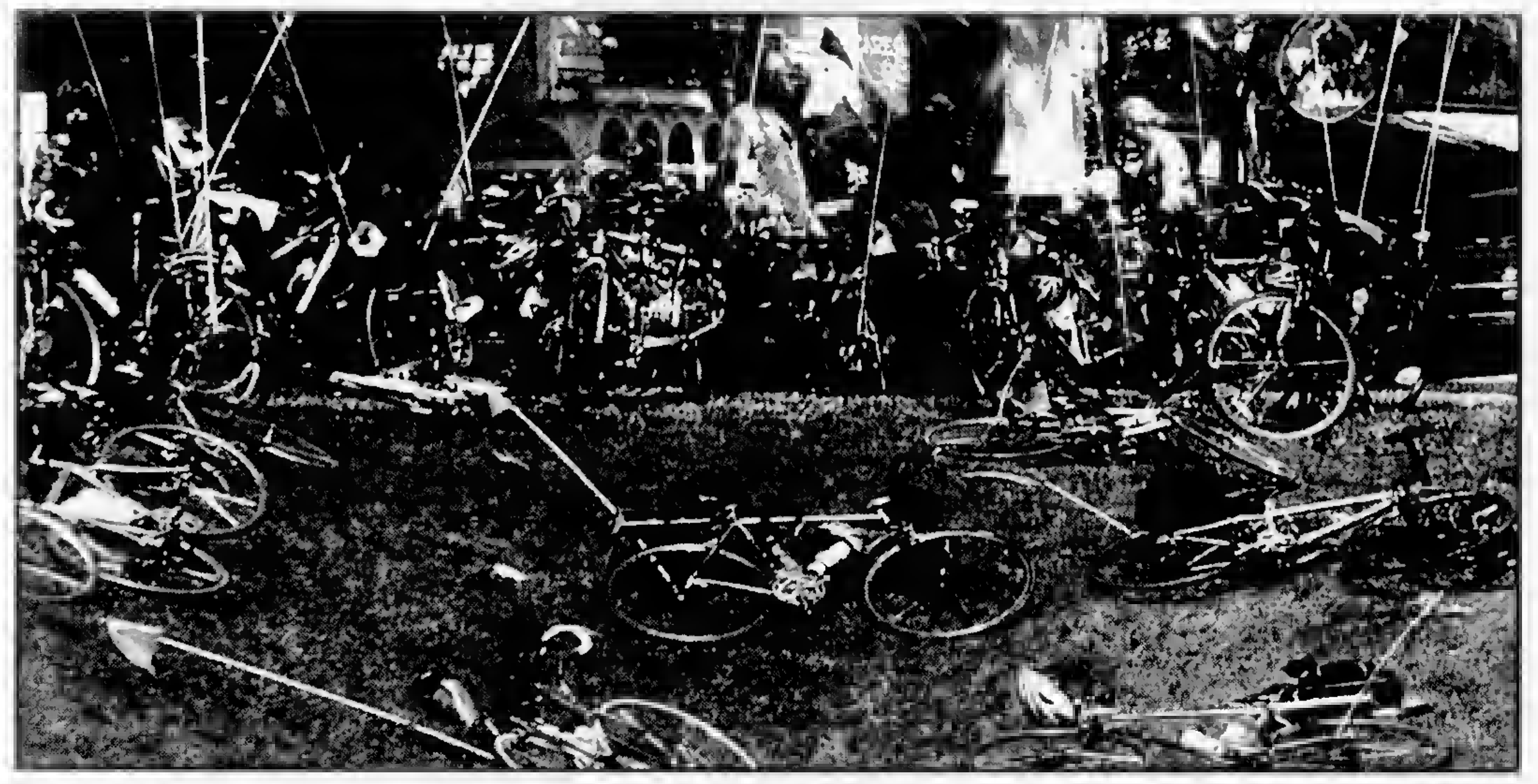

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Travel baseball team ends its season with 7-8 record

BASEBALL

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Kearsley. Nitchman had two hits, one run scored and one RBI. Ethan Towsley singled and scored two runs.

The Rayders set the tone early against Tecumseh as the first five hitters of the game scored, highlighted by Heckendorns two-run over the fence home run. Heckendorn was also the winning pitcher, throwing a five inning complete game, yielding only three hits and one earned run while striking out four.

J.D. Speigl had two hits and scored two runs. Telgenhof singled and doubled, scored a run and drove one home. Ethan Towsley and Williams each singled, scored and had two RBI.

In the playoff against Tecumseh, Heckendorn made a game-saving diving catch from his shortstop position in shallow left field turning a run scoring hit into a double play. In the bottom of the second, Williams started the winning rally with a walk, Anthony singled him to second and Nitchman singled to center to drive in the winning run.

In the tournament finale, the Rayders finally tired, having played 15 straight innings of baseball, giving up three unearned runs in the first inning against Kearsley on a hit batsmen and two errors. Telgenhof took both pitching decisions in the playoff games.

The Rayders finished their travel schedule with a 7-8 record. Other team players are Andrew Towsley, who had two hits in the tourney, and Trevor Cole, who was unable to travel to Otisville.

Woman injured in motorcycle crash

A 38-year-old Bayshore woman was injured in a motorcycle accident around 1:30 p.m., Aug. 6 on Horton Bay Road near McCraney Road.

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Susan J. MacLeod was southbound on Horton Bay Road on her 2000 Harley Davidson motorcycle and failed to negotiate a curve.

She ran off the pavement and crashed on the side of the road.

MacLeod was transported by Boyne City Ambulance to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. McLeod had purchased the motorcycle earlier that day and had not yet obtained a cycle endorsement on her driver's license.

The crash remains under investigation.

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Council debating dogs in East Park

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The fate of dogs in East Park came up again during the Aug. 2 city council meeting when Charlevoix resident Jill Picha raised the same issues she has been addressing since last year.

"They talked more about it Monday night than last year," she said.

The issues Picha focused on concern the health and safety of children and the elderly.

Picha said even though dog owner's pick up after their pets, a smear is left in the grass that children play in.

She also is concerned about the possibility of the elderly tripping over a dog leash and falling. Picha herself almost fell when she tripped over a dog leash during this year's Venetian Festival.

At the city council meeting, Picha said the city could be liable if someone should trip over a lease or get bitten.

City Attorney Jim Young said the city would not be liable in those instances.

"The city has a right to regulate animals in public parks because of its ability to protect the general welfare of its citizens," he said.

Young said this right is for safety, health and welfare of the people and not because of liability.

Picha's said her 7-year-old granddaughter, Ricky-Ireland Alpert, was almost bitten by a dog during a craft show last year.

Picha said Alpert's family has dogs so the child started toward the dog and was saved because her brother noticed the dog bare its teeth.

Picha said it's unfair to dogs and people in the park due to the chaos surrounding public events such as Venetian and concerts.

"They could be friendly normally, but may bite out of fear and confusion," she said.

Picha isn't against dogs being in the parks, but doesn't want them in East Park due to its family-oriented setting and congestion that happens in the summer.

"The dog's scared and somebody's going to bet bit," she said.

Mayor Gabe Campbell said he doesn't think dogs should be allowed in places where a large amount of people will be.

"The dogs should be kept out of East Park because that's where all the activity takes place," he said.

Campbell and Picha both said the dogs are not the ones to blame, even if something happens.

In the past, city council decided against banning dogs from East Park, due to some enforcement concerns.

Campbell said he is bothered when the police say they can't enforce not having dogs in East Park when other cities do.

In Red Wing, Minn., Campbell said he saw a sign that stated there was a $750 fine concerning dogs and cleanup.

Campbell said a heavy fine really makes a person think twice before going ahead with what they had planned.

The council did vote in the past to ban dogs from the sandy part of beaches and only allow them to be on the grass, but no further decision was made.

Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson said the issue was officially brought up for the first time this year at the city council meeting.

Halverson said from an enforcement standpoint a total ban is easier to enforce and educate people about versus a partial or periodical ban given

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Kris Leonard, of Grayslake, Ill., walked her Miniature Schnauzer Holly through East Park last Friday. The city of Charlevoix is looking into banning dogs in East Park during festivities and possibly permanently. Leonard said she wouldn't want dogs to be banned from the park, but understands the concern for the safety of children.

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Dog owners say they are safe, others disagree

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the tourist nature of Charlevoix.

There are ways to deal with the issue without banning, which have proven to be effective in other towns.

Halverson said the city of Frankfort simply asks dogs to not be brought to events with advertising throughout the city. He said this has never been tried before and may work for heavily populated events such as Venetian.

Frankfort also uses a dog corral, where dogs are cared for while their owners enjoy the festivities occurring that day.

"It supposedly works well too," he said.

Halverson said he can see both sides of the issue, especially in regards to the marina. Dogs come with their owners and use the park for exercise and other needs.

"There are a lot of issues and there isn't really many easy answers," he said.

Kris Leonard of Grayslake, Ill., said she enjoys walking Holly, her miniature schnauzer in the park. She said she doesn't like it when dogs bark or scare people, but she wouldn't want dogs to be banned from the park.

"It's the owners responsibility to keep the dogs under control," she said.

Leonard said it's hard to tell what temperament a dog has.

"There are little kids running around and if you have a dog that's unpredictable that could be a disaster," she said.

Jaylee Levine-Krucks, 24, from Chicago, said dogs should be allowed in the park because Charlevoix is a beautiful, friendly place. Krucks and her sisters were walking their dog Madison, a three-year-old WestiPoo in East Park.

Krucks said dogs are a part of the family and don't cause a problem.

"If you don't like dogs, don't walk up to one," she said.

The concern about children playing in dog fecal smears is outrageous to Krucks.

"It's ridiculous especially because it you pick it up it shouldn't be a problem," she said. "There are animals every where."

Greta Krucks, 18, said it's up to the owner to know if their dog is safe to bring downtown.

"If it's crowded use your best judgment when taking out your dog," she said. "Know your dog's temperament."

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Virginia Kay Murphy of Cheboygan and East Jordan appeared in front of a 90th District Court Magistrate on Aug. 6 and her bond was set at $20,000. Murphy was arrested after she cashed stolen checks at local banks and businesses throughout Charlevoix and Antrim counties.

The checks had been stolen in early July from an elderly Fenton man while Murphy stayed at his residence in Livingston County. Murphy was awaiting sentencing in Cheboygan County for bad checks at the time of the most recent incidents.

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Jarema to face Boal in general election

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Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, he does not have criminal law experience.

"That is one place John (Jarema) has me on," he said.

Boal said he will be focusing on several issues in the election.

The first issue is that the criminal justice system needs to be changed in light of our social situation.

"I think the reason we have crime is because the overall conditions of society. Our society does not feed, clothe and educate all of the children," he said.

By serving as the prosecuting attorney for Charlevoix, he said he hopes to help transform our society.

Secondly, and one of Boal's biggest reasons, is to bring environmental and corporate law breakers in the area to justice.

Boal would not say which companies he believes are violating environmental law, adding he will be looking more in depth into this issue in the next few weeks and will name those companies at a later date.

And lastly, Boal said he wants to address the drain commissioner situation in Charlevoix County as the prosecuting attorney. He said the current Drain Commissioner, JoAnne Beemon, has been in disagreement with the current prosecutor, Kur, over what powers she has and does not have.

Jarema said he takes this new challenger seriously.

"I am going to wait and see what happens. I have to gear up the campaign again and go," he said.

"I have to just see how things go."

Jarema said he was going to meet with his challenger, Boal, over lunch yesterday.

Boal confirmed this meeting and said he was also planning on speaking with current prosecutor Mary Beth Kur about the campaign.

He has not contacted her yet.

John Jarema

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A local athletic event that has become a summer tradition is about to be repeated as Belvedere golf professional, Steve Braun, will again play 100 holes in a single day.

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Steve tees off at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 23 and finishes approximately 12 hours later. Those interested in pledging in support of the Junior Golf Scholarship Fund or in monitoring Steve's progress can do so by calling the Belvedere Golf Club at (231) 547-2611 or Dean Davenport at (231) 547-6433.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397,and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THREE AND 51/100 DOLLARS ($101,653.51) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, August 27, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Courthouse, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85°54'I0" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 Inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'IO" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line of said easement; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39°54'29"East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1°35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85°54'I0" West 33,. 3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'I0" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79°43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62°36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 62°36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79°43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said _ line North 85°54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0°54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: July 13, 2004

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

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33RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE NO. 04-303-20-CH

DONALD R. COLE
Plaintiff,

v

ESTATE OF
JOSEPH E. GALLAGHER
ESTATE OF ANNA J. GALLAGHER
Defendants,

Attorney for Plaintiff
Hayes, Turkelson & Groat, P.C.
By: Travis J. Groat (P66010)
03488 M-66 North
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-1111

TO: Estate of Joseph E. Gallagher and Estate of Anna J. Gallagher

IT IS ORDERED:
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court on a QUIET TITLE action. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before September 1, 2004. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Date: July 16, 2004

Judge Richard M. Pajtas P18594
Charlevoix County Building
301State Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-571-7200

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS
Decedent's Estate
State of Michigan
Probate Court
Charlevoix County
File No. 04-010694-DE

Estate of James J. Marshall
Date of Birth: 10/10/23

TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

ON 6/22/04 the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the above captioned estate and is serving without bond.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS: The decedent, James J. Marshall, who lived at 4941 Lakeshore, Charlevoix, Michigan, died March 18, 2004.

Creditors and Interested Persons of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, or interest in the matter, will be forever barred unless presented to, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Roy C. Hayes, III (P50042)
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Author visit cancelled

Due to illness, the appearance of author, Suzy Farbman at the Charlevoix Public Library has been canceled for Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 11 and 12.

Yankee Station

Charlevoix Concerts in the Park presents Yankee Station in concert at 8 p.m. this Thursday.

The Yankee Station Band has been playing together for the past decade. They are made up of five members from northern Michigan and they play regularly around the area. They play classic rock including the Beatles, Rolling Stones and Van Morrison, but will venture into blues, country or whatever the occasion requires.

Please bring your own seating and in case of rain the concerts will be at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets.

Democratic picnic

The Charlevoix County Democrats will host a picnic following the county convention at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Charlevoix Township Hall pavilion. Delegates will be elected to attend the State Convention. Speakers will include area candidates. All Democrats are invited to the picnic. Cost is $3 individual and $5 family. Bring a dish to pass.

Chicken Salad Luncheon

The Christ Episcopal Church of Charlevoix will host its annual Chicken Salad Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 14. They are located at the corner of Clinton and State streets. Lunches will be served on the lawn or in our new parish hall. Take outs are available. The price is $7.50.

MARSP meeting

The Charlevoix Chapter of MARSP will meet at 12 p.m., on Aug. 18, in the Boyne City Masonic Temple on North Lake Street for a luncheon and meeting. The entertainment provided is by a youth mime group. This meeting welcomes all retired Michigan school teachers.

1949 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1949 is celebrating its fifty-fifth reunion on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Argonne. Social hour starts at 5 p.m., during which time a class picture will be taken. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and anyone wishing to visit with our class is welcome after 7 p.m. Direct any questions to Sally Bales at 348-5003 or Helen Emmons at 547-2955. They need addresses for Joan Montgomery.

1954 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, or phone (248) 473-1324 or e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com. Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. They are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colburn (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

Sports boosters to meet

The Charlevoix High School Sports Boosters monthly meeting is at 7 p.m., every third Wednesday of the month. The meetings are in Room 103A of the Charlevoix High School and open to the public. For more information call 348-3317 or e-mail hnmadison@cmsenergy.com.

Bridge game

There will be a lesson and friendly game of Bridge given by a non-playing director ACBL sanctioned at 6 p.m. with lesson and game at 6:45 p.m., every Tuesday, at the Castle Farms off M-66 Highway in Charlevoix. Call Berta Meyerson-Molasky for reservations and information at 547-1041.

Dental appointments

Dental appointments for children and adults available at Dental Clinics North with locations in East Jordan, Petoskey, and Traverse City. They accept Medicaid, Health KidsDental, MI Child and Northern Dental Plan.

Dental Clinics North is a partnership of local health departments. Call toll-free (877) 321-7070 to schedule an appointment.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m, every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

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SCRAPBOOK

Writer reminisces about the people of Charlevoix

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

The townspeople I remember from 1940 were from all walks of life.

We knew each other personally, and it was rare for anyone to move out of town. I went to school with quite a few who decided to live here when they graduated, and many of those who lived elsewhere, returned to live here after retiring. There is just something about Charlevoix.

When I was in second and third grade, a family lived near us, and we kids played cops and robbers on the hill in back of my house, and the alley which ran between the homes on Hurlbut and Antrim streets. Harley Adair and his wife Olga lived on Antrim Street, with their children, Kathleen, Kent, who was in my grade, Carol and Colleen. We had many good times sliding down the hill together. Charles and Elizabeth Reinhart owned the Charlevoix Hotel, also on Antrim. Their son Bill was a playmate.

Leo Allard was the street commissioner for the city and he would always be seen driving a big 36 Federal truck around town. He and his wife, Lela, raised Bill Steffens, who later married B.J. Cunningham. Leo was quite stubborn, and if he was plowing the streets, and someone had their car parked where he had to plow, he would blow the air horn until the owner would come out and move the car.

LeRoy Allers was a marine captain. He and his wife, Hazel, and two children, Dorothy and Paul, lived at 205 Alice Street. Dorothy was one of those who moved back here to live. LeRoy piloted the Mary Margaret, the main boat between Charlevoix and Beaver Island. Lloyd and Aletha Arnold and son David lived at 106 Green. He was a carpenter. One day in the fifties, he was driving his pickup truck headed south on Bridge Street. He was in front of the building where Vacation Properties is now located. One wheel on his pickup fell through the street and he was stuck tight. There had been a big water leak under the street that no one was aware of. They had to get a wrecker to hoist him out.

Art Dry Cleaners was located at 230 Antrim, on the southeast corner of Antrim and Grant Streets. Art Wexstaff owned and operated the business. He also had an orchestra which played at various places in the north. Bernice, his wife, was a talented woman, and wrote historic articles.

Ray Ashdon, who lived at 704 Bridge, was a mail carrier for the post office. Dale remembers him going down the street singing at the top of his voice. In later years, Ray had a barbershop in his front room, and he did barbering for quite a few years. He had a wife, Nellie, and son, Charles. Those of you who recall the good old days in Charlevoix, know how many men and women whistled or sang a song as they worked around town. It was a time when cares and worries were put in the background and people were more content. Making the almighty dollar wasn't as important as happiness.

Winnifred Bambach lived at 603 Bridge. She was a widow and her children were Donald and Luanna. They were good friends and we used to bicycle together.

Elmer and Caroline Barber lived at 929 State Street. Their children were Gene, Bonnie Lou, Bill, who was in my class in school, and Bruce, who was a best friend of Dale's brother, Dean. Charles and Mae Barnhart and children, Frieda, Clyde and C. Willard, lived at 315 Mason, near Dale's home at 319. The kids were neighborhood friends. Clarence and Sadie Bartlett lived at 313, and their boys were Bob and Norman. Fenn and Dean Welsheimer, who lived on Park Avenue were also friends. They lived with their widowed mother, Ida. The Bulow girls, Janet, Marilyn and Patty lived at 308 Mason. Their parents were Fenton (County Clerk) and Ruth.

Lola Lewis, who was also a widow, lived at 306 Mason, with her children, Russell, Maxine, Lorna, Jim and Beth. Lorna was a best friend. I always admired Mrs. Lewis for working two jobs to feed her family. Most of these neighbor kids played stone roller in the evenings, and I also joined them.

That is where I met Dale when I was 13, and he, 15.

Edgar Behrens was a deputy sheriff at that time. He was a handsome officer who was always dressed in a police uniform and rode a big black motorcycle. He and his wife Gwen, and boys Eddie and Tom lived at 221 Clinton. He was my hero, as he was at the jail every day when I was at my grandparents. I will always remember the day when I was too big for him to toss up in the air. That was such fun and it was a big disappointment.

In 1940, Walter Bergeon and his wife, Catherine, lived at 209 Clinton. Their children were Clark, Mike and Deborah. Mike was in my class at school. Walter's dad, Arhur, owned Bergeons Clothing Store at 321 Bridge. Harry Bingham, our high school principal, lived at 303 Mason, with his wife, Monica. He taught history, and also was the high school principal. I admired him for being a no nonsense principal.

David and Sally Blake and daughter, Davida, lived at 101 W. Lincoln. David was a pen artist, and his flourishes with the pen were beautiful Mr. Blake was my Sunday School teacher at the Congregational Church. I remember sitting by her during church, and she would close her eyes and pray. She impressed me very much. She taught me many truths about Christian living and love.

Nate and Marie Blissett lived at 205 May Street. Their children were Bill, Marilyn and Bettie Jane. Marilyn was in my class, also. Marie was later widowed and worked as school cook for years. She was great cook, and I still remember her home made rolls. Everything was home made in the cafeteria at that time, and having wholesome food every day was the norm.

Lewis Brant owned the grocery and meat store at 205 W. Garfield. He lived with his wife, Gertrude. He was one of the neighborhood grocers, and sometimes I walked through three alleys to get there. The business is called Andy's today. In 1940, the men on the Public School Board of Education were: Henry Partridge, Carl Kohler, Clarence Meggison, Clair Webster and Carlton Dean. Don Herrick was the Board of Commerce Secretary. Robert Bridge was the President of the Charlevoix County State Bank, and he also had a general insurance business. He and his wife, Marian, and son, Gene, lived at 200 Dixon, and in 1940, he was the mayor.

One of the things I remember were the packs of dogs that ran loose around town. It was frightening at times when we had to walk to and from school. What a difference it made when the dog law came in. The fire whistle back then would blow one time for one part of town, and two or three times for other parts. That way we would know where the fire was located, and it was convenient for the firemen.

Charlevoix has changed, and mostly for the better, and so it should be. Reminiscing about those days is wonderful and I am glad I have those wonderful old memories.

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Resident wants handicapped issue addressed

PARKING

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ing and see the curbs smoothed out more evenly.

"I don't think the city has done anything intentionally to help the handicapped, but it's okay," he said regarding building plans for the city.

Joseph said he doesn't think the city went out and designed things with handicapped people in mind, but some things just worked out that way.

Bridge Street doesn't have any handicapped parking and Joseph said there should be at least one spot on the corner in front of Central Drug downtown.

If there are to be handicapped spaces, Joseph said they need to be on the west side of Bridge Street in front of all the shops.

Halverson said there used to be a handicapped parking space in front of Central Drug, which was removed when a court found the signs inappropriate.

"When the court finds something we're enforcing isn't fair, especially in parking, then we change our direction on that," Halverson said.

Joseph said there should be more van-accessible handicapped spaces. Instead of a hashed mark allowing room for a ramp to come down, many spaces are just for one single car. Joseph said he has gotten blocked in on numerous occasions because a car parked next to his van.

"I do think it's not right to not have handicapped parking on Bridge Street," Joseph said.

Mayor Gabe Campbell said he would like to see more spaces downtown.

"I don't think there's enough handicapped parking downtown," he said.

Council member Bill Haggard suggested at the July 6 council meeting that he's heard of drop off zones being useful in getting handicapped persons to downtown festivities.

Christa-Maria said at the council meeting that such a zone wouldn't work for her because she lives alone and doesn't have someone that could drop her off.

Joseph added to this saying he wants to get around by himself.

"Even though I'm in a wheelchair I still want to be independent," he said.

Most of his driving is done by himself and he makes his way into stores and restaurants. He said most merchants are accommodating to him when he comes into their store and some help bring things out to his car.

Aside from parking spaces, curbs are another major issue for Joseph. There are handicapped accessible ramps built into the sidewalk, a cut away in the cement, which are meant to provide handicapped accessibility from the sidewalk to the street.

"It doesn't take very much to get thrown out of your chair," he said.

Joseph said these ramps are not smooth at the bottom, especially the ones at the corner of Bridge and Antrim streets.

But, Halverson said he thinks the small hump where the slope connects to the street would be helpful for the visually impaired.

"If it's too smooth they may not be able to pick up the fact that they're not on the sidewalk," he said in regards to crossing the street.

Joseph added the incline of a street is not that noticeable to someone who is walking, but is felt by those who have to push themselves up the street. He said an 8 percent incline in a wheelchair is hard enough and a 10 percent incline is almost impossible.

"It's sort of a different world," he said. "You can't really experience it even if you tied your legs together because you still have stomach muscles. They could do more to make it a little easier without much expense."

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During a city council meeting on Aug. 2 a need for more handicapped parking was mentioned. Some spaces are located right next to one another without a hashed area to allow room for ramps and other necessary equipment.

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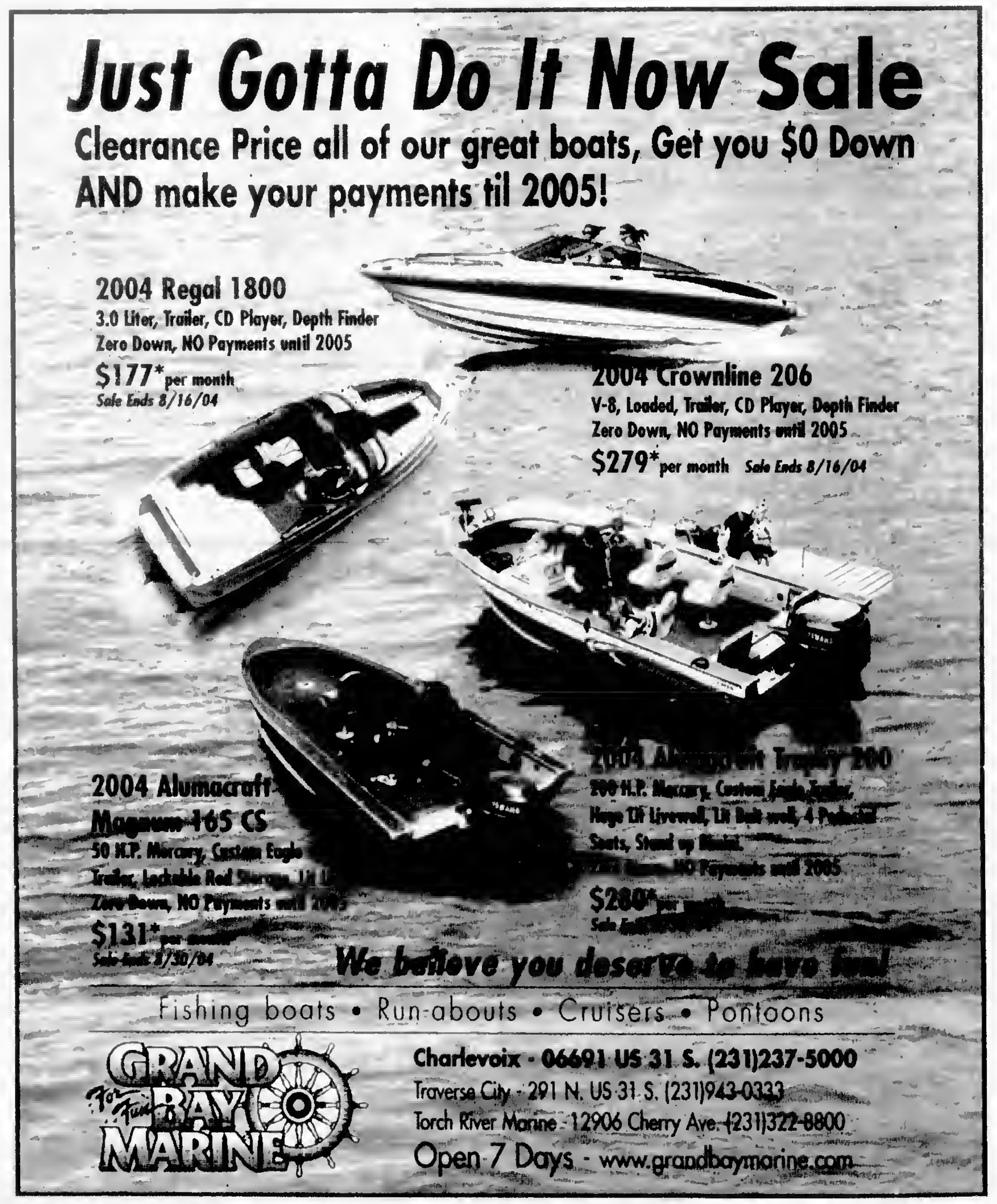

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Charlevoix's own heroes

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Kiel Tilley and Michelle Rowe saved two lives last week.

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Two Charlevoix lifeguards, Kiel Tilley and Michelle Rowe, are being credited for saving the lives of two teenagers in the Pine River Channel Thursday.

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, the lifeguards went to the rescue of three swimmers around 2:30 p.m., Thursday in the channel who were jumping into it from near the Charlevoix lighthouse. The swimmers had become fatigued in the water and could not make it to the ladder leading to the deck of the pier.

"All I could think of was, 'We just got to get these kids out of the water,'" Tilley said.

According to the lifeguards, they were both watching over Michigan Beach when some people came running up to them to say some swimmers were in the Pine River Channel and they couldn't get out. Tilley, 20, and Rowe, 18, said they ran over to the channel where they saw three swimmers in the water, clinging to the side of the pier.

Tilley immediately jumped into the channel to help the kids, but the waves and current were too strong and pulled him and two of the swimmers further out into the water near the end of the pier. Therefore, he called to Rowe to jump in to help, which she did.

"It was everything we could do to fight the current," Rowe said.

In the meantime, the third swimmer reached the ladder himself and was able to climb to safety.

Both Rowe and Tilley used their floating lifesaving devices to fight the current and help the second swimmer to the pier. But, this still left one swimmer in the water.

Tilley attempted to swim to the third swimmer, but realized the current was too swift and the waves too rough. So, he climbed out of the water and ran over to the area of the pier the swimmer was

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President makes another northern visit

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Many Charlevoix residents were in attendance when United States President George W. Bush made a campaign stop in Traverse City at its civic center on Front Street, Monday, which was his second visit to northern Michigan this summer.

Upon arriving to the rally before a crowd of 7,000 to 10,000 supporters and those just curious to see a sitting president, Bush said, "It is good to be here in Cherry Country. Today it looks like Bush/Cheney Country."

During his speech, the president spoke about his usual topics, such as lower taxes, the No Child Left Behind Act and its impact on schools and the war on terror and health care, which h sys he has made more affordable and more available.

"There is so much more to do to move this country forward. We have made much progress and we have much more to do," he said.

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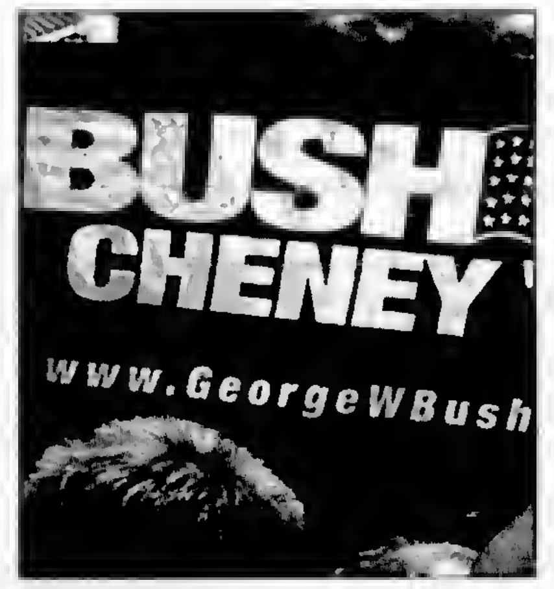

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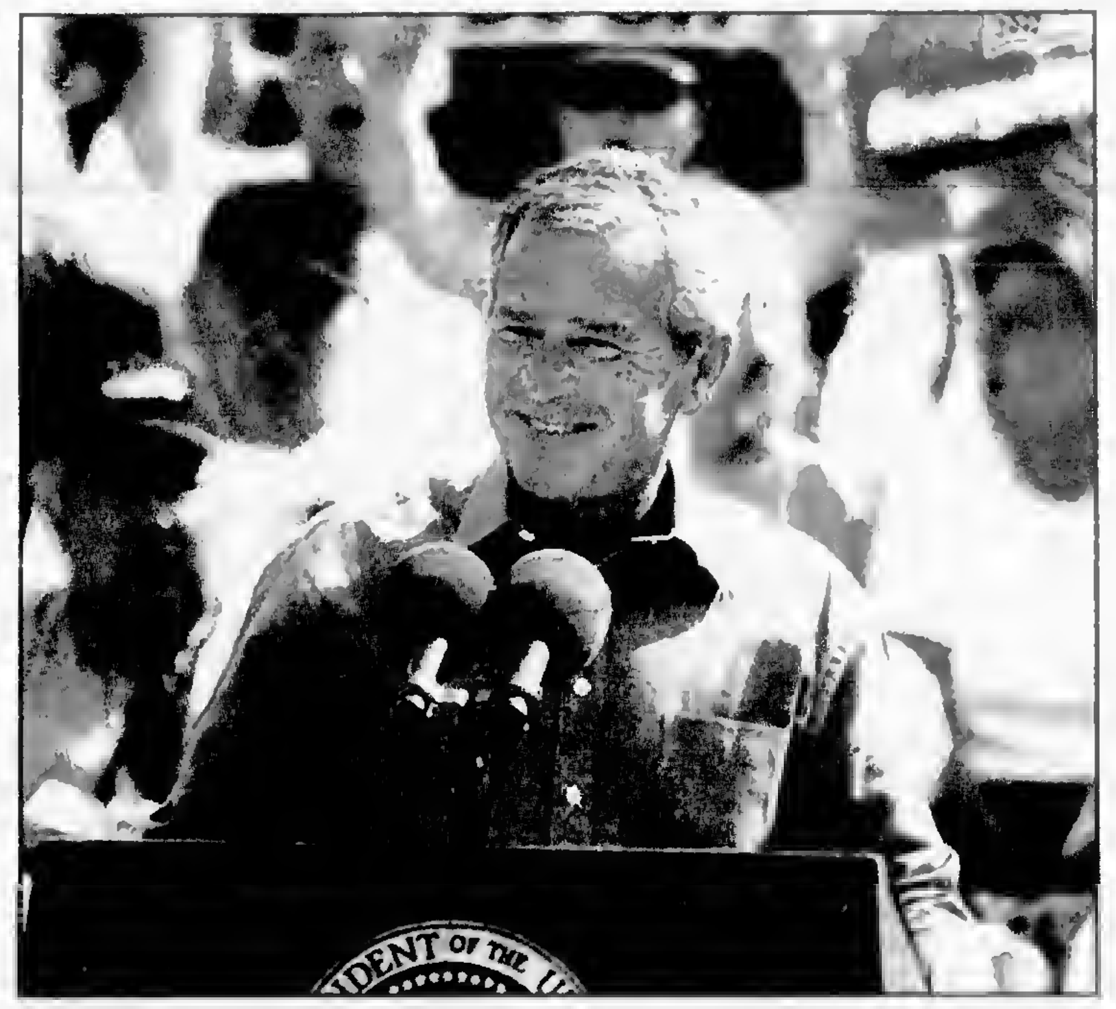

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(Above) United States President George W. Bush address a crowd at the Traverse City Civic Center park Monday. (Left) Two signs showing the difference of opinion being expressed around the park.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Shane Thomas Harris, 22, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $900 in fines and costs.

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 17, Boyne City. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Bound over to circuit court.

Everett James Foster, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Michael James Cebulski, 18, Ellsworth. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Attend BASES classes; $200 in fines and costs.

James Byron Holm, 33, Charlevoix. Failure to stop after collision. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Sarah Renee Carver, 20, Roscommon. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Travis John Russell, 27, Boyne Falls. Open intoxicant motor vehicle passenger. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Dustin Alan Russell, 17, Ellsworth. Minor in possession of alcohol, first offense. Attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Benjamin Ray Babel, 20, Grand Rapids. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Darrin Lee Sutton, 35, Charlevoix. Home invasion, second degree. Bound over to circuit court.

Heather Lynn Steimel, 22, Boyne City. Non-sufficent funds less than $100. Fines and costs totaling $633.02.

Sandra Kay Jozwiak, 43, Elmira. Embezzlement relationship with a vulnerable adult greater than $20,000. Bound over to circuit court.

Alana Rose Gusmano, 17, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol, first offense. Attend BASES classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Jason Michael Cook, 18, Elmira. Minor in possession of alcohol, third or subsequent offense. Nine months probation; $500 in fines and costs.

Andrew Lee Kabelman, 28, Eckerman. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Scott David Meade, 39, East Jordan. Impaired driving. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes and impact weekend; $950 in fines and costs.

Karen Crow Glass, 38, Traverse City. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Robert Depauw Calu, 69, Rochester Hills. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Bryan James Fortune, 17, Boyne Falls. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Dustin Gerald Schrader, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Six months probation; 10 days of community service work, must attend substance abuse classes; $300 in fines and costs.

Keith Daniel Rau, 21, Boyne City. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 77 days held in abeyance, must attend impact weekend; $865 in fines and costs.

Christopher Lonnie Bersano, 43, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended, first offense. Sentenced to 20 days in jail, serve 20 days, will be on electronic monitor; $850 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Gordan Buckus, 21, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow, second offense. Fines and costs totaling $850.

Rex Allen Smith, 18, East Jordan. Use of marijuana. Sentenced to 45 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 44 days.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Rollie Clifford Royse, 19, East Jordan. Probation violation-Attempted child sexually abusive activity. Two years probation; sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 30 days.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Friendly Links, 01380 W. Mason Creek Drive, Charlevoix, by Leslie A. Knoop and Dawn E. Fletcher.

Jim Wojan Excavating, 37265 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, by James L. Wojan.

Sulkowski Residential Cleaning Service, 101 Fourth St., East Jordan, by Tammy Sue Sulkowski.

Frontier Classics, 305 Antrim St., Charlevoix, by William C. Dreyer II.

Bay Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, 02594 Eagle Island Road, Boyne City, by Robert H. Taylor.

Hudson Township, Charlevoix Michigan, 11675 Huffman Lake Road, Vanderbilt, by Ira I. Holborn.

White Wolf Enterprises, 3397 Pesek Road, East Jordan, by Jeremy Loveless.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Tom Wayne Kuzmik Sr., 40, Boyne City and Dorrina Lyn Lester, 35, Boyne City

Jeremy McCann Howard, 27, Santa Monica, Calif., and Allison Marie Bremer, 27, Santa Monica, Calif.

Adam John Laucher, 24, Charlevoix and Christine Nicole Potee, 21, Petoskey

Dahlon Mark Hess, 33, Boyne Falls and Kristin Anne Kwiatkowski, 34, Boyne Falls

James D. Connolly, 48, East Jordan and Kathryn Ann Spaite, 52, East Jordan

James N. Van Dam, 60, Boyne City and Barbara Rowse Somerville, 54, Arcadia

Aaron Daniel Hamilton, 27, Petoskey and Jessica Elaine Hardy, 22, Boyne City

Births

Jacuclyn Kaye weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce, was born to Rob and Kaye (Stoneham) Thornton of Auburn Hills on Aug. 12, 2004, at Troy Hospital. Grandparents are Ron and Marla Stoneham of Charlevoix.

Amber Marie Sneed, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Andrew and Cynthia Sneed of East Jordan on Aug. 10, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The grandparents are Mike and Alice Mazzella of East Jordan, Don and Brooke Sneed of East Lansing and Ed and Annette Laffleur of Frankfort.

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Correction

In a story on page 28 of the Aug. 4 edition of the Charlevoix Courier about the Townies versus the Belvies softball tournament, it should have said Dave Olack was the Townies star.

Young American actress visits Charlevoix

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

An American girl with Charlevoix connections will take her place among famous actors in Italian television.

Megan Thompson, 16, will star in "Un medico in famiglia," which centers around a doctor and his family. Thompson will appear as Emma, the girlfriend of the main character's grandson.

"Hopefully, it will lead to a nice career," she said.

The season starts in September and Thompson's character can be seen in eight or nine scenes during the seventh episode.

Thompson may possibly be seen in more episodes if the producers want her character to return.

Thompson said the main character is played by Lino Banfi, Italy's most famous actor.

Banfi was funny on-screen and improvised a lot of his lines, Thompson said, which allowed him to personalize the script.

Off-screen, Thompson said Banfi was nice but more quiet than his on-screen persona.

All the benefits of being a star were given to Thompson, who had her own dressing room with her name on it.

She was also pampered by professional makeup artists and hair dressers.

Thompson said acting wasn't something she thought seriously about as a career option.

"I never really thought about it," she said.

"Everyone always dreams of it, but never really gets there."

Thompson is on her way to getting there and it helped to be herself. The role of Emma called for a 16-year-old girl who spoke English. Thompson was a shoe-in and beat out a German girl who was her only competition.

Nerves didn't get to Thompson, which she attributes to her success.

"I wasn't going to get disappointed if I didn't get the part," she said.

Thompson said she cared about getting the part, but concentrated on the excitement surrounding the whole experience and process.

Thompson is the granddaughter of Mayor Gabe Campbell and Karen I. Campbell and the daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Thompson and Erin Thompson.

Born in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Thompson has called Europe home for the past 11 years, spending four years in England and seven years in Italy. Thompson currently calls a small town outside of Pisa her home.

Thompson is a junior in high school, but plans on attending college in Rome for a year after she graduates before coming back to the United States to attend college for marine biology in Virginia.

With her vast cultural background, Thompson said she also plans on going into translation as a part of her college studies.

Thompson is visiting Charlevoix with her family and will return to Italy in September.

"Un medico in famiglia" will air from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Sunday on Italian cable networks.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Megan Thompson, granddaughter of Gabe and Karen Campbell, is an Italian actress.

Bomb squad called out to Ferry Beach Friday

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Michigan State Police Bomb Squad was called into Charlevoix early Friday morning when city police found suspicious looking container at Ferry Beach.

The container, a suitcase, was empty.

"I don't know what would be on someone's mind to leave an empty suitcase," said Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson.

The suitcase was found by an officer on patrol around 3:30 a.m., Friday on the north end of Ferry Beach near the pavilions, said Halverson. The site was cordoned off and the bomb squad was called in.

The bomb squad arrived around 8:30 a.m. and soon determined the suitcase was empty. The beach was opened again at 9:30 a.m.

Halverson said people need to be aware of their belongings and not leave items behind when at the beaches or other public places.

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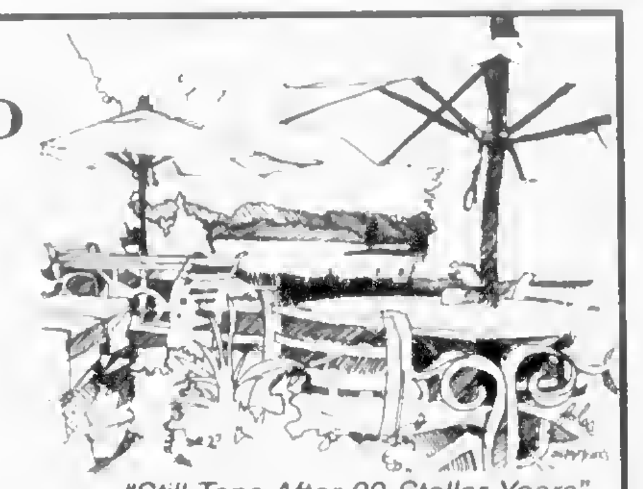

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Losing weight by eating carbs and spewing hate

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

Here are a couple of columns I wanted to kick out this summer, but ran out of time. Enjoy.

Low carb

I have just about had it with this low carbohydrate craze. Every where you look, you see "low carb" this and "low carb" that, as if that was the only way to make your body healthy. I blame that Atkins guy for all this silliness — I should point out he is dead.

For some reason, a lot of people think that by simply limiting the amount of carbohydrates in their food, they will have that sexy body ever one drools over. Sorry, but it is not that simple.

First of all, simply changing your diet will not have a great impact on your body — other than making it sick and in need of carbs or whatever it was you are keeping from it. You need to add exercise to any diet that you put your body through.

I know, I know, this is a tough idea to grasp. But, yes, you must actually break a sweat to lose weight. There is no magical diet or pill that can make you lose weight — except for liposuction, I guess.

Secondly, your body actually needs carbohydrates to function. Carbohydrates, or carbs, provide your body with needed energy and are essential — according to some medical reports – in keeping your brain running in top form. By cutting out carbs, you are doing nothing other than making yourself tired and forgetful.

However, this could explain some things in current pop culture. It was right around this whole carb craze that reality television became a big hit, wasn't it? And, maybe this "bad information" about Iraqi having weapons of mass destruction given by the CIA to the president was because the CIA agents were on the Atkins Diet?

If you want a better, healthier, body, the key is not to fall prey to any of these fad diets. The key to a better body is eating healthy — low fat meats and fresh fruits and vegetables — combined with exercise. And you must remain patient. Changes to your body from this healthy lifestyle will not happen overnight.

Remember, it took years to add that pudge to your midsection, it will take a while to get it off.

Elections

I am really getting tired of the negativity that is being spewed forth in the elections this year.

Sure, some of you will say, "But every election year has the same amount of venom." It just seems this year is even more vicious in the presidential election.

What I do get a kick out of is that both sides seem to blame the other for being negative.

The George W. Bush people will say, "Those Democrats are just bashing Bush and spitting out their hate." Then in the next sentence, they say, "That John Kerry is nothing but a crazy liberal who wants to take away our guns and tax us to poverty. And I think his wife is snotty."

Then you speak to a Kerry supporter who says, "Those Republicans are so hateful to us and the world. If you don't agree with them, they insult you." Then in the next sentence, "That Bush is a fascist who wants to take away our freedoms and is an out-of-touch little frat-boy. Plus, his daughters are snotty."

Ugh.

Whatever happened to civil discourse in this country? What ever happened to candidates stating their positions on the issues, telling us what they will do if elected and the people debating those issues? Is it because focusing on the issues takes too much brain power and in this television world we live in we like to focus on the easy insults instead?

Whatever it is, it is making me very cynical and tired.

What gives me hope is that poll after poll shows that a majority of Americans are not these party hacks that spew hate. A majority of Americans say they are in the middle on most issues and are also getting tired of these attack tactics.

Maybe the future of elections will brighten. Maybe we will have a reblooming of participatory democracy in this country — one where the issues are debated civilly and mud slinging is frowned upon. But with the hired political pundits dominating the airwaves and controlling the message coming from these candidates, you have a better chance that rainbows will actually lead to pots of gold.

Bring on November.

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558, or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Letter response

Editor:

A writer expressed the opinion that "Mr. Jarema is planning his restructuring of the Prosecuting Attorney's office a little prematurely," based upon the idea that there is still a general election and another candidate to face off against.

To me, this idea seems odd. Is not the concept of running for office that you tell the voters what you plan to do, and then let them decide if that is what they want? If I did not believe Mr. Jarema had a plan for what to do if elected, I would not have voted for him.

Bill Briggs
Charlevoix

What strong economy?

Editor:

President Bush claimed in Aug. 2's radio remarks that, "This week we received encouraging reports that show our economy is gaining strength!"

The news reports that I've seen confirm what American families already know: As a result of George Bush's economic policies, household budgets are being squeezed by rising prices for essentials like health care and gasoline and milk — while wages aren't keeping up.

The chief economist for Morgan Stanley says, "...fully 81 percent of total job growth over the past year was concentrated in low-end-occupations...This puts households under enormous pressures."

The *New York Times* writes that the average take-home pay for workers, adjusted for inflation, is actually less than it was in January 2004. In fact, it is "the lowest level of weekly pay since October 1991" — when the other Bush was president!

Even the *Wall Street Journal* admits "declines in working hours [and] low wages hurt workers."

Two of my sons-in-law have economic problems to illustrate these reports. With a dozen employees, the first ran a business, a plant which made broaches. A business which had been successful and improving for much of its 17 years until the economy took a dive. He lost the struggle to hold on and lost his business. He took a low paying job well beneath his abilities in order to put food on the table. He's just been laid off.

The second has been a highly successful car salesman for over 15 years, his earnings having grown to six figures. He can testify to what the huge chunk of consumer non-spending is: car buying. There have been weeks lately when he has not been able to put a single car "across the curb." That means there's no paycheck the following week.

I'd like to see good news for a change. Does anyone have a copy of one of those reports President Bush received?

Patricia W. Fox
Bellaire

Please help

Editor:

Soon the Charlevoix High School Sports Boosters will be starting it annual fund raiser. This year need for support of the kids and their sports is

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

Charlevoix School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix High School.

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even greater.

The budget for student athletes, like everything else, is being reduced. Last year the Charlevoix High School Sports Boosters was able to make up the budget loss with its normal fund raising activities. But with the additional loss of almost $60,000 it is even a bigger challenge to raise funds.

Membership drive is the fund-raiser starting. Membership to the Charlevoix High School Sports Boosters is on voluntary donation. We have received donations from $5 to $500, which are tax deductible.

All funds go to the support of the kids and their sports. If your child is in a sport, you enjoy watching the competition or just want to help provide kids with physical activity, please help support the Charlevoix High School Sports Boosters.

The Charlevoix High School Sports Boosters Board meets every third Wednesday of the month at the High School in room 103A. The public is always welcome.

Herm Madison
Charlevoix High School Sports Boosters Secretary

Update

Editor:

As many of you know, my husband Steve Paterka suffered a catastrophic illness in early April. Following neurosurgery and a lengthy stay at Munson Hospital in Traverse City, he returned to Charlevoix in late June, for a prolonged stay as a patient in the Rehab wing at Boulder Park Terrace. Steve will be at Boulder Park through at least Sept. 1 and welcomes any and all visitors (especially evenings and Saturdays, when he has no scheduled rehab).

Many people have asked us to keep them advised of Steve's progress by reporting such in the Courier. Here's a quick update: Though he remains in a wheelchair, Steve's recovery from the spinal paralysis continues on a daily basis. Recently he began to stand and has even begun to take a few limited steps, assisted by the wonderful professionals in Boulder Park's rehab department. His nerves and muscles seem to be "firing up" again, and it is our hope and prayer that Steve will eventually recover in full and someday walk again - all by himself.

There are no words to express the deep gratitude our family feels at the outpouring of care and concern, compassión, support, and loving generosity we've experienced throughout the past months. So many friends (and some wonderful souls we didn't even know) have selflessly donated their time, talent and treasure in helping our family, to name but a few: both the Charlevoix Township and City Fire Departments (the township fire department volunteers tirelessly continue to mow our lawns this summer - thank you again guys!) Larry Campbell, Curt Thompson, Paul Ivan, Rod Kippe, Dave Christiansen, Chuck Center, Scott Volmer, Dr. Richard Wakulat, Rich Wojan, Bill Parton, Shirley Roloff, John Ferguson, Carol Martin, Dale Glass, Nancy Rajewski, Larry Levengood, Mary Plumm Clark, Gordie Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sneathen, Steve Seelye, Dennis Kusina, Lil Left, Carol Gagnon, Fr. Pierre de Charlevoix Knights of Columbus, Drs. Jim Stewart, Dennis Joy, Ed Newcomb and Melodie Brown, as well as Dr. James MacKenzie, plus the entire staff at Boulder Park Terrace.

Our family considers ourselves privileged and blessed to live in this wonderful community of Charlevoix the Beautiful. It's truly a beautiful place to live — not only because of the beautiful surroundings, but even more so, because of the beautiful spirited people who live here.

God bless each and every one of you, and thank you for continuing to keep Steve in your prayers.

Kathleen Paterka
Charlevoix

Can't force democracy

Editor:

Is it possible that all countries are not ready for our brand of democracy? We've certainly learned that democracy cannot be forced on people who still believe in tribes, militias and warlords.

So why doesn't our president take the opposite track and kill them with kindness? It's a lot cheaper in lives and has far lasting results that bode well for political change. Kindness in the form of schools, hospitals, wells, fertilizers and tractors is more apt to bring about change than bullets, bombs and tanks. Political change cannot be forced on people. It is an evolutionary happening as evidenced by what happened in Mexico which went through endless dictators before happening on its own form of democratic government.

We ought to be working for stability in the world and back any government that promotes a civil, stable society with humanitarian aid rather than selling countries weapons.

Paul Richards
Charlevoix

Charlevoix is beautiful

Editor:

As a person who has spent 27 summers in Charlevoix the Beautiful, I would like to express publicly just how much I appreciate this town.

It is my theory that folks who live in harsh climates have the most beautiful gardens. I think this must be a self preservation practice. This year my husband and I were fortunate to be able to participate in the Charlevoix Garden Club's garden tour. As a Master Gardener in central Oregon (high desert country), I always love to see what other gardeners are doing and this tour did not disappoint.

The tour took us to places that we had never seen, but more importantly it took us through neighborhoods of Charlevoix, areas that we have appreciated every summer and the average tourist never sees. Yes, the main drag of the town is clean, well kept, and the window boxes, petunias and planters most beautiful. But the neighborhoods! How wonderful they are, neat and lovely no matter what side of town you are on. Every year for twenty-seven years the sight of these homes, yards and gardens has filled my eyes with beauty and my heart with delight. People who live year round in Charlevoix should know, must know what pleasure they provide to those of us who summer in their beautiful town. Thank you to all who continue the tradition of liveliness.

Jacquie Siewert-Schade
Sunriver, Ore.

Thanks for running

Editor:

I want to pause for a moment to thank all of the good citizens who braved running for public office. Even though only one candidate could win, the fact that so many tried was very admirable.

Congratulations to those who made it through the primary, and for those who will be leaving public office after the votes were tallied and they were defeated, thank you so much for your years of service. God bless and guide all of you.

Peace.

The Rev. Mary Willis
Charlevoix

We need new ordinance

Editor:

This letter is in regards to a property located on Antrim Street. I have lived next door to this property for 19 years. I built my home here so that I could enjoy Charlevoix and all that it has to offer.

In the last several summers I have not been able to enjoy my summers here as the home next to mine on Antrim is in deplorable condition; it has a trailer filled full of trash in the backyard that has been there since May, an upper porch that is rotted through and presents a safety hazard as well as being an eyesore to the neighborhood. The roof has shingles missing and moss growing around the top. The attic has become a bird sanctuary.

The home is a rental property with constantly changing renters.

I have been to the city on several occasions expressing my concerns over the past several years and nothing has been done. I have contacted the owner of the house on several occasions and still nothing has been rectified. The property needs to be condemned.

This city needs zoning ordinances put into place so that these types of nuisance properties are not allowed to exist.

It is unfair to those of us who maintain our property and constantly make improvements to have to live with sub standard housing in our midst.

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Gail Young
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Having a ducky time

Visitors to Charlevoix's beaches are not just human as this family of ducks attests to. They were seen enjoying the cool waters of Lake Michigan at Michigan Beach recently.

Crooked Tree to have annual meeting

The Crooked Tree Arts Center's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23.

Light refreshments will be served at 9 p.m. and the business meeting will follow at 10 p.m. in the Ross Stoakes Theatre of the Crooked Tree Arts Center. The Volunteer of the Year will be awarded during the meeting.

The arts center's programming has blossomed over the past few years, due in part to the newly renovated arts facility and as a result of the generous support of residents and resorters of northern Michigan. The School Tour program provides cost-free gallery tours and hands-on projects for over 3,000 students each year. The new dance program offers classes in ballet, hip hop and jazz.

The Gerber Music Education Program and Dorothy Gerber Chair for Children and Music provides funding for the Beginning Strings Program and the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra. Over 400 children in Charlevoix and Emmet counties are provided with tuition free strings instruction and many of those students receive scholarship funds for their instrument rental.

The Visual Arts Series offers exhibitions for both local artists and traveling exhibitions. The Virginia McCune Performing Arts Series brings world renown performers to northern Michigan, including jazz, dance, classical, children's productions and opera.

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Addington awarded for helping peace

The Beatrice and Hugh Henshaw Peace Builders Award was given to Ellen Addington in recognition of her efforts to promote peace and justice in Central and Latin America.

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom chose Addington, a long time member, for her work as an election monitor in Haiti and Nicaragua and as a Witness for Peace in strife-torn Colombia. As a league educator, she has written and spoken about issues in those countries for many years.

The award is named in honor of the late Hugh Henshaw and Mrs. Henshaw, founders of the League. League chairman, Bruce Sanderson, presented the framed certificate following the annual Hiroshima Remembrance program held recently in Petoskey.

Charlevoix artist Christa Maria presented Addington with a peace pillow which she designed and applied a peace dove.

Addington, a resident of Ellsworth and former choir director of the Charlevoix First Congregational Church, is a retired teacher and former student at Julliard School of Music in New York.

Wording of the certificate is as follows:

"The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom hereby presents the Beatrice and Hugh Henshaw Peace Builders Award to Ellen Addington in honor of her work as a Peace Builder to bring justice and peace in today's world. As a Witness for Peace, she traveled to Colombia, Haiti and Nicaragua to convey empathy to the peoples and to ensure fair elections. She has served the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom well for many years with her ability to inform and educate others on peace and justice issues."

Courtesy photo

Ellen Addington (left) is given an award for her work promoting peace recently.

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Due to the devastating loss of Ash in South Michigan due to the Asiatic Emerald Green Ash Borer, too many of one type of tree such of as Maples in Charlevoix is a recipe for possible disaster. Ash are on hold until the city can determine what impact the Ash Beetle has on Ash in our area.

If you requested a tree last year and have not received it, call the above number to verify your request still is on the list.

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Health department gets foundation grant

Maureen Radke from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently presented two checks to officials from the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the local health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties.

Suzette Daly, a public health nurse from the health department's Family Health Division, accepted grant funds that will be used to purchase educational materials for developmental screening on children and for one-on-one sessions with pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Patti Ulrich, a dental hygienist from the health department's partnership with Dental Clinic North, accepted a check that will be used to purchase a portable nitrous system for their East Jordan location. Nitrous sedation, or "laughing gas," is a commonly used sedation to calm children's fears during dental procedures.

"We were referring children who were particularly anxious about dental work to other clinics, where nitrous sedation was available," said Ulrich. "We're all very grateful to the community foundation for making it possible for us to offer nitrous sedation right here in East Jordan."

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties.

Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities. For additional information about Dental Clinics North or Family Health Services, please call (800) 432-4121 during regular business hours or visit www.nwhealth.org.

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Street corner music

Visitors to the annual Waterfront Art Fair Saturday were treated to a small concert on the corner of Clinton and Bridge streets. Alexis Dawdy, 15, of Holt, was performing on her violen for the passing crowd. Various people stopped to listen and toss some money into her open violen case.

Obituaries

Edson F. Gallaudet, II: Nov. 27, 1936 - July 31, 2004

Edson F. Gallaudet, II of Beverly Hills, an avid outdoorsman and semi-retired manufacturers' agent, died unexpectedly July 31, 2004 of a cerebral hemorrhage at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Mr. Gallaudet, 67, who was president of PSI Detroit, was an enthusiastic duck hunter, golfer, skier and food and wine connoisseur. He was an entrepreneur and business owner for 35 years and a board member of Ducks Unlimited, Canada. He was a member of Stonycroft Golf Club in Bloomfield Hills.

He was born on Nov. 27, 1936.

"Ed was the consummate outdoorsman," said his sister, Andy Anderson of Bloomfield Hills. "And he loved life, his family, his friends and fun. He was a wonderful cook, a great host, and was always ready for excitement."

He was fondly called "Deuce" by his five grandchildren who thought he was "larger than life," a description echoed by his many friends.

A life-long resident of Oakland County, Mr. Gallaudet was a graduate of Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio, and attended the University of Michigan before graduating from Miami University in Coral Gable, Fla.

Mr. Gallaudet is survived by his wife of 42 years, Niki, and their two children, Edson F. Gallaudet, III (Julie) of Seattle, Wash. and Susan E. Gallaudet (Brian Whitney) of Nederland, Colo. and five grandchildren: Claire, Grace and Edson Gallaudet, IV and twins, Graham and Tate Whitney. He is also survived by his sisters, Janet Sturgess (Ralph) of Old Lyme, Conn., Michelle Willison of Big Rapids and Andree Anderson (Roger) of Bloomfield Hills as well as his brother, Thomas (Gail) Gallaudet of La Quinta, Cal.

Arrangements included visitation on Wednesday, Aug. 4 at the Bell chapel of William R. Hamilton Co. Funeral services were Thursday, Aug. 5, at St. Hugo of the Hills on Opdyke Road in Bloomfield Hills.

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Garden Club visits Kinross

On Friday, Aug. 13, members of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club visited the flower and vegetable gardens at Kinross Correctional Facility in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

A former air force base, Kinross was closed some years ago and became a medium security prison. The 1,200 men live three to a room, to which they have a key, quite different from cell blocks and barred windows. The grounds are surrounded with high wire fences with rolls of barbed wire near the top; if you even touch the fence an alarm goes off.

Prior to the club's visit they had to submit vital statistics for a security check. Upon arrival they placed all personal belongings in a locker, passed through a metal detector, were thoroughly searched and allowed to carry nothing.

The club was then escorted through the yard where prisoners walked and were met by one who gave them the garden tour — a young grey-haired man with nice haircut and neatly trimmed beard, wearing one of the bright blue jackets with orange stripe, so knowledgeable and personable we had a hard time accepting the fact that he was a prisoner.

This group calls themselves the Horticultural Organic Gardeners or HOGs and have about 65 Master Gardeners, graduating 10-12 a year. Some have become so expert that they now teach the classes themselves, which reduces the cost to $120.

The men have to pay this themselves and all work at jobs in the prison making from $18 to $120 a month; those that can't afford it and are deemed sincere are given a grant. They have to give up their free time to garden. The flower gardens are very large and have about every type of flower in shaped beds with raked paths and not a weed in sight. There is a herb garden. A great variety of vegetables are grown in long rows with no weeds and often an onion between each plant to keep down the insects.

The HOGs have to see the process through from preparing the soil for planting in early spring to closing down in the fall and harvesting the vegetables and seeds, all of which are given away except for the food grown for their own use.

The club met other men who had charge of the various flowers and vegetables and berries and are expert in growing them and also met the compost man and toured the greenhouses. In another section they grow trees for the DNR and other organizations. All of the men we met were young, polite and eager to describe their plants.

The club's guide said that when they pass through the gate into the gardens they enter another world and leave the prison and all its woes behind.

The club said they were all struck by these seemingly nice young men who had made tragic mistakes that put them into prison for years and by the waste of their human potential. Gardening is certainly rehabilitative for them providing a new and useful skill when they have served their time; meanwhile giving a respite from prison life.

Sheriff arrests Elmira woman for embezzlement

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office has recently arrested a 43-year old Elmira woman for embezzlement from a vulnerable adult following a lengthy investigation.

Sandra Kay Jozwiak has been charged in warrant authorized by the Charlevoix County Prosecutor with Embezzlement by a Person in a Relationship of Trust From a Vulnerable Adult of $20,000 or more, which is a 10-year felony offense.

Jozwiak, who was residing in Hudson Township at the time, was the caregiver for a disabled relative (her brother) and over the period of approximately 13 years converted his assets to her own benefit, the sheriff's office alleges.

The embezzled amount was over $155,000, which had been paid to the victim as the result of several lawsuit settlements. The victim has since died and his children discovered that his assets had disappeared while he was in Jozwiak's care.

Jozwiak has waived her District Court preliminary exam on Aug. 10, 2004 and has been bound over to Circuit Court on the felony charge.

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Annual Waterfront Art Fair draws many visitors

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Artists of all types were featured at this year's Waterfront Art Fair. Above, some glass sculptures from the fair.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

The annual Waterfront Art Fair Saturday in East Park brought hundreds of people to downtown Charlevoix. (Left) A group of possible buyers search for that perfect picture. (Below) Mike and Avery Larson, of Flint, check out a picture of Lake Charlevoix at the art fair.

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Historic B-25 to visit area airport Sunday and Monday

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix's skies will be filled with the roar of an ancient warrior of World War II Sunday, Aug. 22 and Monday, Aug. 23, when a B-25 stops into the Charlevoix Municipal Airport for a visit.

Chief pilot of Island Airways at the airport, Keith Teague, said the aircraft is from the Yankee Air Force Base in Belleville and is called the Yankee Warrior. It is being taken to sponsoring airports this month in an effort to drum up monetary support for the base's museum and to care and maintain for this historic aircraft.

Teague said he used to fly co-captain on a business aircraft with a pilot who became a part of the Yankee Air Force upon his retirement. After speaking with him about the plane, Teague said Charlevoix airport became a sponsoring airport, which means the plane will be coming for a visit.

This B-25 is one of only a handful of bombers left in the United States and the last of its kind to actually be flying. It has two old round radial engines and flew with a crew of seven, complete with four gun turrets and bomb bay doors.

The particular aircraft that will be visiting Charlevoix is an actual veteran of combat and was fired upon by the German guns over Italy in World War II.

The visit is expected to bring a lot of aviation enthusiasts to the airport. In addition to seeing the aircraft at the main terminal, some can actually take a ride in the plane.

"It would be a rare opportunity to have anyone get in and have it start up, much less ride in it," Teague said.

The cost is $345 for 40 minutes. Money collected from the rides will help maintain the aircraft. To reserve your space on the plane, call (231) 547-2141.

The plane will be arriving in Charlevoix on Sunday morning, Aug. 22, and depart Monday afternoon, Aug. 23.

Former Gilling employees arrested

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office has arrested two employees of the former Gilling Chiropractic Clinic in Charlevoix for embezzlement following a lengthy investigation by the Sheriff's Office.

Nick E. Czycewski, 29, of Charlevoix and Tonya M. McFalls, 19, of Ellsworth have been charged in warrants authorized by the Charlevoix County Prosecutors office with Embezzlement by an Agent or Trustee — $20,000 or more.

This offense is a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

The arrests come as a result of an investigation which revealed that between June 2003 through January 2004 that the suspects who were employed by Gilling Chiropractic Clinic converted to their own use, health insurance payments, patient payments and patient medical records. Czycewski was employed as a chiropractor and McFalls as the office manager.

They have both appeared in front of a 90th District Court magistrate and bond has been set.

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Assisted living facility can be built

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

After a long struggle, Sunnybank Retirement Community owners Diane Gillette and Ruth Bellisimo will be able to build an assisted living facility on 3.6 acres of land zoned R2 on the north side of town.

Bellisimo said it has been a long 18 months, but the outcome is pleasing.

"We intend to be very good neighbors," she said addressing citizens concerns over smell, noise and other forms of pollution.

The next step for the owners is to move forward with plans. Bellisimo said the building plans will be finalized, the land will be purchased and finances will be organized.

"We've been looking for a proper place to build for four years," she said. "We're happy we're going to be allowed to build there."

The facility will front Petoskey Avenue near Division Street on land currently owned by Charlevoix resident and Realtor Ed Amick.

The proposed development is a single-story building spanning 36,000 square feet, which will cover about one acre of land. The building will be constructed in the shape of an "X" with wings containing 54 units, of which 32 will be efficiency and 22 that will be one-bedroom apartments.

The building is designed to blend into the existing neighborhood, which Bellisimo said won't feel a negative impact.

"We're a quiet business," she said. "I don't think we'll make much of an impact on the neighborhood."

Some residents near the proposed site were concerned about allowing such a facility to be built there because the zoning ordinance doesn't mention assisted living facilities.

Mayor Gabe Campbell said he doesn't grasp how plans can continue to move forward when a lot split hasn't occurred.

"I don't understand how they can continue to work on a project for a piece of land when they don't have a site," he said.

Charlevoix residents John Hess and Ralph Doan Sr. represented themselves during the hearing and said they're disappointed with the results.

"I'm more disappointed that we didn't have the financial resources to properly litigate," Hess said.

Hess said he also felt the pair were at a disadvantage because they were going up against two attorneys.

"We tried," he said. "It was our right and we enjoyed it."

Doan said he is concerned that the decision will be used as precedent in future cases, which would allow someone to build in an area not zoned for the intended use.

Despite the case not turning out in his favor, Hess said he feels 33rd Circuit Judge Richard M. Pajtas was very fair.

"Judge Pajtas treated us with the utmost courtesy," he said.

> *"Hopefully, what goes up there will not change the character of the neighborhood too much."*
>
> **Ralph Doan, Sr.**, Charlevoix resident

Doan said he and his fellow neighbors will just have to adjust to living next to the facility.

"We'll adapt to whatever they want to do," he said.

Hess said there are no plans to appeal.

"Hopefully, what goes up there will not change the character of the neighborhood too much," he said.

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SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ~ AUGUST 9, 2004

Supervisor Glass called the meeting to order with board members Martin, Williams, Rajewski and Center present.

July 12th and July 22nd minutes approved.

Financial report given.

Received update of Pine Point Sewer project.

Motion carried to support amendment to the sewer contract to open cut the Boyne City Rd.

Motion carried to make partial payment #1 of $60,721.56 for sewer construction.

Motion carried to accept Mason & Kammerman bid of $3,300 for the 2003-2004 audit report.

Resolution adopted to have millage renewal request on the November 2, General Election ballot.

Motion carried to allow any member of the Planning Commission or ZBA to attend classes on planning and zoning issues.

Motion carried to allow the Clerk to pay bills presented and appropriated.

Next regular meeting to be held September 13, 2004.

Carol Martin, Charlevoix Township Clerk

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 696-04
EMERGENCY DECLARATION AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 6, SUBSECTION 1.203(1)(C) OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Title 1, Chapter 6, Subsection 1.203(1)(c).

Title 1, Chapter 6, Subsection 1.203(1)(c) of the Charlevoix City Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

(c) Request the chief elected official of Charlevoix County, through the county emergency management coordinator, to declare a local state of emergency and to request assistance from the State of Michigan and its agencies.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ADOPTED, this 2nd day of August, 2004.

Motion by Councilmember Gibson, supported by Councilmember Campbell, to adopt Ordinance 696-04.

Ordinance 696-04 was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
Yeas: Councilmembers Timms, Bellows, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson, and Haggard.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

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Civil Air Patrol welcomes all children

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Civil Air Patrol will assist with the landing of a World War II B-25 on Aug. 22 and 23 at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport.

Robert Drebenstedt, commander of the Civil Air Patrol and veteran's affairs coordinator for Charlevoix County, said the cadets will be working with the Yankee Air Museum to make sure the event flows smoothly.

The program features 17 cadets, with three in college, and seven adults who supervise the activities. There are also four pilots who help with the program.

"We're the biggest Civil Air Patrol in the state," Drebenstedt said in regards to the number of school age students involved with the program.

The Charlevoix Civil Air Patrol is also the newest.

Drebenstedt said Charlevoix was recognized in October 2003, but didn't officially become an accredited squadron until early 2004.

The Civil Air Patrol allows cadets to work at events such as the landing of the bomber and to become better citizens.

Drebenstedt said the program teaches citizenship, discipline; hygiene, but overall helps the students reach their higher educational goals.

"The Civil Air Patrol really helps the cadet student be awarded a college ROTC scholarship," Drebenstedt said.

Drebenstedt is retired from the Army, but is working with the United States Air Force to help open up opportunities for the youth.

"I really believe in what they're doing for kids in school," he said.

The Civil Air Patrol is open to everyone of any age, but the student program takes youth between the ages of 12 and 18. Students can remain a part of the program until the age of 21.

Drebenstedt said joining the program is not signing a contract to go on and participate in the service. Unlike branches of the service, the Civil Air Patrol welcomes everyone.

"No one is left out," he said.

The Civil Air Patrol is an auxiliary unit of the Air Force with the main function of assisting in Homeland Security over land, Drebenstedt said.

"We work with law enforcement to locate anything from a lost family out camping to a downed airplane," he said.

Before a cadet can actually participate in a Homeland Security effort they must go through the program and become certified.

Drebenstedt said there is a lot of bookwork involved, which has to be done in order to climb in rank and grasp a firm understanding of different aspects of operations.

Cadets are given a physical fitness test once a month, every month, which they must pass. They must also maintain good grades.

Middle and high school students must maintain a C average or better to remain in the program while college students must keep at least a 2.5 grade point average.

"Grades have some importance," Drebenstedt said.

The entire squadron is voluntary and the level of involvement is up to the individual.

"You can take it as serious as you want to take it," Drebenstedt said.

Aside from learning how to communicate over radios and function as spotters for pilots, the cadets also learn about weather since it affects their flying schedules.

The group tries to fly at least once a month, but sometimes things happen and plans don't go through.

"They say there's not enough flying time," he said.

Not everyone shares the same interests and the Civil Air Patrol offers several areas for cadets to choose from.

Drebenstedt said students can focus on areas such as navigation, aerospace and communication.

Currently, the program is comprised of cadets from Charlevoix, Petoskey, East Jordan and Harbor Springs.

The group meets from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the airport in the hangar near West Carpenter Street. Drebenstedt said the hangar used to be the old pilots room.

"We thank the City of Charlevoix and the airport for giving us a room," he said.

The group also sometimes meets in the basement of the sheriff's department.

Dues are $35 for a year and that includes clothing issued to each cadet and a booklet containing the four year course load.

Those interested in learning more about the program can call Drebenstedt at 547-7220.

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Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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Civil charges could be pending in dye case

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The case is not closed for the St. Patrick's Day green dye culprits.

On March 17 sodium fluorescein was dumped into Pine River Channel during the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce's first annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl despite repeatedly being told that type of activity could not be done by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. But, in past Courier stories on this matter, the chamber insisted that it is not responsible for the green dye.

Even though, Richard Shoemaker, senior environmental quality analyst with the surface water quality division of the MDEQ, said there is a civil action pending against the Charlevoix chamber of commerce for this prank and a criminal investigation is still going on.

Sgt. Vince Woods, a detective with MDEQ's office of criminal investigation, is handling the case but was unable to be reached by press time.

Sodium fluorescein, also known as diver's dye, is used to mark where diver's are at and to help the United States Coast Guard locate a vessel in distress, Shoemaker said.

The chamber wanted to dye the channel green to copy Chicago for the St. Patrick's Day festivities, but was told five times by the MDEQ that it wasn't allowed, a previous article states.

The prank occurred sometime during the migration from the Weathervane Restaurant to the Town House Bar.

As stated in a previous article, Jeff Sprecksell, general manager of the Weathervane Restaurant, found a box of the dye in the lower level dining room of the restaurant with a note attached. Sprecksell then contacted the Coast Guard who contacted Shoemaker to find out the dye was not to be dumped.

The article then states that Sprecksell called Linda Mason, the chamber board member who coordinated the pub crawl, and told her to remove it from the restaurant.

From here, the details are foggy and no one knows what happened to the dye until it ended up in the channel.

"We know Linda Mason had it in her possession," Shoemaker said.

Mason was unable to be reached by press time.

From here, Shoemaker said the MDEQ is seeking resolution by going after the chamber because they know the chamber wanted to dye the channel.

Shoemaker said the attorney representing the MDEQ is talking with the attorney hired by the chamber.

"We could end up in litigation," he said.

Chamber President Jacqueline Merta is still denying the Chamber's involvement in the St. Patrick's Day incident. However, Merta would not talk about the incident or even say that a lawyerwas hired.

"I said all I care to say about the green dye issue," she said. "I have nothing more to say about any of it."

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There will be a lunch break, and registrants are asked to bring a drink and sack lunch.

This clinic is open to all residents 12 years of age and up, or who will be 12 prior to purchasing a 2004-2005 hunting license.

A testing session, for those who complete the Aug. 28 clinic, will be in Charlevoix, with the time and date to be announced at the Aug. 28 clinic.

Attendance is mandatory at both sessions (clinic and testing) to receive the Hunter Education Certificate.

For additional information call Jim Mansen at (231) 547-6862.

This clinic is free and conducted with the help of the DNR, members of the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club and volunteer instructors from the area.

Braun to play 100 holes again

A local athletic event that has become a summer tradition is about to be repeated as Belvedere golf professional, Steve Braun, will again play 100 holes in a single day.

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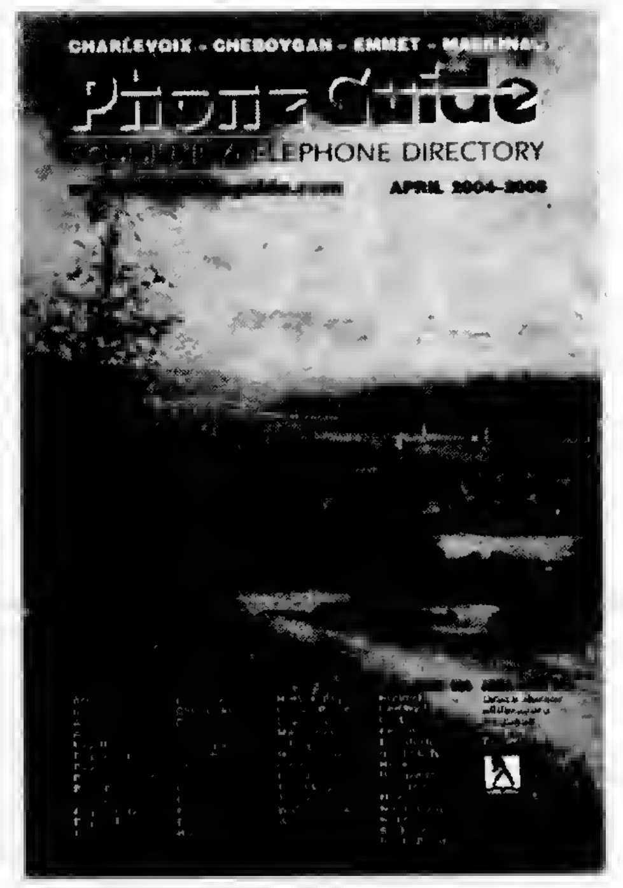
As in the past, pledges made go into the program's scholarship fund, which allows deserving junior golfers to attend the Ferris State University's week long golf camp. The program has sent over 70 youngsters through the years. The week away from home and the educational setting has proven to have a positive effect on each camper that has attended.

Braun tees off at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 23 and finishes approximately 12 hours later. Those interested in pledging in support of the Junior Golf Scholarship Fund or in monitoring Steve's progress can do so by calling the Belvedere Golf Club at (231) 547-2611 or Dean Davenport at (231) 547-6433.



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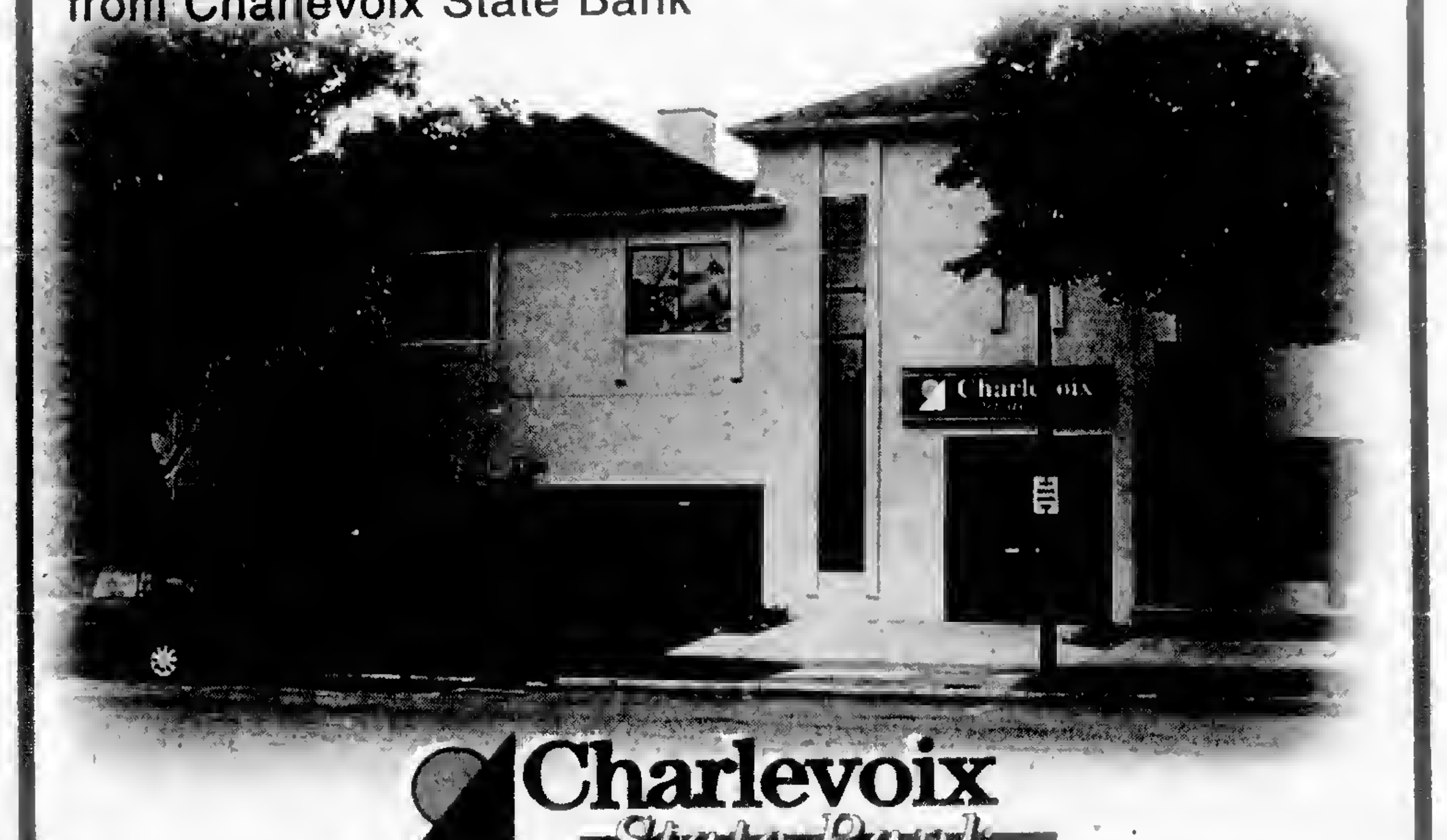

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- From 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Rotary golf tournament Sept. 2

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix will host its annual "Porker" golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 2 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course.

Billed as "The Affordable Golf Tournament," the entry fee is only $40 per person.

"We have had players comment that it is almost as if we are paying them to play because of the amount and quality of the prizes distributed at the tournament," said tournament director Tim Petrosky. "Last year we distributed gifts with a retail value of more than $3,000 to golfers. Everyone went home with a prize."

The event is a four-person scramhle. The entry fee includes golf, a buffet dinner at Giuseppe's Restaurant and the traditional tournament trademark: oodles of prizes. Prizes will be awarded based on skill, luck and random draw, and to teams that finish first, last and right in the middle.

"This tournament is more about fun than competition, although we do have strong teams every year," said Petrosky. "Year after year area businesses generously donate great prizes that pretty much assure everyone goes home with a smile on their face no matter how they golfed."

Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course pro shop. The event is limited to the first 20 teams that register.

An optional skins game and "mulligans" will also be available to teams. The shotgun start is at 4:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.

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What is it like getting around in a wheelchair?

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

(Editor's note: In order to gauge what it is like for a handicapped person in Charlevoix, we put staff writer Courtney E. Pace in a wheelchair and told her to navigate to East Park and back to the Courier office on Mason Street and then to the Charlevoix County Building and back.)

It's hard to get around Charlevoix in a wheelchair.

On July 16, I wheeled myself from the Charlevoix Courier office to the bandshell in East Park and then to the County Building before returning to the Courier and I saw the city from a new angle.

Never before did I realize just how hard it is to get around town when curbs, bumps and people get in the way.

There are plenty of handicapped accessible ramps cut along the sidewalk, but the incline of each is steep enough that it requires quite a bit of momentum in order to get up without rolling back into the street.

"When those were put in, they probably met the requirements at the time," John Martin, street superintendent, said.

The ramp on Mason Street near the temporary City Hall location proved troublesome for me. I tried twice to get up and once I did my wheelchair got caught on a raised part of the curb. Without the aid of my foot, I would have fallen backward.

Luckily, I was able to use my foot, but if I had been truly in need of a wheelchair I probably would have fallen backward and landed in the street.

When one walks along the streets of Charlevoix, little notice is given to the incline and uneven structure of the city's streets.

Mason Street is very steep when one is wheeling up from Bridge Street. It took a lot of energy and stamina for me to make my way up the street.

Unlike some people who truly need wheelchairs, I have full use of all the muscles in my body including the abdominal muscles. Without using my whole body, I don't know how I could have gotten up the street.

Martin said he doesn't know what there is that can be done because of the nature of Charlevoix's terrain. He said the layout of the land is what it is, which causes higher elevations in some places on the same road.

Martin said he wasn't sure what the exact regulations are for inclines on the street.

"When you have a city such as Charlevoix with hills surrounding it, I don't know it applies," he said.

City Manager Michael Weisner said he doesn't know what should be done in that certain situation.

"The terrain is different at times," he said. "It's the natural layout of the land."

Weisner said Police Chief Dennis Halverson is looking into handicapped parking concerns through a use study being conducted this month.

Halverson was unavailable for comment by press time.

The decline is also hard to deal with because if one doesn't have good control over their wheelchair it is very easy to build up too much momentum.

The Clinton Street side of East Park is very steep when making one's way toward the park. I had to constantly keep my speed in check to ensure I didn't end up in Round Lake.

My goal was to get to the bandshell and I didn't want to have to take the long way along the marina, so I decided to trek across the grass. Things were going smoothly, until I hit some uneven ground. My wheels would spin, but I stayed in one place.

My editor offered assistance, but I was reluctant to take it. Working hard, I made my way to the cement path in the middle of the park. By this time I was tired, but I still had to get to the bandshell.

I didn't want to go back across the grass and couldn't get down the cement path because of the stairs, so I decided to go down a steep hill. Without assistance, I would have ended up face down in the grass.

Weisner said handicapped accessibility is being considered with future plans for East Park.

As is, East Park doesn't make it easy for handicapped people to get up close to the musical events going on in the bandshell. In order to get up close, ramps and sidewalks may be needed.

"Oh, sure," Weisner said. "We'll look into it."

Wheeling along the marina was slightly unnerving because I didn't feel like going for a swim with a wheelchair toppling after me.

I made my way to the Mason Street side of East Park when I paused.

I had to get back up to Bridge Street by either going all the way around the marina or going up the dead end side of Mason Street. I chose Mason Street.

The climb was tough, but I wouldn't give up.

I made my way to the top, but needed assistance or else I

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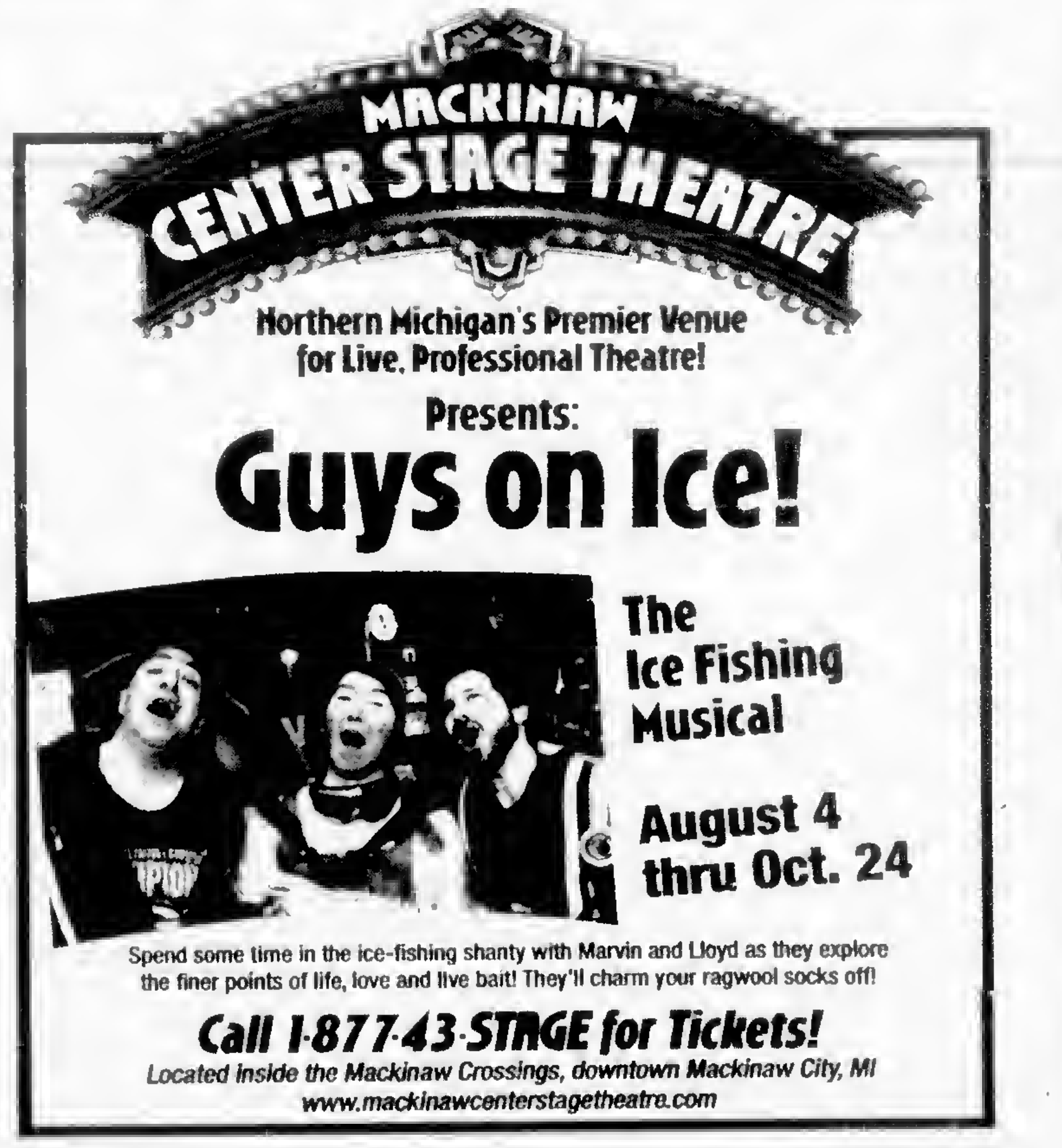
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Even handicapped accessible ramps proved to be a challenge for Charlevoix Courier reporter Courtney E. Pace. Pace was put in a wheelchair and told to navigate her way around town for a story.

It is difficult to get around town while in a wheelchair

ACCESS

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would have sped down the hill and ended up in the water.

At this point I was sweating slightly due to the weather and the amount of energy required to get around Charlevoix in a wheelchair.

I waited to cross State Street to get to the Charlevoix County Building when a man stepped into the street and stopped traffic allowing me to cross. I thanked him, but as I was halfway through the crosswalk, a car sped by.

In a previous interview, Halverson said pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks, but was unable to be reached for further comment before press time.

The county building has a nice handicap accessible ramp out front, but the doors don't open electronically.

My editor held the door for me while three men talked just inside the entrance way. Two were law enforcement officers.

After struggling through the doors leading to the district court, I came to the handicap accessible door in the rear of the building.

I pushed the button to open the door, but as I went to move through the door a man cut me off while saying, "Excuse me."

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis ~ August 11, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. on August 11, 2004. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the July 14, 2004 regular Board meeting as presented.

Greg Piaskowski, Area Aging Director, handed out the 2003 Annual Report and reviewed the services they provide.

Jack Messer, Emergency Director, handed out a copy of the 2004 Homeland Security Grant Application totaling $194,359.00.

Motion approved Resolution #04-051, Equalization Software.

Motion approved Resolution #04-052, GIS Data Dissemination Agreement and authorized the Chairman Victor Patrick to sign said document.

Motion approved Resolution #04-053, Animal Control Petty Cash, and authorized the Treasurer to fund the account from Animal Control's Professional line item.

Motion approved Resolution #04-054, Fair Appropriation, appropriating $20,045.41 to the Emmet/Charlevoix County Fair Board.

Motion approved Resolution #04-55, Revised Section 5311 Operating Authorization, and authorized Chairman Victor Patrick to execute the same.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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Butterfly garden blooming at school

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

If you take a walk behind Charlevoix Middle School, you will find a beautiful garden, filled with many butterfly visitors.

In May, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club came together with the fifth and sixth grade Builder's Club. The club is a subgroup of Kiwanis. After a month of planning and waiting for the ground to warm up, the flower garden was planted.

"I was really proud to be able to say the Builder's Club did it," said Chelsey Haske, who was president of the Builder's Club during planting time.

Now, almost three months later, there's a beautiful garden to show for all the hard work put into the project.

"From just bare grass, we've got a garden there," said Lois Lewis, a member of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club.

This summer, ladies from the Charlevoix Area Garden Club have worked hard to keep the butterfly garden looking nice.

"It's growing well. The flowers are in bloom. It's beautiful," said Lewis.

The Garden Club plans to get the kids more involved with the garden once school starts.

Paul Gelderblom, eighth grade science teacher, has plans to add a fish pond to the garden.

He said the pond addition would give the butterfly garden a "water feature" that will help in attracting more birds and butterflies.

Pat Miller, sixth grade science teacher, plans to utilize the garden as a teaching aid for her classes.

"There're so many things we can do with it. It's so wonderful," said Miller.

Miller plans to use the butterfly garden as a tool in teaching units such as adaptation, light, ecology and weather.

"There're so many kids in the middle school and it (the butterfly garden) will touch them all," she said.

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Charlevoix Middle School is home to this large butterfly garden.

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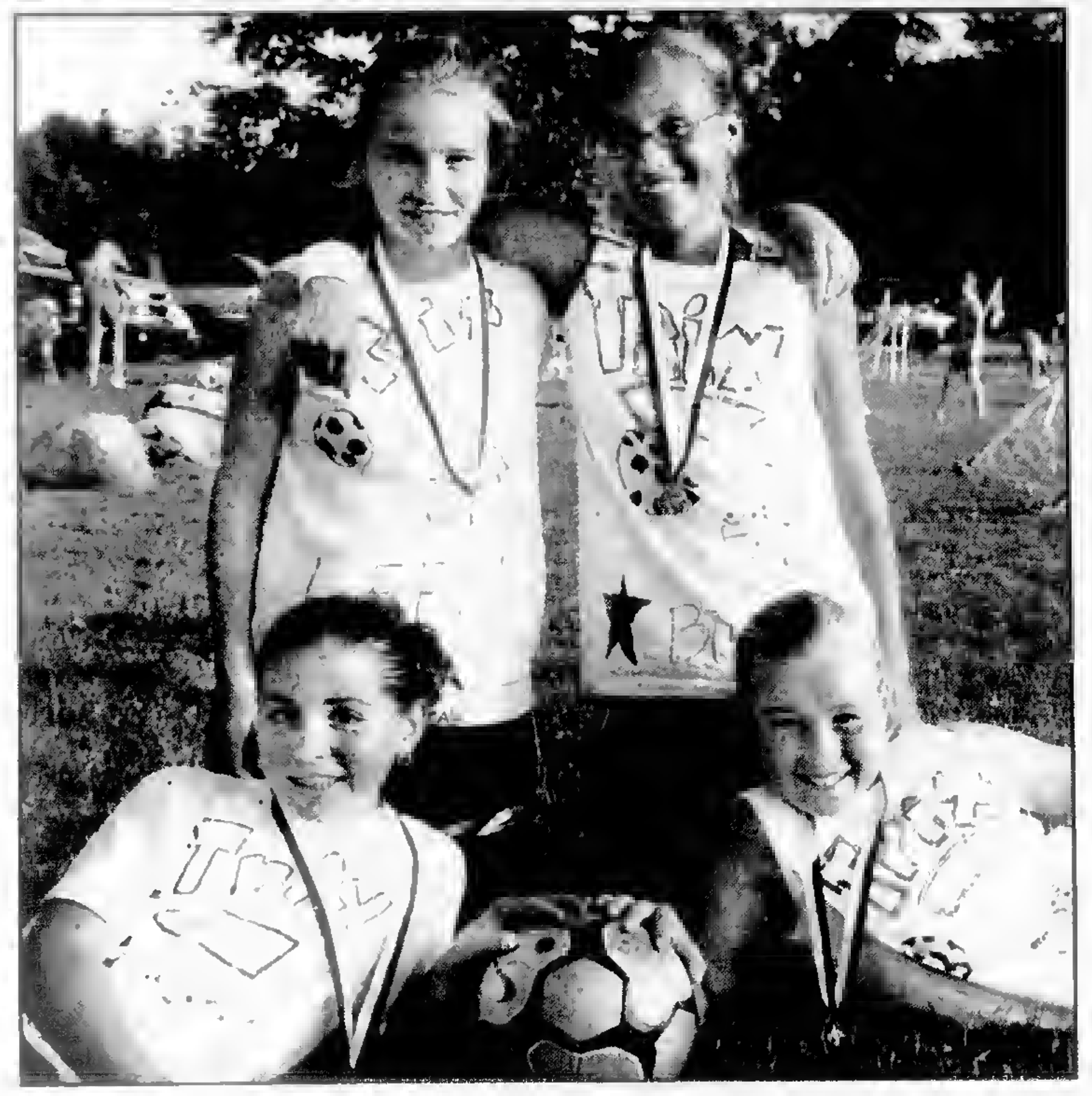
Venetian soccer tourney results

The Venetian Festival Three-on-Three soccer tournament results were:

- Under 8, boys —Lightning was the winner. They are: Ben Boss, Garret Lunteigen, Brady Fritz and Byron Rosenthal.
- Under 10, boys — Road Runners was the winner. They are: Justin Thomas, Riley Corcoran, Will Jeakle and Noah Jeakle.
- Under 10, girls — Hot Shots was the winner. They are: Anna Way, Kelsey Way, Jane Balasz and Molly Jeakle.
- Under 10, co-ed — Charlevoix Shooting Stars was the winner. They are: Evan McCormick, Aileen McCormick, Sterling Witthoeft and Jordan VanLoo.
- Under 12, girls — Trix was the winner. They are: Caroline Dupuis, Julia Yaldo, Madison Way and Sarah Potter.
- Under 12, boys — Mr. Soccer was the winner. They are: Ben Myers, John Sha, Josh Nitchman and Wyatt Drost.
- Under 14, girls — The Cows was the winner. They are: Becca Sage, Emily Carefoot, Kelly Spencer and Amanda Aldrich.
- Adult women — Mr. Soccer XX was the winner. They are: Wendy Boynton, Tricia Plum and Jessie Geiger.
- Adult men — Mr. Soccer XY was the winner. They are: Marcus Boynton, Josh Menig, Steve Huber and Dave Dwaihy.



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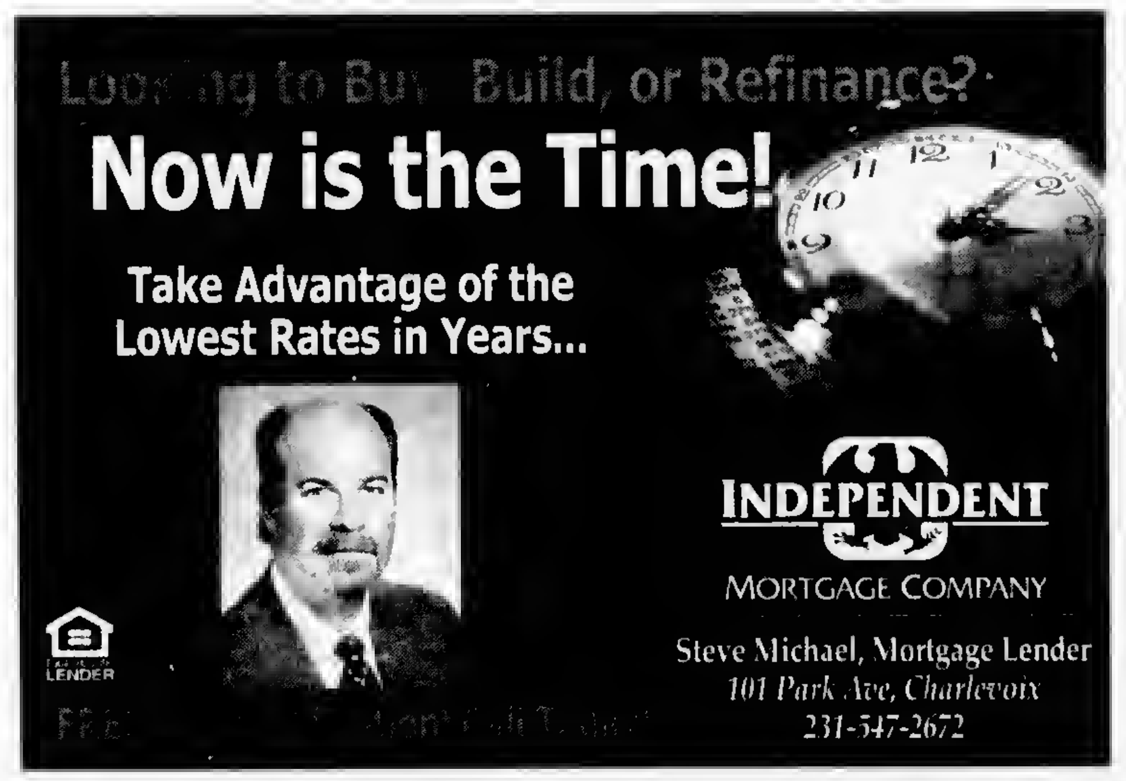
Team ReMax fell to Mr. Soccer XY this year. The two teams are pictured together (above). They are: (back, from left) Roscoe Serrels, Ryan Vogelheim, Steve Huber, Beau Platte, (front) Marcus Boynton, Jon Boss, Josh Menig and Dave Dwaihy. (Left) The winners of the under 12 girls division were Trix. They are: (back, from left) Caroline Dupuis, Madison Way, (front) Julia Yaldo and Sarah Potter.



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Charlevoix yacht race results for Aug. 11 event

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Aug. 11, 2004 are:

The sixth race of the summer winds began with heavy winds, shifting to moderate winds toward the middle of the race. The race consisted of seven windward-leeward legs of which 27 boats finished and one did not finish. Race results provided by Mike Miller, committee chair.

J—22 fleet: 1 — Superfluous (Jensen); 2 — Thunderstruck (Pirie); 3 — Swine Flew (Strawbridge); 4 — Suzie Q (Kelly); 5 — Whats Her Name (Robinson).

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Apothecary (Ochs); 2 — Wind Ensemble (Henninger); 3 — Flasher (Sherbarth); 4 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 5 — Fairret (Seymour).

P—26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Tireless (Carland); 3 — Cygnus (Stuart); 4 — Artemis (Bowerman); 5 — Original Sin (Miller).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1 — Kamikazee (Funck); 2 — Stringthing (Thomas); 3 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 4 — Our Thyme II (Herald); 5 — M3 (Carey).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet): 1 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2 — Northern Light (Orlow); 3 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 4 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 5 — Blasen IV (Jurries); 6 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Summer series results after six races with one drop:

J—22 fleet: 1 — Superfluous (6); 2 — Swine Flew (9); 3 — Thunderstruck (17); 4 — Rock Steady (21); 5 — Suzie Q (23); 6 — Paleface Lite (31); 7 — Hog Tide (34); 8 — Whats Her Name (36).

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Apothecary (12); 2 — Wind Ensemble (15); 3 — Flash (16); 4 — Tie: Flasher and Fairret (22); 6 — Exitus (28); 7 — Cinerous (36); 8 — Sail La Vie (41).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1 — Stringthing (5); 2 — Booma (13); 3 — Our Thyme II (16); 4 — Kamikazee (18); 5 — MJ2 (21); 6—M3 (29); 7 — Blue Runaway (37).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1 — Tie: Gotcha! and Hoi Polloi (9); 3 — Northern Light (11); 4 — Padawan 2 (19); 5 — Blasen IV (22); 6 — Windrunner (31).

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Volleyball winners

The Venetian volleyball winners were: (from left) Kent Seymour, Sara Blair, Chris Seymour, Emily Hull, Brian Sommerfield and Blanca Lopez.

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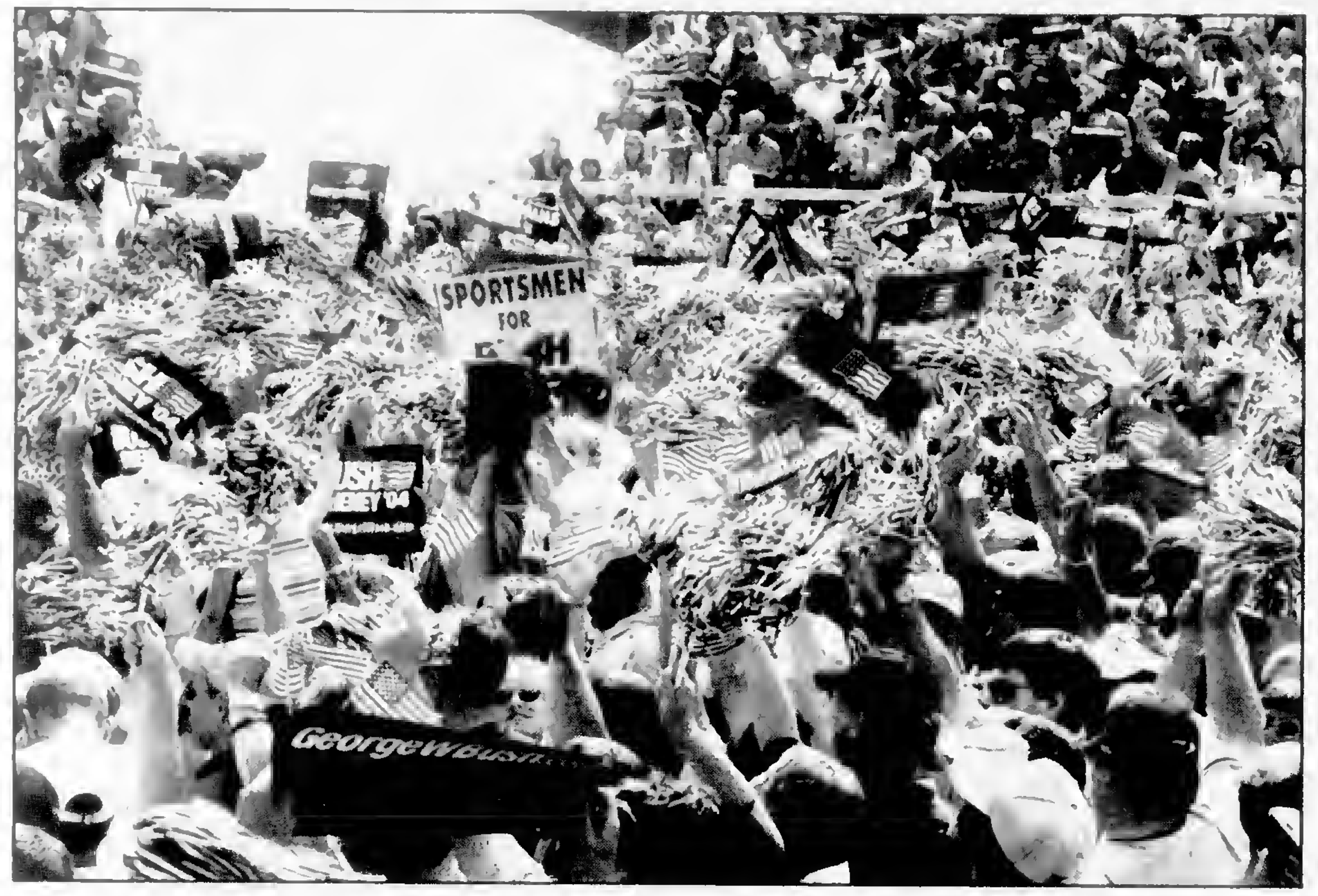

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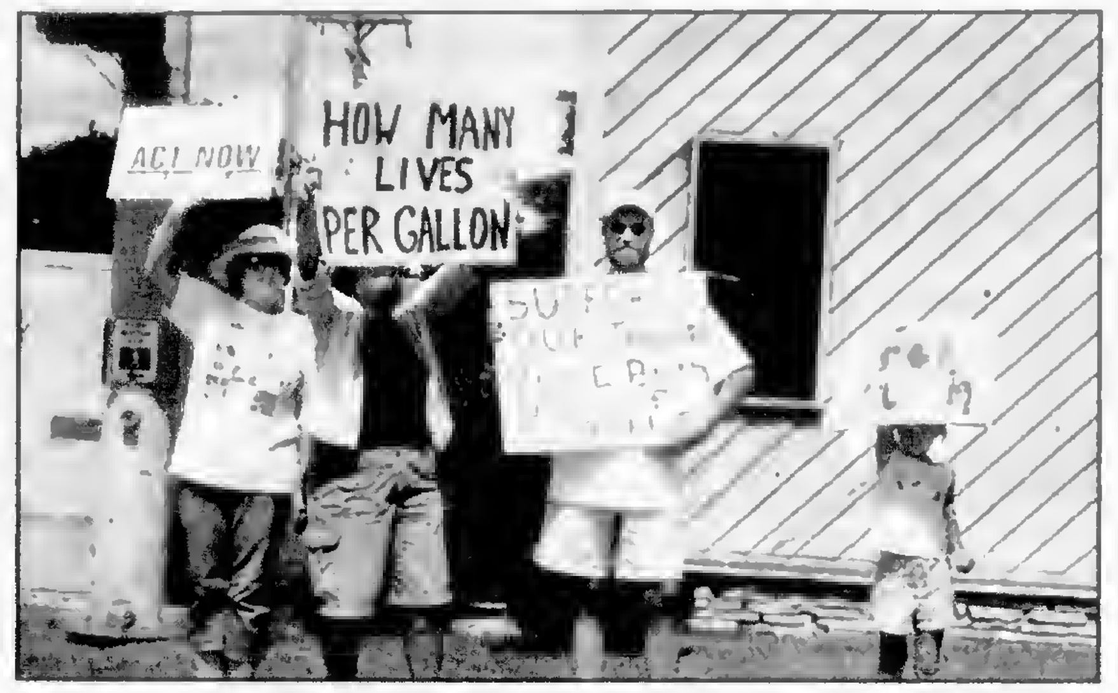
(Above) A large crowd, estimated around 10,000, filled the Traverse City Civic Center park Monday for a visit by President George W. Bush. This was his second visit to northern Michigan, but the first visit to Traverse City. The visit also brought out those who do not support him (above right).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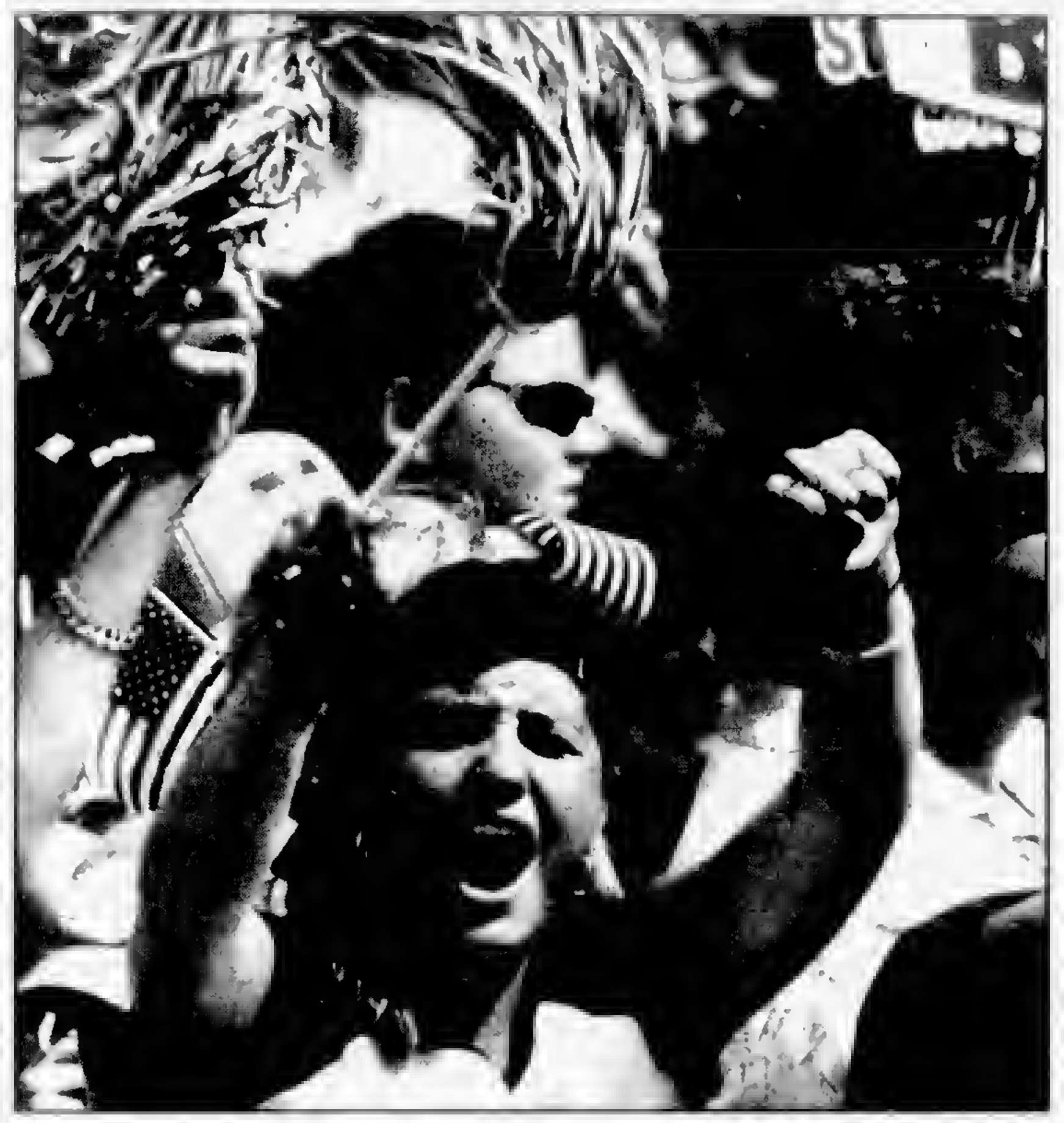

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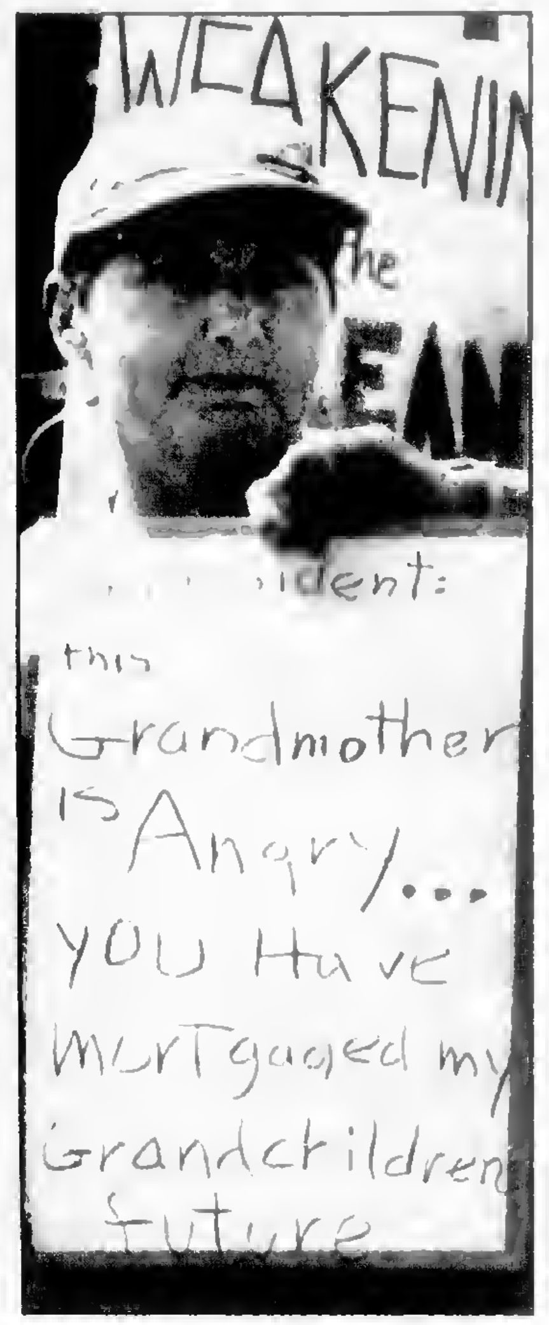

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Doctor concerned about Charlevoix's sleep

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Sleep may be the key to improving grades and athletic ability of Charlevoix students.

At the Aug. 9 Charlevoix Public School Board meeting, Dr. James B. Maas, a sleep expert, presented evidence that showed how lack of sleep makes people less smart and unable to function.

Superintendent John Sturock said the information presented is being looked into for future use with students.

"I think it's an educational piece and we're working toward where sleep enters a student's life," he said.

The idea is to introduce the importance of sleep and how it correlates academically, Sturock said.

The information Dr. Maas presented at the meeting showed that most people are moderately to severely sleep deprived because they are not getting the nine hours of required sleep they need each night.

Dr. Maas said sleep and health are intimately connected. Through his research, he found that people who get six hours of sleep each night lower their resistance to viral infection by 50 percent.

Bill Trubilowicz, vice president of the school board, said he found the information very interesting.

"I have no doubt there's some merit in what he has to say," he said.

School times were mentioned during the presentation, but Trubilowicz said it would be interesting to go in and change the times. Instead, he said the subject will need to be talked about more and parents will have to take an active part.

"There's a lot of things it (sleep) affects that have kind of been the standard way of life," he said.

Trubilowicz said it will be hard to change the sleep patterns of older students due to jobs, after school activities and such. He said a complete change is more of a five year process than something that can happen overnight.

"It's going to take a whole shift of society to make as big of a change as you'd like," he said.

Trubilowicz said students are taught about alcohol, drugs and healthy eating, but they should also learn about the importance of sleep.

Dr. Maas said he helped a young Sarah Hughes develop a healthy sleep pattern in order to improve in her skating. She went on to win the Olympic gold medal for figure skating during the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Lack of proper sleep can lower the immune system's function and eventually lead to heart problems, Dr. Maas said during the meeting.

"I'm surprised at the hard data," Trubilowicz said.

Dr. Maas said some people die from a lack of sleep because their bodies aren't getting the rest they need.

"There's some pretty incredible far reaching effects," Trubilowicz said.

Arts center has sculpture invitational

The Crooked Tree Arts Center Visual Arts Series continues with Creative Dimensions, a Sculpture Invitational, which opened Aug. 15 and is running through Sept. 24.

An opening reception is scheduled from 4 - 6 p.m. for Sunday, Aug. 15 and is free and open to the public.

This exhibition will be on display in both the Edith Gilbert Gallery and West Gallery of the art's center.

Crooked Tree Arts Center's Visual Arts committee member, Judy Landis has curated the invitational bringing sculpture artists from all over the state of Michigan together.

This multi-dimensional show includes welded steel, cast bronze, wood, painted stoneware, hydrostone, painted metal and stainless steel. Artists include David Petrakovitz, Robert Purvis, William Allen, Paul Varga, William Tye, James Beach, Rod Bearup, Sergio DeGuisti, Holly Hanessian, Jay Holland, Curt LaCross, Louis Marinaro, Glen McCune, Walter Midener, James Miller-Melberg, John Pappas, C. Malcolm Powers, James Quinlan, Daniel K. Roache, Kirk Roda, John Stevens and Joel Stoppel.

A Coffee At Ten presentation is scheduled at 10 a.m. for Tuesday, Aug. 24.

Doug Melvin, fine arts instructor at North Central Michigan College will provide a gallery tour and lecture.

Coffee At Ten is free and open to the public.

For more information, please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

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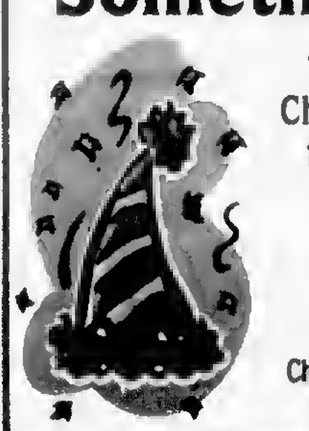

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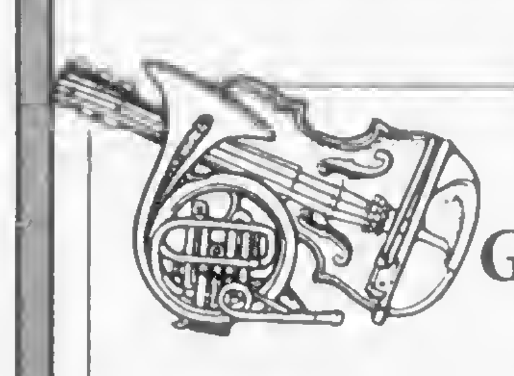

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Jazz band in concert

Charlevoix Concerts in the Park presents Charlevoix High School Jazz Band in concert at 8 p.m., this Thursday. The Charlevoix High School Jazz Band is made up of a group of talented musicians. They have performed at many community events in our area. Their selections will include standard big band jazz music, the blues and swing. Please bring your own seating and in case of rain the concerts will be at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets.

Bridge Walk T-shirts

Starting Aug. 23, the Charlevoix Bridge Walk 2004 T-shirts will be on sale at Murdick's Ice Cream Shop and the Town House. Proceeds will go towards the Charlevoix Skate Park. The cost is $13 and up. The 2004 Charlevoix Bridge Walk is scheduled at 1 p.m., for Labor Day, Sept. 5. For more information call Patty at 547-5790.

Drug use meeting

A group of concerned parents of Charlevoix High School students has set up a meeting from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 28, at BASES Teen Center, 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix. Scott and Celia Kelly will suggest things to look for in your teens behavior and clues around the house if you suspect your teen is experimenting with drugs. They will offer effective approaches in confronting your teen and can assist in future assessment, intervention and support. This parent meeting is open to any adult interested in learning ways to help their teens through this difficult period in their lives. For more information call BASES at 547-1144.

1949 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1949 is celebrating its fifty-fifth reunion on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Argonne. Social hour starts at 5 p.m., during which time a class picture will be taken. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and anyone wishing to visit with our class is welcome after 7 p.m. Direct any questions to Sally Bales at 348-5003 or Helen Emmons at 547-2955.

They need addresses for Joan Montgomery.

1954 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn.

Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, or phone (248) 473-1324 or e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com.

Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. They are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colburn (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

Bridge marathon

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild has an annual winter bridge marathon. It begins September 15 and runs through April. They play with their own partner and its a home and home series. They have openings for couples and gals. Afternoon and Evening groups are available. If this sounds interesting to you, give Louise Hilligan a call at 547-2851.

Preaching festival

There is a summer festival of preaching at Charlevoix Community Reformed Church each Sunday, with guest speakers at both morning services of 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. The church is located at the corner of Meech Street and US-31 North in Charlevoix.

Bridge game

There will be a lesson and friendly game of Bridge given by a non-playing director ACBL sanctioned at 6 p.m. with lesson and game at 6:45 p.m., every Tuesday, at the Castle Farms off M-66 Highway in Charlevoix. Call Berta Meyerson-Molasky for reservations and information at 547-1041.

Dental appointments

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Meningitis vaccines

Meningitis vaccines for incoming college freshmen are available at the health department through September. Many colleges and universities require meningitis vaccine. The cost is $75. To schedule an appointment, telephone the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency (the health department) at (800) 432-4121 during business hours.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m, every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

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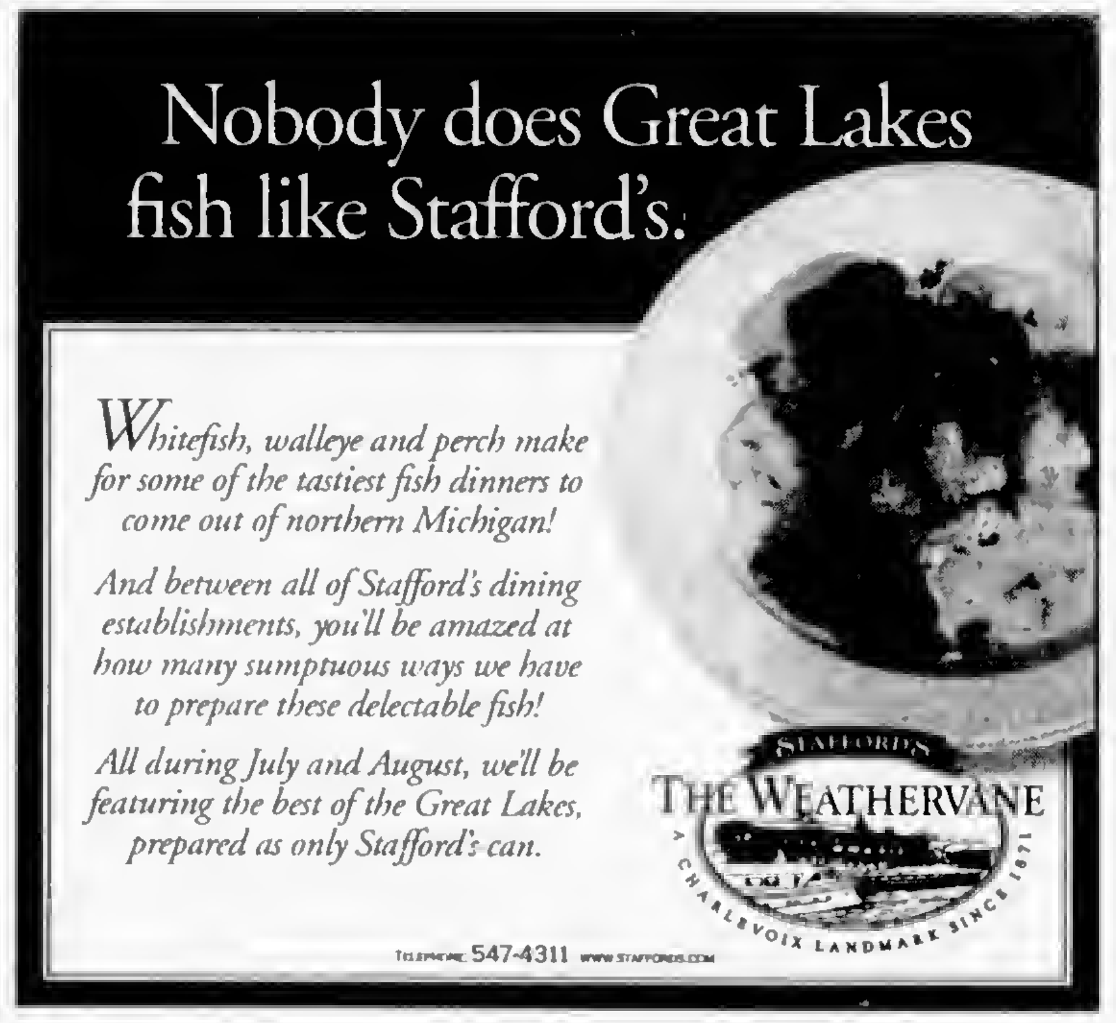

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President Bush speaks in Traverse City

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One of Bush's big points was the economy. He said the economy is on the rebound, thanks, in part, to the tax cuts he pushed through Congress. He also claimed that 1.5 million jobs have been created since last August.

"The economy is stronger and getting stronger," he said.

As for the war on terror, Bush said because of his administration's efforts, Afghanistan is now free and Libya has given up on its efforts to get weapons of mass destruction.

Furthermore, he addressed the issue of Iraq, saying this country has a ruler that was an enemy of the United States, harbored terrorists and pursued weapons of mass destruction. However, no weapons of mass destruction have been found in Iraq and claims of ties to terrorists have proven to be suspect.

In light of this, Bush said he does not regret the decision to strike against Iraq.

"Even though we didn't find the stockpiles, (the Iraqi leader) had the capability to make them," he said.

For his next term, Bush said he would like to keep the Patriot Act, saying it is vital to our safety, create a position of National Intelligence Director, create personal retirement accounts and get more people owning their own small businesses.

Bush also said he wanted to create a compassionate America.

"I want to continue to rally the armies of compassion," he said.

But he also spoke to some local issues. Bush said he is completely against diverting Great Lakes water from the Great Lakes basin and he said he would like to see Traverse City cherries sold all over the world.

Charlevoix resident Harry Golski was one of many Bush supporters from the area in the crowd. He brought his wife, Ann, and son, Chris, and his son's friend, Scott Friske to the event.

All of them thought it was a great experience.

"It was awe inspiring to be that close to a major, or perhaps, the major world leader and to have him come here and meet with us in northern Michigan," he said.

Golski said he thought the president's speech was wonderful.

"I thought he covered a great breadth of issues important to us in northern Michigan," he said. "It made me realize that this is an important election to all of us and it is important for supporters of both candidates to get their voters to the polls."

Charlevoix resident Dianna Phillips was one of the undecided voters in the crowd. She said it was very valuable to see the president, especially as she starts trying to figure out who she is going to vote for in November.

"I thought it was really a good experience to be able to go and listen to him first-hand. It was a lot of good information," Phillips said. "It has opened up my mind a little bit to seeing some views I wanted to see in my evaluation."

She said she really liked when he talked about the importance of small businesses.

However, Phillips said she is not ready to say which candidate, Republican or Democrat, she is leaning toward until she has gathered all the information she needs.

Charlevoix resident and county Drain Commissioner JoAnne Beemon was also one of the many area people in the crowd. While Beemon is a member of the Green Party and not a supporter of the president, she said she felt it was important to see a sitting president.

"I wanted to hear every single word. I thought it was important to hear what he had to say," she said. "I think it is exciting to see the president."

But, Beemon said she was not too impressed.

"I just think George Bush is out of touch with the American people," she said. "His message was that everything is great."

Beemon said everything is not great, and pointed out we have one of the largest national debts ever and the economy is not going well for many people. She added we need more environmental protections, is concerned with the war in Iraq.

Along with those supporting the president, those with feelings similar to Beemon's were out in large force outside the civic center. Unlike in many other stops Bush has made, the protesters were not regulated to free speech zones and circled the outside of the civic center park.

However they were barely heard over the supporters inside the civic center park.

Michigan Democratic Congressman Sandy Levin offered some rebuttal to the president's remarks. He said he listened to the president's speech on the radio during his drive from Traverse City to Lansing.

"I was most struck when the president said he wanted to 'rally the armies of compassion.' As someone who has been in Washington and seen him rally the dynamics of division, I just thought it was the total opposite of what his term has been," he said.

Levin said the tone in Washington is very vicious and very partisan, thanks to this president.

Levin also addressed the president's comment on protecting the Great Lakes, saying it was "feeble." Levin said the president has only wanted to study the issue and has not wanted to take action, but a bill that will take action now to protect the lakes is working its way through congress. He added this is supported by the president's challenger in November, John Kerry.

Furthermore, Levin took issue with the president's statement that the economy is getting better. Levin said in reality the nation has lost 2.5 million manufacturing jobs and 145,000 in Michigan during Bush's term in office.

"When the president says his policies are successful, it doesn't ring true with most Americans," he said.

Regardless of the politics, this was the first time a sitting president had visited Traverse City since Gerald Ford in 1975. It is not known at this time if Democratic challenger John Kerry or his running mate John Edwards will make a trip to northern Michigan in response to Bush's. Levin said he hopes that they do, but the Kerry camp would not comment on the matter.

Rodell Mollineau, spokesperson for Kerry/Edwards in Michigan, said, "I can't speculate as to where we will be in the future."

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Ann Golski, of Charlevoix, holds up a sign in support of the president Monday in Traverse City.

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Lifeguards pull swimmers to safety

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near.

Once there, he and Rowe lowered the rope on one of his lifesaving floats to the swimmer and pulled him to safety.

"The waves were really powerful out there," Tilley said. "We just barely got those kids to the ladder."

Rowe said the teens were in the water for about 15 minutes.

Both of the swimmers who needed to be rescued were transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital where they were treated for hypothermia, cuts and abrasions.

During the rescue, Tilley was also slightly injured when he cut and banged up his feet on the jagged rocks surrounding the Charlevoix pier. Rowe was uninjured.

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, the teenagers, both 15, were members of their school swim team from Pottersville.

Charlevoix City Recreation Department Director Ike Boss said he was very proud of his lifeguards.

"The way I understand it, both people would have drowned without the lifeguards," he said.

He said in the past, the city has asked whether it is worth the money to have lifeguards at the beach, especially considering very few beaches on Lake Michigan have them anymore. Boss said this shows that lifeguards are valuable to the safety of swimmers and no price can be put on them.

Boss said he has nine lifeguards, with one head lifeguard who is also a Charlevoix Police Officer. Those lifeguards are trained and retrained every year.

"We have the best crew I have ever had," Boss said.

> *"We just barely got those kids to the ladder."*
>
> **Kiel Tilley**, Charlevoix lifeguard

Library saves money on bond bid

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Public Library will be able to save the community money due to receiving a good bid on bonds.

Valerie Meyerson, director of the Charlevoix Public Library, said the library board is pleased with the result and the rate from Stone and Youngberg LLC.

"I'm really excited because I think it showed their strong international support in Charlevoix's strength as a community," she said.

The $7.45 million project will cost taxpayers $600,000 less than what was originally expected over the 20 year life of the bond. It will cost taxpayers 4.16 percent a year.

The original levy was to be .75, but it immediately dropped to .65, Meyerson said.

The library received 10 bids and Meyerson said the rate they're getting from Stone and Youngberg LLC is the best Tom Colis, the library's bond lawyer, has seen all year.

"We're thrilled," she said.

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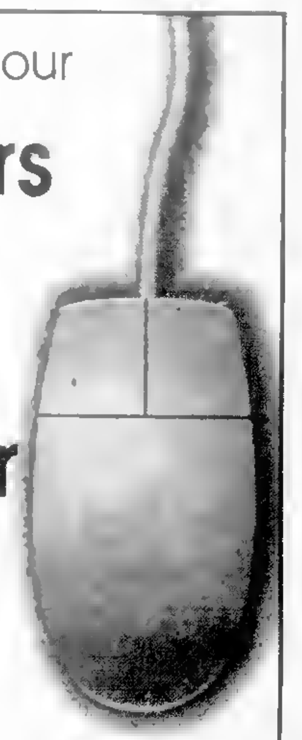

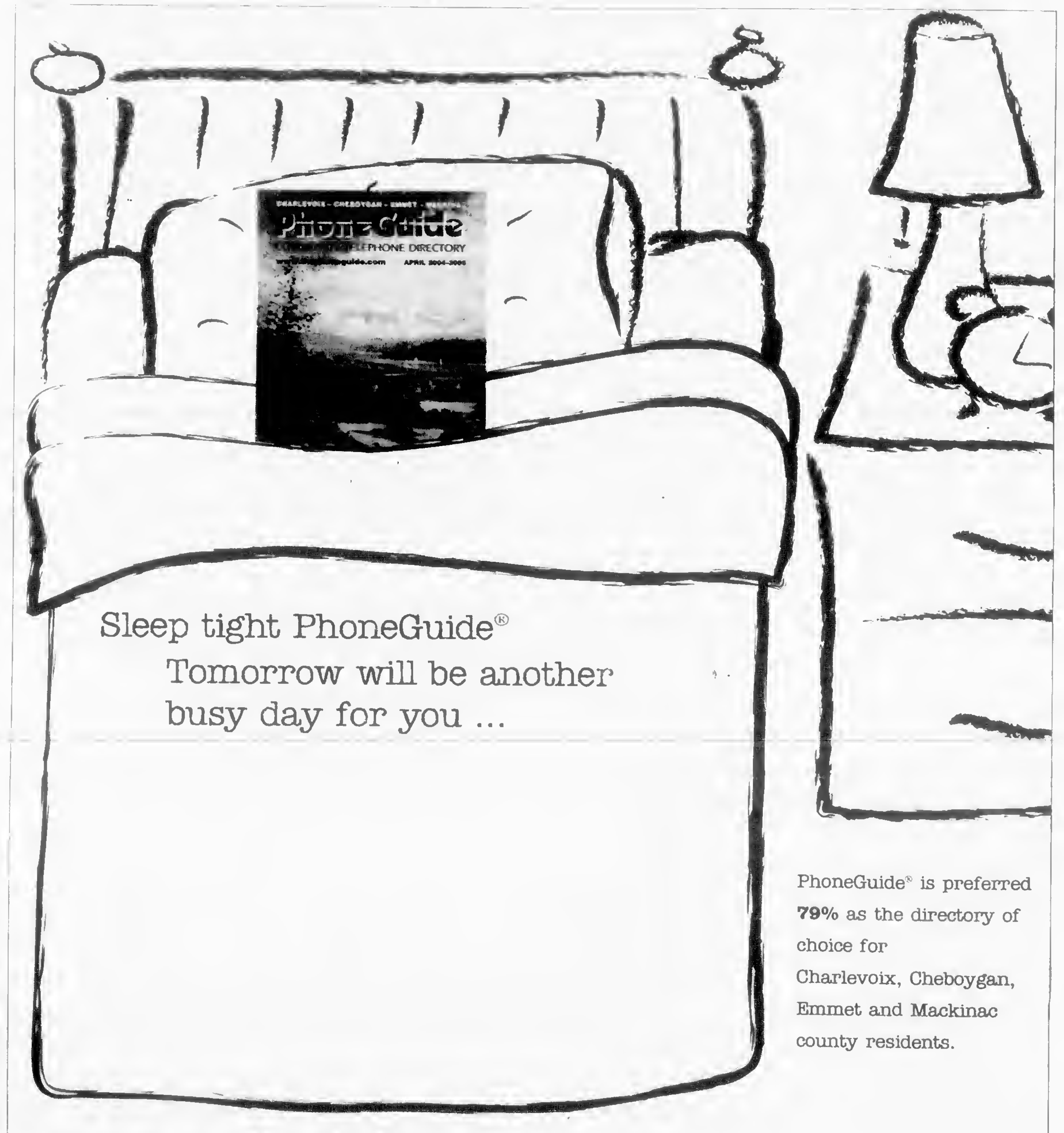

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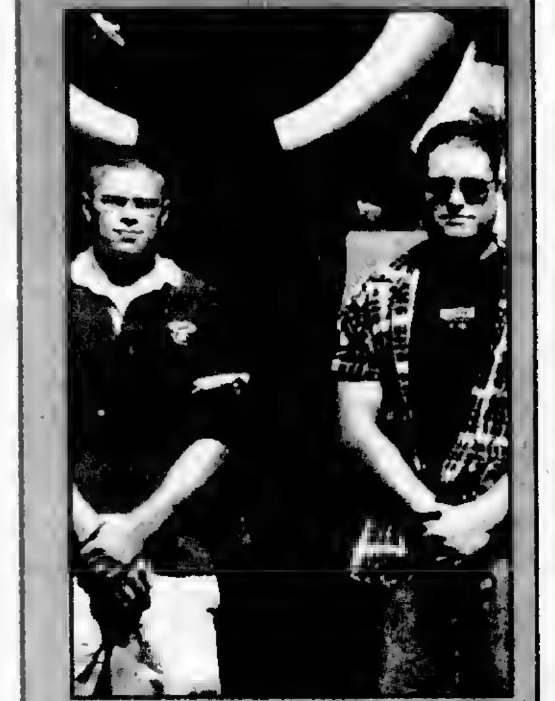

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Underage drinking a problem

Photo by Gina Attee

Charlevoix teenagers can face many troubles if they decide to drink.

By GINA ATTEE
Special to the Courier

As of Aug. 1, Minor In Possession charges in the District Court in this year alone have topped 180, already surpassing last year's total of 174 charges.

Law enforcement is cracking down on underage drinking, but are their efforts a futile attempt to put a dent into an issue that has plagued a generation of teens for years?

Underage drinking seems to have become an accepted part of "doing what you're not supposed to do," said Scott Kelly, director of Bay Area Substance Abuse Education Services (BASES).

Teens granted with driver's licenses are also hitting the road after drinking, seemingly without regard for the seriousness of a drinking and driving offense.

Eventually, with law enforcement hot on the tails of teenage drinkers, teens are going to face consequences for their actions.

Fines paid by underage drinkers make their way through the system to fund county and state programs such as public libraries. Substance education programs do not receive any of this money.

Luckily, there is enough money in Bay Area Substance Education Services (BASES) to support programs that help deal with underage drinking.

The *Charlevoix Courier* is looking in-depth at this problem this week.

Law enforcement cracks down

Area law enforcement is hard at work to catch underage

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Festival decides to eliminate Friday fireworks show

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix Venetian Festival has tentatively put its Friday night fireworks show on hold due to budget issues.

According to the Venetian Festival, the fireworks display has generated a debt of $25,000 over the past four years. The decision to eliminate this show does not affect the Venetian Festival's annual Saturday night fireworks show.

"This is not an easy decision for us," Venetian Festival president Dan Barron said. "We have been wrestling with this decision for a few years."

Barron said the fireworks are the most expensive portion of the festival, hence the reason for eliminating the event. He added the festival has looked at other cost cutting plans, such as shortening Venetian to Wednesday through Saturday in downtown Charlevoix, instead of Sunday to Sunday — as was done this year.

Barron said this year there were two events on Monday and Tuesday — the Rayder Rumble at

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Colors already?

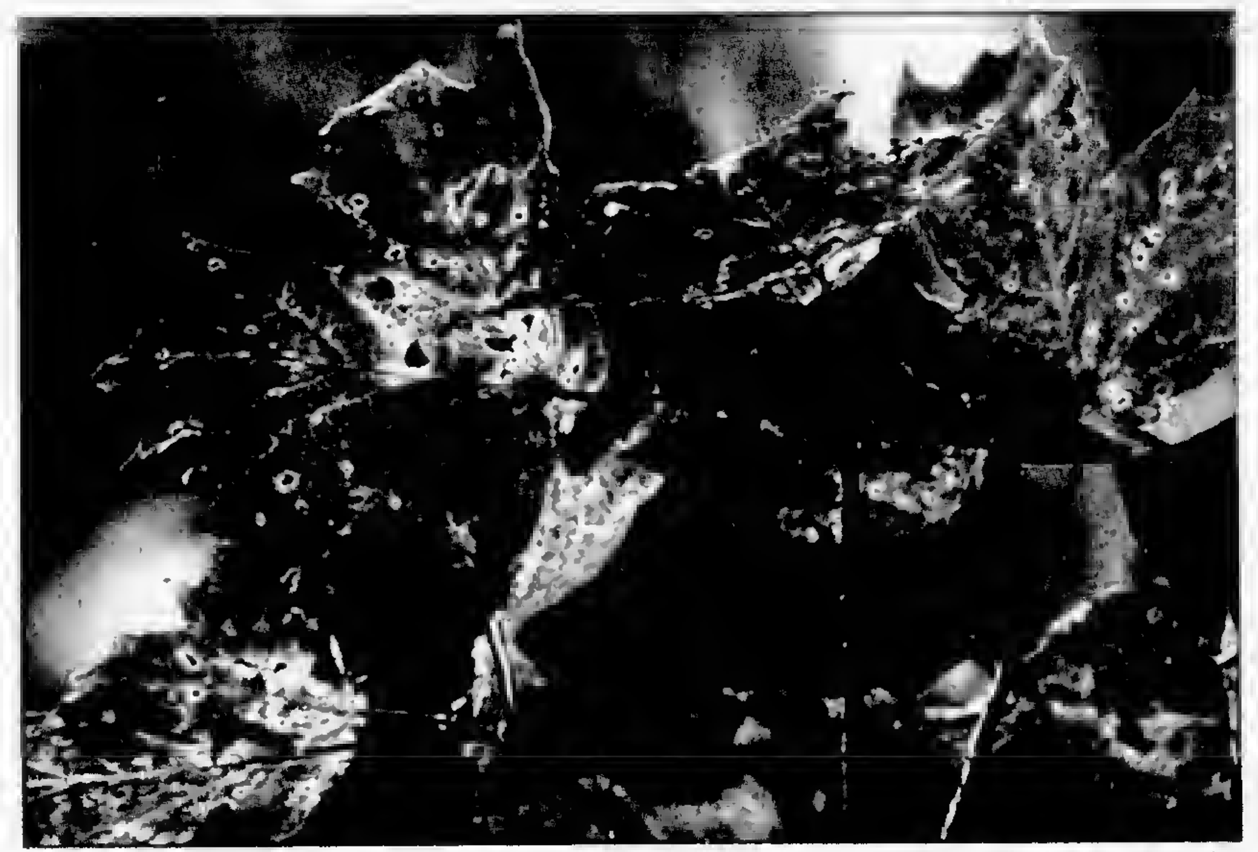

Photo by Jeremy McBain

With cool temperatures blanketing the area and some of the leaves around Charlevoix already changing colors, such as these on Marion Center Road, it seems as though fall has arrived a little early.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Kevin Edward Westendorf, 26, Saginaw. Operating while intoxicated. Six months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Gerald Lee Marquardt Jr., 20, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Gordon Harold Lake, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Brianne Noelle Belvins, 20, Kalamazoo. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Attend BASES or comparable classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Benjamin Alexander-Barre Stahl, 17, Boyne Falls. Minor in possession of alcohol. Must verify at least four Harbor Hall sessions; $100 in fines and costs.

Samantha Jo Gibson, 18, East Jordan. Failure to report accident. Six months probation; 30 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $601 in fines and costs.

James William Brackenbury, 33, Petoskey. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

John Christopher Pankow, 17, Boyne City. Larceny by conversion under $200. Nine months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 30 days, 61 days held in abeyance; $545.79 in fines and costs.

Sue Ann Baker, 41, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $960 in fines and costs.

Peggy Sue Vroman, 41, Boyne City. Embezzlement with a vulnerable adult under $200. Nine months probation; 93 days in jail, serve five days, 88 days held in abeyance; $2,472 in fines and costs.

Eric Michael Dionne, 36, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. Six months probation; 90 days in jail with credit for three days, 87 days held in abeyance; $300 in fines and costs.

Jason Clinton Miner, 26, Boyne City. Failure to comply with report requirements for sexual offense. Twenty-five days in jail with credit for three days, serve 22 days.

Terry Daniel Hopkins, 46, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. Ninety-three days in jail with credit for one day, serve 45 days, 47 days held in abeyance; $960 in fines and costs.

Randy Lynn Gugle, 39, Leroy. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

David Eugene Larsen Jr., 42, Charlevoix. Operating under the influence of liquor, third offense. Thirty-six months probation; sentenced to 12 months in jail with credit for 43 days, serve 10 months, 480 hours of community service work, complete rehabilitative services; $1,520 in fines and costs.

Jonah William Hoaglund, 21, Boyne City. Probation violation-larceny-$1,000 or more but less than $20,000. Sentenced to 150 days in jail with credit for 31 days, serve 150 days.

Michael Harlan Sinnard, 52, Traverse City. Contractor-false sworn statements-less than $200. Twenty-four months probation; 100 hours of community service work; $10,430 in fines and costs.

Martin Joseph O'Mara, 44, Traverse City. Contractor-false sworn statements-less than $200. Twenty-four months probation; 100 hours of community service work; $40,430 in fines and costs.

Michael Christopher Dixon, 31, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana $200. Sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days; $80 in fines and costs.

Harry T. Riley Jr., 33, Port Clinton, Ohio. Police officer-assaulting, resisting, obstructing/ assault or assault and battery/ attempted malicious destruction of fire or police property. Sentenced to a minimum of 13 months to a maximum of 24 months in jail with a credit of 110 days/sentenced to a minimum of 13 months to a maximum of 24 months in jail with a credit of 110 days/ minimum of 93 days in jail with credit for 110 days/ minimum of 13 months to a maximum of 24 months in jail with credit for 110 days. Fines and costs totaling $401.95..

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Sun Ripe Promotions, 03060 Boyne City/East Jordan Road, Boyne City, by Patricia Lou Brown.

Clearwater Custom Homes, 1129 Nordic Drive, Boyne City, by Jason Joles.

A+ Remodeling, 01250 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, by Marshall Chinevere and Marlane Chinevere.

A Green Tree, 5895 Horton Bay Road, Boyne City, by Brent R. Cadarette and David J. Cadarette.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Paul Douglas Lester, 34, East Jordan and Amanda Rochelle Paul, 30, East Jordan

Scott Lyman Elzinga, 40, Boyne City and Denise Ann Hughey, 26, Boyne City

David Edward Tank, 42, Walloon Lake and Patricia Lynn Steffel, 38, Walloon Lake

Charles Otis Lent Jr., 42, Boyne City and Julia Irene Gasco, 30, Boyne City

Harvey Lee Coates, 28, Charlevoix and Erica Dawn Olafsson, 28, Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Timothy Wayne Fraley vs. Jill Marie Fraley

Monica Fernatt vs. James Fernatt

Births

Cassie Lynn Wiebe weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces, was born to David Lyle and Amy Wiebe of Charlevoix on August 20, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She has a brother Benjamin Loran. The grandparents are Diane and Bob Ouderkirk and Carolyn and Joel Wiebe all of Charlevoix.

Abigail Carol-Marie weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, was born to Chuck and Barbie Lord of Alba on August 18, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Abigail has four brothers: Mic, 10, Bob, 8, Charlie, 7, and Tony, 6. Grandparents are Roger Darby from Alba and Rick and Carol Lord of East Jordan.

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Two Charlevoix soldiers, one war in Iraq

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Operation Iraqi Freedom is present in the minds of Americans, but two Charlevoix residents will feel the effects first hand.

Sgt. Troy Drebenstedt and Spc. Country J. Middleton are facing Iraq from opposite sides. Both men are with the First Infantry Division and are 88-M, wheeled transportation and transport personnel.

Drebenstedt, 21, has served in the Army for the past four years, but has never been oversees until now.

"It's nice being around people going through the same thing," he said. "We help each other."

He is currently home for two weeks as a part of his mid-tour leave, which is his first trip home since leaving for Iraq six months ago.

"It's really nice being near family and friends and eating real food," he said.

Drebenstedt enlisted in the Army to follow in his father, Robert Drebenstedt's, footsteps and to serve his country.

"I like the stuff they do and the choices you can have through the Army," he said.

His choice to join led him to Iraq, which Drebenstedt said helped him grow as an individual.

"It makes me look at things differently," he said.

Even though he has been involved in some scrimmage, Drebenstedt feels fairly safe.

"I feel like the Army's going through great lengths to make a soldier feel protected," he said.

Being a soldier is a choice and one that Drebenstedt is proud to have made.

"It means to put your country before yourself," he said.

After serving in the Army for four years and hearing nothing for two, Middleton, 28, was recently called back and is set for deployment to Iraq.

"Although it's a major interruption in my life, it's just one more obstacle that I'm ready to jump," he said. " I feel that I am ready to serve my country in another conflict."

Middleton said he feels prepared for what lies ahead due to his prior military experience.

"I also feel that the training I received in knowledge and leadership can help with the military missions and aiding the motivation of the soldiers," he said.

Middleton has served overseas as a part of Task Force Falcon, a multi-national peacekeeping mission in the Kosovo Campaign. His service also lead him into Bosnia and Albania.

Going to foreign lands is one reason Middleton joined the Army.

"I wanted to go in because I wanted to serve my country and experience new things," he said.

The Army was a natural choice for Middleton since he has three family members that previously served.

Following his family lineage, Middleton was also able to understand world events from a first-person point of view.

"Seeing it changes your life and makes you a better person, I think, when you're able to see it first hand," he said.

The Army enabled Middleton to actively deal with world events instead of other branches of the military that work just as hard but are more removed from the situation.

Middleton said he likes the Army because of the challenges presented to him and how it made him grow as a person and see life in a new way.

Having to depart from loved ones isn't easy, especially when you're headed into hostile situations.

"I feel nervous and a little bit scared because this conflict is worse than the last one I was involved in," he said.

Middleton keeps updated on what is going on in Iraq, but the facts aren't making deployment easier.

"And knowing by the recent events of what's happening, it makes everything more unexpecting," he said. "You don't know who you're fighting."

Despite the interruption his life is facing, Middleton said a military person has to do what needs to be done.

"You're bound by duty, honor and integrity to fight for your country no matter the reason for it," he said.

Middleton said there's no difference between being a soldier or remaining a civilian when it comes to the person, but a soldier is something more than employment.

"Being a soldier is more than just a job," Middleton said. "It's fighting for what this country stands for."

Soldiers not only defend the country, they personally give up a portion of their lives for the betterment of others.

"It's a sacrifice you give for American freedom and freedom across the world," he said.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Sgt. Troy Drebenstedt (left) and Spc. Country J. Middleton (right) are two Charlevoix residents who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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The war in Iraq comes home for writer

Courtney E. Pace

Staff writer

Iraq. I read about Iraq and saw some issues discussed on the news, but it was always an illusive identity that was far, far away from me. I was wrong.

The impact Operation Iraqi Freedom has had on me is more clear now than before. I care more about what is going on and seek out knowledge of our troops because Iraq has invaded my life.

My boyfriend, Spc. Country J. Middleton, recently received orders for deployment to Iraq. Never did I think a military conflict so far away would end up in my own backyard.

He told me his life has been interrupted, but doesn't complain about it. A true man, a true soldier for he is facing a great challenge head on.

I am worried about him going, as everyone is when a loved one heads overseas to a hostile situation.

Knowing he served for four years in the Army and took part in Task Force Falcon, a multi-national peacekeeping mission in the Kosovo Campaign, makes me feel a little better.

Country is not the only soldier who is facing this great leap of courage. There are more soldiers in Charlevoix who are currently serving overseas and they should all be recognized for the sacrifice they are making.

Iraq has become a four letter word, pitting neighbor against neighbor in a vicious dispute about our government's intentions.

All of the fighting is ridiculous. Our government is making money off this wâr as it does in any war, but that is really beside the point. Whether you believe in the war or not, it is happening.

I for one, am against the war. I don't believe the reasons the American people were given for our involvement with the war, which have shifted since Sept. 11. One fact, however, remains the same: Our service men and women are over there dealing with the conflict firsthand regardless of why the war was declared.

People need to remember that just because someone may be against the war, they are not against the troops. Men and women are giving the utmost sacrifice for a cause they themselves may not believe in, but are upholding an oath.

Country and others are going to fight because they pledged themselves to defend the United States against foreign and domestic terrorism.

I only hope this conflict doesn't become like the Vietnam War where our brave servicemen, most who were drafted, were put down for fighting.

Soldiers, whether enlisted or drafted, do not create a war. All service men and women should be appreciated for what they do. People can hate the government for what it's doing, but not the troops.

Keep the service men and women in your prayers. They didn't start the war, but are there to try and resolve the situation.

Country is displaying utmost courage, honor and integrity as he prepares to leave the safety of his home.

I am having a difficult time preparing for his departure and I know his family is too.

God is the only comfort I'll have when Country goes. Our families will console each other, but God is how all of us will be connected despite distance.

Iraq. The meaning of the word is different now than what it was before. I pray for Country and for all the other service men and women who are going into a situation I myself wouldn't want to face.

Courtney E. Pace is a staff writer for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Fall changes for the good

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Some mornings the air is especially crisp and cool; the sky is often a more intense blue than before, the sidewalk sales are over. Pellston airport temperatures have been below 40 degrees and all the Queen Anne's Lace is in full bloom.

For many years this was the saddest time of the year for me. It signaled the end of summer in Charlevoix and the need to return to Luther College in Iowa, where a new crop of students was waiting. I enjoyed my work at the college, but it could not compare with days in Charlevoix. It is now nine years since we began living here full time. The sadness associated with this time of year has dissipated, evaporated, deliquesced: It is gone.

It is barely possible that world peace could be established if leaders, movers and shakers on the international scene were required to spend autumn in Charlevoix.

The vegetable garden is producing at a rate far beyond our capacity to use its largess. A word of warning about summer squash. We had tired of zucchini and branched out with three completely new varieties, Magda, Butter Scallop and Kuta, all of which the seed catalog described as prolific. The seed catalog lied. Prolific does not begin to explain their growth. One end of the garden is a waisthigh squash wilderness, and every two days for the past month it has generated eight to ten pounds of Magda, Kuta and Butter Scallop. Some days I have loaded a cart with squash and placed it by the road in front of our house. It must be good, it has all disappeared. Someone even looked longingly at the cart.

The patriotic section of the garden has produced red, white and blue potatoes. I may make red, white and blue potato salad for election day.

The salmon have arrived in numbers great enough to almost match the garden in productivity. Few things in life compare favorably with a fish that is fun to catch and so enormously satisfying to eat.

Our late summer robin family has grown and gone from their nest just above our back door. The neighborhood cats sat watching the whole process of feeding, growth and first flight with great interest, but we believe that all four offspring made it to independence and will be on their way to Georgia to spend the winter.

I submit the following as an annual reminder. If the leaves of your Maple tree are developing dozens of black, dime sized spots, don't be alarmed. It only means that you have a Norway Maple, and it will not be harmed by the spots. The leaves have done their summer's work and are ready to retire. If you cannot consider the spots to be ornamental, plant a Sugar Maple. They don't get the spots.

The only autumn sadness that remains is that I am not a poet who could write an ode to this magnificent season in Charlevoix.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Letters to the editor

Handicap parking

Editor:

I am a former full time resident, current Charlevoix property owner, part-time visitor and eventual summer resident. I also am a Spinal Cord Injury survivor of 40 years who uses a wheelchair.

For many years people with a mobility impairment have been denied access to the communities in which we love and live. In July of 1990, George Herbert Walker Bush signed the Americans with a Disability Act into federal law. A section of this law specifically provides for access to parking. In Michigan it is 4 percent of total parking.

The city of Charlevoix has never been in total compliance with this law. Over the years I have watched county and city government provide little or no cooperation in providing ADA parking and architectural access advice, direction or resource materials to merchants doing renovations.

What access to downtown business that has been accomplished was entirely on the business owners initiative. Thousands of people with disabilities in Michigan alone have disposable income that they would like to spend. To ignore this fact in my view demonstrates a lack of vision from city of Charlevoix officials. It is also astonishing that access parking would be removed in such a arbitrary manner with no provision for replacement. When a city official refers to a survey regarding access parking then I know that they have little understanding of ADA law or enforcement.

The ADA simply provides inclusion into American culture. As the baby boomers age the numbers of physically impaired people will grow. It is simply shortsighted and myopic to ignore the obvious. My sincere wish is that someday I will independently be able to shop, spend and buy in every business in the city I love. Universal access benefits all Americans.

Donald Dawkins
Sarasota, Fla.
and Charlevoix

Dogs not a problem

Editor:

As Casey Stengel once observed, "It's deja vu all over again." I thought we had put the issue of dogs in the park to bed last year. I now read that Ms. Picha and her grandson are back complaining. The mayor has again chimed in and I see that the Courier has issued an endorsement of this proposal, which is somewhat silly based upon its lack of facts.

Our chief of police reported that this ordinance (as it was being suggested) was next to impossible to enforce. The issue is not enforcement per se, but a realistic appraisal of the "danger." Ms. Picha brings up before the council that people can trip over dog leashes and the claim that her grandson had a near death incident last year when he was "almost" bitten by a dog at the craft show. The Courier suggests that if you were the first child to be bitten by a dog at one of these events, how would you explain that unfortunate event.

First off, anyone who is pitching this idea has no statistical data to suggest that dogs in the park, during a festival or otherwise, are hazardous to anyone's health. I suggest one of the reporters check the county clerk records to determine how many dog bite lawsuits have been filed within the last ten years in this county. The Courier's editorial clearly indicates that nothing untoward has happened to date and thus there are no facts to support this proposition.

The newest wrinkle to this argument seems to be the "what if" argument about somebody slipping on dog poop in the park. Well, from my observations of the park area I note that every dog is on a leash and that the owners are very diligent about picking up after their dog. I would humbly suggest that the topography of the park is of greater danger to kids and older folks than the chance of slipping on dog poop. At the most recent art fair, I counted two dogs in the morning and three dogs in the afternoon. All were well-mannered. No one was fleeing for their life. As the city attorney rightfully pointed out last year, it is the dog's owner that is liable for injuries caused by the dog, not the city.

This whole issue of bringing forth an ordinance to ban dogs in the park should be approached cautiously. All cities and municipalities have inherent power to pass ordinances based upon a showing that the ordinance is "in the public health, safety and welfare." This falls under a broad police power category of ordinance making.'

This ordinance making, however, should be used judiciously. It is not a matter of enforcement or lack of enforcement as the Courier suggests but, rather, whether the punishment fits the crime so to speak.

Do dogs in the park, either during festival or non-festival times, represent a clear danger to the public safety, health and welfare? I would suggest not. Until the National Rottweiler Association comes to Charlevoix for a convention I suggest everyone step back a pace and think this issue over. The thought process I have witnessed to date seems to be half-baked. I would suggest everyone rationally think about this notion based upon statistical evidence rather than the Chicken Little theory of ordinance making.

Bill DuPont
Charlevoix

Please help

Editor:

I am writing this letter as a plea to my community for help. My name is Yvette (McDermott) Harris, daughter of the late Robert L. (Hoppie) McDermott and Vickie (Connaghan) McDermott. I have no family except for my half-sister and half-brothers from my mother's previous marriage. I lived with and grew up with my parents in Charlevoix. I have helped care for my parents through many operations, doctor's appointments, financial situations and general household care.

After my mom, who was 79, fell and broke her hip she had to go to Boulder Park Nursing facility and I continued to support my father at home and visit her daily even though I had two jobs and a family. My father was diagnosed on Christmas Eve, 2001, with lung cancer and died in January of 2002.

Even though it was my parents' wish for me to take possession of the house; everything happened so quickly that a will was never made up. I have been living in my parents' house for 13 months and have paid off the principal/interest owed on the house.

My step-siblings want their mother's share of the house. Because I have no money to buy them out, it is forcing me to become homeless. I have until Aug. 30, 2004 to vacate my parents' home.

I have exhausted all of my possibilities and I have nowhere else to turn. I am hoping that someone will give me advice on whether they can legally force me out of my parents' home. I am also looking for someone or a financial institution that could loan me the money to pay them off so that I can stay in my parents' home.

I have no telephone, but a message can be left at my friend's house, 547-5116. I pray that there is some help out there somewhere and thanks to my community for your support.

Yvette (McDermott) Harris
Charlevoix

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Engagement

Stebe — Soulliere

Jaime Stebe and Clayton Soulliere, both of East Jordan and originally from Charlevoix, are engaged to be married.

Jaime is the daughter of Roh Stebe of Charlevoix and Jean Stebe of Charlevoix.

Clayton is the son of Ray and Karen Soulliere of East Jordan.

A wedding is being planned for Oct. 2, 2004.

Anniversary

Herb and Gloria Dishong

Herh Dishong and Gloria (Abbey) Dishong celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary on Aug. 14 at the Grey Gahles Inn.

The Dishongs were married Aug. 14, 1954 in Lakeview.

Herb was in construction and later managed LaCroft Condominiums for 23 years. Gloria was a homemaker and assisted Herb at LaCroft.

Their children are: Terry Dishong of Evart, Curtis (Lynne) Dishong of Lakeview, Brenda Dishong of Leeshurg, Fla., Sally (Paul) Stripay of Charlevoix and Aaron (Jill) Dishong of Charlevoix. They have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Boss graduates with master's degree

Brenda Boss, of Charlevoix, recently received a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Grand Valley State University.

Rathjens on dean's list

Bobbie L. Rathjens, of Charlevoix, made the deans list for the 2004 Winter Semester at North Central Michigan College. Rathjens is enrolled in the Computer Information Systems Program.

Paterka graduates from Aquinas

Abigail L. Paterka graduated from Aquinas College, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree on May 8, 2004. Paterka, the daughter of Steve and Kathleen Paterka of Charlevoix, and a 1999 Charlevoix High School graduate, she has accepted an elementary teaching position in Yuma, Ariz. beginning this fall.

Students on GVSU dean's list

Several Charlevoix students were named to the Grand Valley State University Dean's List for the winter 2004 semester. They are: Corey R. Bascom, Regina M. Cervantes, Shawna M. Flowers, Kathryn B. Lieberman and Jeremiah J. Teuscher.

FSU dean's list

Nicholas L. Martinchek and Jennifer L. Scharenbroch were named to the Ferris State University Honors List for May 2004. Both students are from Charlevoix.

Londgren on dean's list

Jerusha Londgren, daughter of Jeffrey and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix was named to the spring 2004 dean's list at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn.

Wojan graduates from Saint Mary's

Jennifer Denise Wojan graduated from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. in May. She is a graduate of Charlevoix High Schools and the daughter of Dennis and Florence Wojan of Charlevoix.

Wedding

Warner — Terryberry

Amanda Warner, of East Jordan, and Jason Terryberry, of Charlevoix, were married June 5 at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord in front of 200 guests.

Amanda is the daughter of Doyle Warner and the late Debra Warner of East Jordan. Jason is the son of Dale and Mary Terryberry of Charlevoix.

The Pastor Jeff Walton performed the double ring rites.

The bride wore a white satin, strapless gown that was princess style with silver beadwork accenting the bodice. She carried a bouquet of white lilies, roses and hydrangeas.

The maid of honor was Ann Terryberry. Bridesmaids were Sara Warner and Andrea Warner. They wore princess style, cornflower blue, dresses with white spaghetti straps. They carried bouquets of white hydrangeas and roses.

The flower girl was Bailey Zywicki. She wore a white princess style dress with silver beading accents.

The ring bearer was Joshua White.

The best man was Dan Terryberry. Groomsmen were Mike Warner and Rick Warner. Ushers were Chris Milkulski and Don Pardee.

A reception was given at Treetops Resort.

They are making Anchorage, Alaska their home.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree and a 2003 graduate of Ferris State University with a teaching certificate. The groom is a 2004 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science in education.

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Obituaries

Richard F. McCarthy: Feb. 27, 1924 - Aug. 14, 2004

Richard F. McCarthy, of Cincinnati, Ohio died Aug. 14, 2004 at his summer home in Charlevoix.

A private graveside funeral was given Aug. 21 at Spring Grove Ceremony in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Rev. Noel Julnes-Dehner officiated.

Richard was born Feb. 27, 1924 to son of Frank McCarthy and Helen Mather McCarthy.

He grew up in Chicago and attended school at Harvard College, where he received a bachelor's degree.

He was also a member and president of the Delphic Club at Harvard.

On April 21, 1950 he married Jeanne Johnson in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was also a U.S. Marine Corps pilot in the South Pacific during World War II.

Richard was the general sales manager for WKRC-radio in Cincinnati, Ohio and did marketing, sales and advertising.

He was also a member of the Cincinnati Country Club, Cincinnati Gyro Club and the Harvard Club of Cincinnati.

He is survived by his wife Jeanne J. McCarthy of Cincinnati, Ohio and children, Stuart A. McCarthy of Claremont, Calif.; Wynne M, Curry of Cincinnati, Ohio and sister Marian M. Allen of Lake Geneva, Wis. and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Charlevoix Area Hospital or Christ Hospital Heart Tower at 2139 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. 45219.

Glen McDonough: April 20, 1934 - Aug. 19, 2004

Glen McDonough, 70, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A Mass of the Resurrection was, Monday, Aug. 23, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Pat Cawley and the Rev. Thomas Neis co-officiated. Burial followed in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

McDonough, a husband, dad, brother, uncle and to so many, friend, was born on the shores of Beaver Island Harhor, April 20, 1934, the son of William Patrick and Sophia (Haugen) McDonough.

He married the love of his life, Elanor M. Gallagher, also of Beaver Island, on July 29, 1959, in Charlevoix.

Throughout his life his family, friends and Beaver Island were all that mattered, all that he loved. Great joy was his whenever there was Beaver Island music to be played or heard, whether it was at a house party, in the hall on the island or anywhere his beloved family, friends and the music that they shared, gathered. Those who know and love him can envision his perfect smile and his special saunter as he moved from table to table in the Hall, greeting both young and old with a handshake, hug or both, either gesture filled with the joy and the soul of an always happy man.

Thursday afternoon, with the lake as blue as the sky, he was fortunate enough to have his wife, son and cousin, Carol Bunting, with him in his room on the top floor of Northern Michigan Hospital facing west over Little Traverse Bay; his beloved birthplace just beyond the horizon.

A Veteran of the U.S. Army, Glenn was also a member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, the Old Fashioned Michigan Fiddler's Association, the Jordan Valley Fiddler's and the Michigan Electrical Inspectors Association.

Glenn is survived by his wife, Elanor; son Patrick (Jennifer) McDonough of Evanston, Ill.; brother, Anthony (Mardee) McDonough of Sydney, Australia; sister, Mary Ellen (Pat) Monachino of Elba, N.Y., Bertha (Ted) Danaj of Petoskey, and Charlotte (Richard) Sanderson of Ocala, Fla. His brother Kenneth L. preceded Glen in death in 2000.

Contributions may be directed to the Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids, c/o Diane O'Donnell, 9034 Pierce Road, Zeeland, MI 49464.

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Final year for counselor

This was the final year for Jen Jess at Camp McSauba. She is shown here with other counselors at the camp. They are (from left) Lauren Silberhorn, Jessica Pettis, Adam Wood, Jess, Sara Parrish (Director), Ryan Vogelheim and Amy Drenth (not pictured).

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Resident recounts Berlin Olympics and Hitler

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Olympics conjure up images of great athletes competing against each other and representing their country, but for one man the Olympics signify a whole lot more.

Les M. Freidinger, a former Charlevoix resident, attended the 1936 Summer Olympic Games when Adolf Hitler began his campaign of world domination and racial purity.

"You could really sense the police activity although you didn't see them," he said. "But he (Hitler) really had control."

Some of this control may have been helped by the public's view of the German army or their lack thereof.

"They claimed, or it was rumored, that there was a tunnel built from downtown Berlin to the stadium in which Hitler and his gang would move to the Olympics," Freidinger said.

Every action the government did was in some way preparing them for war, Freidinger said, which eventually became clear to the young college graduate.

Upon graduating from Northwestern University, Freidinger agreed to accompany a friend to Europe and attend the Summer Olympics in June of 1936. Packing their suitcases, the pair joined a travel group run by an acquaintance of Freidinger's friend.

The voyage lasted about five days as the pair took a boat from Montreal to Liverpool, England. Freidinger said back then the only way to really travel was by boat because there weren't commercial airlines how we know them today.

Freidinger said the ship he took to England was the S.S. Athenia, which was the first ship sunk in World War II because the Germans claimed the boat was carrying munitions.

Other college students accompanied Freidinger on the voyage. He said there were a lot of college students roaming around Europe and attending the Olympic Games, which enabled him and his friend to receive student passes. These passes allowed entrance to museums and other attractions for free.

"Students were apparently not supposed to have much money," he said.

Freidinger only attended the track and field events held in a stadium built by the German government. It was here that Freidinger saw Hitler.

Considering the stadium a football arena, Freidinger sat in the end zone around the fifth yard line while Hitler sat across the field on the 50 yard line.

"He was there every day," Freidinger said.

Freidinger said Hitler's racism was apparent during the international competition because he would only award Caucasian athletes personally and let someone else in his gang award athletes of a different ethnicity, such as the famed American Jesse Owens.

"The thing that bothered me was that Hitler wouldn't give Jesse the gold medals," he said.

Owens, an African American track and field wonder, received four gold medals during the Summer Olympics for the 100 and 200 meter dash, the 400 meter relay and the long jump. For each event he either set an Olympic record, a World record or both.

Freidinger said Ralph Metcalf, an African American track star, also did not receive a gold medal from Hitler for his efforts on the field.

The racial tension wasn't confined to those participating in the Olympics.

Freidinger said he and his friend were approached by several Europeans while they bicycled through different countries.

"Europeans had a lot of respect for Americans," he said. "They were eager to talk to you."

Through talking to different people, Freidinger said he and his friend were told Hitler wanted to take over.

"After we had been in Europe for awhile I really got a feeling Hitler was going to take over," he said. "You could feel it coming."

A former German World War I Prisoner of War and a young girl in Vienna, Austria helped make Hitler's motives even more clear.

"She (the girl) said Hitler was going to come in and take Austria," he said. "She wanted to come to the United States and wanted my address."

Freidinger said he didn't want to become involved in something of that nature so he gave the girl his school address.

"She was determined to get out of Austria some way, some how," he said. "I often wondered about her and how it turned out."

Freidinger said a picture began developing in his mind about what the future had in store.

"You could feel there was going to be a war," he said.

The size of the war was one thing Freidinger hadn't expected.

"There wasn't any doubt when I came back from that trip that Hitler was going to take Austria, but I didn't realize it would start a big war," he said.

Freidinger and his friend ended up staying an extra month and had to make their money last until they could get home.

"I'll tell you, traveling with one suitcase for three months," he said. "I don't know how I did it."

Despite all that happened between the 1936 games and the current Olympics, Freidinger still loves to watch the athletes compete.

"What you're seeing in the Olympics are the greatest athletes in the world, and I mean the world," he said.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Former Charlevoix resident Les M. Freidinger attended the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin when Adolf Hitler had control of Germany.

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Churches unite for service at high school

In the spring of 1996 the front page of the Detroit Free Press carried a story about New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, an African-American church in the city of Wayne, a southwest Detroit suburb near Metro Airport.

The story recounted how the church had been vandalized with cans of spray paint. On its walls had been painted racial slurs and symbols. Hurtful taunts were there for all to see.

Then a good thing happened. Because of the media response, members of Charlevoix's Community Reformed Church became aware of the situation and were prompted to respond that same day with a phone call to New Hope's pastor, Virgil Humes. They expressed concern and regret for what had happened. They also sent a bouquet of flowers for their altar for the coming Sunday.

That simple exchange of compassionate words and flowers has blossomed into a living and growing relationship of love between two quite diverse congregations.

One church's members are black, the other's are white. One is an urban church, the other is rural. To say these two churches function in two different worlds is a grand understatement. But there are extraordinary similarities between them. Those similarities became obvious to members of the two churches when they began visiting each other.

In the summer of 1996, a group of Community Reformed Church members traveled down to Wayne to visit New Hope Church. They had no idea what they would find. What they found were folks that greeted them with hugs, fed them like kings and queens and welcomed them back to stay in their homes the next time. The following year, members of New Hope came north to visit in Charlevoix for a weekend. Members of the two churches have been exchanging visits each year since 1996, opening their homes to each other. Each year their fondness and respect for each other grows.

This year, members of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will be visiting Charlevoix on Aug. 28 and 29. They will eat, play and renew acquaintances at a church picnic on Saturday, and will worship with Community Reformed Church during their Sunday morning services at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. In order to have plenty of space for visitors and friends, these meetings will be at the Charlevoix High School auditorium.

Most of New Hope's choir takes part in these visits, and the auditorium will be filled with the sounds of the combined choirs of the two churches, bringing contemporary gospel energy to Northern Michigan. The Pastor Virgil Humes will bring the message.

The community is welcome to worship with the "sister" churches. Charlevoix High School is located on Marion Center Road. A time of food and fellowship will be offered between services. For more information, contact the church at 547-9482.

Sheriff searches for downed aircraft

Marine and Road Units from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office along with the U.S. Coast Guard responded to a possible downed aircraft in Lake Michigan in the vicinity of Big Rock and the Charlevoix Pier Head at about 7 p.m. Aug. 20.

The reported downed aircraft was seen flying low near the water. Only one report was received by 911 dispatchers.

Boaters on the lake at that time told officers that nothing unusual was noticed in the area. The FAA was also contacted to find out if any aircraft was lost on radar of late in a flight plan. The FAA reported that everything was normal.

At about 8:30 p.m. the U.S. Coast Guard received a call about a low flying aircraft near Norwood Township flying south. However, the observer said that the pilot of that aircraft was not in trouble and the plane continued with no incident on a southerly course along the shoreline.

The U.S. Coast Guard dispatched a rescue helicopter from Traverse City and assisted in the search operation. After hours of searching on the lake and from the air, the operation was terminated after no aircraft or wreckage was located.

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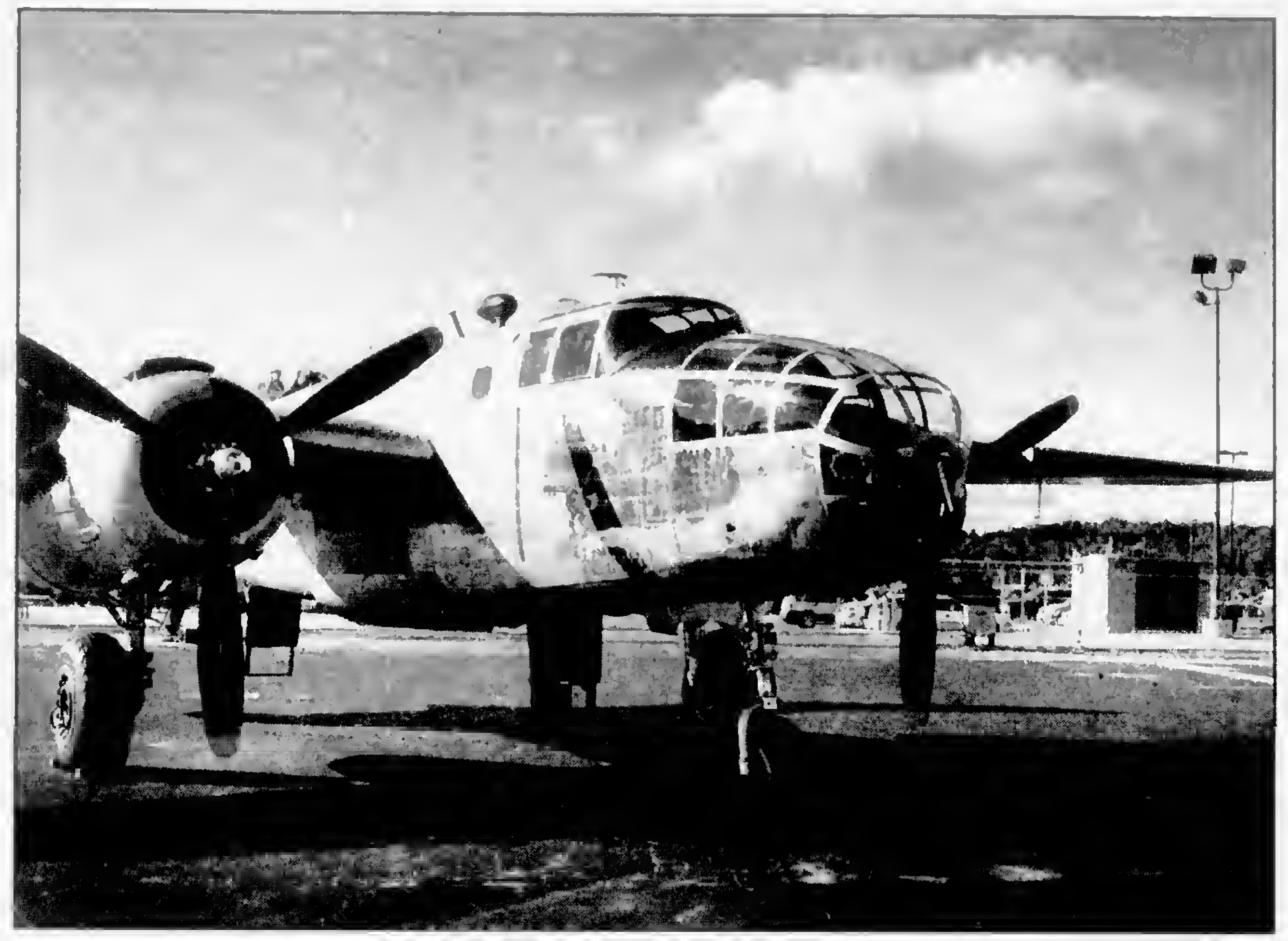

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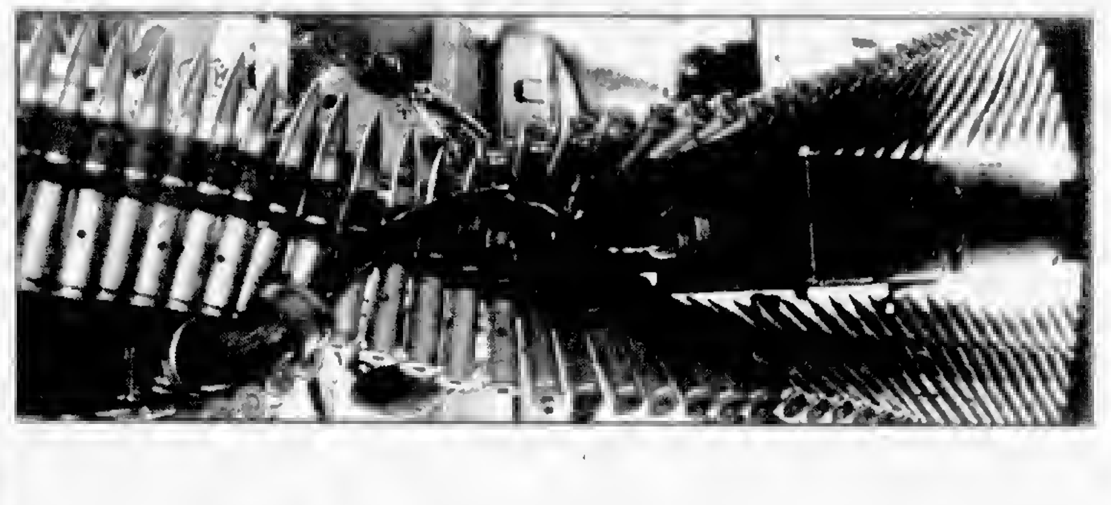
Historic flight

(Left) The Charlevoix Municipal Airport and the Civil Air Patrol hosted the Yankee Air Museum's B-25D "Yankee Warrior"World War II bomber plane. After being renovated, this is the first year the bomber is officially flying on the air show circuit. Those who came to see it were able to crawl up inside the plane and take photographs. Ticket holders were able to go for a ride in the plane that served during the war. This plane is one of only two "D" models still flying. (Below) A .50-caliber machine gun.



Annual Charlevoix Bridge walk to be Sept. 6

Charlevoix Little But Mighty Bridge Walk is at 1 p.m. on Sept. 6, 2004.

At approximately 12 p.m. people will gather at the Town House.

At about 12:50 p.m. the group walks to the north side of the bridge. Stay on the sidewalk please. The group wants this to be an enjoyable and safe time for all.

This year the donations being raised are going to The Charlevoix Skate Park. Tee-shirts are on sale for $13 or $16 for XXL-XXXL , scarfs are $10. This bridge walk is all about having some fun in celebrating Charlevoix's mighty little bridge and helping a local non-profit group with their fund-raising.

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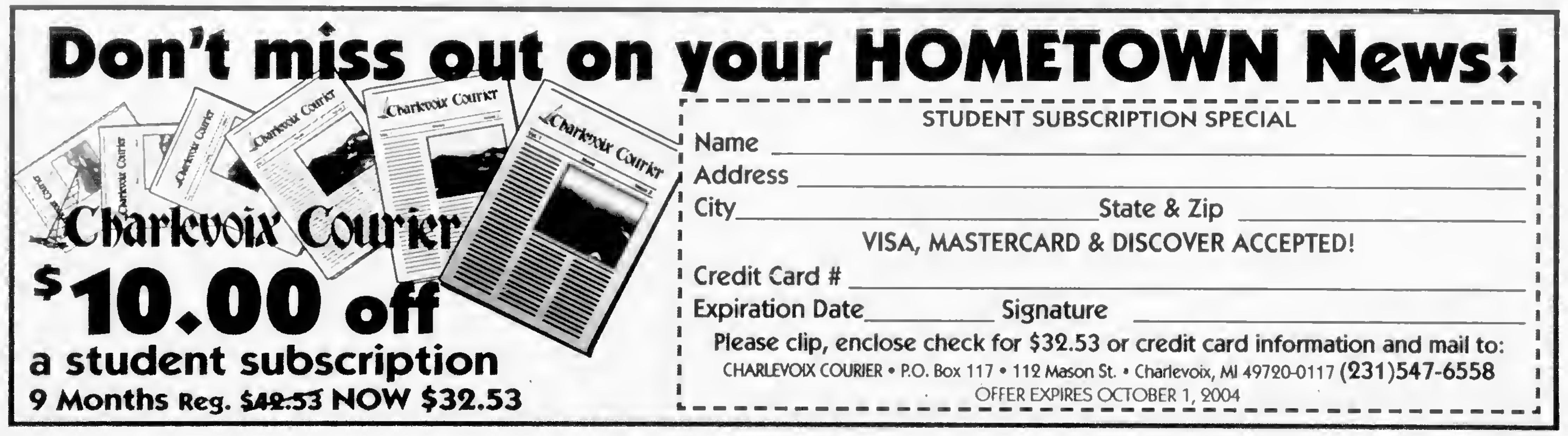

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St. Mary Pre-K changes times

The Pre-Kindergarten program at St. Mary School in Charlevoix is adjusting the times of the current program to suit the changing needs of today's parents by extending the Pre-K hours.

Unlike many preschool programs, St. Mary Pre-K will run from 9-11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday with drop-off beginning at 8:40 a.m.

A three-day option is available for those interested. Program director, Heather Sape, will continue to provide quality education for the developing 4 and 5 year old children, who must be 4 years old by Dec. 1.

"Some of the benefits of the five-day program are that the child is given more time to complete tasks over five days instead of the traditional three days. A five-day program also helps ease the transition into kindergarten," said program director Heather Sape.

For the second year, St. Mary's will be offering quality child care for children ages four through eight from 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. with extended hours available. This program is open to the community with drop-ins available.

St. Mary School is currently accepting registrations for Pre-K through grade six for the 2004-2005 school year. For more information, or to register your child for any programs, please call the office at 547-9441.

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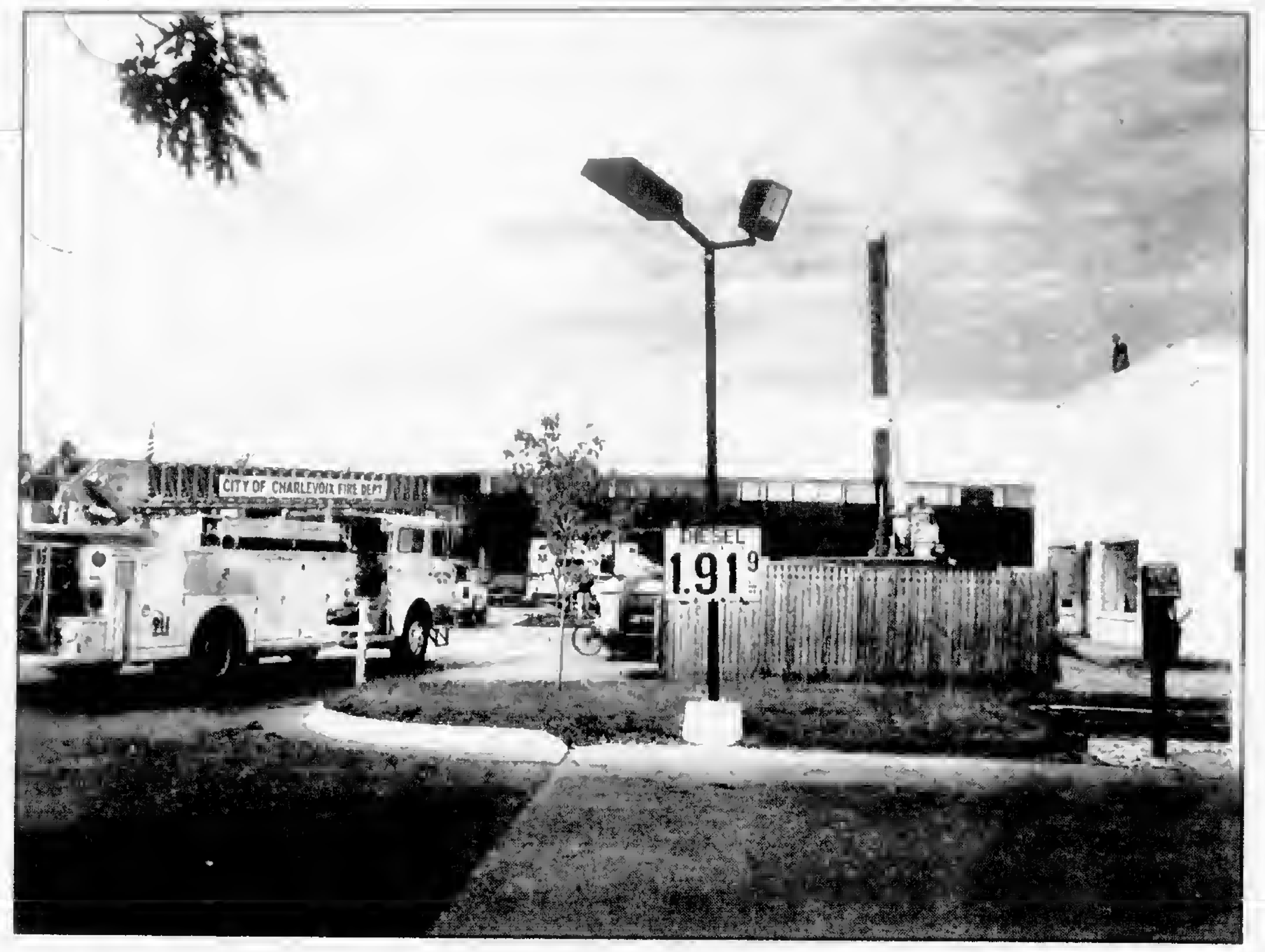
Pre-Kindergarten students enjoy their day at St. Mary.



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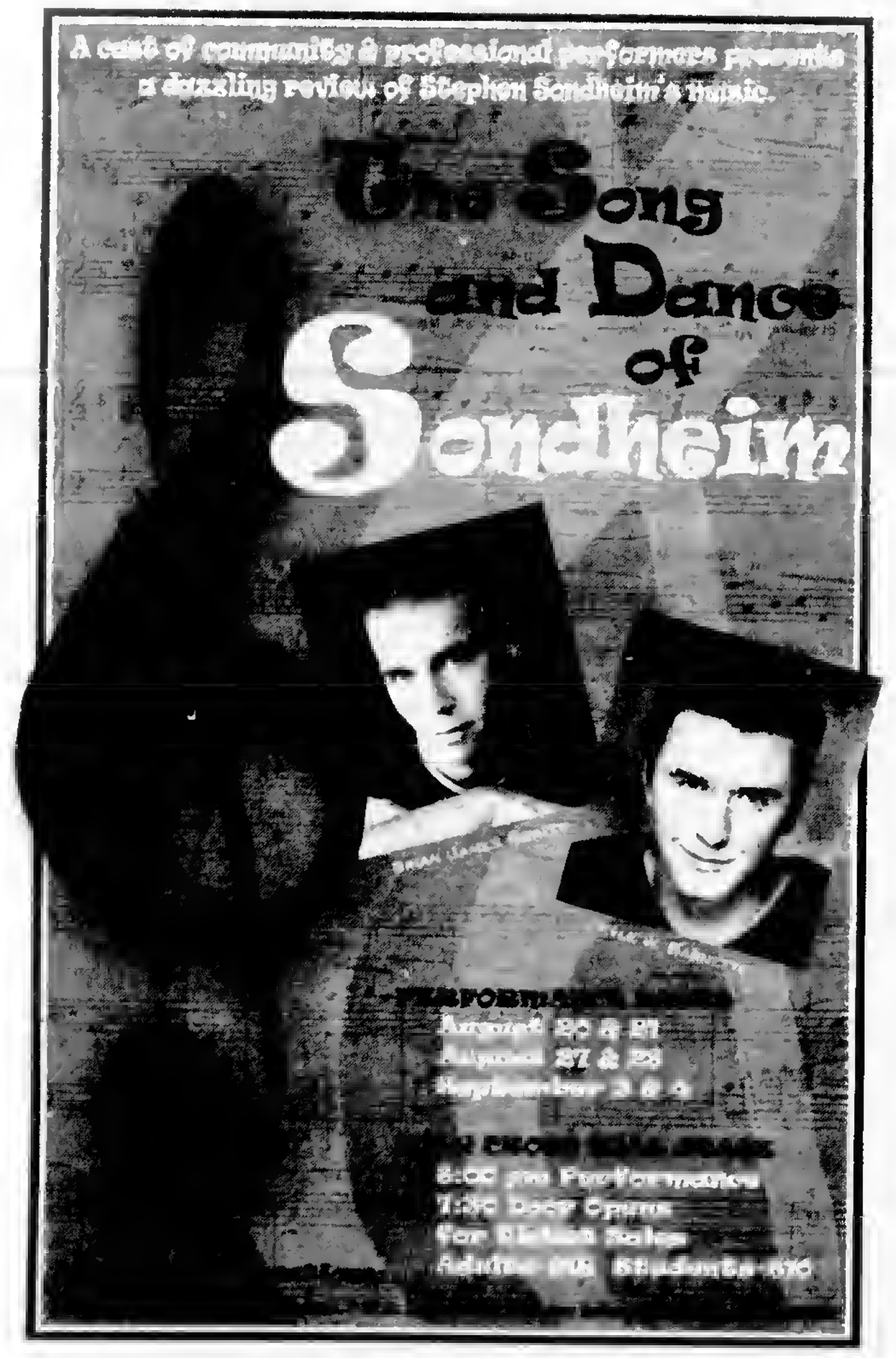
(Above) On Aug. 20, a construction worker was rescued from the top of a building between Harbor Industries and the Marathon gas station off of US-31. The man apparently threw out his back and needed assistance getting down from the building.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Sewer line going in on north side

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Construction occurring on Boyne City/Charlevoix Road will enable the city's sewer system to take in more residents than the current one.

City Manager Michael Weisner said the sewer line is the property of Charlevoix once completed, but residents in Charlevoix Township will be able to use its services as well.

"It will be our system and we'll be treating the residents as individual customers," he said.

Weisner said the city will handle the residents who wish to use the system through monitoring use and collecting fees.

Residents in the township will be receiving information concerning what the cost will be to hook up to the city's system in the near future.

Weisner said the preliminary start up date for the new line will be sometime next spring. As for now, construction is still underway.

Jim Manthei, construction manager with Manthei Development Corp., said construction along the road is nearing completion, with only asphalt laying remaining. The next phase is to work on constructing the sewer line in the adjoining neighborhood.

Manthei said construction started about a month ago and is slated to be completed by mid-November.

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Construction of an extended sewer line occurred on Boyne City/Charlevoix Road. The sewer is owned by the city of Charlevoix, but township residents will be able to use it.

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Controversial movie comes to Charlevoix

A controverisal movie by filmmaker Michael Moore called Fahrenheit 9/11 may be making waves around the country, but it is barely making a ripple in Charlevoix.

The movie began playing at the Charlevoix Cinema on Friday, with additional showings on Sunday and Monday. More shows are planned for this weekend.

Cinema owner Bill Supernaw said, " When you have got people saying you have to see this movie and people saying you can't see this movie, I want to give people a chance to see it."

The movie, a documentary, is about President George W. Bush's actions after Sept. 11, 2001. It has been proclaimed as brilliant by many liberals, but decried as false by many conservatives.

Just getting the movie to the theaters was a feat, as some theaters were threatened with boycotts and the original distributer of the movie — Disney — bailed out of the deal — forcing director Moore to find a new distributer and producer.

But Supernaw said the movie has not caused much controversy in Charlevoix — a known conservative stronghold.

"I didn't have anyone say they were disgusted by it. I think that just anti-Bush supporters are seeing it," Supernaw said.

He said ticket sales have been OK, with 185 sold in the first three days.

Supernaw said he is a member of the local Republican party, but only because he is good friends with its head John Haggard. He said he votes for either party in elections and supports both.

"I am kind of all over the map," he said.

As for the movie, Supernaw said he could not find any lies in it, just Moore's view of the Bush family and current events.

"You would have to see it for yourself to tell it is libelious or malishous," he said.

County Repbulican chair Haggard said he has not seen the movie and does not plan on seeing it. But that doesn't mean he is against Moore or his movie.

"I am not really a documentary movie person," he said. "Anybody can do whatever they want. That is the benefit of this country. Micheal Moore is making himself a multi-millionare with what he is doing."

Member of the local Democratic Party Rosemary Horton said she was surprised to see Moore's movie being shown in Charlevoix.

"I thought this town was so Republican, he (Supernaw) wouldn't dare show it," she said.

Horton said she has seen that movie and liked it.

"I know people are saying it is very biased, but I think the facts in the movie speak for themselves," she said.

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Property for skatepark set on city property

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Skaters and rollerbladers will be able to continue honing their craft at the Charlevoix Community Skatepark's permanent location.

The permanent skatepark will be constructed on the southwest corner of the land parcel currently housing the Water and Electric plant on West Carpenter Street across from the baseball fields.

As of now, this property will house the skatepark for five years.

Vicki Hankins, secretary of Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc., said the city will continue owning the park for liability reasons.

"It will be a city owned and operated skatepark at no expense to them (the city) because volunteers will be running it," Hankins said.

City Manager Michael Weisner said the city will use staff time to monitor volunteer activities, construction and future plans.

However, he said there's no direct cash outlay coming from the city.

"I guess the volunteers have aspirations to have full-time people there other than volunteers," he said.

The idea is to have the skatepark sustain itself, which would allow a city employee to oversee the park.

"Once that permanent park is up and running, we believe it will be self-sustaining," Hankins said.

Hankins said the employee would not be paid from the city budget, but by funds that are generated through user fees and area fundraisers designated for that purpose.

Everything will go well as long as the park can provide its own funding.

"The city made a commitment to operate the skatepark for five years as requested as long as there was not a net cost to the city's general fund," said City Attorney Jim Young.

Young said the park will sustain itself through revenues it generates by any fees, gifts, grants or the services of volunteers.

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. is currently awaiting the receipt of some grants that will now be available due to the permanent location.

Hankins said the project is ever evolving, but the first step is to create an outdoor, seasonal and supervised park.

Future plans include an indoor, year-round facility for young talent to practice their skills, but all depends on the availability of funds.

Vickie Daman, president of the Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc., said the indoor facility will depend on the skatepark being granted a permanent home and not one for just five years.

Currently, decisions are being made concerning which vendor to go with. There are designs laid out by both vendors indicating what the park would look like at the temporary location next to the old middle school.

Hankins said the goal is to build the skatepark all at once, but if funding isn't adequate to that purpose the park will proceed from either vendor one piece at a time.

The projected opening date for the new location will be during the spring of 2005 weather permitting.

For now, the temporary location will continue running until Oct. 31.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

The skatepark will have a more permanent home on the southwest parcel of land next to the Water and Electric Plant on West Carpenter St. across from the baseball fields. The skatepark is guaranteed use of the land for five years.

Sheriff seeking driver who left accident

Sheriff's deputies are seeking a vehicle that left the scene of an accident with injuries recently.

On Aug. 13, 2004 the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to an unknown accident on M-75 near Industrial Drive. When Deputies arrived on the scene it was discovered that the second vehicle involved in the accident had left the scene.

Robert Perrine of Central Lake was to operator of the first vehicle that had stopped, and was waiting to turn into Industrial Drive when he was struck in the rear of his vehicle by a green Dodge truck.

According to witnesses the driver of the truck stopped and checked his bumper for damage and then left stating that he was going to call the police, which records indicate he did not do.

Perrine was taken by ambulance to Charlevoix Area Hospital where he was treated and released for a neck injury.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with information on the second vehicle that caused the accident to please call 547-4461.

Suspect vehicle is a dark green, full size Dodge pickup, 1998-2004 model, believed to have a regular cab (not extended) but not verified. The driver was an approximately 30-50 year old male with salt and pepper hair.

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Edith's day

(Below) During the Friends of the Library luncheon honoring Charlevoix resident Edith Gilbert, Gilbert was given a surprise by Friends of the Library President Kay Heise. The surprise was a framed copy of Mayor Gabe Campbell's mayoral proclamation declaring Aug. 18, the day of the luncheon, Edith Gilbert Day. (Right) Gilbert was serenaded by Charlevoix resident Andy Tuck, who is a string instrument prodigy. Gilbert has helped Tuck hone his musical skills, which he demonstrated during the Friends of the Library luncheon honoring her.

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, August 16, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.
109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- The Mayor issued a proclamation declaring August 18, 2004 Edith Gilbert Day.
- Certificates of Appreciation were given to Patty Sitzema, Diane Gully, and Barbara Fels, thanking them for their service to the City of Charlevoix.
- Motion adopted to reappoint Rick Brandi to the Library Board.
- Motion adopted to accept grants from Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Frey Foundation, Ronald McDonald House Charities, and Great Lakes Energy People Fund for the Skatepark as applied for by Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc.
- Motion adopted to approve the lease of an office in the City Hall to Northern Community Mediation.
- Motion adopted to approve one additional petunia weeding by the band boosters for $3,500.
- Motion adopted to approve an amendment to the engineering contract between Mead & Hunt and the City of Charlevoix.
- Motion adopted to approve the contract with Manthei Development for the reconstruction of the northeast taxiway and expansion of the terminal apron at the Airport.
- Motion adopted to approve the contract with URS Corporation Great Lakes for the wetland delineation project at the Airport.
- Motion adopted to approve inclusion of an omission to July 19, 2004 minutes.
- Adopted Resolution 2004-08-02, approving the City to own and operate the Skatepark on the southwest corner of the parcel currently housing the electric and water departments on Carpenter Street, contingent on the Skatepark being self-sufficient by means of Skatepark-generated revenues, gifts, grants, or the services of volunteers.
- Adopted Resolution 2004-08-03, approving the federal grant contract for the northeast taxi rehab and apron expansion project.
- Adopted Resolution 2004-08-04, approving the MDOT contract for the northeast taxi rehab and apron expansion project.
- Adopted Resolution 2004-08-05, approving a rate change in the land lease fees at the airport.

Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office), Charlevoix, Michigan.

Stephanie C. Brown, Deputy City Clerk — Gabe Campbell, Mayor

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Summer fun

On Aug. 18, the children at Care-A-Lot House on Barnard Road enjoyed a water slide in the summer weather. (Above) Waiting anxiously for their turn on the water slide at Care-A-Lot are (from left to right) Hannah Ennis, Ray Cunningham, Nicholas Snabes, Stasch Szczepanski, Jacob Szczepanski, Colin Davis, Alexandria Snabes, Caleb Pittman, Jacob Cox, Tristan Rudolph, Mark White, Hunter Cox and Thomas Rudolph. (Left) Mark White, 4, gets a thrill riding down the water slide.

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Sidewalk sales

People flocked downtown to check out what area merchants had to offer during the annual sidewalk sales. Different items ranging from clothing to knickknacks were available to purchase.

Charlevoix Rotary Club to have annual golf tournament

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix will host its annual "Porker" golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 2 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course.

Billed as "The Affordable Golf Tournament," the entry fee is only $40 per person.

"We have had players comment that it is almost as if we are paying them to play because of the amount and quality of the prizes distributed at the tournament," said tournament director Tim Petrosky. "Last year we distributed gifts with a retail value of more than $3,000 to golfers. Everyone went home with a prize."

The event is a four-person scramble. The entry fee includes golf, a buffet dinner at Giuseppe's Restaurant and the traditional tournament trademark: oodles of prizes. Prizes will be awarded based on skill, luck and random draw, and to teams that finish first, last and right in the middle.

"This tournament is more about fun than competition, although we do have strong teams every year," said Petrosky. "Year after year area businesses generously donate great prizes that pretty much assure everyone goes home with a smile on their face no matter how they golfed."

Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course pro shop. The event is limited to the first 20 teams that register.

An optional skins game and "mulligans" will also be available to teams. The shotgun start is at 4:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.

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Hunter education clinic to be next week

A Hunter Education Clinic will be Aug. 28 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, located north of Charlevoix on US-31.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., in the clubhouse. The days activities will conclude at 4 p.m.

There will be a lunch break, and registrants are asked to bring a drink and sack lunch.

This clinic is open to all residents 12 years of age and up, or who will be 12 prior to purchasing a 2004-2005 hunting license.

A testing session, for those who complete the Aug. 28 clinic, will be in Charlevoix, with the time and date to be announced at the Aug. 28 clinic.

Attendance is mandatory at both sessions (clinic and testing) to receive the Hunter Education Certificate.

For additional information call Jim Mansen at (231) 547-6862.

This clinic is free and conducted with the help of the DNR, members of the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club and volunteer instructors from the area.

Shade trees available through city for streets

It's time to have those gaps in the street tree-line in front of your property filled.

Call Charlevoix City Hall at 547-3270 and ask for your free shade tree, which will be planted by a city crew this fall. Choose from Maples, Little Leaf Linden, Callery Pear and American Elm.

Due to the devastating loss of Ash in South Michigan due to the Asiatic Emerald Green Ash Borer, too many of one type of tree such of Maples in Charlevoix is a recipe for possible disaster. Ash are on hold until the city can determine what impact the Ash Beetle has on Ash in our area.

If you requested a tree last year and have not received it, call the above number to verify your request still is on the list.

It will be planted this fall unless it has been canceled for a valid reason. The main reason for carryover requests to this fall from last year is bad weather.

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Honored

On Tuesday, July 20, the Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee (RICC) and Bergmann Center gathered at the Boyne City Char-Em building to thank Charlevoix Transit drivers. Sue Hocquard accepted a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the county transit, thanking the drivers and staff for always going the extra distance. Their services don't go unnoitced. Drivers who stopped by got pizza, pop and certificates. Pictured from left to right are Carla Reed, Bergmann Center staff member, Sue Hocquard, Transit secretary and Transit drivers Vic Stevens, Ray Browe and Jim Groh.

Friday Night Fireworks

Planning for the 2005 Charlevoix Venetian Festival was already well underway, even before the ashes of the final, stunning fireworks shells had fallen unto the still waters of Round Lake at 10:40 p.m. on Venetian Saturday, July 24, 2004. Another successful Venetian Festival had again been vividly punctuated by spectacular fireworks displays on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Venetian Board has since been collecting the balance of revenue for the 2004 Festival. The final tally has, unfortunately, fallen short of meeting the Festival expenses for the fourth consecutive year. The brilliant firepower and choreography of the Friday night Lake Charlevoix fireworks display, which was first staged in 2000, has carried with it considerable expense resulting in a fireworks debt totaling $25,000.00 over the past four years.

The Venetian Board has thus reaffirmed its decision to suspend the 2005 Friday night Lake Charlevoix fireworks display. The Festival is not in a position to again stage the Friday night fireworks unless additional funding is realized to bridge the revenue shortfall.

> *The decision to suspend Friday night fireworks is a difficult one which has been deferred for several years, due to the great community pride shown in this world class display, staged in the aftermath of the 1997 fireworks tragedy.*

The possibility of reinstating Friday night fireworks still remains, and in order to do so the Venetian Board is calling upon individuals and businesses who have not yet financially contributed to Venetian to now do so and for current contributors to make an additional, one-time contribution to the "fireworks fan club." Summer clubs, property associations and marinas located on and around Round Lake and Lake Charlevoix are requested, in particular, to accept a leadership role to prompt immediate member contributions to the "fireworks fan club" and to promptly implement an annual $100 per dwelling/boat slip Venetian assessment to help support both the present and future Festivals. Such modest, institutional type support from those in Charlevoix possessing financial wherewithal and "front row seats" would readily ensure the long-term viability of two evenings of world class pyrotechnics.

Please send contributions payable to the "Charlevoix Venetian Festival" to P.O. Box 120, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. Please reference the "fireworks fan club" and feel free to call 231-547-3872 for more information.

The Venetian Board is otherwise diligently working on exciting plans for the 75th/Diamond anniversary of Venetian, which will occur on July 17 - 23, 2005. In the event the Festival is able to reinstate Friday night fireworks, the Master Pyrotechnicians of Venetian have promised as an anniversary bonus to Charlevoix, the most energized fireworks displays ever launched north of the 45th parallel.

No matter the future shape of "Venetian" it will remain our summer jewel, due to the "labor of love" given to the community by the legions of dedicated volunteers and contributors, who are truly the lifeblood of Festival support. Please stay tuned for further updates.

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Reading group to discuss 'Da Vinci Code'

The Little Traverse Community Reads group invites the public to a discussion of the best-selling novel, "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown on Monday, Sept. 13 at the Petoskey Public Library and on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Since spring of 2003, "The Da Vinci Code" has captured the interest of readers worldwide and has remained on the bestseller lists of many publications including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Publisher's Weekly*.

It was Brown's hope that the novel " . . .would serve as a catalyst and a springboard for people to discuss the important topics of faith, religion and history."

The Little Traverse Community Reads group hopes that the public will join in on the conversation about this popular work.

Though many people have taken the story to be factual, it should be emphasized that "The Da Vinci Code" is a work of fiction.

Details of the story, which include organizations such as Opus Dei and the secret organization called The Priory of Sion, actually do exist. But, as in all good fiction, the author has put his own spin on the story.

The plot centers on a Harvard symbólogist, Robert Langdon, who is involved in the murder of the curator of the Louvre. Near the murdered body, police find a code that they cannot decipher. Langdon is summoned to help answer the riddle and becomes entangled in the mystery.

As the chase begins to discover the meaning of the code, clues lead Langon to the paintings of Leonardo Da Vinci.

Langdon soon learn the murdered curator has sacrificed his life in order to protect a sacred trust of the Priory of Sion.

The story is fast-paced with many twists and turns not only taking place in the present time of the story, but also in the past history and behind the meaning of many of Da Vinci's paintings.

Brown is a graduate of Amherst College and taught English at Phillips Exeter Academy before turning to writing full time. His family is talented as well. His father is an award-winning math professor and his mother is a professional sacred musician. His wife is an art historian and painter, who has collaborated in his research for his thrillers.

In 1996, Brown's interest in code breaking led to his first novel, "Digital Fortress." He has authored several best selling novels including "Digital Fortress," "Angels and Demons" and "Deception Point."

His next Robert Langdon novel will be about the brotherhood of the Masons and will take place in the United States.

"The Da Vinci Code" is now being adapted for film by Columbia Pictures.

The Little Traverse Community Reads invites the public to join the discussions of this popular novel. The program begins at 7 p.m. on both evenings and refreshments will be served.

For further information call the Petoskey Public Library at 347-4211 or the Charlevoix Public Library at 547-2651.

Temple Bnai Israel to host cantorial soloist Rowin

Helen Rowin

Temple Bnai Israel of Petoskey will host noted cantorial soloist Helen Rowin at sabbath evening services at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27.

Rowin is a native of Detroit and currently resides in Bloomfield Hills. She studied with Virginia Person in Detroit and with Arthur Hackett, John McCollan and Eva Likova in Ann Arbor and New York.

For many years, Rowin was the soprano soloist at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. She then went on to become Cantorial Soloist at Temple Shir Shalom of West Bloomfield and director of the music program.

She has performed throughout the United States doing one woman shows of music from American Musical Theater and the Movies among others. Rowin has also taught classes in the history of the American Musical Theater at Oakland Community College and the College of Jewish Studies.

Rowin has degrees in English Composition, Choral Music Education and a Master's in Library Science. For 15 years, she was a librarian in the Music Department of the Detroit Public Library before recently retiring.

Currently a member of the Rackham Symphonic Choir, she has performed under Susan Acton.

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Kurburski promoted from manager to owner of Copy Plus

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Carol Kurburski is the new face of Charlevoix's Copy Plus in the Captain's Corner Plaza on M-66.

Kurburski purchased the business on June 28, after managing the place since it opened two years ago.

She said she bought the business because the owner wanted to sell it and she thought it would be a good chance to be her own boss.

Kurburski is married to Randy and they have three children and two grandchildren.

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SPORTS

Cross country team opens season

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

While school may not be in session yet, both the boys' and girls' varsity cross country teams kicked off their seasons with nice finishes in the Benzie Invitational last week.

Girls' coach Mary Plude said, "I was real pleased with the way the squad took out their race and ran as a team. We had some great senior leadership at some important places in the race and the sophomores really stayed committed to one another to bring the group in together."

Boys' coach Ken Plude said, "They looked pretty good for being tired. They had just returned from (running) camp on Beaver Island."

The girls' team finished eighth out of 16 teams overall and the boys' team finished seventh out of 16 teams overall.

Individual results for the girls' varsity team were: Theresa Martin in thirty-fifth, with a time of 21 minutes, 53 seconds; Emily Westenbroek in forty-third, with a time of 22 minutes, 10 seconds; Brittney Lamb finished forty-sixth, with a time of 22 minutes, 13 seconds; Mia Matchett finished fifty-second, with a time of 22 minutes, 21 seconds; Caitlin Taylor finished fifty-fourth, with a time of 22 minutes, 25 seconds; Sonya Plude finished seventieth, with a time of 23 minutes, 15 seconds and Anna Taylor finished seventy-third, with a time of 23 minutes, 30 seconds.

Individual results for the boys' varsity team were: Brandon Steven in eighteenth, with a time of 17 minutes, 23 seconds; Scott Plude in twenty-seventh, with a time of 17 minutes, 40 seconds; Jacob Wimmer in thirty-first, with a time of 17 minutes, 49 seconds; Nate Sotuyo in fifty-first, with a time of 18 minutes, 19 seconds; Jared Hunt in sixty-second, with a time of 18 minutes, 46 seconds; Tom Aepelbacher in sixty-fifth, with a time of 18 minutes, 50 seconds; Zach Scharenbroch in seventy-fifth, with a time of 19 minutes, 25 seconds.

> *"I was real pleased with the way the squad took out their race and ran as a team."*
>
> **Mary Plude**,
> Girls' cross country coach

Golf team takes third and fourth in matches

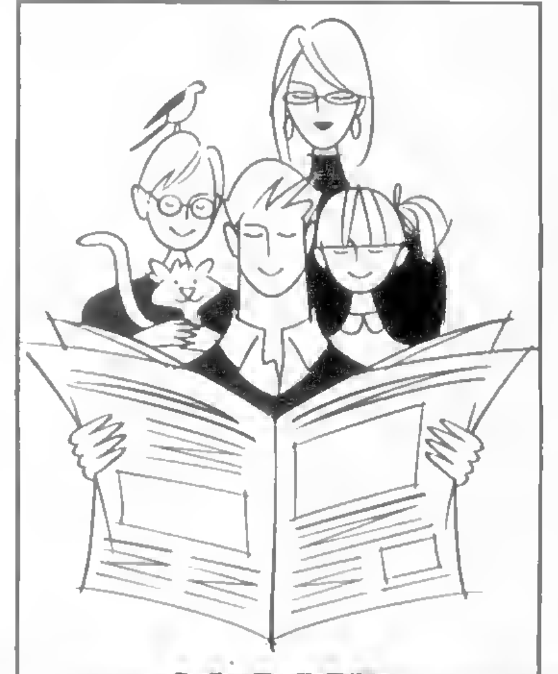
The Charlevoix High School golf team has started its season.

On Friday, the team finished third at a Lake Michigan Conference match at the Grand Traverse Resort and on Aug. 17, they finished fourth at another conference match at Grandview Country Club.

Individual results for the Grand Traverse match were: Chris Wyniawskyj with a score of 76, Kyle DeYoung with a score of 78, Chris Golski with a score of 83, Stephen Parker with a score of 85, Chris Bartling with a score of 86 and Kenny Anderson with a score of 93.

Individual results for the Grandview match were: Wyniawskyj with 80, Golski with 90, Bartling with 82, Parker with 95, Anderson with 94 and Matt Novotny with 104.

The team's next match is Aug. 26 at Harbor Springs.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League champs

The Charlevoix Recreation Department women's slow pitch champions are Fieldcrest: (front, from left) Wendy Viles, Melissa Forrester, Michele Donovan, Becky Jo Walker, Lisa Volkening, Ruth Rosenquiest, (back) April Hammer, Michelle Hansen, Kendra Riddle, Liz Grunch, Elaine Readmond, Michelle Shaw and Marlene Gasco. Shanee Acosta and Lori Redes are missing.

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The Charlevoix Recreation Department men's slow pitch league champions are Fischer Restoration: (front, from left) Jean Nutt, Billy Parton, Al Oden, Brad Fischer, Rob Puroll, Wally Disbrow, (back) Ryan Fischer, Brian Lanning, E.J. Castle, Kyle Schumaker, Bob Sandel and Brad Waldren. Mike Dean is missing.

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Sheriff seeking ATV driver who left accident

And 18-year-old county resident was injured in an automobile accident on Sunday, August 22, 2004 on Griffin Road in Evangeline Township.

At approximately 6 p.m. a 1994 Chrysler Town and Country minivan driven by an 18-year-old Charlevoix County resident lost control of his vehicle and struck a tree.

The minivan was traveling on Griffin Road when it swerved to avoid an ATV as it rounded a corner. The driver of the minivan struck a stump which caused him to lose steering control.

Upon striking the stump, the air bags were deployed into the drivers face resulting in the driver suffering a broken nose. The driver was transported to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey by private vehicle where he was treated and released.

The ATV left the scene without rendering aid.

Sheriff George Thomas Lasater is asking that anyone with any information regarding the ATV to contact him at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office at 547-4461.

Braun to play 100 holes for program

A local athletic event that has become a summer tradition is about to be repeated as Belvedere golf professional, Steve Braun, will again play 100 holes in a single day.

Many have asked why he puts himself through the physical and emotional agony. The simple answer is he is a dedicated believer in Charlevoix's Junior Golf Program and the potential it has to impact young people so that they can learn life skills through the game of golf.

As in the past, pledges made go into the program's scholarship fund, which allows deserving junior golfers to attend the Ferris State University's week long golf camp.

Braun tees off at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 23 and finishes approximately 12 hours later. Those interested in pledging in support of the Junior Golf Scholarship Fund or in monitoring Steve's progress can do so by calling the Belvedere Golf Club at (231) 547-2611 or Dean Davenport at (231) 547-6433.

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Friday fireworks could be brought back

FIREWORKS

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Charlevoix High School on Monday and the Kickoff at the Castle at Castle Farms on Tuesday.

He said the Rayder Rumble may continue to be an event with the Venetian Festival, but he is not sure if it will be every year or every other year. The reason it is being kept, he said, is because the Rayder Rumble actually raised money for the festival through admissions. The Rayder Rumble pitted the 2004 and 2001 Charlevoix High School varsity basketball teams against one another.

As for Castle Farms, Barron said the festival spent about $12,000 to put on that event as a way of testing the waters at that location and to create a relationship with the owners of the Castle, Linda and Richard Mueller. The festival was trying to see if the Castle would be a viable location for future events where it could charge admissions.

Barron said there are no plans at this time to include the Castle in next year's event lineup. However, if the Castle wanted to host an event where the festival did not have to help pay for and could actually raise money from it, this could change, Barron said.

Barron stressed that the decision to eliminate the Friday night fireworks is not set in stone. If the festival were to raise enough money to support another year of it, the festival will add it back into the line-up.

To help raise this money, the Venetian Festival is encouraging area summer clubs, property associations and marinas located on and around Round Lake and Lake Charlevoix to donate to a "fireworks fan club."

The festival is suggesting a $100 donation per member of these organization to help support future events, saying this is a modest donations considering these organizations "front row" seats to the fireworks.

Contributions payable to Charlevoix Venetian Festival can be sent to P.O. Box 120, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Call (231) 547-3872 for more information.

The Venetian Festival will be July 17-23 next year.

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Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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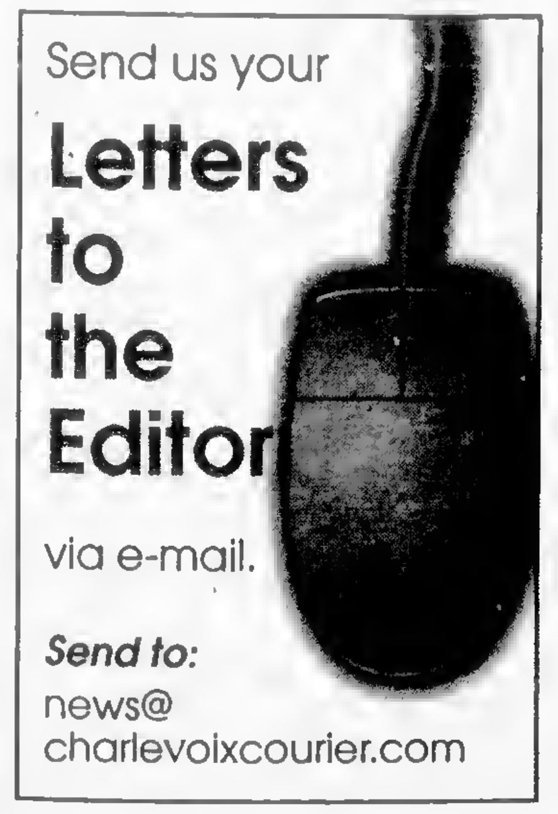

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Please bring your own seating and in case of rain the concerts will be at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets.

Drug meeting

A group of concerned parents of Charlevoix students has set up a meeting from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium. Scott and Celia Kelly will suggest things to look for in your teens behavior and clues around the house if you suspect your teen is experimenting with drugs. They will offer effective approaches in confronting your teen and can assist in future assessment, intervention and support. There will also be a legal expert in attendance to clarify current laws and consequences assigned with breaking those laws, along with important changes effective Sept. 1. This meeting is open to any adult interested in learning ways to help their teens through this difficult period in their lives. For more information call BASES at 547-1144.

1949 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1949 is celebrating its fifty-fifth reunion on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Argonne. Social hour starts at 5 p.m., during which time a class picture will be taken. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and anyone wishing to visit with our class is welcome after 7 p.m. Direct any questions to Sally Bales at 348-5003 or Helen Emmons at 547-2955. They need addresses for Joan Montgomery.

1954 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152. or phone (248) 473-1324 or e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com. Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. They are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colburn (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

Bridge marathon

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild has an annual winter bridge marathon. It begins Sept. 15 and runs through April. They play with their own partner and it's a home and home series. They have openings for couples and gals. Afternoon and Evening groups are available. If this sounds interesting to you, give Louise Hilligan a call at 547-2851.

Skating film

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Proceeds will help benefit the skatepark and all tickets are $5 at the door.

Preaching festival

There is a summer festival of preaching at Charlevoix Community Reformed Church each Sunday, with guest speakers at both morning services of 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. The church is located at the corner of Meech Street and US-31 North in Charlevoix.

Bridge lesson

There will be a lesson and friendly game of Bridge given by a non-playing director ACBL sanctioned at 6 p.m. with lesson and game at 6:45 p.m., every Tuesday, at the Castle Farms off M-66 Highway in Charlevoix. Call Berta Meyerson-Molasky for reservations and information at 547-1041.

Dental appointments

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Vaccine

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On the record

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m, every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-7545.

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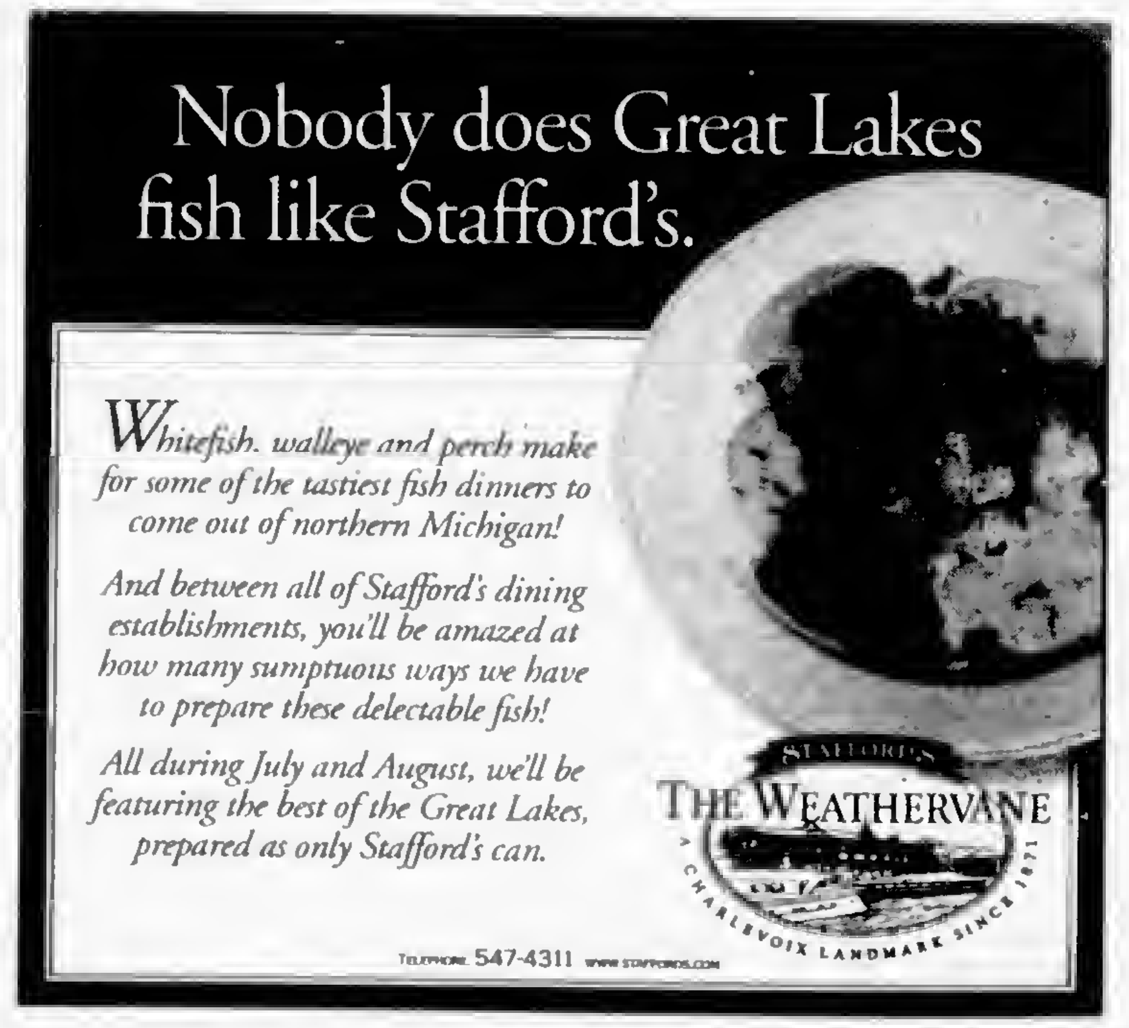

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City, county officials deal with drinking issue

DRINKING

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drinkers.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater said that they have put forth a "significant increase in law enforcement."

The midnight shift of law enforcement, which runs from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., is making "a serious effort to check out party spots," said Lasater.

In fact, many concerned citizens have been calling in to report possible underage drinking, mostly due to the noise level of parties.

Kelly said that the busting of large parties is a relatively new phenomenon. He noted that he has seen a few fairly large parties busted this summer.

Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson believes that minor drinking still remains average compared to other years, but the days of giving warnings to underage drinking offenders are gone.

"We've been teaching it as a serious offense," Halverson said, "We don't give warnings anymore."

Why are teens drinking?

There are many ideas behind the reason for underage drinking, but there is a vast difference between reasons given by the minors doing the drinking, and the adults who catch the minors.

"There are a multitude of reasons for underage drinking," said Halverson.

Halverson acknowledged the relative availability of alcohol to minors, as well as the fact that opportunity often presents itself to teens.

"Alcoholism," he said, "also can play a part."

Peer and social pressure along with examples set by adults are the reasons that Lasater says he believes are behind underage drinking.

You'll also hear many teens offering the excuse that there's "nothing to do in Charlevoix."

Katie Lieberman, who was charged with an MIP this summer, will tell you those exact words.

When Kelly heard this excuse he helped get a book called "Getting Connected" to many Charlevoix Public School kids. The book cited many of the things to do in Charlevoix.

The book wasn't as successful as hoped for.

In fact, Kelly said, "a year later, they were still giving the same excuse."

Could it be, as Kelly will suggest, that as children age they lose their creativity? Or could underage drinking just be an accepted part of having fun to a younger generation?

"Younger kids create their entertainment," said Kelly. "As they grow older, they lose that creativity."

Drinking and driving

Many teens receive their driver's licenses about the time that they become involved with underage drinking, which often leads to drinking and driving.

"A minor tends to be inexperienced in the effects of alcohol," said Halverson.

This inexperience with alcohol may cause a teen to believe that it is safe to drive when it really isn't.

"The younger the driver, the more the attitude that nothing's going to happen," said Lasater. "It's a false sense of security."

The responsibilities of the parent become very important in this situation. Teens need to know that if they call their parents to pick them up, the drinking issue will be dealt with later.

"Parents need to say, if you get into a situation, call us," said Lasater. "The message has to be loud and clear."

"Minors may not feel that option is available to them," said Halverson.

Zero Tolerance laws also hold underage drinkers to higher standards when it comes to a drinking and driving offense.

"The law is much stricter on minors than on the general public," Halverson said.

"No parent wants to hear their kid is spending the night in jail," said Lieberman.

Getting caught

Even if there isn't a concrete reason for underage drinking, there is definite punishment for offenders.

A first offense alone will cost a teen 60 hours of community service, and about $200 in fines and costs.

Surprisingly, most teens are aware of the punishment before they get caught.

"I even talked about it (the punishment) with my friends," said Lieberman of the night that she was caught.

When a teen gets caught drinking, it doesn't necessarily mean that there is a serious problem. In fact, studies show that 80 to 90 percent of teens drink before graduation, with less than 5 percent encountering serious problems with alcohol.

"It's not like we're a bunch of alcoholics," Lieberman said.

Kelly added that when a teen gets caught, "it just means they got caught."

Only further investigation, such as in the form of a BASES assessment, can determine the likelihood of further problems.

Where those court fines are going

Surprisingly, if you look into the money from MIP fines, you'll see that 100 percent of the money goes back into state and county programs, which means no money ever reaches programs that help deal with the underage drinking problem.

Programs such as BASES are often required as part of the District Court's sentence, but they receive no government financial aid.

In fact, about 95 percent of money used to run the BASES comes from fees for services, meaning the money that they earn by charging for services. The other five percent of BASES income comes from donations.

Renovations done to the building in the past have relied 100 percent on grants.

"Contributions stay here," said Kelly. "The fund-raising is for the kids."

Where to get help

When a minor receives an MIP, he or she will often be required to attend "Zero Tolerance Education" classes at BASES.

When asked how successful the class has been, Kelly said that out of the 100 percent of kids that promise they'll never get in trouble again, about 20 percent turn out to be repeat offenders.

The class, said Kelly, is used to "help them identify if they're at risk for future problems."

Kelly added that the classes are "just trying to get them some information."

Law enforcement strongly believes that the BASES program is doing its job.

Halverson said that the BASES program has been "a great addition to the process."

He added that the program is good for both raising awareness and determining alcoholism.

"It's a worthwhile option and a good tool to deal with the problem," said Lasater.

BASES is also a teen hangout open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

Kelly acknowledges that most people think BASES is a place where all the druggies hang out, but he said that BASES is "the most drug-free place around."

Studies show that the greatest time for underage drinking offenses is from 3 to 6 p.m. on weekdays, when teens are least likely to be supervised.

"If the kids use the teen center, hopefully they won't need the substance abuse programs," said Kelly.

Hospital to host CPR classes

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- From 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004 Adult Heartsaver CPR in Classroom B.
- From 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B.
- From 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

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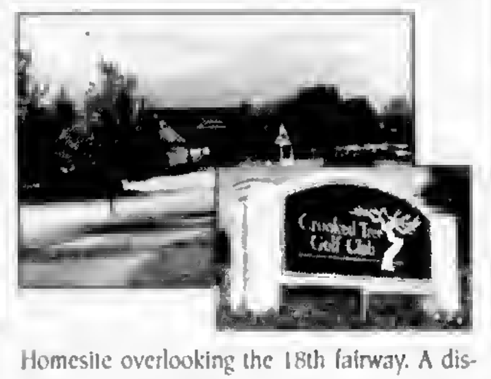

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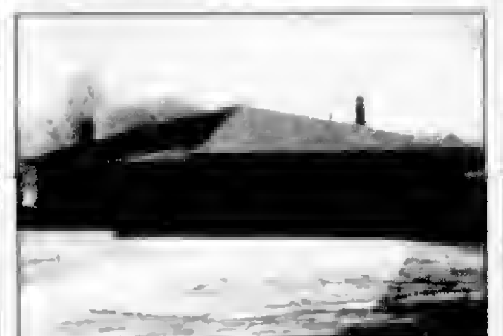

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Part-time Charlevoix residents Steven and Anne Roby are recreating the original Appletree building.
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Library fate under debate

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The debate is still on over what will happen to the current library once the Charlevoix Public Library moves into the new facility.

When the library moves into the former Charlevoix Middle School off Grant Street, ownership of the current Clinton Street location reverts back to Charlevoix Public Schools.

Connie Saltonstall, property heir of the current library, wants to see the money used from the sale of the building go toward paying off the debt of the new library.

"As long as the assets given to the library go toward the new library, it's still following my parent's wishes," she said.

Saltonstall is referring to her parent's wish that the land would only be used for educational pur-

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Photo by Jeremy McBain

Season comes to an end

Charlevoix's beaches are experiencing fewer visitors now that summer has come to an end for many families throughout the country as they head back to school and work. Here, Michigan Beach sits almost empty Monday.

New city hall to open soon

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

The newly renovated Charlevoix City Hall will open soon.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

After being held up in construction, the new Charlevoix City Hall is ready to open its doors to the public on Sept. 17.

City Manager Michael Wiesner said the idea is to allow the public to see the new facility. He said they can familiarize themselves with the layout through posted floor plans and other items.

"It's a very nice facility," he said. "It should work very well."

The project cost $2.8 million, which Wiesner said is pretty close to the original totals. He said some plans were updated within the last year and construction bids came in a littler higher than expected.

"We're happy with the cost," he said. "We think it's a very quality building that will last for years."

City officials were originally scheduled to move back in earlier this year, but Wiesner said construction took the contractor longer than intended.

Wiesner said the city didn't put a completion date on the contract so prices wouldn't be affected should construction go over. He also said it enabled the contractor to work at his own pace.

"It worked out fine," he said. "There's plenty of room to oper-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Kathryn Jo-Lynne Vanhoosier, 23, Boyne City. No license on motor vehicle operator. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Michael Steven Hoffman, 20, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Joshua David Thorne, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Rex Kyle Martin, 33, Wolverine. Open intoxicant motor vehicle passenger. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Dwayne Theodore Dunham, 34, Wolverine. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Dale William Gardner, 35, Boyne City. Child Abuse, fourth degree. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for three days, serve six days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 346 days held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Tondelaya Helen Mox, 31, Central Lake. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Geri Lynn Bader, 39, Flint. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Benjamin Lutherranger Kampf, 20, Nashwauk, Minn. Operating-minor with any blood alcohol content (BAC). Six months probation; five days of community service work; must attend substance abuse classes; $450 in fines and costs.

Walter Eugene Kroush, 50, Boyne Falls. Attempted criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 14 days, 60 days on electronic monitor, 290 days held in abeyance; $1,267.60 in fines and costs.

Jacob Alexander Pace, 18, Charlevoix. Malicious destruction of trees and shrubs less than $1,000. One year probation; 180 days in jail, serve 6 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 164 days held in abeyance; $3,150 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Allan Grutsch, 28, Boyne Falls. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 82 days held in abeyance; $1,165 in fines and costs.

Samuel Dean Walton, 46, East Jordan. Impaired driving. One year probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; $760 in fines and costs.

Sahrina Jo Eggleston, 34, Boyne Falls. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,110 in fines and costs.

Troy John Steimel, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol, third or subsequent offense. One year probation; $300 in fines and costs.

Russell Allen Thomas, 62, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $770 in fines and costs.

Tammy Sue Sulkowski, 38, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $770 in fines and costs.

Robert Lynn Neely, 57, Onondaga. No operators license on person. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Mary Ellen Rizzo, 43, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $770 in fines and costs.

Sandra Lynn Clark, 39, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $770 in fines and costs.

Virginia Kay Murphy, 38, East Jordan. Three counts of uttering and publishing. Bound over to circuit court.

Sheila Marie Burke, 40, Alanson. Controlled substance possession- narcotics/cocaine under 25 grams. Bound over to circuit court.

Alan Layne Burke, 50, Alanson. Two counts of controlled substance delivering/manufacturing-narcotics/cocaine under 50 grams and one count of controlled substance possession-narcotics/cocaine under 25 grams. Bound over to circuit court.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Todd's Handyman Services, 218 Mason Street, Charlevoix, by Todd Russell.

MST Enterprise's, 2945 North M-66, East Jordan, by Michael A. Erving.

Sunburst Studio, 06685 M-66 North Lot 153, Charlevoix, by Donna Curiel.

Sunburst Web Design, 06685 M-66 North Lot 153, Charlevoix, by Donna Curiel.

Westphal's Painting and Sandblasting, 309 West Hurlbut Street, Charlevoix, by Raymond C. Westphal Jr.

Hope for Hooves, 8770 Murray Road, Charlevoix, by Diana Parsel.

Mark's Wood Heat Products, 03188 Skop Road, Boyne Falls, by Mark J. Jarema and Julie K. Jarema.

G.O. Painting, 285 M-75 South, Boyne City, by Greg D. Oids.

EthicsBasics, 502 Michigan Avenue, Charlevoix, by Vicki Voisin.

R & B Sanitation, 11340 Detour Road, Ellsworth, by Raymond J. Whisler and Bobby S. Hill.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Abe Thiessen, 36, Aylmer, Ontario and Linda Cathleen Laughlin, 36, Charlevoix

Brent Robert Cadarette, 28, Boyne City and Katie Lynn Bricker, 26, Boyne City

Gino Antonio Longo, 64, Boyne City and Kathleen Ann Bradley, 47, Boyne City

Victor George Matkovich, 26, Columbus, Ohio and Jennifer Jean Swenor, 26, Charlevoix

Jonathan Edward Browe, 25, Charlevoix and Angela May Purtill, 24, Rosebush

Jeffrey Ivan Howery, 42, Boyne City and Lisa Marie Thiel, 43, Boyne City

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Faith Henson vs. Timothy Henson
Barbara Jenkins vs. Daniel Jenkins
Barry W. Loper II vs. Teresa Loper

Births

Shianna Marie Lewis weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Buddy and Patricia Lewis of East Jordan on Aug. 25, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She has four brothers: Buddy Jr., Jorge, Mathew and Brandon. Grandparents are Frank and Laura Steinhoff of East Jordan.

Kacie Thomas Goodburn, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Michael and Shawnna Goodburn of East Jordan on Aug. 25, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has one brother Kaleb Michael Goodburn. Grandparents are Thomas and Edith Goodburn of East Jordan, Skip and Lezlie Newkirk of Wetmore and Valerie and David Kipling of Ishpeming.

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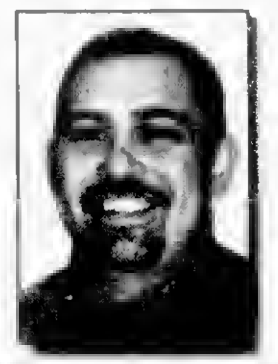
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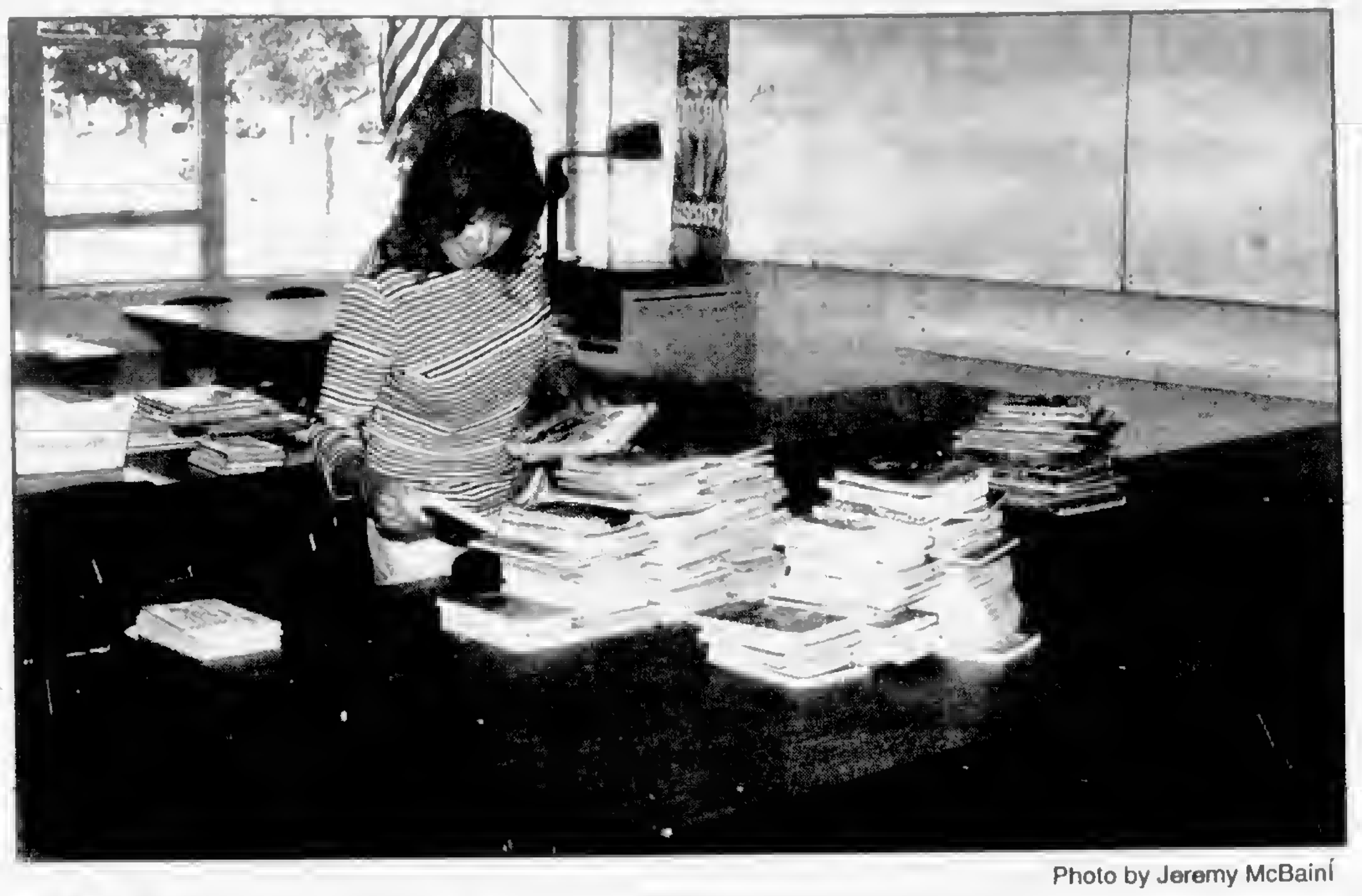
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Getting ready

Above, Charlevoix fifth grade language arts teacher Carol Madison sorts through books Monday as she gets ready for the first day of classes Sept. 7. The school bells ring at 11:50 a.m. at the high school, 12 p.m. at the middle school and 1 p.m. at the elementary school that day.

Annual bridge walk to be Sept. 6

Charlevoix Little But Mighty Bridge Walk is at 1 p.m. on Sept. 6, 2004.

At approximately 12 p.m. people will gather at the Town House.

At about 12:50 p.m. the group walks to the north side of the bridge. Staying on the sidewalk please. The group wants this to be an enjoyable and safe time for all.

This year the donations being raised are going to The Charlevoix Skate Park. Tee-shirts are on sale for $13 or $16 for XXL-XXXL , scarfs are $10. They are being sold at Murdick's Ice Cream and the Townhouse bar.

Secretary of state closed

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced recently that all offices, including the Office of the Great Seal, will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

The Secretary of State's office mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's licenses or license plates expire tq give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Branch offices are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays the majority of offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close during the lunch hour.

For more information visit the Department of state web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Addition

In the article about Megan Thompson that ran in the Aug. 18 edition of the *Charlevoix Courier*, only one set of grandparents, Mayor Gabe and Karen I. Campbell, were mentioned. Thompson's other grandparents are Curt and Louise Thompson of Charlevoix.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day

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- starter fluids
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- kerosene
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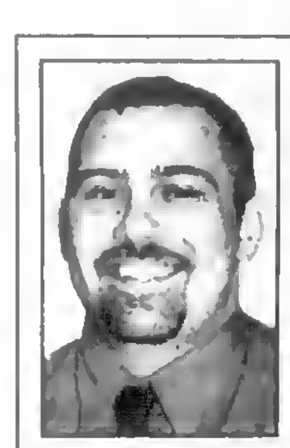

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

It's amazing when lessons present themselves to you.

You can never be ready for them. They just appear very quickly but their impact stays around for eternity. Just this weekend I was presented with a lesson that I thought I had learned a long time ago. I was wrong.

Over the weekend I was competing in my final Scottish Highland games event of the season. In case you don't know, these are those athletic contests where the competitors all wear kilts and lift very heavy things, such as big poles that look like they should have telephone wires attached to them (they are called the caber).

But due to many events that have taken place in my life over this summer, such as a new baby and endless renovations to a new house, I have found very little time to get ready for these final games. So, I went into them not expecting the greatest of achievements for myself, but not expecting to do too poorly either. I was feeling healthy, strong and mentally ready for tossing around some serious weight.

Perhaps I had gotten too cocky. You see, this month is also the one year anniversary of having come down with the first symptoms of Crohn's Disease. In case you don't know what that is, it is a disease where your body attacks your intestines, causing pain, bleeding and non-stop trips to the bathroom. When I was first diagnosed with it, I lost about 30 pounds and was very weak. Since then, I have gone into remission, gained back my weight, returned to the gym, was competing on the highland athletic fields in May and eating like there was no tomorrow.

But, this disease seems to have a way of getting you when you least expect it. The day before my final games of the season, perhaps as a reminder of one year ago, I found myself running to the bathroom and experiencing those wonderful stomach pains.

What had I done? It is tough to say. But, just this little bout with it weakened me and I found myself struggling to get ready the next morning for those games.

Once at the games, I could feel myself being sapped of energy. With every throw, every strain and every push, I felt the need to lie down and take a nap coming over me.

In the first event, the 56 pound weight for height, I didn't even get it over 8 feet — my record is 9. In the second event, the 20 pound bag of straw for height I could not make 16 feet — my record is 20. I was giving up. The games were over for me. I was going to end up in last place.

Then something happened. I began to think of those who came before me in my family. McBains throughout history, McBains who have never given up. I have had family members who fought diseases much, much worse than mine and faced odds more against them. Always never giving in. And there currently are still members of my family not giving in, not even to life threatening diseases like cancer. They fight on in even in the dark hours.

Here I found myself wanting to give up after a couple of bad finishes in a couple of highland events because my old nemesis Crohn's decided to say hello again? These people from my past never gave up in situations much worse, whether it be facing down massive armies on the field of war or facing a long battle with cancer. Who am I to give in so quickly?

"Don't give up," I said to myself in my head with the old Gaelic saying coming to mind, "Cuimhnich có leis a tha thu (Remember the men from whence you came)."

And something happened. I forgot about the pain in my stomach. I forgot about the weakness I was feeling. I forgot about being sick. I just remembered my history, my family and my motto: "Don't give up."

With that I went into the caber toss — the 18 foot long pole that we toss end over end. I bent over, cupped my hands and hoisted it up with one end in my hands and the other pointing straight into the air.

"Get your balance....relax your shoulders....now....RUN!"

And I ran, stopped, lurched down and exploded my arms into the air, bringing that pole up and over in a nice turn. I was back in the game. I was myself again.

As a fellow competitor put it after that: "I knew you were holding it in."

In the end, I smashed four personal records on Saturday: in the stone putt, the 56 pound for distance, 28 pound for distance and hammer toss. I gave it my all in each one and each one broke my previous record by at least a couple of feet and finished in sixth place overall out of nine — not bad for not even placing in the first two events.

I was not out there competing against my disease anymore. I was out there being myself, having fun and giving it my all. Mostly I was out there because I never gave up and never will.

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Thank you

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity and venue to thank the citizens of Marion Township for selecting me to represent them on the township board. I am honored by your decision and only hope that I can fulfill my duties in a manner befitting your choice.

Thank you again for this honor.

Joseph F. Seidel
Marion Township

Thank you

Editor:

Thanks for another successful Venetian Festival.

Charlevoix's Boy Scout Troop 11 had a wonderful fund-raiser during Venetian Festival this year. We would like to thank all the businesses and schools for their help in making it successful. We would like to thank Petoskey Middle School and St. Mary's School for allowing us to borrow their popcorn poppers and Scott and Kaye Beatty who donated paper plates.

We would also like to express thanks to all of the public who supported our booth during the festival.

Peggy Kusina on behalf of
Boy Scout Troop 11
of Charlevoix

Flowers look great

Editor:

The petunias lining US-31 and Bridge Street are magnificent; they are blooming their heads off. What a beautiful show. I don't believe I've ever seen such full colorful blooms. Drive in from the north, don't miss MacDougall Bed and Breakfast or Barron and Golski's office, a lovely floral show complementing what Keep Charlevoix Beautiful has done. The downtown hanging petunia baskets are simply delicious. Would someone please tell me how they do that? Kudos to everyone who helped make all this happen.

Jim and Christel Gibbons
Charlevoix

Go to Iraq

Editor:

I enjoyed reading the *Charlevoix Courier* while visiting Charlevoix this week.

Another northern Michigan publication offered an idea that I endorse. Would the people who support the Bush/Cheney ticket please volunteer to go to Iraq? If you are unable or unwilling to fulfill this moral commitment please choose one of your children or grandchildren to go in your place.

Lola Peckham
Lake City

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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Family responds to school plans

Editor:

Our community is very fortunate to have the opportunity to create a larger library using the old middle school and gymnasium. We believe that when the current library moves into the new facility, the current library should be sold and the proceeds of the sale be used to pay down the debt of the new library.

The Charlevoix School Board believes they should get the property because when it was quit claimed to the library they had a reverter clause. We disagree with this because no school funds were used to build that library.

Following is the financial history of the current library:

The Charlevoix Public Schools ran the library until 1997 when it became a District Library.

The first Andrew Carnegie Library was built in 1909 and cost $12,000. $10,000 was given by Andrew Carnegie and $2,000 was raised locally.

The current library was opened in 1967. No school funds were used.

The land was donated by Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Saltonstall. There was a fund from a .5 mill levied for the support of the library. $74,092 came from federal funds approved by the State Board for Libraries. The School Board sold the old library for $7,800. Other donated funds came from the Kiwanis Club, The Art Ranger Memorial Fund, the Shakespeare and the Dickens Club, local industries and both local and summer residents. Mrs. Julius Gilbert (Edith) and Mrs. Pat Hawley headed a committee to raise these funds.

The precedent was set using funds from the sale of the old library to be used for the new library. The School District has already received $635,000 from the city for the old school property and the library has agreed to buy 10 of the 13 lots from the city for $488,650.

There is a restriction on the current deed saying that if the current library is no longer used for educational purposes it will revert to the Saltonstall heirs. We pledge to remove that restriction for the sale of the library if the proceeds go to the new library. We will not remove the restriction if the school board takes back the library. The school board does not need to have their offices in a prime downtown location and the city would benefit from tax revenues if the use becomes commercial.

We urge the school board to allow the library to sell the current library when the new one is complete. It is the right and fair thing to do.

Connie Saltonstall and Wendy Saltonstall Post
Charlevoix

Drain Commissioner needs support

Editor:

I submitted two bills to the county. One is payment to an engineer and one for attorney fees. Both bills were returned to me with the request that I stipulate from what account of the Drain Commissioner's office they should be paid.

1) The engineer's fee for inspection of the Deer Lake Dam has been paid for by the county commissioners from county funds for many, many years. I have no fund for dam inspections. The Drain Code designates oversight of dam inspections to the Drain Commissioner. The inspection is complete and the Deer Lake Dam meets state standards.

2) The counsel of Mary Beth Kur in her Feb. 24, 2004 opinion on standards promulgated by the Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner was misleading, incomplete and inaccurate and has made it difficult for this office.

The counsel of the leading experts on Michigan drain law, Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White and Bengtson, P.C. would not have been necessary had the information I offered the commissioners and prosecuting attorney's office been reviewed. The law offices of Hubbard et al. supported the information I brought to the county and prosecuting attorney and addressed and corrected the prosecutor's errors.

An elected official should not have to fight county commissioners and the prosecuting attorney to accomplish her duties. The headlines on the Feb. 26, 2004 *Petoskey News-Review* front page read, "Prosecutor: Beemon overstepped her bounds." The article quoted the prosecuting attorney at length. Her statements must be corrected. Mary Beth Kur has still not responded to a request by the Charlevoix County Commissioners to review this counsel.

The city of Charlevoix is considering modifications to the outlet in Round Lake of the "Charlevoix Consolidated Drain No. 1." The north and south branches of this drain are under the authority of the drain commissioner. These drains carry storm water to Round Lake from throughout the city of Charlevoix. The Round Lake Harbor and Marina project is an ideal time to upgrade these drains so that oil, gas, solids and pollutants do not enter the Harbor.

A recent incident in which an individual dumped over a gallon of transmission fluid in the street above a city drain a block from Round Lake highlighted the importance for upgrades. Timely action by a citizen and the fire department prevented the fluid being washed to Round Lake by a storm the next day. As you are aware, all city drains run directly to Round Lake with no filtering or separation devices.

The ongoing difficulties along Waller Road in Charlevoix Township and in other areas of the county as well as proposed developments in Eveline and Marion Township involve the drain commissioner.

The support of the prosecuting attorney and county commissioners would be helpful in fulfilling the responsibilities of the drain commission's office. Thank you.

Jo Anne Beir Beemon
Charlevoix County
Drain Commissioner

Venetian board makes wrong move

Editor:

In my personal opinion, (the Venetian Board of Directors) have made a deeply divisive and fundamental error in logic in suggesting a summer club/property association assessment to help defray the cost of the Venetian Festival.

To begin with, the Venetian "Festival" began as a commercial venture to promote Pine Lake - Round Lake harbor and upper Lake Michigan to the boating public and transient summer visitors. It was a venture by the chamber of commerce of Charlevoix, its merchants and real estate people all of whom had a financial interest in the promotion of the area. (I helped my father in the early 30s string Japanese lanterns in our modest little boat's rigging, as he responded to a request for entries into the boat parade).

The summer clubs/property associations occupying the shoreline of Pine Lake (which name was changed to "Lake Charlevoix" to further benefit the commercial interests in the village of Charlevoix) did not come to northern Michigan to be entertained by either boat parades or fireworks; they came to enjoy the peace, serenity and beauty of Michigan "Up North" and they have made a substantial contribution to the community. The Belvedere Club, itself the largest taxpayer in the community, and not a commercial venture, contributes annually between $2 and $3 million to the local economy in salaries, taxes, scholarships and benevolence (of which we have incomplete records). The clubs and visitors are the very entities that this "festival" was initiated to entertain. And now you are asking them to help you entertain themselves?

If an "assessment" as suggested is like a "tax," (and I think it is) I do not see any of the aforementioned clubs represented on the Venetian Board of Directors. Had they been, it is possible that a wiser approach to the solution of the problem may have been suggested. And taxation without representation is an anathema to all Americans, even "up north."

The summer home associations/clubs have always been approachable and will continue to help local benevolence, such as the Charlevoix Pool, Crooked Tree Art Center, the Community Hospital and the Charlevoix Public Library and in fact have given the Venetian Board of Directors the use of the Belvedere Casino at no charge to facilitate its annual meeting/party/dance. Just use of the building costs our own members, should they wish to use it, at least $2,300 per night minimum!

Our own Belvedere Club has always been willing to include in our intra-member correspondences solicitations for help to local organizations, such as hospital, pool, library and others. Whether or not they would be willing to even do that for what the Belvedere Club sees as a commercial promotion, I do not know.

We note with interest at the bottom of your Venetian Festival Program that Victories Hotel and Casinos were running shuttle buses to and from East Park festivities. In the New London, Conn., Sailfest Festival, the entire cost of a magnificent fireworks display was paid for by the Native American tribes and their casinos since they become beneficiaries from the transient tourist population who come to view such things. This festival took place on July 10 in New London and Niantick, Conn.

Ralph Ware
Charlevoix resident
and Belvedere Club member

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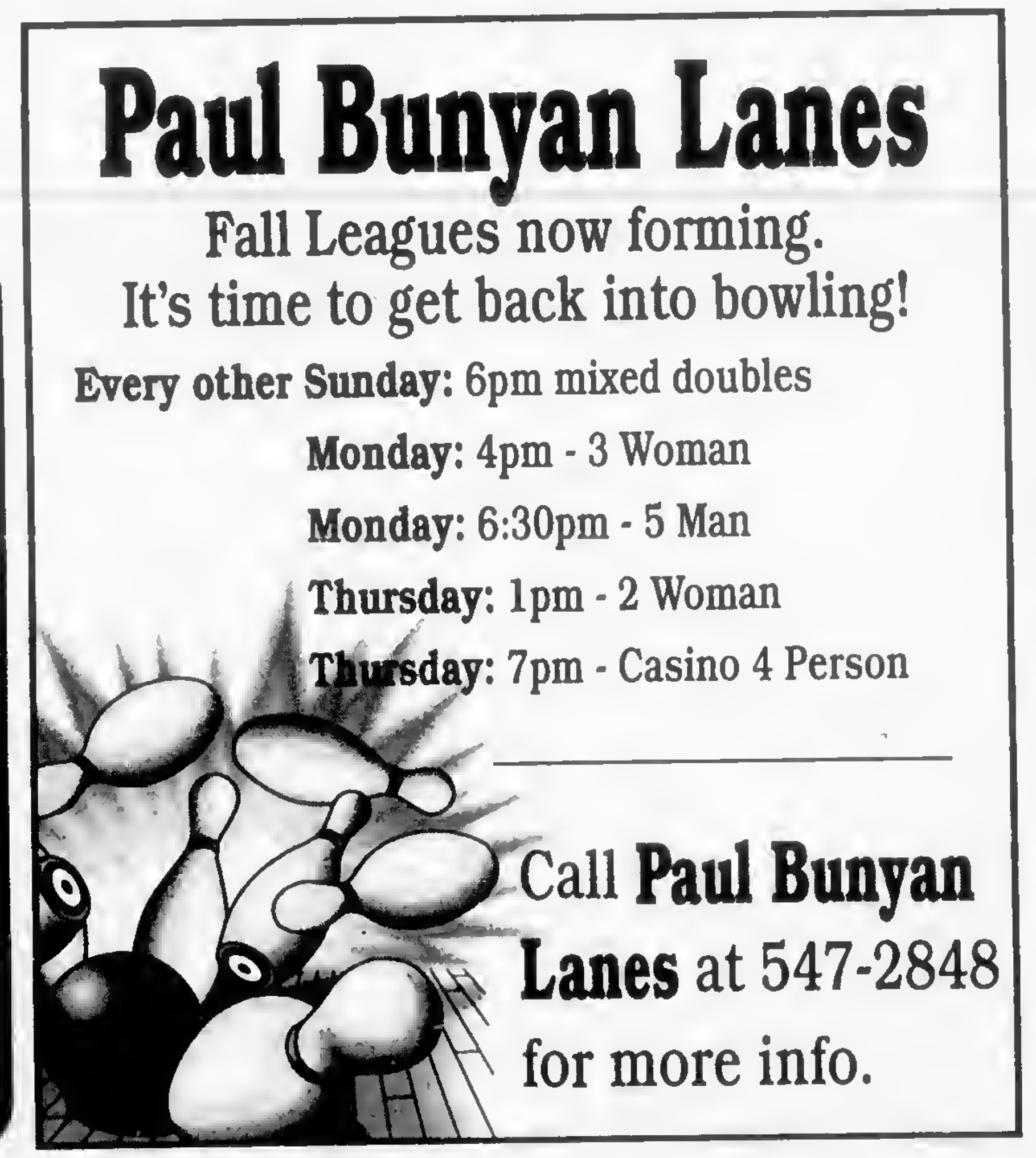

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Wedding

Martinus — Kirkman

Bethany E. Martinus, Charlevoix, and K. Dewayne Kirkman, of Williamsburg, were married Feb. 21, 2004 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church in a winter wonderland theme wedding.

Bethany is the daughter of Stephen and Jennie Martinus of Charlevoix. Dewayne is the son of Keith and Mary Lou Kirkman of Greenville, Ohio.

The Pastor Todd Thompson performed the double ring rites.

The bride wore a two-piece, strapless, ivory and cream colored dress with a lace up back and rhinestone embellishments to the cathedral length train. She also had a French bustle with elbow length veil. She carried a bouquet of antique cream roses with cream ribbon wrapped stems.

The maid of honor was Emily Martinus. The bridesmaid was Marcie Kirkman. They wore red, two piece, sleeveless, dresses with a-line skirts. They carried deep red roses with stems wrapped with red ribbon.

The flower girl was Madeline Zawisza. The program attendants were Megan and Mariah Zawisza. They wore red dresses.

The best man was David Detling. The groomsman was Jeff Lothamer.

Ushers were Brian Martinus, Jason Agar, Kevin Ullery and Jim Vosburgh. Greeters were the Gaylord United Methodist Church Junior and Senior Youth Group members — the bride's students from her former job.

A reception was given at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church with a dinner catered by Grey Gables.

The couple went on a wedding trip to Bahia Principle, Akumal, Mexico. They are making Williamsburg their home.

The groom is a director of youth ministries for the First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids. The bride is a sales associate.

Historical society to have ice cream social at Depot

The Charlevoix Historical Society will close its summer activities with the annual old-fashioned Ice Cream Social at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6 at the Historic Depot.

This gathering of members and guests has long been the occasion to honor and thank volunteers who have donated hours of work at the Harsha House Museum and the Historic Depot. Bill Stevens and the Tagalongs will provide entertainment.

Call the Charlevoix Historical Society for further information at (231)547-0373.

Hospice offers series to help people cope with loss

Losing a spouse, parent or child due to death is sometimes more than we can bear.

Also emotionally taxing is getting divorced, losing your job, moving, dealing with a chronic illness, or even losing a pet.

Loss of any kind is the focus of a series designed to help people cope.

A series of five weekly sessions for coping with a loss will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from Sept. 14 through Oct. 12 at Community of Christ Church, 777 Vogel Street, in Boyne City.

The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan (formerly the Charlevoix County Hospice), Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Agency. The program is designed to help those grow through grief, and learn the five tasks of grief work.

The facilitators for this program are Pastor Carl Litchfield, Hospice Spiritual Advisor, Margaret Lasater, Bereavement Coordinator and Julie Spencer, Social Worker.

Anyone is invited who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others.

Hospice would appreciate anyone interested in attending these classes to pre-register by calling the hospice office at (231)536-2842. There is no charge for this program.

When someone dies, the children left behind grieve, but too often they grieve alone.....

Pictured: Andrew (front), Mitchell (right) & Jon (left)

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay offers free grief support services to children and teens who have lost an important person to death. Support often involves teaming kids with someone their age who has experienced a similar loss.

Mitchell: When my dad died, I was really sad, until I learned that I wasn't the only one who had someone die.

Andrew: It helped me to be able to tell my story to other kids, and to hear their stories, because we were in the same spot.

Hospice also provides information to schools to help children adjust back into their environment.

Jon: The first day back the principal came up to me and said, "I'm sorry about your dad." It helped me have a good year at school.

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay's Children's Program is also available to children whose lives are disrupted by a family member's serious illness, helping prepare them for the days to come. If you know of someone who could benefit from this free service, please call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Rochester student

Andrea Lea Bergmann, of Charlevoix, has enrolled for the fall 2004 admission at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. She will major in ceramics/ceramic sculpture. She is a 1995 Charlevoix High School graduate.

Fletcher on dean's list

James D. Fletcher of Charlevoix was named to the spring 2004 dean's list at Tufts University in Massachusetts.

Senior Center gets grant

The Charlevoix Senior Center was awarded $10,000 from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians as part of this twice a year 2 percent gaming revenue allocations to local units of government.

Way re-elected

Doug Way Sr. of Charlevoix has been re-elected to a three year term on the Great Lakes Cooperative Board of Directors. He is the vice president of Way Transportation Co. He has served as a director for eight years and is a Charlevoix County Road Commissioner, chairman of the Charlevoix County Transit Authority and serves on the board for the Bay Area Substance Education Services.

Martin joins law firm

Katrina Martin has joined the law firm of Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof & Snyder, P.C. in Charlevoix. Martin was born on Beaver Island and graduated from Western Michigan University, magna cum laude, and from the California Western School of Law in San Diego. After returning to Michigan, she clerked for the Honorable Lita M. Popke of the Third Circuit Court in Detroit where she assisted in all facets of family law matters. Martin also practiced family law, construction law and business law with the firm of Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer and Weiss, P.C. in Detroit. Martin intends to focus primarily on family law, construction law, business law and real estate law.

Fritsch attends program

Michelle Fritsch, a Charlevoix High School senior, recently received the honor of participating in St. Mary's College of Notre Dame, In. Encuentro Encounter Program. She was one of 20 high school girls in the nation to be accepted into the week long event.

Engagement

Ramsey — Kline

Jill Ramsey and Adam Kline, of Boyne City, are engaged to be married.

Jill is the daughter of Marge and Gary Ramsey of Charlevoix. Adam is the son of Judy and Richard Kline of Charlevoix.

A wedding is being planned for Sept. 24, 2005 at Garrett's on Water Street.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Charlevoix High School. She also graduated in March 22004 from Walsh College with a bachelor's in accountancy. She is currently working on her masters in accounting at Walsh College. She is working as an accountant with Plante and Moran in Gaylord.

The groom-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Charlevoix High School. He also graduated in May 2003 with a culinary arts degree from Schoolcraft College. He is currently the sous chef at Garrett's on Water Street in Boyne City.

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Dr. Kazmers, a board certified rheumatologist, comes to northern Michigan from the Rheumatology Division of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where she had been practicing since 1993 as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine. She is also a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Kazmers will be a great asset to northern Michigan and the Harbor Arthritis Center, offering evaluation and care for rheumatologic diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, gout, spondyloarthropathy, polymyalgia rheumatica, systemic lupus, scleroderma, and the systemic vasculitides.

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Obituaries

Gladys Krulik Evans: July 13, 1918 - Aug. 14, 2004

Gladys Krulik Evans, 86, 0f Charlevoix passed away Aug. 14, 2004 at Grandview Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

The funeral was Aug. 17 at the Winchester Funeral home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Neil Turner of the Community Church of God, of which she was a member, officiated and internment was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Mrs. Evans was born in Petoskey on July 3, 1918, the daughter of Effie and Delos Ostrum of Hayes Township. She grew up there and graduated from Charlevoix High School.

She married Arthur Krulik on Sept. 14, 1939. Arthur passed away in 1987. She remarried the late Curtis Evans of East Jordan in 1992.

Survivors include a daughter and son in law, Audry and Vaughan Black of Savannah, Ga.; two grandsons, James and Richard Shephard of Woodstock, Ga.; two Granddaughters, Mr. and Mrs. James Bryce (Lisa) of Roswell, Ga. and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Daniel (Brenda) of Woodstock, Ga; one great-granddaughters and three great-grandsons, a brother Merlyn Ostrum of Tipton and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Alzheimer's research.

Eleanor Francis Marsha: Sept. 2, 1918 - Aug. 29, 2004

Eleanor Francis Marsha, while surrounded by her loving family, relinquished her spirit to the Lord on Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, joining the only true love of her life, husband James "Bun" Marshall, who died nearly 19 years ago.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, Charles and Marcella (Wolford) Sommer; her mother-in-law, Frances Marshall; two brothers, Allen and Raymond: in-laws, Lester Orr, Maxine Sommer, Olga Sommer, George Marshall: and a grandson, David Spencley.

She is survived by three children, twin daughters, Sharlene (Gary) Spencley, Darlene (Michael) Borths all of Charlevoix, one son, Jim (Bonnie) Marshall of Kingsley; and 19 grandchildren, Scott, Melanie (Nancy), Dean (Patti), Jamey, Darsi, Lynn, (Joe), Paul, Shandra, Marci, Staci, J.B. (Katie), Jennifer (Jeff) and Joe (Michelle); 17 great-grandchildren, Keeton, Kolby, Jamen, Curt (Carmie), Tara (Waylon) Sasha, Shauna, Courtney, Melisa, KeNen, Cameron, Cooper, Klayton, Tekoa and Elijah.

She is also survived by one sister, Bernice Orr, of Petoskey; and one brother, Jay Sommer, of Charlevoix; very special in-laws, Margaret Sommer of Midland, Jean and Madonna (Marshall) Kruger of Redford and Mary Marshall of Brighton; several nieces and nephews very dear to her heart; and her very dearest lifelong friend, Jane Martin.

Eleanor was born Sept. 2, 1918, the daughter of Charles and Marcella (Wolford) Sommer. She lived in Mackinaw City her entire life until moving to Charlevoix in 1985. She graduated from Mackinaw City Public Schools in 1939 as valedictorian of her class. For the past three years, she had been a resident of the Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was an active member of the Mackinaw City Women's Club for years, very involved in school functions, a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and of the Altar Society. She worked for many years at the Desy Gift Shops, the Dime Store and lastly for Heilman's fudge shops, all in Mackinaw City.

Eleanor was an extraordinary grandmother, and her happiest days were surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was a fabulous cook, especially of time honored family recipes. Her brave indomitable spirit will be long remembered by the many people she loved and touched.

The family would like to thank the staff at Grandvue in East Jordan for the tender love and compassion given to her.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her honor to the Alzheimer's unit of Grandvue.

Visitation will be held 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at St. Anthony's Church in Mackinaw City, with a memorial service at 7 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1. A luncheon will immediately follow. There will be no graveside service.

The Nordman Funeral Home in Cheboygan is handling arrangements.

.Photo by Jeremy McBain

The perfect rock

Ron Jones and his son Wyatt, 1, spent some time at Michigan Beach looking for rocks. They are from Pinckney.

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Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton	

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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Father Jim Gunn	**547-6322**

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President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

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Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

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Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
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Council votes for lower lease at airport

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

During the Aug. 16 city council meeting, council approved a lower land lease for renters at the airport, but not all members agreed.

The land lease fee for the airport has been lowered from its previous rate of 79 cents per square foot to 70 cents per square foot in order to keep a potential renter interested.

It was said during the meeting that the potential renter was misquoted the price as being 70 cents and since no one has shown interest in renting over the past five years, the airport wanted to lower the rate to keep the client.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson and first ward council member Bill Haggard voted against the lower rate.

"I just felt that a mistake was made," Gibson said.

She said the city made the error and changing the rate is not the way to correct the situation.

"Two mistakes don't make it right," she said.

After repeated attempts, Haggard was unable to be reached for comment.

The current renter on the Barnard Hangar has been paying the 79 cent rate and council discussed either crediting their next payment or refunded the amount they have overpaid.

First ward council member Bob Timms voted yes for the rate change.

"Well, I figured everyone ought to be on the same page," he said.

He said it's fair to have everyone pay the same rate for the time being and if the cost goes up in the future everyone will be on the same page.

Second ward council member Karen I. Campbell voted yes to change the rate to 70 cents, but now regrets her decision.

She declined to comment on why she would change her vote.

According to the city council packet, the 70 cent per square foot land lease fee will increase for the north central region due to the Consumer Price Index, which will be applied in 2009 and then every five years after.

Charlevoix to host BASS championship

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The boys are back in town as they prepare to show their skill and patience during the Michigan BASS Chapter Federation's State Championship from Sept. 9 through Sept. 11 in Charlevoix.

The federation is an affiliate of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society and the championship is the largest single BASS tournament in Michigan.

Paul Sacks, state championship chairman, state secretary and scholarship director, said when the championship came to Charlevoix in 2000 the turnout was good and the people were kind.

"We love the area and the pristine waters," he said. "Charlevoix will always be on our schedule."

This year approximately 220 members will be competing for 13 coveted positions. There are currently about 900 members in the Michigan BASS Chapter Federation, which consists of 60 clubs throughout Michigan.

During the championship, the 220 anglers will fish in Lake Charlevoix and the connecting waters, Sacks said. Those that make it into the top 13 will then compete at the Northern BASS Divisional in September 2005.

From here, out of the 13 Michigan anglers, one individual will advance to represent Michigan in the BASS Regional Championship where they will fish against 10 other states.

Five regions are competing and only the top five will progress and represent the amateur side of BASS at the BASS Master's Professional World Championship.

The five anglers will then fish amongst the professionals and attempt to win over $1 million in prizes and sponsorship money,

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Getting it clean

In her efforts to get her classroom ready for students, eighth grade Charlevoix math teacher Kay Wasilewski sweeps up. Classes will start on Sept. 7.

Fishermen to be on lake in large numbers

BASS

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Sacks said.

The Michigan BASS Federation, however, is not all about fishing.

The Michigan BASS Federation Inc. has a scholarship fund, promotes youth events and also helps with local community service projects.

Sacks said the scholarships are available for any member's family interested in the pursuit of higher education.

One of the youth programs the group supports, besides scholarships is a national program called Casting Kids.

Sacks said this program allows children to learn three different ways to throw at targets stationed 10, 20 and 30 feet away.

Winners advance to the State Championship given once a year and those winners go on to represent Michigan at the BASS Master's World Classic.

Sacks said it gives the children a chance to fish with the professionals and to win scholarships and sponsorship.

"We do a lot of stuff around the community," he said.

Some of the community service projects are hosting fishing tournaments for scouts, helping to sponsor the Big 10 State Championship for college fishing and to help the Paralyzed Veteran's Association, which they've been doing for the past four years.

"Some clubs take underprivileged kids out for fishing," Sacks said.

The focus in Charlevoix, however, is bagging enough fish to qualify for one of 13 positions.

Participants will launch their boats from Ferry Beach, where they will fish for both large and small mouth bass because both species are legal for the championship.

The winner will be determined by the total weight of all fish caught over the two-day period. Sacks said the maximum number of fish that can be caught is 10, five per day.

The championship is run in a catch-and-release fashion.

"We promote conservation to the utmost," he said.

Anglers will go through staging in Captain's Corner on the corner of US-31 and M-66. Boats will be given a thorough check before being allowed in the water.

There will be four flights, with the first leaving around 7 a.m. and the last returning around 4:30 p.m. Sacks said this will help reduce the crowd on Lake Charlevoix.

Anglers can also enjoy competing for the Big Fish Pot. Winners will be chosen for the largest Big Bass caught each day.

For more information on the State Championship and the Michigan BASS Chapter Federation call Sacks at 248-819-3192 or e-mail him at psacks1@aol.com. An Internet site is also available, but it is currently under construction. The site is www.michiganbass.net.

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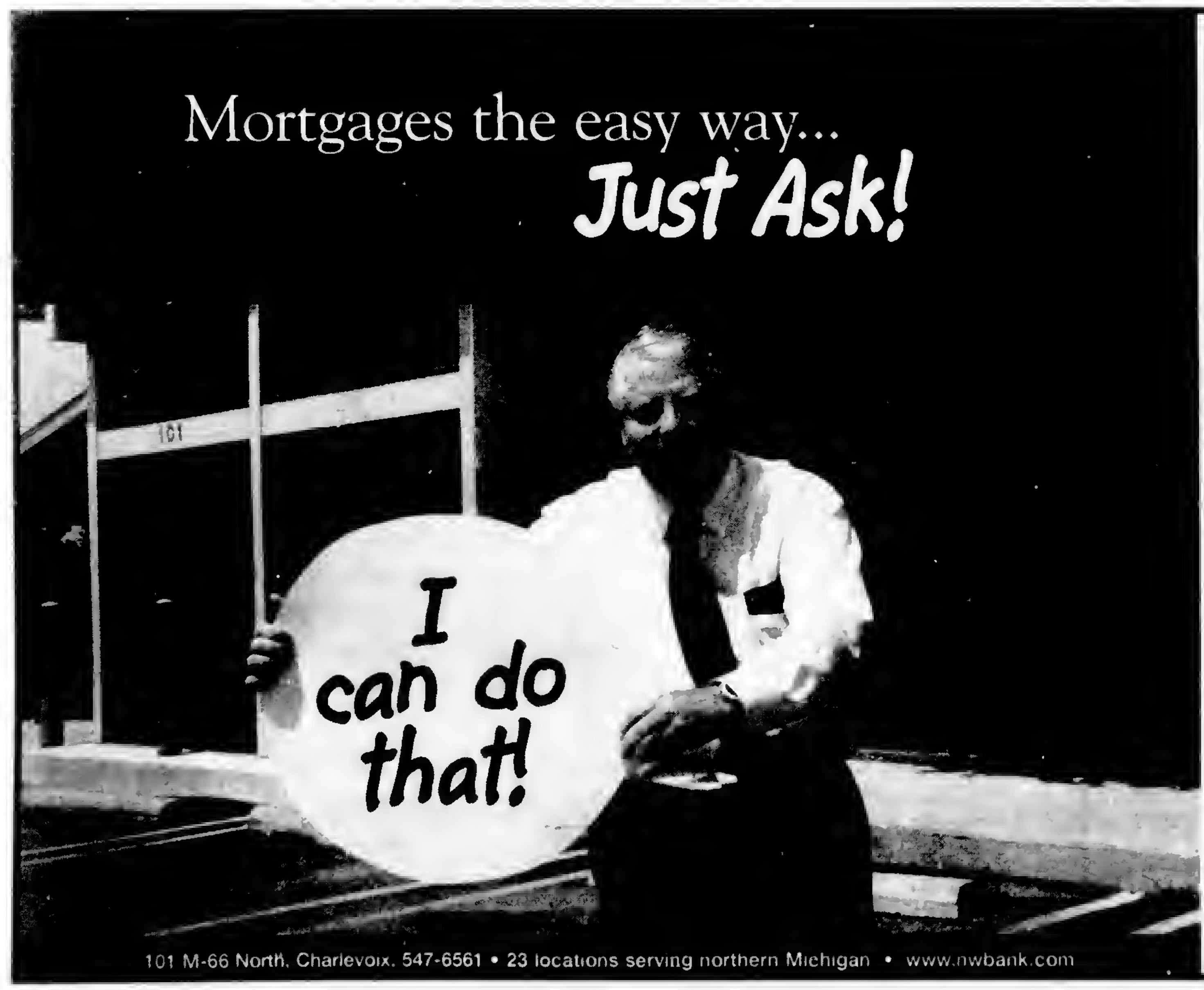
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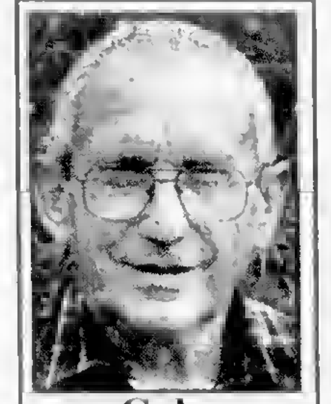
Campbell, Carlson competing for mayor seat

ELECTION 2004

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Votes will be cast on Nov. 2 for city council representatives, and both candidates for mayor are ready to take on the challenge.

Incumbent Gabe Campbell and former council member Norman "Boogie" Carlson both hope for the best.



Gabe Campbell

Norman Carlson

Campbell, 71, has been mayor for the past two years and served on city council for eight years.

He has lived in Charlevoix for 37 years and served on several committees including the Credit Union Board for 13 years and officer of the local D-480 for 19 out of the 20 years he worked there. He also served on the St. Mary's School Board when his children were young.

Campbell is running for mayor again because he wants to continue to serve the Charlevoix community and ensure everyone is treated equally.

"Well, basically I'm still not happy with what I consider to be selective enforcement," he said.

He said there are some people in town who get away with things others can't.

"I see it all the time," he said.

Campbell said he doesn't want to keep bringing up the issue between John Winn's bushes and Richard Georgi's sprinkler system and former flower garden, but they are examples of selective enforcement.

The city isn't forcing Winn to trim his bushes or doing it for him, but Georgi was forced to remove a flower garden and possibly an in-ground sprinkler system.

To resolve the issue of selective enforcement, Campbell believes everyone should follow an ordinance or it should be thrown out of the books.

"That's what I've always believed," he said.

Aside from his concern with selective enforcement, Campbell said he doesn't think there's enough accountability and wants to see a small, one page monthly report by all city department heads.

"We should avoid getting into the pitfalls of what happened at the wastewater plant," he said.

Campbell is referring to the discharge permit violations that happened at Charlevoix's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The violations had been ongoing until city staff realized the information they did receive wasn't adding up.

Campbell's platform also includes issues concerning development in Charlevoix.

"I like to see things progress, but I like to see a little handle on it," he said.

He is not anti-development, but doesn't believe the city needs some things such as more condominiums and a Wal-Mart. Campbell said he has nothing against Wal-Mart, but doesn't think it would fit well in Charlevoix.

"It (Wal-Mart) would drastically change the Charlevoix we know today," he said. "We don't necessarily have to look like every other town."

Campbell also said he doesn't have anything against city administration, but said some people could work harder.

"I could see some doing their job a little better or taking up a different job," he said.

Openness in government is important to Campbell, who said council has very limited closed sessions that deal with contracts and other items of a that nature. Otherwise, Campbell wants the public there.

"I don't think we should ever have anything to hide," he said. "We work for the people, we should be accountable to the people."

Campbell's campaign is not going uncontested.

Carlson, 37, has lived in Charlevoix for 29 years and has sat on the Zoning Board of Appeals for two years and was on City Council for four years.

He has been involved in the community through being president of the Charlevoix Jaycee's for two years and a member for three. He also coaches youth sports.

Carlson said he is running for mayor because he enjoyed his time on council before and he didn't want to run against current third ward councilmen Sherman Chamberlain Jr.

"I did not want to run against Sherm Chamberlain for council member because I think he's a good councilman," he said.

Carlson said he thinks incumbent Campbell is a good person, but doesn't share the same political views.

Carlson also said he'd like to think people are encouraging him to run.

"I've gotten a lot of positive feedback from the community so far and I hope that carries over to the election," he said.

When he was on council, Carlson said he always tried to listen to people who wanted to express their opinion, which he will carry over as mayor if elected.

"I believe you're there as an extension of your constituents," he said.

The platform Carlson is running on includes issues important to him such as assisted living, parks and the marina.

The assisted living situation that was recently resolved by Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas is one that Carlson thinks could have been avoided.

Carlson said he thinks the issue should have been handled at the council level and never should have involved the courts, saving time and money.

The marina is especially important to Carlson, who said the current facility is rundown and tired.

"I believe we have one of the finest ports on the Great Lakes," he said.

After upgrading the beaches and Mt. McSauba, Carlson thinks it's time to concentrate on the marina.

"It's common sense to upgrade the facility to mirror our image of Charlevoix the Beautiful," he said.

He is also concerned with several infrastructure projects such as roads, water, sewer and electric.

"For the most part department heads and council have worked well together in accomplishing what we need around town," he said.

Openness in government has been an issue with Carlson in the past.

"I believe the people should always have a voice in what's going on," he said.

Carlson said there are some things that belong behind closed doors such as hiring interviews, contract negotiations and legal situations.

"If you're in a lawsuit and discussing strategy, you can't have everyone knowing what you're talking about before going to court," he said.

Along with openness in government is the issue of selective enforcement.

Carlson said he doesn't know all the facts about the Winn and Georgi issue, but he thinks people in general should have to follow the same rules.

Carlson said, however, that if someone wishes to follow legal proceedings in order to get permission for a variance in the ordinance then they have the right to do so.

He said a variance shouldn't be based on how much money someone has or who they know, but be based on the facts presented and whether or not the person fulfills the requirements for the variance.

"Rules that are there should be followed and enforced equally by all the people," he said.

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Evening Garden Club to have annual plant sale

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will be having its fourth annual plant sale the Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend.

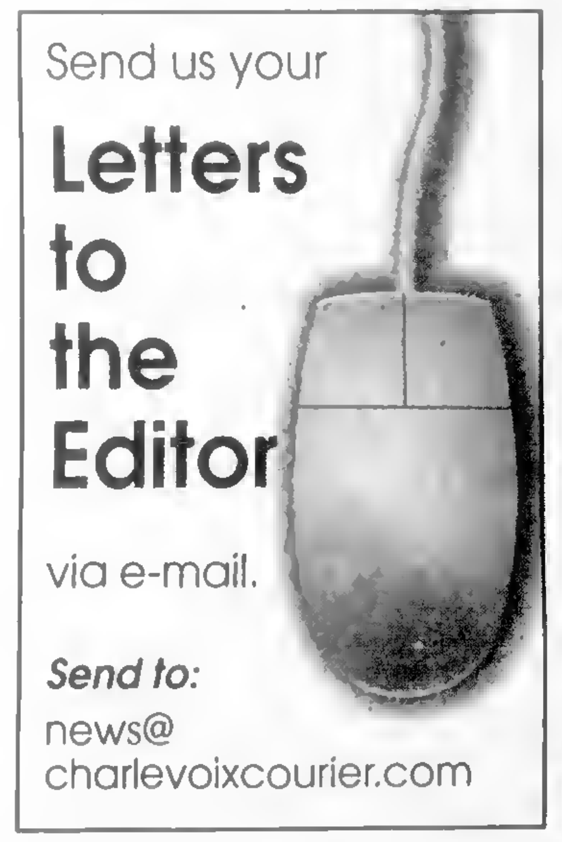
The sale will be at Ferry Avenue Beach pavilion from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Sept. 4.

There will be plants for shady and sunny locations, annuals and perennials with blooms of all colors, houseplants, dried plants and other natural materials for craft projects, together with some surprises too.

Master gardener members will be available to answer questions, and help anyone that is beginning to develop a garden.

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club maintains the gardens at the "Welcome to Charlevoix The Beautiful" signs on M-66, South and North US-31. Members are active in the Junior Master Gardening program and assist with the Heritage Depot Garden, and other gardens in the city and surrounding area.

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club (member of the Federated Garden Club of Michigan, Inc.) meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information call Jeanne Gorkiewicz, President, at (231) 547-0067 or Joanne Curtis, plant sale chair, at (231) 547-5494.



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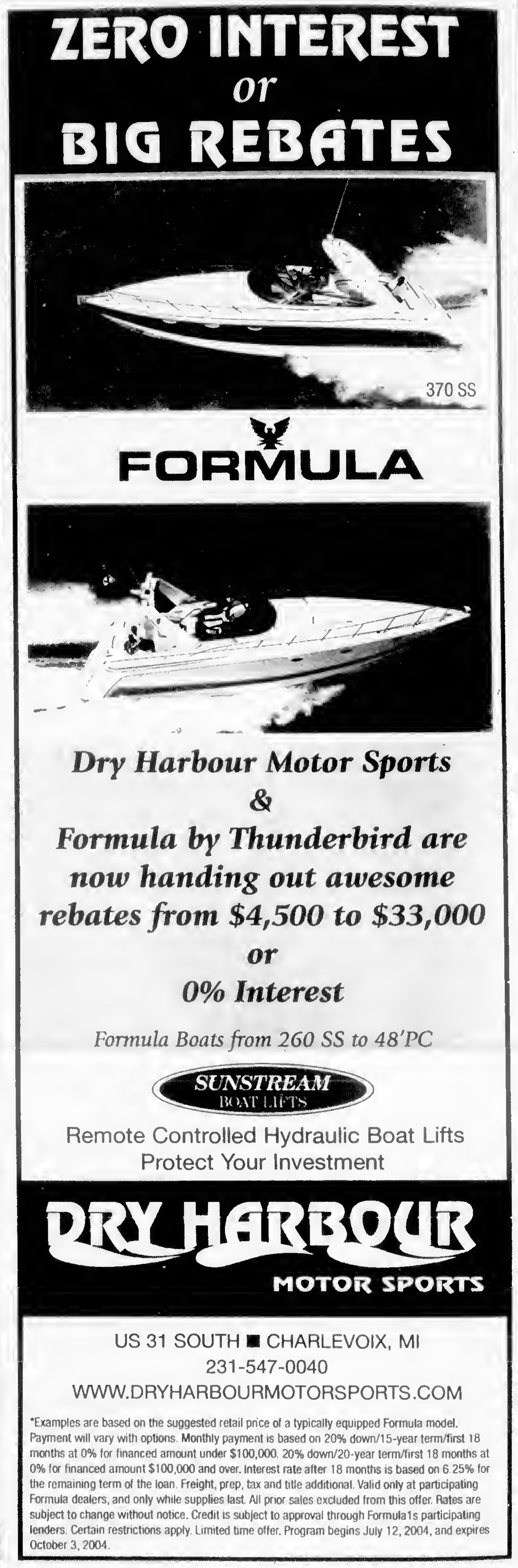

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Foundation announces grant deadline

Once again, it's time to put local charitable dollars to work on behalf of the community.

The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation are inviting nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and municipalities who are in need of funding to submit grant requests in support of their projects.

During the next few months, the community foundations and their Youth Advisory Committees will review grant proposals to help fund health initiatives, community development projects, education, the arts and cultural events, environmental efforts, and human service programs. The Youth Advisory Committees, which are made up of representatives from high schools throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties will award grants to programs that serve children and teens.

Programs chosen for funding must serve residents of Emmet County or Charlevoix County, meet a demonstrated need, provide a service and/or enrich life for local residents. The deadline for grant requests is Oct. 1, 2004.

Call the community foundation in your area to discuss your proposal and request a grant application. Foundation staff are available to offer advice and assistance to organizations interested in applying for funds.

Both community foundations are grassroots charitable organizations made up of various funds and all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, now and for generations to come. Together, the community foundations grant-making total amounts to more than $8.5 million.

For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund, or making a gift, please contact the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation at 616 Petoskey Street, Petoskey, MI, 49770, by phone at (231) 348-5820 or at or the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI, 49727, by phone at (231) 536-2440.

Hospital group treated to party

Members of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Bridge Builder Club and Great Lakes Society and their guests were treated to a special recognition party at Great Lakes Motor Works in Boyne City recently.

Entertainment was provided by country and western band, "Hard Left." Foundation staff and staff from Boyne Rehab Center prepared brats, hot dogs and chicken for those attending.

While there guests were treated to a tour of the facility with explanatory comments coming from owner, Mike Stowe. Members also had an opportunity to view the proposed plans for the expansion of Boyne Rehabilitation Center in Boyne City. Cindy Banner, physical therapist from Boyne Rehab, was on hand to answer questions and talk with those interested about the Women's Health program being offered.

"We want to see this program grow," Banner said. "What we offer for women is unique in Northern Michigan. Many physicians in Petoskey and Charlevoix were referring their special needs women patients downstate. We're now able to offer those services here in Boyne City. We just need the space to grow."

The proposed expansion will double the space at the Rehab Center, and includes a pool, gym and a community education room. The gym will be used for sports medicine and other PT services, while the community education room is intended to provide meeting space for programs on healthy diet and nutrition, diabetic education, cardiac rehab and other beneficial programs for the community.

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Robys recreating original Appletree

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Part-time Charlevoix residents Steven and Anne Robys' dreams of recreating the original Apple Tree Building are taking shape on Auld Street.

Last year, the couple tried to get developers to give them the old Appletree Building located on Bridge Street in Charlevoix to put on their property on Auld Street — the developer was planning on tearing the historic building down to make room for a new three story residential/retail construction. But the whole building could not be moved to the couple's Auld Street property and they settled to taking pieces of the structure instead and they are in the process of recreating the original, smaller, building.

"It is going to be very nice for the city. I think it will be a good contribution to the city. People can be proud of it," he said.

Steven said he has been building an exact replica of the Appletree's dimensions and the original building from the 1870s since November 2003. He said the original building was modified by Charlevoix's famous architect Earl Young for his office, hence the reason it looks a little different than the building many people remember on Bridge Street.

After being used as an office for Young, the building became the site of the retail business called the Appletree for about 30 years. That business has since moved just north of its original location on Bridge Street.

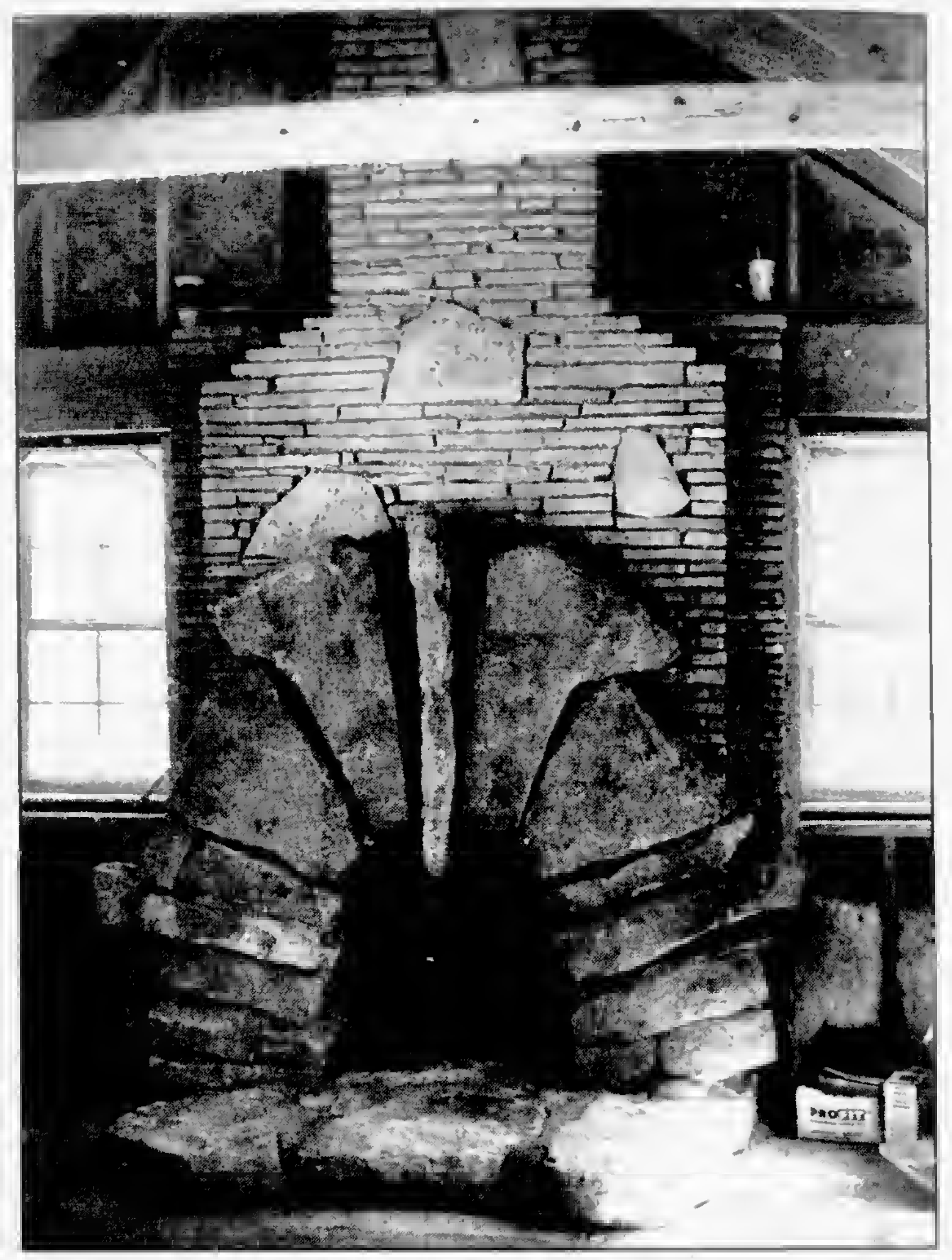
"It (Roby's building) is the exact size of the original building in the 1870s. Nobody had grandiose things. It was built to suit a purpose," he said.

But, there are many familiar aspects to the building too. Steven is using the stone facade from the old Appletree and has rebuilt the Appletree's fireplace inside of the building using all of the stones from the original Earl Young fireplace.

The Robys' recreation will be used as a guest house with downstairs bedroom and artistic workroom for Anne. To add more Charlevoix flavor to the building, the Robys' said they are using as many Charlevoix crafts-people and builders that they can and once it is finished, he plans on furnishing it with artwork created by Charlevoix artists.

Steven said work should be done in about six months. At that time, he said he will also be refurbishing the couple's cottage next door using the same style as the Appletree recreation.

Construction on the Bridge Street building that will replace the former Appletree Building has begun.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The fireplace from the old Appletree building has been rebuilt, piece by piece, in Steven and Anne Roby's building.

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Steven and Anne Roby stand outside of their recreated Appletree building on Auld Street.

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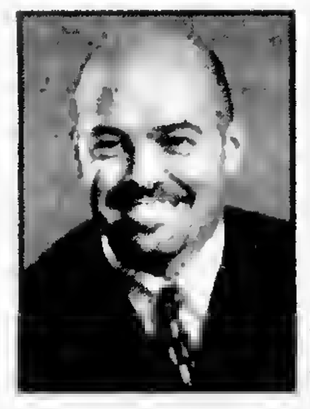

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Hospital Guild celebrates 50 years of service

With 50 years of fund-raising and assistance to Charlevoix Area Hospital, the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will host its annual membership tea from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15, in the hospital cafeteria.

Attire from the1950s is encouraged and the celebration tea is open to everyone.

The Charlevoix Area Men's Chorus will perform at 2:30 p.m., refreshments will be provided and door prizes and prizes for the "best dressed 50's" will be awarded.

Reservations are requested by Sept. 9, to Rebecca Parker at 547-8651.

During the past 50 years Guild volunteers have donated thousands of hours to the hospital working at the information desk, filing, providing tours, knitting baby caps, working throughout the hospital, sewing Christmas stockings and toys and providing assistance in countless ways to the staff and patients of Charlevoix Area Hospital.

In that same time period, the Guild raised and donated to the hospital several hundred thousand dollars for equipment needs. In the early days, kitchens tours, home tours, fashion shows and bake sales generated income that Guild members donated to the hospital. More recently the Guild has hosted art and book sales, this year adding Geranium sales.

By far the most significant contributions from the Guild now come from the Gift Shop at the hospital, which is owned by the Guild. Volunteers buy for and staff the Gift Shop helping to raise dollars to assist with hospital expansions and purchase needed equipment and the same time providing a service for staff and hospital guests.

For more information about the Guild celebration or to find out how you can become a Guild member, call Rebecca Parker, Volunteer Coordinator at 547-8651.

St. Mary Pre-K taking students

The well-established Pre-Kindergarten program at St. Mary School in Charlevoix is adjusting the times of the current program to suit the changing needs of today's parents by extending the Pre-K hours.

Unlike many preschool programs, St. Mary Pre-K will run from 9-11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday with drop-off beginning at 8:40 a.m.

A three-day option is available for those interested. Program director, Heather Sape, will continue to provide quality education for the developing 4 and 5 year old children, who must be four years by Dec. 1.

"Some of the benefits of the five-day program are that the child is given more time to complete tasks over five days instead of the traditional three days. A five-day program also helps ease the transition into Kindergarten," said program director Heather Sape.

For the second year, St. Mary's will be offering quality child care for children ages four through eight from 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. with extended hours available. This program is open to the community with drop-ins available.

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Former resident celebrates 100 years

By B. JON GOHS
Special to the Courier

In a time when many think the world couldn't get any worse, one former Charlevoix resident realizes just how fortunate she is.

Born Aug. 24 1904 in Charlevoix, Michigan, Mary Marguerite (Margie) Swinton recently celebrated her one-hundredth birthday. And although she spent most of her life in California, her memories of Charlevoix are fond ones.

"Charlevoix was just a little place. I remember when they put cement up the bridge street hill. Before that they had planks," she said. "The first time I walked on it I was so disappointed it didn't have the clump sound when we walked on it."

According to Swinton, In early twentieth century Charlevoix there were no organized playgrounds, but that didn't stop them from having a good time.

"We lived on the Lake, it was our playground." she said.

And, she added, "I learned to swim at the early age, because if you didn't swim, somebody would push you in."

In 1924 Swinton attended the University of Michigan where she became a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority. In 1927 she married Gerald W. Richardson and four years later they had a son, Gerald Douglas. Then in 1933 Swinton's family moved to Wisconsin, but she didn't begin teaching until she graduated from the University of Lacrosse at Wisconsin.

"I got my degree there, but I didn't teach until the war (World War II) came along and they were short on teachers-the principal asked me if I would teach part-time," Swinton said.

After a short stint teaching in Wisconsin, the Swinton family again moved.

"Then I moved to Palm Springs (California) and taught third grade at Cathedral City. We then we moved to Newport beach and I taught in the Orange County school system," she said.

According to Swinton, when she wasn't teaching, her true love was travel. And over the years Swinton enjoyed bird watching, fishing and travel. She saw all 50 states and several countries including New Zealand, England and Scotland.

"I went to Europe by myself and I thought I'd never travel again, so I went to Switzerland, France, England and Scotland because that's where I hailed from," she said.

She added, "I loved it, but when I was in Paris I was so lonely I arranged for my son and his wife to come out, they were newlyweds, and their arrival was the highlight of Paris."

And although Europe was nice, according to Swinton her trip to Africa in 1965 was the best.

"The most sensational trip was going to Africa," she said. "I went on an animal safari in Kenya loaded into a Landover."

It seems Swinton also had a fondness for golf. And, as the best golfer in her age group, Swinton played well into her mid-90s.

"Here at leisure world we have a great course and many amateurs," she said.

"I took lessons from someone in Charlevoix, but it didn't improve my game," she added. "I liked to play, but I never wanted to work at it."

And although she doesn't travel like she used to, Swinton won't let a little thing like a century slow her down.

"I walk a little, I go places on the bus twice a week though I'm not flying around anymore, but I'm fortunate," she said.

According to Swinton, she is overwhelmed by friends and family wishing her well on her one-hundredth birthday.

"I'm flattered," she said. "I have a great many of my family here right now and the party was unbelievable. My son and his wife had it catered and they did a wonderful job."

She added, "I have a neighbor who was a graduate of Julliard and he played the piano at the party and we sang."

Aside from not getting to visit Charlevoix as often as she would like, Swinton's regrets seem to be few for someone of a hundred years.

"I've been very fortunate," she said. "I wish I realized I would have all this-I would have written it down, but I lived it."

She added, "Tell them I love them. Charlevoix will always be home to me."

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Mary Marguerite Swinton, center, with family. Swinton recently turned 100.

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Sheriff George T. Lasater wants to stress that it is a one-year misdemeanor to shoot paintballs at a vehicle on the roadway. If a crash occurred because of this act the suspect could face a homicide charge if a person in the vehicle were to die.

The second incident took place in Charlevoix Township when residents reported seeing teens with a handgun in a vehicle. The realistic looking weapon turned out to be a pistol designed to shoot soft pellets, but investigators are concerned that in a low light situation the person displaying such a weapon could put a police officer in the position of not knowing what was being brandished.

Lasater wants citizens to be assured that all such violations will not be treated lightly and violators will be prosecuted accordingly.

EARLY DEADLINE

The Charlevoix Courier offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2004 for the Labor Day Holiday. We will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

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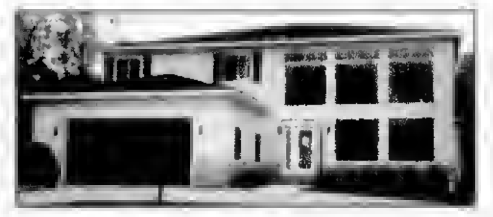

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"Low Fat Foods Aid Cancer Prevention" will be House's topic at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 1 at the Jordan Valley Public Library in East Jordan. "Antioxidant Sampling" will be presented at 7 p.m. that same day in the cafeteria of Charlevoix Area Hospital, in Charlevoix and at noon on Thursday, Sept. 2 House will present "Recipes for Health & Wellness" at the Boyne Public Library in Boyne City.

Sponsored by the "Circle of Strength," cancer support and education program of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, House will demonstrate the preparation of recipes designed to improve and maintain a healthy lifestyle while presenting appetizing alternatives to day to day meals. Those attending the program will have the opportunity to watch the preparation of the meals, receive recipes and taste samples of the prepared items.

Prizes play an important part of House's program — and she presents them with casual abandonment — presenting small awards for birth dates, birthplaces, hometowns, interests and whatever other side topics present themselves.

Tickets for the program are $5 per person, $4 for those 60 years and older or those recent participants in the "Get Moving Charlevoix County - 100 Miles in 100 Days" program. Reservations are not required, but help insure there is enough food for sampling. To reserve space, call the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation office at 547-8502. Those unable to attend may also call the Foundation office to have copies of the recipes from all three programs mailed to them.

House is a freelance food writer appearing regularly in the *Kalamazoo Gazette* and *The Grand Rapids Press* newspapers and she is the author of four cookbooks. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stout and has taught junior high, senior high and adult home economic classes.

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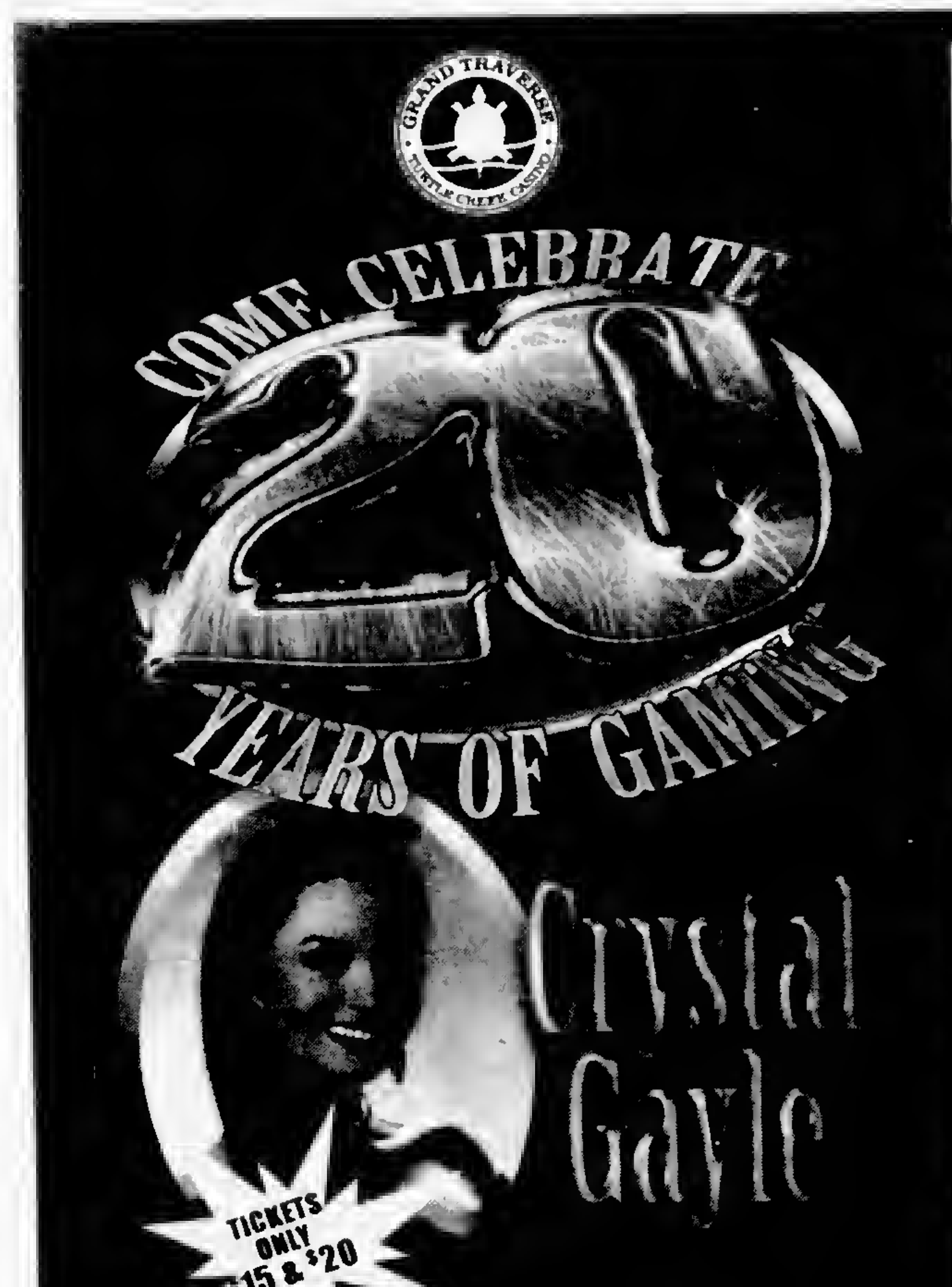
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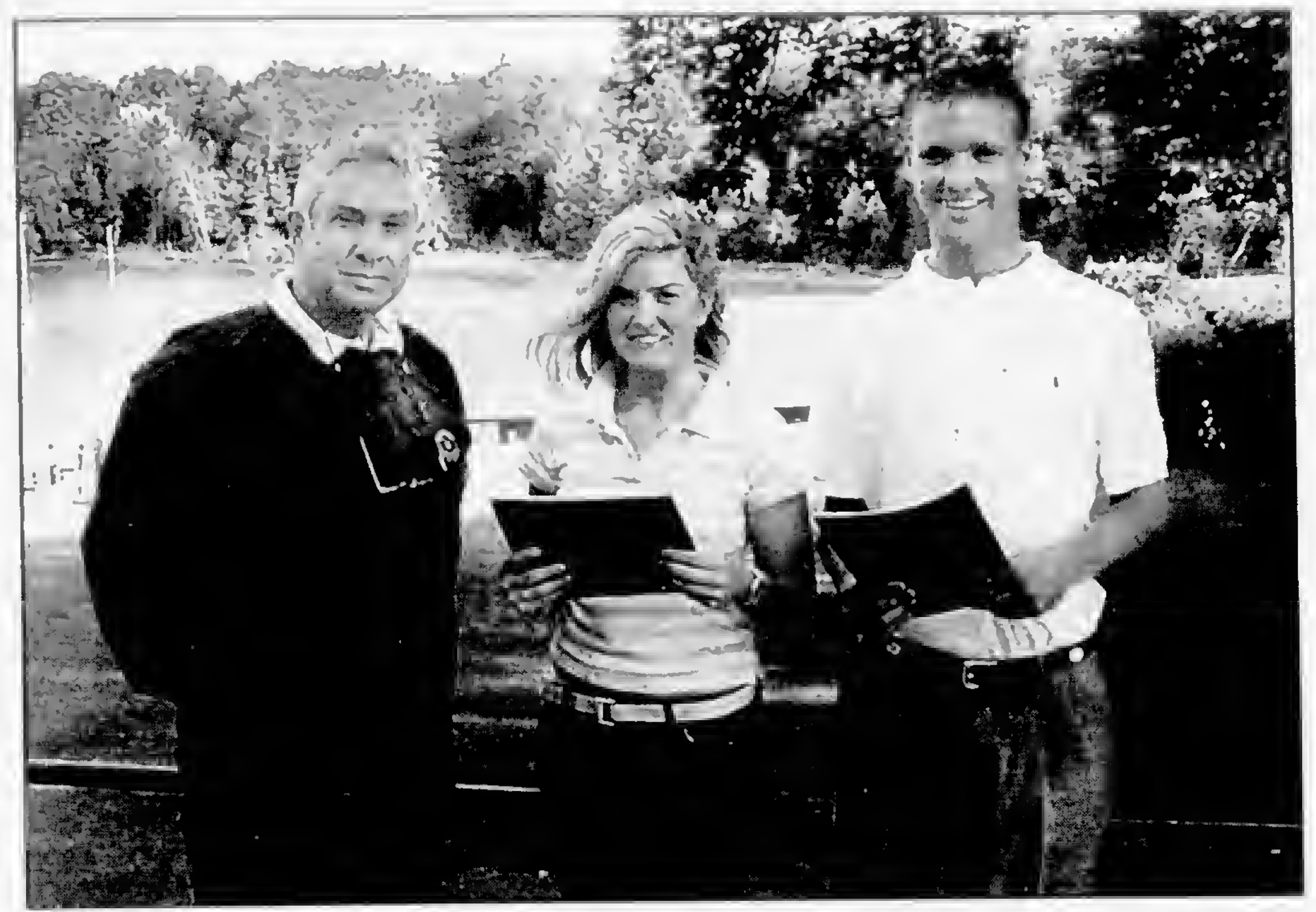

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Belvedere Club General Manager Tom Conlan, left, stands with this year's winners of the club's annual scholarship. They are, from left, Lauren Eldredge and Jordan Nystrom. Eldredge received an award of $1,800 per year for up to four years at Michigan State University. Nystrom received $3,600 per year for up to four years at Northwood University. Not pictured is Joseph Sievertson, who was awarded $2,000 per year at North Central Michigan College.

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Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

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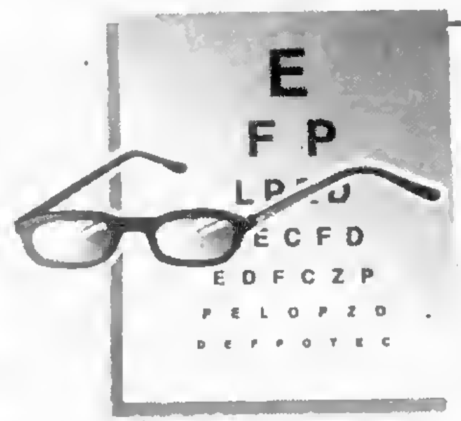

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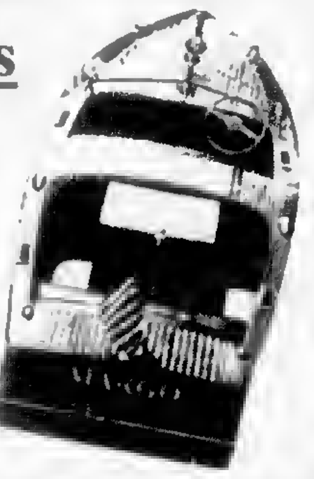

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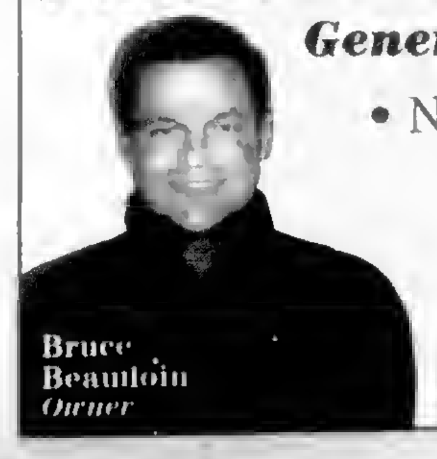

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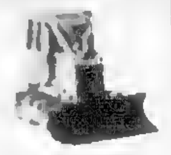

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Sheriff: Be safe with buses on the roads

Every day more than 20 million students nationwide use school buses to get to and from school and to ensure that our community is safe from tragedy this school year, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office recommends a number of safety precautions for both students and other drivers.

"It is very important that parents reinforce the school bus safety rules their children learn at school," Sheriff George T. Lasater said.

He also suggests that parents drive their child's bus route with them and practice the proper safety precautions at home.

Parents should teach their children the following rules of school bus safety:

- Always arrive at the bus stop early.
- Prior to boarding, wait until the bus has come to a complete stop, the door opens and the bus driver says that it's OK to board.
- Always walk on the sidewalk when preparing to cross the street near a bus. If there is not sidewalk available, walk as far away from the road as possible.
- Make eye contact with the driver so that you are sure he or she sees you.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- If you are walking alongside the bus, walk at least three giant steps away.
- Take extra care to make sure that clothing with drawstrings and book bags do not get caught in the hand rail or door.
- Never stop to pick something up that you have dropped when a bus is stopped. Wait until the bus has driven off to avoid not being seen by the driver.

Motorists

- Remember that children can be unpredictable in their actions. Take extreme care when traveling in a school zone and drive slowly.
- Slow down and prepare to stop whenever you see yellow school bus lights flashing.
- Never pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing. This is a sign that children are getting off the bus.
- If there are no sidewalks, drive cautiously. Be alert to the possibility of children walking in the road or crossing the street.
- Be aware of children playing near school bus stops.
- Learn and obey the school bus laws in your county.

For further information contact Sheriff George T. Lasater at (231) 547-4461.

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Helping out

Above, Brynne Garver helps her mother, eighth grade English teacher Jane Garver, get ready Monday for the first day of school at Charlevoix Middle School. School will begin on Sept. 7.

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SPORTS

Charlevoix football team falls in opener

By B. JON GOHS
Special to the Courier

The Rayders varsity football team plan to use Friday's loss to St. Ignace at Kipke field as a learning experience.

"We lost 28-18," Said Rayders Head Coach Don Jess, "We made too many mistakes. Against a good team like St. Ignace you can't afford to make mistakes."

The Rayders got on the board with a first quarter TD to show St. Ignace this wasn't going to be a cakewalk.

Quarterback Cody Crain was 17 of 26 for 303 yards and three TD's which helped keep the Rayders afloat despite throwing an interception.

It wasn't until the last six minutes of the fourth quarter, when Charlevoix fumbled a punt return putting St. Ignace on the offensive drive, that the Rayders were in trouble.

Despite the games outcome, the Charlevoix defense, lead by Even Keller, kept St. Ignace in check.

"The defense played pretty well for us last night," Jess said of Friday's game.

Rayders offense also looked strong as evidenced by reeeiver Ben Bergman who lead scoring and offense with 13 receptions over 247 yards for two touchdowns. Mitchell Klooster caught three passes over 46 yards to score one touchdown.

Running back Russell Williams had 11 carries for 70 yards.

According to Jess, the best thing to do after a loss is to stay on track.

"We'll continue to throw the ball and we're going to stick to the same game plan," he said. "We just can't turn the ball over."

He added, "We're going to have a good weck of practice"

In keeping on track, the day after Charlevoix's loss, Jess headed to Benzie Central to exchange game tapes.

Jess said, "The kids get to see them (game tapes) and we get to learn some things about the next game."

. Last year's loss to Benzie by two points has Jess prepared for a tough game.

"We're going to have to play good defense and limit the mental mistakes," he said.

But, all in all, Coach Jess has high hopes for this season.

"We've got a good group of kids and we're going to have a good year."

The Rayders play next at 7:30 p.m., Friday Sept. 3 at Benzie Central.

Charlevoix Yacht Club racing results for Aug. 25

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Aug. 25 are:

The eighth and final race of the summer series brought light winds. The course was shortened to two legs as the wind continued to lighten through the evening. Twenty-three boats finished the race, with 4 boats recording did-not-finish.

Race results provided by Mike Miller, committee chair.

J-22 fleet: 1 — Swine Flew (Strawbridge); 2 — Thunderstruck (Pirie); 3 — Whats Her Name (Robinson).

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (Gordon); 2 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 3 — FLASHer (Sherbarth); 4 — Apothecary (Ochs); 5 — Fairret (Seymour).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Artemis (Bowerman); 2 — Tireless (Carland); 3 — Cygnus (Stuart); 4 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 5 — Original Sin (Miller).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Kamikazce (Funck); 2 — Our Thyme II (Herald); 3 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 4 — M3 (Carey).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 2 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 — Gotcha (Dow/Mueller); 4 — Northern Light (Orlow); 5 — Blasen IV (Jurries); 6 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Final summer series results after seven races with one drop:

J-22 fleet: 1 — Superfluous (9); 2 — Swine Flew (10); 3 — Thunderstruck (19); 4 — Suzie Q (29); 5 — Rock Steady (30); 6 — Whats Her Name (39); 7 — Paleface Light (40); 8 — Hog Tide (43).

Jib and Main Fleet: 1 — Flash (15); 2 — Apothecary (16); 3 — Wind Ensemble (20); 4 — Flasher (25); 5 — Fairret (27); 6 — Exitus (35); 7 — Sail La Vie (37); 8 — Cinerous (41).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Tireless (9); 2 — Lost Vermonter (12); 3 — Cygnus (20); 4 — Tie: Artemis and Original Sin (21).

Spinnaker A Fleet: 1 — Stringthing (7); 2 — Booma (16); 3 — Our Thyme II (18); 4 — Kamikazee (19); 5 — MJ2 (27); 6 — M3 (32).

Spinnaker B Fleet: 1 — Hoi Polloi (11); 2 — Gotcha (12); 3 — Northern Light (15); 4 — Padawan 2 (20); 5 — Blasen IV (27); 6 — Windrunner (37).

Golf team playing well

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix High School varsity golf team finished fourth in an 18 hole conference match Aug. 26 at the Moor in Harbor Springs.

There were eight teams participating in the event.

"The team played well, but I am looking for improvement," coach Jim Glynn said. "The team needs a good solid and consistent fourth score."

Individual results for the varsity team were: Chris Wyniawskyj with 87, Kyle DeYoung with 89, Chris Golski with 97, Kris Bartling with 85, Kenny Anderson with 100 and Mat Novotny with 97.

At the same match, the junior varsity team also finished fourth out of six teams. Individual results for the junior varsity team were: Kyle Smith with 48, J.D. Spiegl with 52, Zack Lake with 51, Kevin Kusina with 55, R.J. Moore with 52 and Nick Williams with 53.

And, on Aug. 19, the varsity team placed third in another conference match in Traverse City.

Individual results for that match were: Wyniawskyj with 76, DeYoung with 78, Golski with 83, Stephen Parker with 85, Bartling with 86 and Anderson with 93.

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Council race to feature heated contests

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

ELECTION 2004

Voters will head to the polls on Nov. 2 to decide who they want representing them on city council.

Three incumbents are running against three competitors, some who have sat on council before.

In the first ward, incumbent Bill Haggard is running against Rebecca Doan, who is new to the political scene.

Both Haggard and Doan could not be reached after repeated attempts to contact them. A follow up story on the two will be published later.

For the second ward, incumbent Karen I. Campbell is running against former mayor Alvin "Butch" Russell, who was unable to be reached after repeated attempts to contact him. His campaign story will be published once he is contacted.

Campbell, 61, has lived in Charlevoix for 45 years and has been involved on council for the past two years.

She was actively involved with issues concerning the parks and beaches along with being on the cemetery board. When her children were in school she volunteered her time for the school.

Campbell is seeking re-election because there are some issues currently underway that she'd like to see through.

She hasn't thought about a platform yet; but issues important to her concern the city parks and the marina.

"I would rather leave the park alone as is," she said.

The marina should be redone, she said, but left as it currently is. She said the docks need to be redone, but should be left in the water where they are now.

The city cemetery is one place Campbell would like to see some action taken. She said the cemetery board hasn't done anything since forming and she'd like to see an interest taken in preserving the cemetery.

Campbell also supports Charlevoix youth. She said the youth need a place to go where they won't be kicked out. She said she has seen children and teenagers get kicked out of East Park for playing hacky sack.

That is why the future of the skatepark is something Campbell would like to see through.

"It's important for kids," she said. "It gives them something to do."

Another issue important to Campbell is openness in government.

"I think the council should be informed on everything that's going on," she said.

Throughout the year, Campbell said she's seen an increase in the number of people that attend city council meetings. However, she'd like to see more.

"I wish more people would come to them (council meetings) and express their opinions and thoughts and what not," she said.

In the third ward, incumbent Sherman Chamberlain Jr. will be fighting for his seat against political newcomer, Dave Scott.

Chamberlain, 54, has worked in Charlevoix since 1969, but has been a full-time resident since the fall of 1972. He is co-owner of the surveying company Ferguson and Chamberlain.

His political involvement includes working on the Marion Township Planning and Zoning Board for about eight years, which he served as chairman midway through his term. He also worked on the city of Charlevoix's Planning Commission for four years and was appointed to city council in 2000 to finish out a former councilman's term. He has since served on council for four years.

Chamberlain is seeking re-election because he wants to be a part of planning Charlevoix's future.

"Putting together the master plan attracted me the most," he said.

Chamberlain said the previous plan formed in 1982 is fantastic because some of the things planned then are actually issues facing the city today. He also finds the plan important knowledge for a council member to have.

"I think it should be mandatory reading for every councilman and city planner," he said.

Chamberlain is also seeking re-election because he said he is capable of making tough financial decisions the city will face in the future.

Due to state budget problems, Chamberlain said the city will receive less money and will then need to look into what is important in order to avoid putting a burden on the taxpayers.

"We need to look at what kind of levels of service we want for this community so we can live within our budget without raising the millage," he said.

Chamberlain's platform includes fiscal responsibility for the city and objectiveness for council members.

He said council members should hear both sides of the argument before they make their decision instead of coming to a meeting ready to vote.

The issue of openness in government is something Chamberlain thinks is working as is.

"Well, I think the current way it's set up now is fine," he said.

Chamberlain said it's better to discuss issues such as real estate negotiations and lawsuits behind closed doors. Decisions, however, are made in public.

Chamberlain said people typically leave once council goes into closed session and as a result aren't there to hear the decision, which is made in public.

One solution, he said, is to tell people to hang around until council comes out of closed session to witness the decision.

Chamberlain said there should be no secrets kept from the public.

Scott, 45, said he is running for council because he is looking for a reason to get involved in the community and to help correct some minor problems. He is the owner of Michigan Talk Radio Network.

Scott became involved in politics when his filed complaint was never responded to. He then started going to city council meetings last May and hasn't missed but one meeting since.

"I found some issues that were problematic that have motivated me to get involved," he said.

He has lived on and off in the Charlevoix and Petoskey area for the past 10 years, but has been in Charlevoix recently for four years. He has never run for office before or held any political position, but has been involved in community affairs in Petoskey.

An issue very important to Scott is to have fair government.

"It's very important the city no longer hands out no-bid contracts," he said.

Scott said the rules don't seem to apply equally to everyone in Charlevoix and he'd like to see that changed because it's a great community.

Scott said City Manager Michael Wiesner violated city ordinance by not putting the airport contract out for bids. He said the city ordinance states that any contract for goods and services over $20,000 needs to be put out for bidding.

"I believe we never, ever should have the city manager sit down behind the closed door of his office and negotiate a contract when the city charter and Charlevoix law requires a bid," he said.

Scott said he was at the city council meeting when other vendors came and pleaded to council to let them bid on the airport contract, which went to Island Airways.

"Our city government is not open enough and it needs to be more open," he said.

Scott said he wants to represent the third ward with a fresh voice and to actually be there for them. He said Chamberlain has abstained 14 times since January 2003, which lessens his representation of the people because their voice isn't heard.

Another issue important to Scott is to stop wasteful spending.

"We need to make sure we're being careful about the money we spend to protect the services we have," he said.

He said Wiesner has warned the council to be prepared for revenue shortfalls due to budget problems with the state, which Scott said he is prepared to deal with.

"We have to be prudent about the way we're spending money," he said. "We need to know where every penny is going."

He would also like to bring new businesses to town and create new jobs to keep younger people in the area.

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AAA gives safety tips during school hours

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That's when the most children are killed by motor vehicles.

Drop-off time - between 6 and 9 a.m. - accounts for 11 percent of child motor vehicle deaths. Taken together, the time periods when children are either coming from or going to school or day-care account for more than one-third of all child vehicle deaths. As the school year begins, AAA's annual "School Open" campaign reminds motorists to use caution in school zones and residential areas, where pedestrians, bicyclists and other motor vehicles, including school buses, operate during drop-off and pick-up times.

"Motor vehicles remain the number one cause of death for children ages 2-14," said Richard J. Miller, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Loading and unloading children from school buses and passenger cars requires careful attention and deliberate action."

During 2002, the last year for which data is available, 88 children under age 16 lost their lives in traffic crashes in Michigan, and 9,269 were injured. Restraint use in Michigan is lowest for children ages 11-15 (74.3 percent).

In its "School's Open" campaign, AAA emphasizes that driving carefully begins with focusing on basic traffic safety practices, such as the proper use of seat belts, child safety seats and booster seats.

"It's vitally important that all children age 12 and under be properly restrained in the back set," said Miller. "Caregivers often don't realize they need to alter the type of child safety seat as children grow, which means that booster seats are underutilized or used incorrectly. Typically, children between the ages of four and eight are candidates for booster seats."

Miller urges motorists to follow these safety tips:

- Slow down in or near school and residential areas
- Drive with your headlights on - even during the day - so children and others can see you.
- Look for clues such as school safety patrols, adult crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds, that indicate children may be in the area.
- Scan ahead between parked cars and other objects for signs that children could dart into the road.
- Practice extra caution in bad weather.
- Always stop for school busses that are loading or unloading students when red lights are flashing (unless you are driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway).
- When using a booster seat, always use the shoulder harness. Don't tuck it behind the child's back. Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight across the lap/upper thigh area and the shoulder belt fits snug crossing the chest and shoulder to avoid abdominal injuries.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Geological and Land Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department, Training Room, Jail entrance, 1000 Grant Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 04-15-0024-P under Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Glenn Wachler, 3325 Erie Drive, Orchard Lake, Michigan. The applicant proposes to construct a three (3) level addition to an existing structure that will extend 14 feet beyond existing bulkhead that over hangs Round Lake. In addition, the applicant proposes to install a 50 foot long by 39 foot wide platform on the second level and a 15 foot long by 15 foot wide deck on the third level that will over hang Round Lake. The purpose of the project is a single family residence. The project site is located at 217 Belvedere Avenue in Charlevoix. The project is located in T34N, R8W, Section 26, City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CIWPIS, or may be reviewed in the Geological and Land Management Division, DEQ, 2100 West M-32, Gaylord, Michigan 49735-9282, by calling 989-705-3435. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30105 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
By: Wendy Fitzner
Permit Consolidation Unit
Geological and Land
Management Division
517-373-9244

Date: August 11, 2004

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Arts center to host Hayes documentary

The Crooked Tree Arts Center will have a showing of the documentary, "Beyond the Gridiron," at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 24.

Petoskey film producer, David Crouse, has teamed up with Chip Duncan of Duncan Entertainment to produce a new one hour public television documentary "Beyond the Gridiron: The Life and Times of Woody Hayes." The documentary is being distributed by NETA and will air on PBS affiliates nationwide this fall.

This is the first in-depth television biography ever produced on Woody Hayes. CMU Public Television will air the documentary at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26 and will rebroadcast it at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28 (CMU Public Television airs in Petoskey on Channel 6).

Considered one of the greatest football coaches of the twentieth century, Hayes was a study in contrast. Hard-nosed, demanding, often ill tempered on the sidelines; Hayes was genuinely concerned about the young men in his care. He was a mentor. Many players attribute their present success in life to Hayes' strong influence.

Woody Hayes enjoyed a long and acclaimed career as the head football coach of the Ohio State University Buckeyes. This biographical account provides an in-depth look at Hayes' life on and off the field, as well as the times by which Woody Hayes was influenced.

The show features interviews with current Ohio State University head football coach Jim Tressel, golfing legend and Ohio State University alumnus Jack Nicklaus, two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin of Ohio State, and former players Greg Lashutka, Rex Kern, Daryl Sanders and Alan Natali author of Woody's Boys.

Also interviewed was former Michigan head football coach Bo Schembechler. Schembechler played for Woody at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and then became an assistant coach for Hayes first at Miami of Ohio then at Ohio State. When Schembechler was named head football coach at Michigan in 1969 it began what many would call the greatest rivalry in college football.

Hayes and Schembechler bounced back and forth in a series of games that would determine national champions and Rose Bowl appearances. Four times during the first six years of their rivalry, both teams were ranked in the nation's top five when they met. While fierce competitors on the field they were very close friends off the field.

For more information please visit www.CrouseEntertainment.com.

Following the film, David Crouse will host a meet and greet to discuss his experiences with filming the documentary. There is no charge for this event.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located in downtown Petoskey at 461 E. Mitchell Street. For more information, contact the arts center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

City Council to have first meeting in new chamber

HALL

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ate at the temporary location."

City Hall was originally scheduled for opening on Sept. 10, but was moved back one week because of delays in transferring phones and computer networking systems.

City officials will start work in their former home on Sept. 20, which is also the day of the first city council meeting in council's chambers.

Council member Bill Bellows said he has been looking forward to moving back into the council's chambers for some time.

"Yes, it certainly will be nice to have a better location for our meetings," he said.

Mayor Gabe Campbell said he thinks the new facility will be a lot more efficient than the way it was before.

"I think the people will be able to hear better," he said. "I'm happy."

The next step is to move the police and fire departments out of the building and into the temporary location at the old Post Office building.

Wiesner said he's not sure when the departments will move and won't know until late September. However, he said the contractor is responsible for coordinating the move.

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> **Mike Wiesner**, City manager

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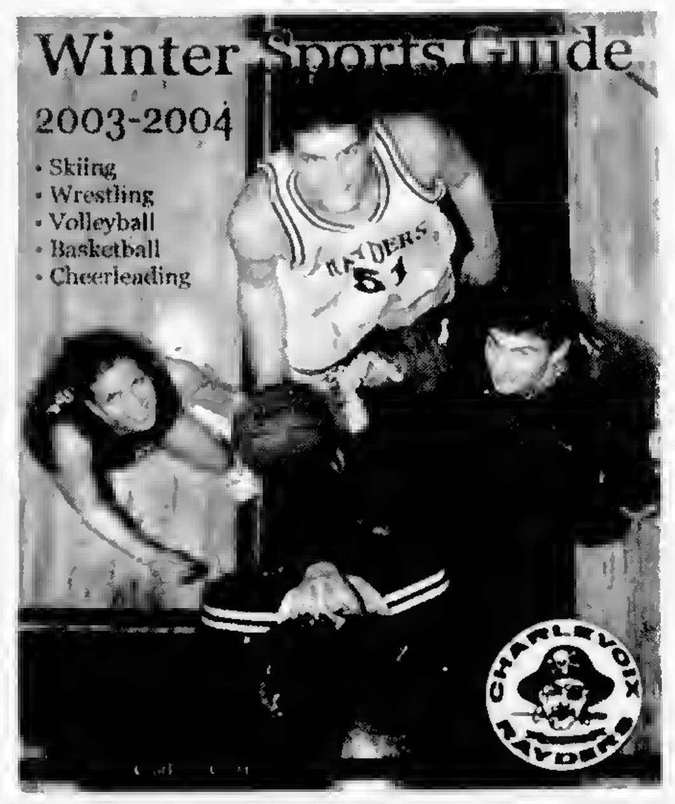

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Area events

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, 05291 M-66 N, has a food pantry that is open every Tuesday evening from 7 - 9 p.m. If there is a food crisis, please call the church office from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (231) 547-6430.

Skate park hours

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park hours starting Sept. 1 are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and from noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays. Kids will be able to skate after school as long as the weather holds.

Retired school personnel breakfast

School starts Sept. 7. All retired school personnel are invited to have breakfast with school chums and recall "school daze." The following restaurants are serving them from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Sept. 7. Order from the menu at Darlene's in East Jordan, Boyne River Inn in Boyne City or Flap Jack in Charlevoix (reservations necessary call (231) 547-5902).

1949 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1949 is celebrating its fifty-fifth reunion on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Argonne Supper Club. Social hour starts at 5 p.m., during which time a class picture will be taken. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and anyone wishing to visit with our class is welcome after 7 p.m. Direct any questions to Sally Bales at 348-5003 or Helen Emmons at 547-2955. They need an address for Joan Montgomery.

1954 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, or phone (248) 473-1324 or e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com. Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754 by Aug. 1. They are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colburn (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

Bridge marathon

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild has an annual winter bridge marathon. It begins Sept. 15 and runs through April. They play with their own partner and its a home and home series. They have openings for couples and gals. Afternoon and evening groups are available. If this sounds interesting to you, give Louise Hilligan a call at 547-2851.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in Charlevoix from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 16 at the Community Reformed Church at the corner of US 31 North and Meech streets.

Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or just drop in.

All donors will be required to provide an ARC donor card, driver's license, or other government issued ID prior to donating.

In-Line Hockey

Charlevoix Community Skate Park proudly presents the first Annual three-on-three In-line Hockey Tournament which will be on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix. Registration is at 11 a.m. All proceeds will go toward building the Skate Park. For more information visit: www.puckwhacker.com or call (866) 400-PUCK.

Skate park to show film

Charlevoix Community Skate Park, Inc. is sponsoring a film by Adam Kuehl named Penniless at 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Charlevoix's Cinema III. This is a full length in-line skate video featuring Chris Couture of Charlevoix along with seven other skaters on tour throughout Michigan.

Proceeds will help benefit the skate park and all tickets are $5 at the door.

Bridge lessons

There will be a lesson and friendly game of Bridge given by a non-playing director ACBL sanctioned at 6 p.m. with lesson and game at 6:45 p.m., every Tuesday, at the Castle Farms off M-66 Highway in Charlevoix.

Call Berta Meyerson-Molasky for reservations and information at 547-1041.

Dental appointments

Dental appointments for children and adults available at Dental Clinics North with locations in East Jordan, Petoskey, and Traverse City. They accept Medicaid, Health KidsDental, MI Child and Northern Dental Plan. Dental Clinics North is a partnership of local health departments. Call toll-free (877) 321-7070 to schedule an appointment.

Vaccines

Meningitis vaccines for incoming college freshmen are available at the health department through September. Many colleges and universities require meningitis vaccine. The cost is $75. To schedule an appointment, telephone the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at (800) 432-4121 during business hours.

Community bazaar

The Ellsworth Lioness is sponsoring the Twenty-Fourth Annual Banks Township Community Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Banks Township Hall. For booth space information, please contact Joni at (231) 544-6348 or wieland@torchlake.com.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-7545.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

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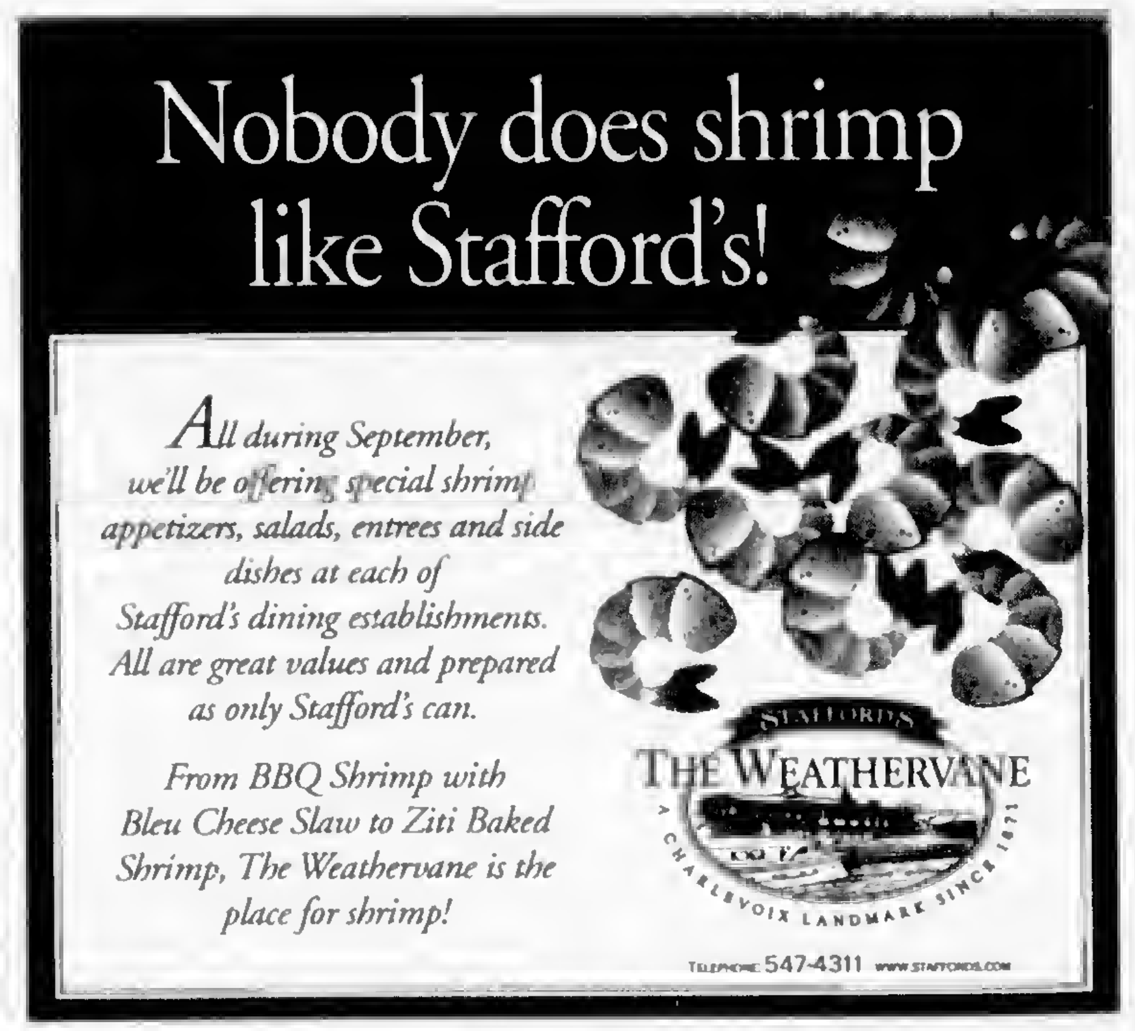

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Traffic on Bridge Street

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The question has often been asked by both summer people and year-round residents if there was any way of knowing the amount of traffic passing over the swing bridge during twenty-four hours. Up to the present time one could make a guess in regard to the matter and could but use their imagination as to the number.

On Thursday, August 6th, Street Commissioner E.B. Ward and other men in the employment of the city took an accurate count of the number of bicycles horse-drawn vehicles, automobiles and people afoot passing to and fro across the bridge from 7:00 a.m. Thursday to 7:00 a.m. Friday, and the figures they produce are most astonishing.

During the hours above stated their figures show as follows:

Number of bicycles - 846.

Number of horse-draw vehicles - 1,075.

Number of automobiles - 1,251.

Number of people afoot - 20,218.

These figures show the actual traffic on the bridge during a period of twenty-four hours. It does not mean in any sense of the word that this number of individuals crossed the bridge but once but covers the actual number and times persons, rigs and automobiles made the trip across the bridge. It also gives one an idea of the wear not only to the bridge itself but the entire street running both ways from the bridge.

It has been known that the traffic on the streets of Charlevoix was heavy during the summer season, but the figures above show the volume of travel away beyond all estimates made.

There have been many days when the amount of travel on Bridge Street went beyond these figures, while at other times it will fall short. At a later date the count will be again be taken, showing the comparison between the two days.

Aug. 12, 1914, Charlevoix Courier

Exploding tanks rattle windows

Saturday evening last, at about eight-fifteen o'clock, the fire alarm sounded for one of the most disastrous conflagrations that this city has seen in years.

The driver of a gasoline truck, belonging to Brown & Wallace, was filling his truck at the company's storage station, near the old sugar factory on the Pere Marquette tracks, when he discovered the top of his truck tank afire. He barely managed to escape the rapidly spreading flames, which completely destroyed the truck and spread to the two big storage tanks, which exploded with a concussion that shook windows within a radius of a half-mile and brought startled residents of the town to their doors and windows.

The fire department responded promptly, as usual, and in their wake came hundreds of speeding cars, strung out along the roads leading south of town like a procession of huge fireflies. By the time the fire apparatus reached the scene, the flames and a vast, spreading mushroom of black smoke hung over the doomed station and all that the firemen could do was to keep the two loaded tank cars of the Sinclair Company, that stood on the tracks directly in front of the storage tanks and subjected to the full heat of the blaze, wet down as much as possible. So well did they do their work that the piles of stacked lumber, flanking the burning tanks, were barely singed. After the hose lines were connected and a stream paying on the flames, the firemen, with the help of bystanders, moved the heavy tank cars along the track to the north and out of the reach of the fire.

The coal shed, owned by Harry Widdifield, which stood just to the south of the oil station, caught fire early in the evening and soon burned to the ground. Fortunately, it was empty and the loss was confined to the building, itself. The sheds of Heise & Yettaw, on the north side of the station, were kept wet down and remained unharmed, probably due to the fortunate fact that a strong west wind was blowing, driving the flames and smoke lakeward.

Crowds of people lined the bluff above the tracks and many ventured onto the flats, close to the scene as the fierce heat of the blazing oil permitted. The resort special, northbound, was forced to halt for an hour, until the flames had somewhat subsided, and the passengers, piling out of the cars, joined the spectators from town.

The tanks that were destroyed were of 12,000 and 10,000 gallon capacity, respectively and the wrecked truck held 300 gallons in her tank. The owners estimate that 3,000 gallons of kerosene and from 10,000 to 11,000 gallons of gasoline were consumed in the disaster, and, figuring the cost of equipment, electric pump, fittings and tank truck, as well as the hindrance to business at this time of year, place their loss at $6,000.00 No insurance was held on the station.

The driver of the burned truck can advance no theory as to the cause of the fire. He used an electric flashlight in working about the tanks and claims that his engine was not running at the time the tank valves were open. It, therefore, remains a mystery.

William Wallace, of the oil firm, left Tuesday morning for Chicago, where he will purchase two new storage tanks and other necessary equipment, which will be shipped at once, so that there will be no interruption of the company's business here. They certainly have the sympathy of all who watched so much of their summer's hard work vanish into smoke.

Aug. 22, 1923, Charlevoix Courier

Mrs. Jennie E. Hampton selling valuable property

Lots in the well-known Crouter addition on the North side, now owned by Jennie E. Hampton of Ann Arbor, and recognized as the most desirable resort property in Charlevoix, will be sold to the highest bidder at public sale on Saturday, July 26th, on the grounds, commencing at 2:00 p.m. Music will be furnished by the Ellsworth band.

Crouter's addition is laid out along the Lake Michigan waterfront and already contains many valuable summer homes, some costing as high as $20,000. The lots are good size, with 50 foot frontage and varying in depth from 130 to 175 feet. They were assessed from $100 to $1,500 each. The streets are laid out and developed.

The lots unsold are so located that two or more may be purchased by one person, so as to make a large ground if desired. The soil is rich and heavy, capable of making a lawn in one season.

The reasons for this sale are that the owner no longer lives in Charlevoix and is unable to handle this property and dispose of it by correspondence. She prefers to make a sacrifice rather than attempt to develop the property or sell it through an agent. All lots will be sold with no reservations. A recorded plat may be seen or copy furnished on application to owner.

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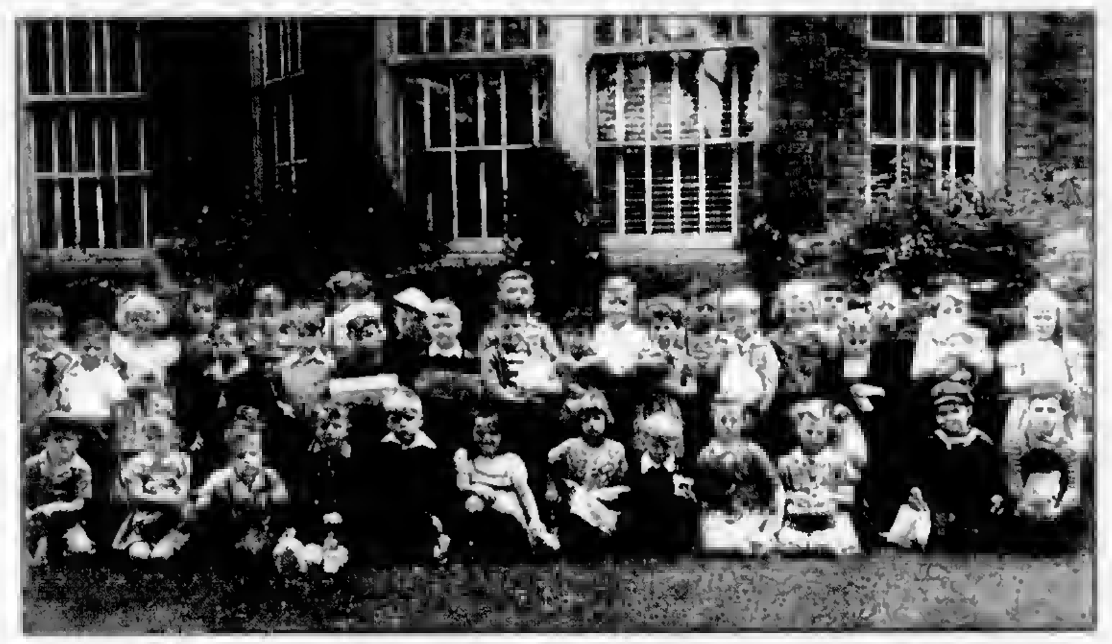
At the close of the sale, numbers corresponding to the plat numbers of the lots sold will be drawn and someone will receive a lot for the sum of one dollar.

July 16, 1924, Charlevoix Courier



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Saltonstalls question future use of building

LIBRARY

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poses.

The Clinton Street library was built with funds that came from the sale of the Andrew Carnegie Library and help from local groups throughout the community, Saltonstall said. The Saltonstall family donated the land for the current library.

Saltonstall said this is why money from the sale of the Clinton Street facility should go toward the new facility. She also thinks it's ridiculous to turn the building into administrative offices.

"I don't think the school has a right to that money," she said.

Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent John Sturock said the school board wants to use the building as the administrative central office.

"The replacement of this office has been on the agenda a long, long time," he said.

The current central office has been in use for about 20 years and Sturock said it was intended as a temporary facility.

Sturock said the land will still be used for educational purposes if the building becomes administrative offices.

The argument about who owns the building goes back to 1994 when Proposal A was passed in Michigan. Proposal A mandated that public libraries should be their own entity and not operate under the control of school boards. The law also stated that libraries should have their own boards.

Charlevoix established a library board and began collecting .5 mill for operating expenses.

At that time the school district owned the Clinton Street library. Sturock said a school district can't by law give away its assets because the building belongs to the community.

With a need to follow Proposal A, in 1997 the school district deeded the building to the library for $1. With the deed, however, came a reverter clause that states the school district will regain ownership of the building once it is no longer used as a library.

Sturock said in 2000 it was realized that the quitclaim deed was never officially filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk leaving the library without ownership of the building. The situation was corrected and another quitclaim deed was filed.

Recently, Sturock said he discovered that the reverter clause was inadvertently left out of the current deed. The library's attorney and the school district's attorney both agreed the clause must be added to the document.

But, Saltonstall said there is a restriction on the deed stating that if the library is no longer used for educational purposes, ownership reverts back to her and her sister, Wendy Saltonstall Post.

However, Saltonstall said she and her sister will remove that restriction only if proceeds from the sale of the Clinton Street library go toward the new library. She said they will not remove the restriction if the school district regains ownership of the library.

Charlevoix Public Library Director Valerie Meyerson said at this point the library board isn't concerned with the current location.

"Right now it's not really an issue for us until we move," she said. "The issue is really doing what's fair for the taxpayers."

Meyerson said the library board is focused on closing the bond sale and then progressing toward purchasing the property of the future location.

After all that is set in place, Meyerson said the board will look into the fate of the Clinton Street library.

"We're not going to rush into anything," she said. "It'll straighten out in time."

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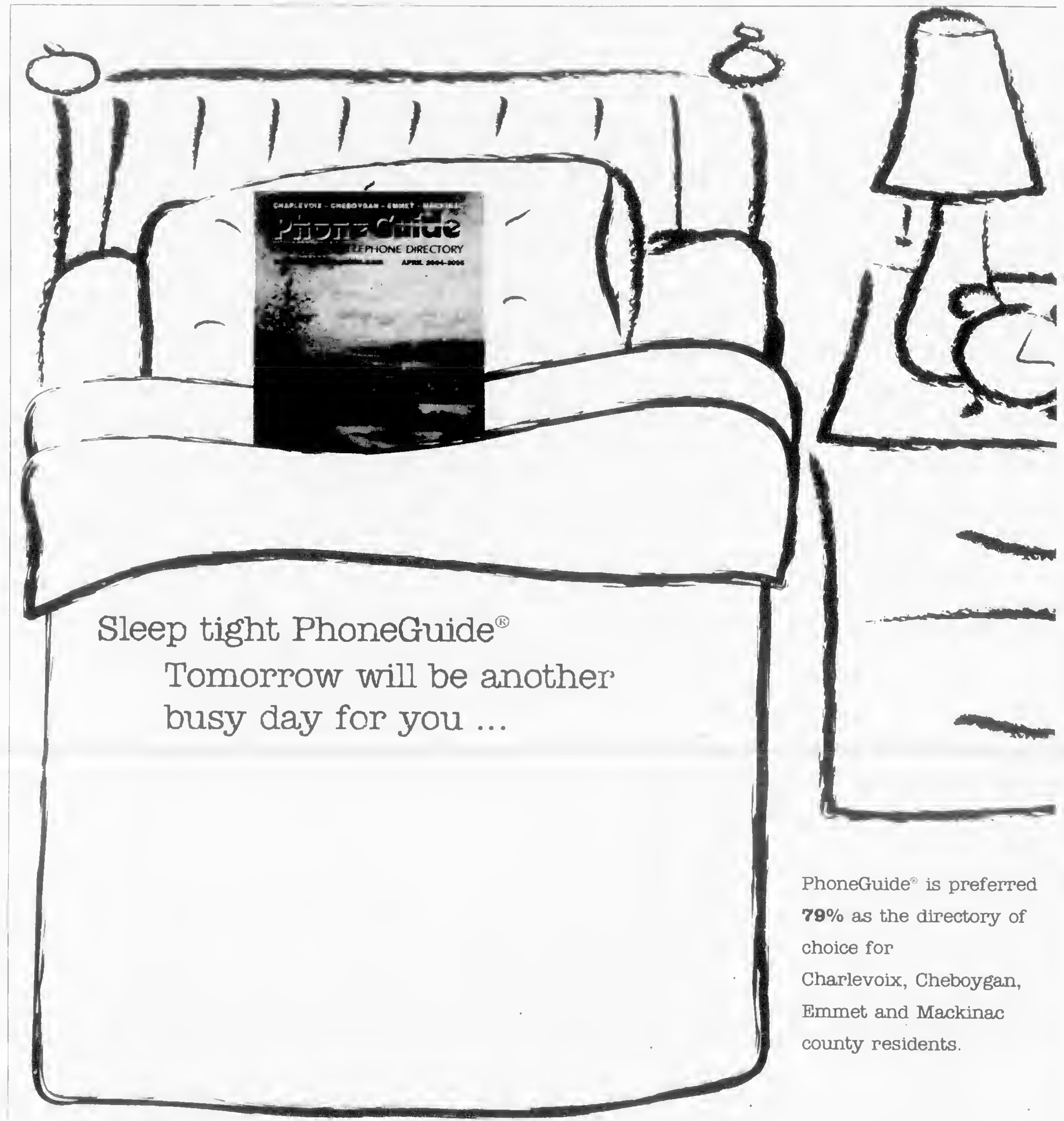

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100 holes

A local golf pro completed 100 holes in one day to raise money for the Junior Golf program.

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Election info

ELECTION 2004

We continue with more issues concerning the Charlevoix City election in November. The stories are located throughout this edition of the *Charlevoix Courier.*

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The official close of summer

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Several people gathered Monday on the north side of the drawbridge in downtown Charlevoix to celebrate the tourists leaving. The walkers chanted as they proceeded to cross the bridge toward town. The bridge operator kept the bridge closed for the walkers during the 10 a.m. opening.

Check to contractor could cost city

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The city of Charlevoix is trying to keep from paying a bill over $200,000 that may have been caused by a "mistakenly written" check.

According to Charlevoix Mayor Gabe Campbell, the issue started when Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi wrote a check for $222,978.36 in April 2004 to the construction firm that worked on the 2001 Belvedere Avenue and Michigan Avenue's repaving projects, CCMS Associates, Inc. However, Brandi wrote the check to just the construction firm and did not include the firm's insurance provider, United Fire and Casualty Company.

What happened then was CCMS Associates cashed the check, but did not pay the subcontractors for their work on the project. This forced the insurance company, United Fire, to pay the subcontractor. And now, United

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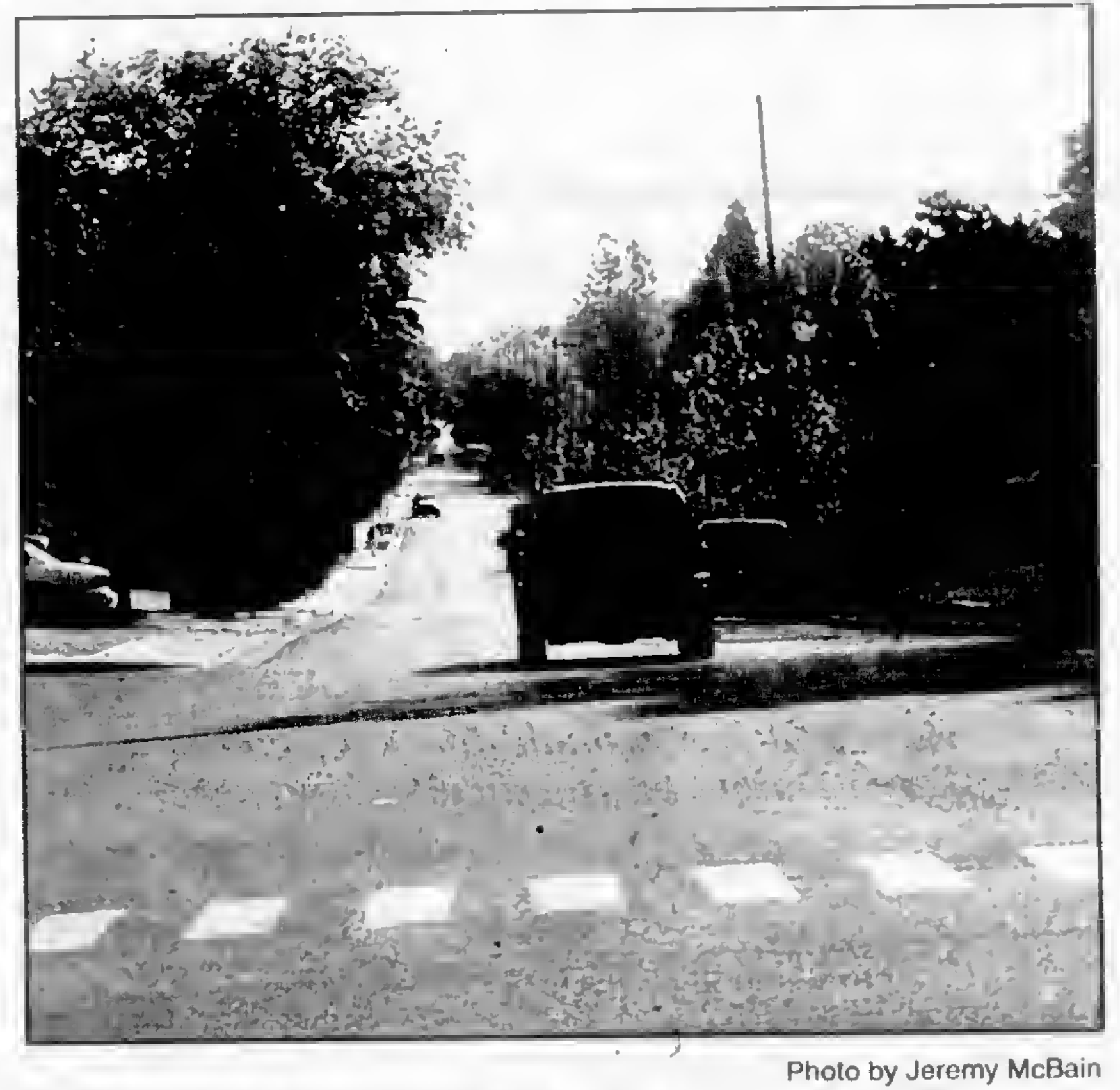

Photo by Jeremy McBain

The contractor of this road construction on Belvedere Avenue is at the center of a lawsuit between the city and an insurance company.

Mayor may push for changes

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The issue of a check that may cost the city over $200,000 has at least one city council member and the mayor upset, saying a mistake made by city officials may end up costing the taxpayers.

A check was written by City Treasurer Rick Brandi in April 2004 to the contractor hired for the 2001 repaving of Belvedere Avenue and Michigan Avenue for around $222,000. However, the contractor did not use the check to pay off the subcontractors on the project, forcing the contractor's insurance company to foot the bill.

Because of this, the insurance company, United Fire and Casualty Com-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Michael Frederick Vincent, 33, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended-revoked-denied, second or subsequent offense. Found not guilty by jury.

Kristina Ilene Howes, 32, Bellaire. Check-non sufficient funds under $100. Five days in jail with credit for one day; serve four days; $310 in fines and costs.

Tyler Houser Barsy, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol, first offense. Must attend Impact Weekend; $120 in fines and costs.

Kristen Elizabeth Key, 18, Troy. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend MIP one-day class; $100 in fines and costs.

Janice Lee Conlin, 55, Ann Arbor. Operating while intoxicated, third offense. Bound over to circuit court.

Johnny Stachura Jr., 48, Boyne Falls. Receiving and concealing stolen property greater than $1,000 but less than $20,000. Bound over to circuit court.

Jason Clinton Miner, 26, unknown address. Sex offender-fail to register. Bound over to circuit court.

David James Kuzmik II, 28, Harbor Springs. Operating while intoxicated, third offense/operating while license suspended-revoked, second offense. Bound over to circuit court.

Joshua Robert Toton, 18, Charlevoix. No valid operator's license. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Linda Marie Davison, 49, East Jordan. Check-non sufficient funds under $100. Fines and costs totaling $385.46.

Marsh Wabanimkee Miller, 27, Charlevoix. Possession of marijuana. One year probation; 360 days in jail with credit for three days, serve 27 days, 330 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Kelcie Marie Brock, 19, East Jordan. Operating-minor with any blood alcohol content. Six months probation; five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; must attend substance abuse classes; $530 in fines and costs.

Kenneth Allen Michelini, 36, West Bloomfield. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $730 in fines and costs.

Benjamin Jay Allen, 25, Charlevoix. Embezzlement agent-trust under $200. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 22 days, 70 days held in abeyance; $531.88 in fines and costs.

Brian Keith James, 41, Charlevoix. No operators license on person. Fines and costs totaling $800.

Seth Daniel Boss, 21, Central Lake. Minor in possession of alcohol, third or subsequent offense. Nine months probation: must attend Impact Weekend; $355 in fines and costs.

David Paul Pike, 50, Boyne City. No valid operator's license. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Jill Lynn Rowan, 19, Burton. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Catheryn Olivia Bryant, 25, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended-revoked-denied-allow. Seventy-six days in jail with credit for six days; serve 70 days.

Sharon Lee Snyder, 59, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Beau William Schroeder, 22, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 70 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,155 in fines and costs.

Deano Douglas Drost, 36, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

Will Douglas Granath, 18, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve six days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 76 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Will Douglas Granath, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $100.

Collin Wade-Gahn Stackus, 28, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Dura Med X, 107 Park Avenue, Number 7, Charlevoix, by Larry Cox.

Craft Med X, 107 Park Avenue, Number 7, Charlevoix, by Larry Cox.

Michael D. Cosier, 107 Echo Street, East Jordan, by Michael D. Cosier.

Peters Construction Company, 929 Wilson Street, Boyne City, by Boudicia Peters.

Selph Lawn Care, 403 State Street, Charlevoix, by Gordon Selph.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Steven Michael Fry, 28, Charlevoix and Hope Marie

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Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
August 31	70	54	—
September 1	70	54	.08
September 2	70	57	.11
September 3	84	59	—
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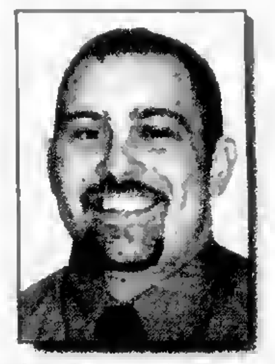
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From left to right: Junior Golf Executive Director Dean Davenport, Marsha Braun, Steven Braun and Belvedere Club President Dan Hales.

Braun shoots 100 holes for local Junior Golf program

Playing 100 holes of golf in one day did take just about as long as he expected, but, Steve Braun, teaching Professional from Charlevoix's Belvedere Golf Club, was surprised that he was able to play his 5 rounds of 18 holes with such consistency.

Bruan played each round between scores of 77-80.

His efforts were part of his traditional annual fund-raiser to raise revenue and promote Charlevoix's Junior Golf program.

Starting at 6:35 a.m., Braun finished his 100 holes at 5:30 p.m. He expressed his gratitude to cart drivers and helpers: Rosemary Corradi, Mary Bradley, Bob Hoffman, Barry Pierce, Marsha Braun and Dean Davenport, for their help. He also expressed his gratitude to the many supporters that pledged financial support for his golf playing project.

Braun has been a teaching pro in the Charlevoix area for several years; first at Dunmaglas and most recently at the Belvedere Club.

Prior to his stay in Charlevoix, he was a pro in the Flint area and was associated with that community's Junior Golf Program, which won the Golf Digest's award as National Community Program of the year. He is also one of the area pros that has volunteered time to teach the highly acclaimed Charlevoix Junior Golf Program.

Money raised will help purchase more loaner clubs and provide scholarships to deserving area youngsters that are awarded grants to attend the week long golf academy at Ferris State University.

CPR, First Aid classes

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- From 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B.
- From 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

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Nathan B. Dean, 23, Charlevoix and Dena Taylor Sheldon, 22, Charlevoix

Lampton Kiilani Kamalii, 32, Boyne Falls and Angeline Maruja Santos, 40, Boyne Falls

William Lindsey Smith, 54, Charlevoix and Martha K. Grose, 59, Charlevoix

Randy Lee Hollon, 35, Boyne City and Beth Ann Louise Spearman, 34, Boyne City

Travis Lee Hoffman, 25, Charlevoix and Jill Lynn Libera, 24, Charlevoix

Births

Michael Trent Chambers, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Adam and Tiffany Chambers of Grand Rapids on Aug. 18, 2004, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. Grandparents are Angie Chambers of Big Rapids and Roberta Palmer of Beaver Island and Charlevoix.

Billi-Jean Linda Barnes, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Solon and Neila Barnes of Central Lake, on Sept. 1, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her sisters and brothers are Temperance Shafer, Greg Barnes, Chris Barnes, Rosalynn Shafer and Morgan Marie Barnes and Neil Barnes. Grandparents are Willard and Wilma Shafer of Paradise and Solon and Linda Barnes of East Jordan.

Skyler Thomas Arnott, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces, was born to Matt Arnott and Ann Holliday of East Jordan, on Sept. 2, 2004. Grandparents are Richard and Glennis Arnott of Portland, Maine, Cindy Enbody of Greenville and Dale Holliday of Greenville.

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Sunday Holiday Brunch
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Be safe around buses this year

EDITORIAL

School is in session in Charlevoix County, meaning those familiar buses will be on the road.

Now is the time for us to rehash some basic safety rules for those buses, with tips from Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater.

The number one rule is for drivers to remember that these buses carry children and when they stop, it is to either pick up children waiting at the side of the road or to drop off children. This means it is very dangerous and very illegal for you to pass a stopped bus — with red blinking lights showing — with your vehicle. It does not matter how late you are for work or any other excuse you have; if you hit a child because of this selfish behavior the full weight of the law will be brought down upon you, as it should.

Lasater has these simple rules for motorists when they are approaching a stopped bus or children waiting for a bus.

- Remember that children can be unpredictable in their actions. Take extreme care when traveling in a school zone and drive slowly.
- Slow down and prepare to stop whenever you see yellow school bus lights flashing.
- If there are no sidewalks, drive cautiously. Be alert to the possibility of children walking in the road or crossing the street.

Lasater also has tips for parents of children at bus stops. He suggests that parents drive their child's bus route with them and practice the proper safety precautions at home, such as:

- Always arrive at the bus stop early.
- Prior to boarding, wait until the bus has come to a complete stop, the door opens and the bus driver says that it's OK to board.
- Always walk on the sidewalk when preparing to cross the street near a bus. If there is no sidewalk available, walk as far away from the road as possible.
- Make eye contact with the driver so that you are sure he or she sees you.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- If you are walking alongside the bus, walk at least three giant steps away.
- Take extra care to make sure that clothing with drawstrings and book bags do not get caught in the hand rail or door.
- Never stop to pick something up that you have dropped when a bus is stopped. Wait until the bus has driven off to avoid not being seen by the driver.

Let's make this a safe school season.

Expert advice needed when hunting for fall mushrooms

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

With the coming of fall, mushrooms begin to pop up all over. We are usually aware only of the fruiting structures that are produced annually.

For most of our growing season the fungi have lived invisibly underground as microscopic fibers engaged in the decomposition of almost anything plant or animal that falls to the earth and remains moist.

The mushrooms emerging in your lawn are much like the apples on a tree, if we imagine that the whole tree is growing out of sight underground.

The morel, one of the few spring mushrooms, is not closely related to those that we see in the fall. It is one of the few that most people are willing to pick from the wild and use as food.

In general, we are likely to be suspicious of wild-gathered mushrooms. While the fall varieties may be even more delicious than morels, most of us have been taught from childhood that they are "toadstools" and are probably poisonous.

There is a Latin saying, which translated is, "If you awaken in the morning after an evening meal of wild mushrooms, you know they were good ones."

Short of being able to identify any mushroom with certainty, that is the only test available. There are NO simple rules that can distinguish poisonous mushrooms from the edible and delicious kind.

An Herbal (a listing of plants and their uses) from the sixteenth century had this to say: "Fungi ben mussherons. They be cold and moyst in the thyrde degree and that is shewed hy theyr violent moisture. There be two maners of them, one maner be deedly and sleeth them that eateth of them, and he called tode stooles, and the other dooth not."

Tode in that sentence is not about little hopping things, tode is a German word for death.

If you remain adventurous after that description, look to one of the good guides to mushrooms. Alexander Smith, a long time member of the faculty at the University of Michigan, produced "The Mushroom Hunter's Field Guide" some years ago.

More recently a fine book titled "Mushrooms Demystified" by David Arora provides more information than you may need in your search for mushroom identity.

This last one is the finest book on North American mushrooms that I have ever seen. Many shorter and less technical manuals and guides can also be useful. Most have color photographs and enough information to make it safe to eat at least a few of the common wild kinds to be found at this season.

Nutritionally most of our fall mushrooms have enough protein content to recommend them as food. They even have vitamins. Overall, they are about as nutritious pound for pound as watermelon or most vegetables.

If you wish to feast on wild mushrooms, the best advice of all is to find someone who really knows mushrooms and go collecting with them. Then enjoy a meal together. Anyone willing to eat what they collect is probably a good choice as a source of information.

Even if you choose not to eat any of them, the fall mushrooms can be a source of aesthetic delight. They come in a truly marvelous array of colors, textures, shapes and sizes. David Arora's book lists more than two thousand kinds, and they are all fascinating, whether eaten or just observed.

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Letters to the editor

Letter response

Editor:

I am writing to you in regard to a Letter to the Editor in Sept. 1 (last week's issue), Stating "Would the people who support the Bush/Cheney ticket please volunteer to go to Iraq and if you are unable or unwilling to fulfill this moral commitment, please choose one of your children or grandchildren to go in your place."

I think this statement is disturbing and I believe that attitudes like that have not made us the country we are today.

I have been in the military for over four years and I wouldn't expect a person with an attitude like that to protect our freedom.

Instead of using your energy spreading negative statements, try using it to support the men and women overseas and homeland who do choose to protect the country we live in.

Jake Haider
Charlevoix

Vote out Campbell

Editor:

Mayor Gabe Campbell falsely accuses me of receiving special treatment regarding the planting of trees and shrubs on my Belvedere Avenue property.

The truth is, on Sept. 6, 1994 the City Council voted to approve my site plan which very specifically included the trees and cedar hedge that he now cites as an example of selective enforcement.

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We received no variances in the building and landscaping of our home because we did so within the confines of all city rules and regulations and we needed none.

Campbell knows this full well as he was a city council member at the time. Prior to the council's approval, the planning commission voted unanimously to send it to the city council, and they in turn all voted to approve except Campbell.

City Attorney Jim Young warned Campbell at the time that if you turn an applicant down for a project, you must give them the specific reason allowing them the opportunity to correct any deficiencies.

Campbell's comment was, "I don't have a reason, I just don't like it."

I let it go at the time because the plan passed without his blessing.

During a June 2004 city council meeting, the mayor requested that City Planner Gerry Harsch relook at my site plan approval and compare it to the ordinance to see if there was any "wiggle" room for him to use.

In a July 15, 2004, memo from Harsch to City Manager Michael Wiesner, Harsch verifies that what we did is what was on the site plan and was approved by the city council. In his opinion, everything is within the homeowner's rights.

Mayor Campbell has seen this memo, but in spite of it, continues to personally attack my integrity.

This entire issue began in 1999 when a resident on Hurlbut Street complained that if we were allowed to build our proposed home, it would block her view of the lake.

There is absolutely nothing in our city zoning ordinance that guarantees a non-lakefront property owner a view of the lake.

She had no view of the lake long before we bought the property.

For many years she looked at Bellinger Marine storage buildings and large, mature trees on the south side of Belvedere Avenue.

Then Bellinger Marine and its storage buildings were removed, and the city re-did Belvedere Avenue and cut all the trees down between Bridge and May streets.

She simply got used to her new view of the lake while half of the property stood empty until building began.

Now she is complaining about my trees and hedge. The trees are not even as tall as the house, and the only thing my hedge is blocking is her view looking directly into my house. I thought trees were a good thing, in fact, do we not still have a "Tree City, USA" designation?

One of the things I love about driving down Park Avenue and Dixon Street and other streets in Charlevoix is the tunnel of trees. That is what we once had on Belvedere Avenue before they were removed.

Perhaps the mayor should be more concerned with conducting himself as an elected official as opposed to a dictator. He wasted thousands of dollars in legal fees in an attempt to remove planning commissioners.

We as taxpayers not only had to pay legal fees to defend his actions, but we also had to pay the legal fees for the defendants, all of whom were later reinstated for the remainder of their terms by the mayor.

The assisted living issue was even worse. That cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars and he was warned long before this went all the way through a trial that in all probability the city would lose, and we did.

In both cases the costs didn't matter. It was simply what the mayor wanted or did not want.

I ask myself, is this mayor truly a coalition builder? Is he trying to get important things done in an effort to make this an even better community in which to live?

I think not, and will be telling him so in November when I go to the polls to vote.

John Winn
Charlevoix

The swing voter

Editor:

The independent voter is faced, on one side, with George W. and HIS self-righteous backers. They believe the Bible (which Bible?) is more important than the Constitution.

On the other side, we have Kerry and HIS self-righteous supporters. They believe the problems in our country can be solved by throwing money at them — other people's money.

Neither offer a path down the middle where reasonable discussion could lead to logical problem solving and recognition that we are a country of diverse peoples.

Larry Freedman
Charlevoix

Arts center to have shopping scramble

Golf outings are a dime a dozen, that's why organizers from the Crooked Tree Arts Center in conjunction with Downtown Petoskey and the Village at Bay Harbor have decided to create an outing of a different nature: the first ever Downtown Petoskey-Bay Harbor Shopping Scramble.

Shoppers will be able to test their skills on two shopping courses on Saturday Oct. 2, 2004. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Shoppers will gather at the arts center in the morning to enjoy coffee and breakfast treats. From there, they will head out to shop the front nine in downtown Petoskey. Each foursome will be encouraged to visit at least nine businesses before they break for lunch at Whitecaps Restaurant. Following lunch, the shoppers will head to Bay Harbor to shop the back nine.

After visiting at least nine businesses there, they will end the day at the Nineteenth Hole Party at Latitude Restaurant with great food, goodie bags and lots of prizes.

Some businesses will plan to donate a portion of their proceeds from the event to the Crooked Tree Arts Center or other local charities.

The cost to participate will be $50 per person or $200 per foursome. The cost includes breakfast, lunch at Whitecaps, hors d'oeuvres and special gifts. Registration for the event is now open and the deadline is Sept. 30. To register, call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

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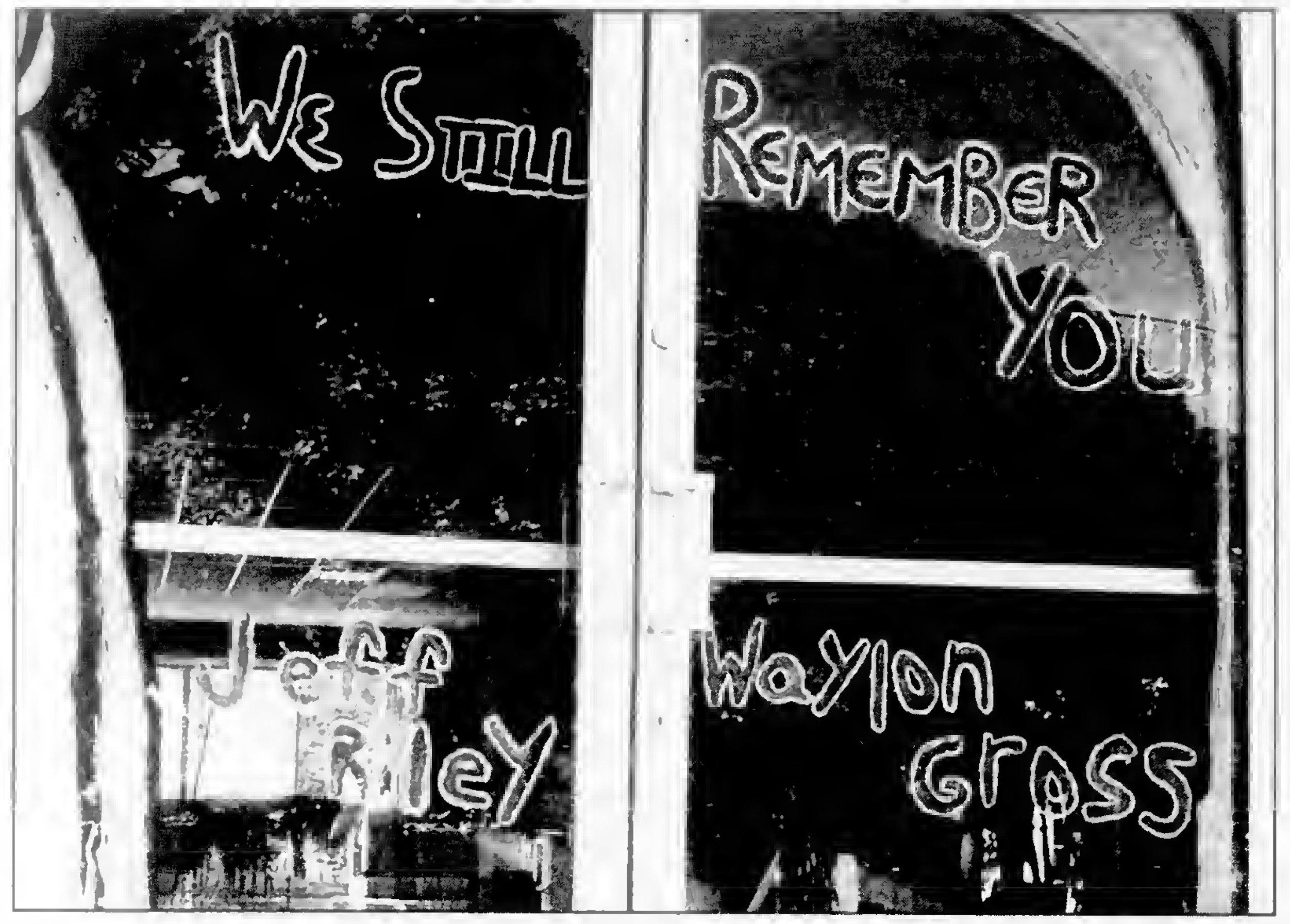

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There are several men and women from Charlevoix currently serving in the military overseas. There are also some who have returned home from the front lines and others set for deployment.

Here are the brave men and women who are defending their country by simply doing their job: Scott Campbell, Troy Drebenstedt, Waylon Gross, Dawson Matter, Country J. Middleton, Elizabeth Powers, Jeff Riley, Sean Roberts and Gerald Zeitler.

Those who have returned home from the service are Mary Selph and Dan Bennett.

These names are constantly updated on the Living Honor Roll on the north face of the American Legion Hall (above).

High tech incentive

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Northwest Academy Charter School is bringing back an old program to inspire new students.

The Student Technology and Arts Resources (STAR) program is a $500 scholarship that enables students to purchase needed items such as musical instruments and computers, Jonathan Winkjer, Northwest Academy administrator, said.

"We thought it was a good thing because it shows who we are and what our philosophy is," he said.

The scholarship is open to all new students automatically. Winkjer said returning students can enjoy the program only if they recruit a new student, and have to do so each year to remain in the program throughout their educational careers.

Students don't need to apply, but have to meet certain requirements. In order to remain in the program students must maintain a grade of a "C" or better in every class. Discipline is another factor, which requires students to stay out of trouble. Winkjer said this combination gives students a lesson in responsibility.

The money used to purchase needed items comes from the school's general fund.

"It's money we could be giving ourselves a raise with," he said.

STAR proved to be very successful three years ago when it was started, but didn't last when a decision was made to not continue the program, Winkjer said.

"I think it's a shame it ever stopped in the first place," he said.

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"If that doesn't show the commitment, nothing will," he said.

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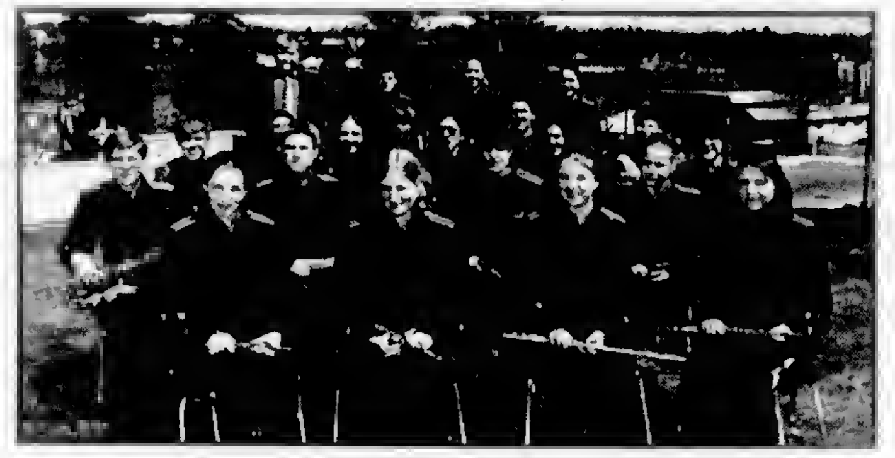

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An annual tradition

Folks of all ages took part in the annual Charlevoix Bridge Walk on Labor Day on Bridge Street (left). While the bridge was up, cars lined the streets in their familar way (below left). (Below) This walker got patriotic during the event.

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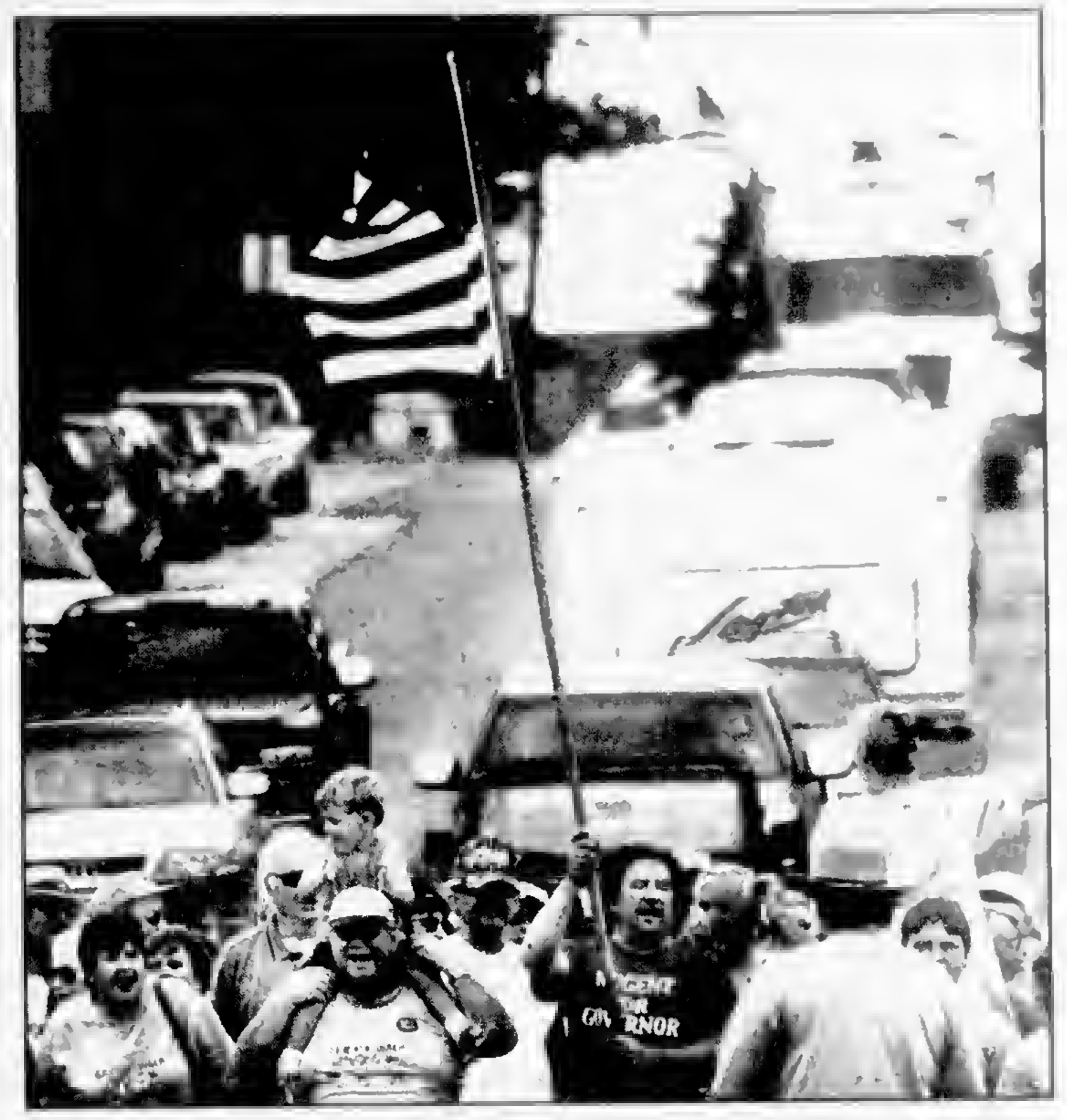

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Charles Maxwell Novak: April 30, 1911 - Sept. 2, 2004

Charles Maxwell Novak, 93, of Charlevoix passed away on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Charles Maxwell Novak

Max was born on April 30, 1911 in Charlevoix, the eldest son of Charles Michael and Margaret (MacKenzie) Novak. He graduated from Charlevoix Public Schools in 1929 where he had been an excellent athlete participating in varsity football and basketball.

Max attended Alma College and earned his bachelor's in 1934. He earned his master's from the University of Michigan in education administration and earned a second master's in guidance and counseling from Michigan State University.

Max taught and coached in Ellsworth and Pellston for a year and Remus for five years. While there, he met Frances Jeannette Boer of Jenison who was also teaching in Remus.

Max and Frances were married in Zeeland on Nov. 2, 1940. They moved to Charlevoix in 1941 and Max began his teaching career with the Charlevoix Public Schools.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a Lieutenant J.G., serving in the North Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and in the Mediterranean Sea. Max received an honorable discharge as a Lieutenant Commander.

After the war he returned to Charlevoix to continue his career as a teacher and principal. He retired in 1973 after 31 years in the Charlevoix Public Schools. Max was elected to the Charlevoix School Board, serving as president for 18 years. He also owned and operated Novak's Insurance Agency for 20 years.

Max was active in the American Legion, serving on the board of directors for Boys' State for many years. He also served on the Charlevoix Area Hospital Board for 37 years.

Max was a member and delegate to the National Education Association. He was elected to the Board of Directors for the Michigan Education Association. Gov. George Romney appointed him to the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Board.

He was a founding member of the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club and a member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the First Congregational Church.

Max was an avid supporter of the Charlevoix Public Schools and the Rayder athletic teams. He was a coach and sponsor of five city softball teams. He was honored by the city and schools for his dedication to the youth of Charlevoix with the naming of the Max Novak Athletic Building on Sept. 18, 1993.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances in 1976, his brother, William Novak in 1997 and his sister, Marie Webb in 2002.

Max is survived by his children: Marilyn Novak of Charlevoix; Jeanette Novak of Damascus, Md.; Nancy (Frank) Letherby of Grand Rapids; Charles Novak of Rockford; and Carl (Kathy) Novak of Tecumseh; and his granddaughters Rachel and Kayla Novak of Tecumseh. Other relatives include Shirley Van Neuren of Jenison, Tom Novak of Monterey, Calif., Barbara (Bob) Woodrow of Kalamazoo, Tom (Jan) Webb of Petoskey, Louis (Betty) McKenzie and Maxine (George) Plumm of Charlevoix and Marian (Bob) Heacock of Mountain Brock, Ala.

The family wishes to express its deepest appreciation to the Grandvue Medical Care Facility staff for the excellent care given to Max in such a warm and compassionate way. We also are grateful to Dr. Craig Wendt and to the rehabilitative staff at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Visitation was from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p. m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4 at the First Congregational Church UCC in Charlevoix.

The funeral was at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5 at the First Congregational Church UCC in Charlevoix, with a visitation one hour before the service.

Burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix handled all arrangements.

Those wishing to make contributions in Max's memory may do so to: Grandvue Medical Care Facility, American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post, Boys' State, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the First Congregational Church UCC, or a charity of their choice.

Eleanor Francis Marshall: Sept. 2, 1918 - Aug. 29, 2004

Eleanor Francis Marshall, while surrounded by her loving family, relinquished her spirit to the Lord on Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, joining the only true love of her life, husband James "Bun" Marshall, who died nearly 19 years ago.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, Charles and Marcella (Wolford) Sommer; her mother-in-law, Frances Marshall; two brothers, Allen and Raymond; in-laws, Lester Orr, Maxine Sommer, Olga Sommer, George Marshall; and a grandson, David Spencley.

She is survived by three children, twin daughters, Sharlene (Gary) Spencley, Darlene (Michael) Borths all of Charlevoix, one son, Jim (Bonnie) Marshall of Kingsley; and 19 grandchildren, Scott, Melanie (Nancy), Dean (Patti), Jamey, Darsi, Lynn, (Joe), Paul, Shandra, Marci, Staci, J.B. (Katie), Jennifer (Jeff) and Joe (Michelle); 17 great-grandchildren, Keeton, Kolby, Jamen, Curt (Carmie), Tara (Waylon) Sasha, Shauna, Cortney, Melisa, KeNen, Cameron, Cooper, Klayton, Tekoa and Elijah.

She is also survived by one sister, Bernice Orr, of Petoskey; and one brother, Jay Sommer, of Charlevoix; very special in-laws, Margaret Sommer of Midland, Jean and Madonna (Marshall) Krueger of Redford and Mary Marshall of Brighton; several nieces and nephews very dear to her heart; and her very dearest lifelong friend, Jane Martin.

Eleanor was born Sept. 2, 1918, the daughter of Charles and Marcella (Wolford) Sommer. She lived in Mackinaw City her entire life until moving to Charlevoix in 1985. She graduated from Mackinaw City Public Schools in 1939 as valedictorian of her class. For the past three years, she had been a resident of the Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was an active member of the Mackinaw City Women's Club for years, very involved in school functions, a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and of the Altar Society. She worked for many years at the Desy Gift Shops, the Dime Store and lastly for Heilman's fudge shops, all in Mackinaw City.

Eleanor was an extraordinary grandmother, and her happiest days were surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was a fabulous cook, especially of time honored family recipes. Her brave indomitable spirit will be long remembered by the many people she loved and touched.

The family would like to thank the staff at Grandvue in East Jordan for the tender love and compassion given to her.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her honor to the Alzheimer's unit of Grandvue.

Visitation will be held 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at St. Anthony's Church in Mackinaw City, with a memorial service at 7 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1. A luncheon will immediately follow. There will be no graveside service.

The Nordman Funeral Home in Cheboygan is handling arrangements.

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Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins	
Church	**547-6430**

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Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

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Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton	

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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

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Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

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Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

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Thomas Arthur Staudt: Nov. 29, 1923 - Sept. 4, 2004

Thomas Arthur Staudt,80, formerly of East Lansing, passed away in Charlevoix on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004.

He was born in Akron, Ohio on Nov. 29, 1923. He was a Veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy where he was a landing officer at Nagasaki, Japan following the dropping of the atomic bomb.

He earned DBA and MBA degrees from Indiana University and attended Akron University. He lived in Cambridge, Mass. where he was a professor in the Marketing Department at MIT. He then moved to East Lansing in 1955 where he became chair of the Marketing and Transportation Department at Michigan State University until 1969. He then became head of the Marketing Department at Chevrolet Division of General Motors Corp.

Following retirement from Chevrolet in 1988 he and his wife made their winter home in Sarasota, Fla. and their summer home in Charlevoix.

While at MSU he earned the Distinguished Faculty Award, and was named the Marketing Educator of the Year by Sales and Marketing Executives International. He was the author of two text books on marketing and taught in the Graduate School of Business in Turin, Italy, as well as consulting on marketing for many international companies. He was also a member of the President's Advisory Council on Management Improvement under President Nixon.

He was a member of the Concordia Mission Church of Sarasota, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, a board member of the Historic Trinity Lutheran Church of Detroit, and a member of the Sarasota Yacht Club.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Elaine; 2 children, Tim (Cathy) Staudt of Okemos and Becky (Steve) Trotsky of Sudbury, Mass.; 4 grandchildren, Thomas, Matthew and Patrick Staudt, and Jeffrey Trotsky; brother, Joe (Marilyn) Staudt of Archbold, OH; sister, Dorothy (Carl) Eicker of Birmingham; sister-in-law, Jean Ann Staudt of Akron; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Greg in 2003.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004 at Ascension Lutheran Church, 2780 Haslett Road, East Lansing. Interment will be in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Akron, Ohio on Friday.

Also, a Memorial Service will be given in Sarasota, Fla. at a later date.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel, 325 W. Washtenaw St., Lansing. Memorial contributions may be made to Concordia Lutheran Church, 2185 Wood St., Sarasota, Fla. 34237 or to Bethany Lutheran Church, 11906 US-31 North, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Frank Joseph Jaskierski, Jr.: Sept. 3, 1919 - Sept. 1, 2004

Frank Joseph Jaskierski, Jr., 84, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, at his home.

A Mass of the Resurrection was Friday, Sept. 3, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church. The Rev. Thomas Neis officiated and burial was in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Frank was born Sept. 3,1919, in Chicago, the son of Frank and Katherine (Rapacc) Jaskierski. He moved to Charlevoix as a young man.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1942 until 1945. Frank married the former Theresa S. Kovar on Aug. 25, 1967, in Charlevoix .

He retired from DME in Charlevoix as a machinist, and he farmed his entire life.

Frank was a member of Saint Mary's Church and the VFW Post 1153 in Charlevoix.

He is survived by his wife Theresa; son, John (Kathleen) Jaskierski, and grandson Jakob Jaskierski of Charlevoix; sisters, Mary Jones of Chicago, Josephine Bindi and Eleanor Nowakowski of Charlevoix.

He was preceded in death by his brother John G. Jaskierski.

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Council candidates state their issues

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

On Nov. 2, voters will choose who they want to represent them on city council.

Two candidates that were unable to be reached last week commented on what issues are important to them.

First ward incumbent Bill Haggard and second ward candidate Alvin "Butch" Russell are both experienced in politics and have lived in the area for awhile.

Haggard, 68, was born in the Charlevoix area and has lived here for most of his life. He co-owns Haggard's Plumbing and Heating and is a member and on the board of the Master Plumber's Association. His Charlevoix contributions have been more politically focused.

Haggard has sat on council for a total of 12 years and worked on the Downtown Development Authority for two years. He is running for re-election to the first ward because he wants to see some projects through to the end.

"I want to see the marina and [East] park go as smooth as possible," he said.

The two year process is something Haggard is ready to witness. He wants to see the docks rebuilt and the park renovated into an even better facility.

Haggard said he doesn't have a specific platform, but just wants operations to run as smoothly as possible.

One way this can be accomplished is to stay out of court more. Haggard said there needs to be more negotiations on the council level such as the assisted living situation.

Haggard said the whole ordeal could have been handled out of court, but a vote was taken against holding a public hearing.

"They voted to not put a public voice in and I didn't think that was right," he said.

Haggard said he may need a facility like Sunnybank Retirement Community when he gets older. He said having one in Charlevoix is nice because then people can be around all their memories, especially if they've lived their whole life in Charlevoix.

Haggard said assisted living still needs to be incorporated into the zoning ordinance, but he said that shouldn't be a big issue.

Having an open government is important to Haggard.

"There's just some legal stuff you have to have closed session on," he said. "Otherwise the public should be informed."

Haggard said the legal stuff are things like lawsuit negotiations and issues with employees.

Haggard is for openness in government because he believes the people have a say and closed sessions can cause suspicion.

"Because we're not trying to hide anything and they'll think you're trying to hide something," he said.

Russell shares some of the same beliefs as Haggard.

Russell, 60, owner of Charlevoix Towing, has lived in Charlevoix all his life. He served as mayor for four years and was on council for 11 years. Aside from politics, Russell has helped the community by donating equipment to the baseball fields.

Russell is running for city council because of family issues.

"I don't believe two members of the same family should be serving at the same time," he said concerning Mayor Gabe Campbell and his wife Karen I. Campbell.

He is also running because as a business man, he is concerned about the fate of local business.

"Charlevoix businesses are dying," he said. "It was a slow year."

He said a business can't survive on 30 or 60 days in the summer. Russell said the community should support a longer business season and an earlier start.

Russell said people may complain about the traffic, but it's a necessary inconvenience.

"Without that traffic, it's a long year," he said.

Russell said the business district is more than just downtown.

"I don't know what the answer is, but somebody's got to sit down and get back on track," he said.

Aside from businesses, affordable housing is another issue Russell is concerned about.

He said the younger age group in Charlevoix can't afford to stay in town to live and work.

"It's beyond their means to buy anything," he said.

Bringing in more into the industrial part of the city may increase the number of jobs for the younger crowd, he said.

Aside from creating more business and housing, Russell believes the government should be open except for issues concerning individual problems and hiring.

"I don't think anything should be hidden from anybody," he said. "I don't know why you'd want to hide anything."

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Harbor Industries hosts Day of Caring

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Harbor Industries is gearing up for its first annual Day of Caring on Sept. 16, which involves area volunteers and businesses.

The Day of Caring started a few years back with Harbor Industries helping out with about two volunteer projects per year.

"The ideal goal for this is that people get interested in volunteering and go out and volunteer on other projects," said Jennifer Archambault, human resource assistant for Harbor Industries.

Archambault said if people don't wish to carry on their volunteer work year-round, the hope is that they will come back for the Day of Caring next year.

The Day of Caring is set aside for area people to lend a hand with local projects, some of which include painting the caboose at the Raven Hill Center, doing cabin repair work at Camp Dagget and assisting senior citizens through the Family Independence Agency.

"Many other communities do this," she said concerning the volunteer work.

Archambault said Tim Parker, vice president of Harbor Industries, is actively involved with United Way, which led to the Day of Caring.

Last year, Harbor Industries built teepees at Challenge Mountain. Archambault said the project allowed floor and office personnel to work as a team, which helped build teamwork skills for the company.

Before events get underway on Sept. 16, there will be a kick off meeting to inform volunteers of the day's events.

Currently, there are several projects lined up, but not as many volunteers. Those interested in helping out with a project individually or as a team can contact Archambault at Harbor Industries by calling 237-6242 or by e-mailing her at jennifer_archambault@harborind.com.

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Council candidates discuss parking

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

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Sometimes it seems like there just aren't enough parking spaces in Charlevoix during the busy summer months, but does this mean we have a parking problem?

City council candidates look into all aspects of the parking situation in Charlevoix.

First ward incumbent Bill Haggard said he doesn't think there is a parking problem. He said Charlevoix has adequate parking, but more spaces could open up downtown if store owners parked further away and not right in front of their stores.

"We wouldn't need meters if property owners wouldn't park there," he said.

There has been talk about the possibility of having a parking structure in Charlevoix. Haggard said such a facility isn't necessary.

"I doubt you'd ever need that," he said.

Haggard said the parking lot down by the United States Coast Guard ship the ACACIA, used to be roped off and designated as paid parking. He said the idea didn't last one year until they took it out because no one would use it.

"People have a tendency to park in front, then go to the mall and walk 40 miles," he said.

The size of Charlevoix also limits the possibility of such a structure.

"We just don't have the room," he said.

Instead of a parking structure, Haggard would like to see more businesses and stores brought into the city.

Venetian can cause some grief with parking, but Haggard said he doesn't see the problem since it only lasts a few days. He did, however, say that serious thought would have to be put into looking at the parking situation if Venetian occurred year-round.

Handicapped parking is something Haggard supports. He'd like to see a drop off area put in downtown, which would help some people get to the festivities. He said it could be located on a corner so the driver can easily get in and out.

"I'm all for handicapped parking and Americans with Disabilities Act regulations," he said.

Haggard said whatever is necessary to bring the city up to ADA standards should be done.

First ward challenger Rebecca Doan was unable to be reached for comment after repeated attempts.

Second ward incumbent Karen I. Campbell said there is plenty of parking for people who come and visit in the summer. She said the festival is run in a nice manner and she doesn't mind walking, but not everyone can do that.

"I don't think we have a problem with parking except for handicapped," she said.

These issues have been brought to her attention from people she's talked with that need handicapped parking.

One issue centered on the handicapped parking spaces on Clinton Street across from Murdick's Famous Fudge. The spaces are blocked by vendor trucks during downtown festivals and art fairs.

Campbell said one solution could require putting one handicapped parking space per block along both sides of Bridge Street.

Handicapped spaces are one battle, but Campbell is also focused on the proposed parking for the new marina.

"I don't think marina parking is necessary because they come in on boats," she said. "Let them take the Ankle Express like everybody else."

Second ward challenger Alvin "Butch" Russell said a parking problem does exist in Charlevoix, but only on certain occasions.

These occasions include the Venetian Festival and several smaller festivals.

"There's still lots of streets to park on," he said. "They do find parking."

Russell said people are willing to walk a long ways when going to a larger city or a shopping mall, but seem to have a need to park up front in Charlevoix.

The problem isn't year-round, but there has been some talk concerning a parking structure in Charlevoix. Russell said such a structure could save money on parking in the long run due to property values, but isn't the best idea.

"I don't know if I want to see a parking structure downtown," he said. "I don't think we need it."

If the public supports the idea of a parking structure and the cost isn't a problem, Russell said he would then support the project even though he personally doesn't agree.

Russell doesn't think there's a parking problem in Charlevoix, but he isn't too sure about the handicapped parking situation.

He said he'd have to look into the issue more in depth, but there is probably a problem.

Bridge Street is busy, but Russell said there should be handicapped parking spaces on some of the corners and more van accessible parking.

Incumbent Sherman Chamberlain Jr. said he doesn't see a problem with parking since 42 months out of the year there is plenty of parking.

"It's not worth spending the public's money on more additional spaces in town," he said.

The traffic created by the Venetian Festival and other downtown festivities such as Apple Fest is something Chamberlain said isn't a big problem.

These festivities create fund-raising opportunities for organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, who charge for parking, Chamberlain said.

There has been some talk over the years concerning a parking structure in Charlevoix. Chamberlain said a structure like that is not likely in the immediate future.

"That's something that should be incorporated in a 20 year master plan of Charlevoix," he said.

Chamberlain said he doesn't see a need for a parking structure in his lifetime, but it is something he thinks the planning commission should look into.

"It's an idea the public should at least think about," he said.

Instead of more parking, Chamberlain would like to see better usage of space in downtown Charlevoix. He said private developers could come in and build, which would be one way to help expand the city's tax base.

"I think the downtown area needs more people," he said.

Downtown parking is not a problem now, but Chamberlain would like to see more handicapped spaces for East Park so everyone can enjoy what the park has to offer.

In November 2001, Chamberlain was hit by a Ford Ranger and was forced to be in a wheelchair.

"It was an eye opening experience," he said.

Chamberlain said he always questioned different handicapped laws, but after the accident he really saw a need for more accessibility.

Bridge Street is a dangerous place for someone in a wheelchair, which is why Chamberlain thinks Clinton Street is a better place for more handicapped spaces.

"The population is getting older and older," he said. "It's time to rethink the number of handicapped parking spaces downtown."

Parking is not that important of an issue for third ward challenger Dave Scott, but it is something he feels should be studied more in order to ensure the best is being done for downtown businesses and employees.

"It's not worse here than anywhere else," he said.

Many downtowns face the same problems when it comes to parking, Scott said, but parking issues are relative to the area.

People in a larger city don't think twice about having to walk a short distance to get to the store they want to shop in, Scott said. Charlevoix residents and tourists are different.

"Ultimately, people want to park right in front of their business or place there going to shop," he said.

During the summer months many people flock to Charlevoix causing the towns vehicular traffic to swell. The expectation some of these people have of being able to park up front is something Scott said the city needs to meet.

Scott said he has only had to walk three or four blocks at the worse during the hectic summer months.

"The overall impact of Venetian is positive, so I personally am willing to put with the inconvenience," he said.

Venetian's impact on the downtown area creates some traffic backup situations, which was handled differently this year by staging some events out at Castle Farms.

"I'm not willing to shell out money to solve a problem that occurs one week, each year," he said.

When asked about the suggested parking structure, Scott said such a structure would be out of character for Charlevoix and would cost a lot of money to construct.

"I can't think of anything worse," he said.

One issue in town concerns handicapped parking, which Scott thinks Charlevoix could use more of.

"It may be a good idea to identify a couple more handicapped spaces," he said.

These spaces would then be readily available during hectic times and offer more parking options. Scott said he doesn't mind walking a few more feet in order to provide more spaces for individuals who need to be closer to the entrance.

"I'm never upset when I go to a mall and see unused handicapped spaces," he said.

Scott suggested creating some spaces in the downtown area for expectant mothers along with those designated for handicapped parking.

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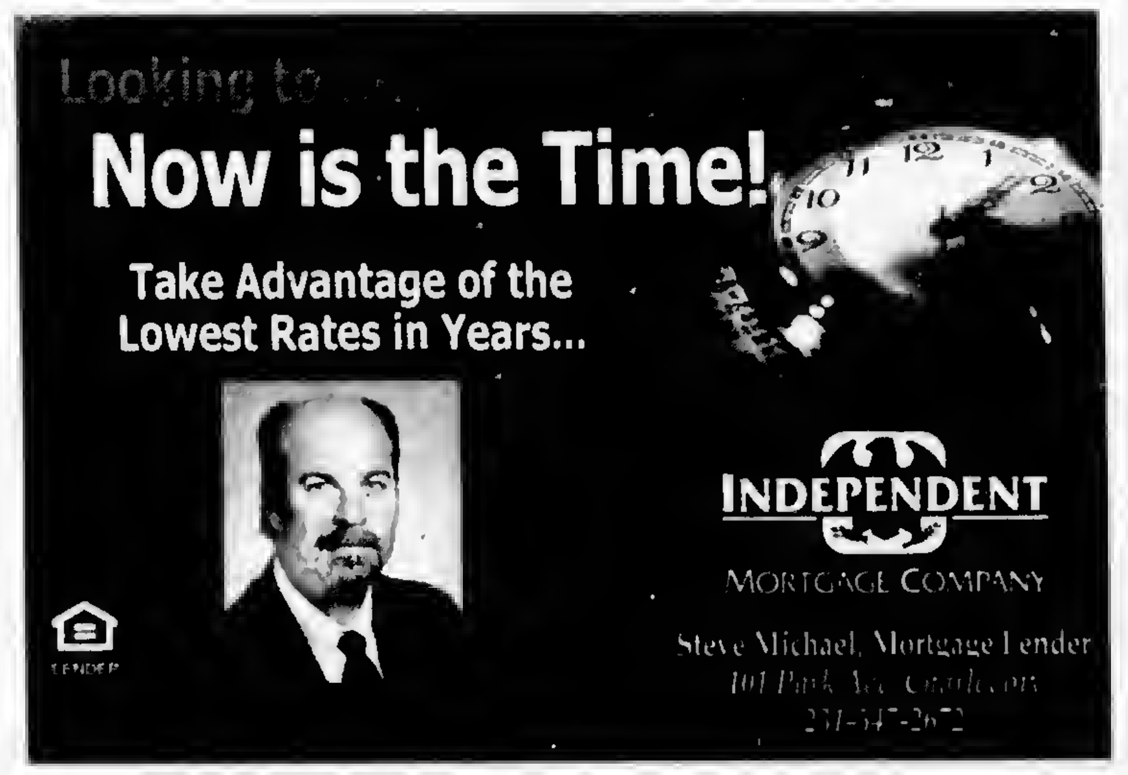
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To date, 57 grants totaling more than $27,000 have been distributed by the fund, providing medical and dental services to children whose needs might otherwise go unmet, and helping to support projects like Fit Kids that encourage healthy lifestyles.

"In a community where families may work seasonally or lack health insurance, minor health issues can become major problems," said Chicago Club member Richard Platt, who helped launch the fund. "We hope that these modest investments in children's health will yield big results in the long run. Quick Action for Kids grants focus on prevention, correction, and rehabilitation, where a one-time expenditure can make a real difference for a child."

In addition to traditional medical or dental care, the fund helps cover the cost of eyeglasses or hearing aids, speech or physical therapy and personal hygiene. When school personnel identify a child's health need, they can make a request for assistance directly to the community foundation. If approved, the necessary money is immediately granted.

"This unique, rapid-response fund helps fill a healthcare gap," said Bob Tambellini, community foundation president. "All of us are grateful to the Chicago Club for demonstrating their commitment to Charlevoix and its young people in such an innovative way."

The Chicago Club fund is one of 150 funds currently managed by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation — each one designated to support a specific cause or address general needs in education, the environment, health and wellness, civic improvement, the arts, youth or recreation.

Started in 1992, the community foundation now has net assets of more than $10.5 million and has distributed a total of $4.5 in grants to the area.

More information about the Quick Action for Kids fund or other programs of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation is available by calling the foundation at (231) 536-2440, or writing c/o P.O Box 718, East Jordan, Michigan, 49727.

Horton Bay church to host a financial seminar

As a part of its continuing series of community outreach programs, and as a service to the community, Horton Bay United Methodist Church will present a financial seminar called "Ask a Broker."

This will be a financial planning meeting where no one will be asked to leave a name, make an appointment or fill out some sort of financial profile.

Derek Chowen, a stockbroker from Charlevoix, will conduct the session, which is subtitled, "Everything you always wanted to know about investments, but didn't know who to ask."

Derek Chowen

Chowen will include a discussion of current financial market conditions and investment strategies, followed by a question and answer session. He has previously participated in financial briefings to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfasts, the Charlevoix Rotary Club and other civic groups.

The seminar is open to the public, and will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 at Horton Bay United Methodist Church on Boyne City-Charlevoix Road. The public is invited.

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Lasater warns: don't call and drive

Sheriff George T. Lasater would like inform the driving public in Charlevoix County that although most Americans agree that the use of cellular telephones while driving can be hazardous to their health, more motorists than ever are making calls while behind the wheel.

During 2001, there were 822 crashes in Michigan resulting from cell phone use with five of them being fatal.

Ninety-one percent of all Americans believe that the use of cellular telephones while driving distracts drivers and increases the likelihood of accidents.

However, despite this belief, self-reported cellular telephone use while driving continues to increase.

Last year in the United States, nearly 110 million people used cellular phones compared with approximately 5 million in 1990.

There are two dangers associated with driving and cellular telephone uses. First, driver's must take their eyes off the road while dialing. Second, people can become so absorbed in their conversations that their ability to concentrate on driving is impaired.

The National Safety Council found that among those engaged in a cell phone conversation, twice as many missed simulated traffic signals when compared with drivers not talking on the phone.

There are four preventative measures to remember before talking on a cellular telephone while driving:

1) Pull over to the side of the road to make or take calls on your cellular telephone.

2) Use a hands-free device when available.

3) Do not engage in stressful or emotional conversations that may divert your attention from the road.

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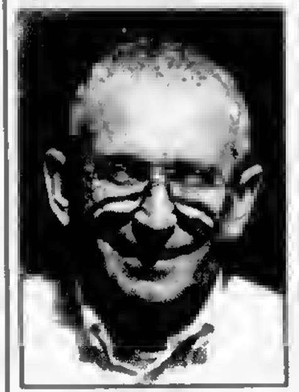
Mayoral candidates discuss parking issue

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix's parking is always under fire during the hectic summer months, when the vehicular traffic swells and the bridge openings create a traffic jam a mile long, but does this mean there's a problem?

Mayoral candidates Gabe Campbell and Norman "Boogie" Carlson look more closely into the issue.


Gabe Campbell

Incumbent Campbell said he doesn't necessarily think there's a parking problem, but he does think there's a problem with the parking for the assisted living site on the north side of town.

"This particular year I've been downtown and I haven't had a problem parking," he said.

Norman Carlson

Campbell said he is upset with the businesses that have left the downtown area. He said there are only a handful of businesses that remain that don't sell candy or T-shirts.

"I'd like to see more businesses," he said.

There has been talk about putting up a parking structure to help with the overflow of traffic. Campbell said he'd only agree to building such a facility if the already open blacktop areas were sold in order to have businesses use the area.

Campbell said if there should be talk of putting up condominiums instead of businesses, then he wouldn't agree.

Overall, Campbell thinks Charlevoix provides enough parking for its citizens.

"I think there's adequate parking," he said.

However, handicapped parking is another story.

Campbell said there should be at least one handicapped parking space on every block and he likes the idea of having a drop off area downtown. He said this wouldn't work for everyone, but at least it would be good for some people in the community.

Campbell said people who can walk a great distance should be courteous and leave the closer parking spaces downtown open for those who need to park closer to where they're going.

Mayoral challenger Carlson said parking isn't that big of a problem since the vehicular congestion only occurs a few weeks out of the year.

"I personally, aside from Venetian and the art fair, don't think there's been that big of a problem this year," he said.

He said the proposed marina parking at the old middle school off Grant Street will open up more spaces downtown once everything is finalized.

"It seems that no matter how much you get, people always want more," he said. "They want to be close."

Carlson said he personally doesn't mind walking a little ways from where he had to park.

The suggested parking structure is not a good idea to Carlson. If funding for such a facility were to come from the taxpayers, Carlson said it would be a waste of money.

Aside from the money, the structure itself may not fit with the community.

"I don't think that could be done tastefully," he said.

Carlson said he thinks there are other ways to alleviate vehicular congestion during the summer months.

"I just don't think we need a parking structure, myself," he said. "Not right now."

During Venetian, Carlson said it's expected that parking will be harder to find.

"I think people have been to Venetian enough to know it's going to be hard to get a parking spot," he said.

Carlson finds Charlevoix to be pretty accessible overall, but he doesn't know the exact situation concerning handicapped parking accessibility because he isn't handicapped.

"I'm not handicapped, so I don't know the trials and tribulations they go through," he said.

Carlson said handicapped parking on Bridge Street may not be safe for people when getting out of their cars. He also said the city should look into not blocking off the handicapped parking spaces on Clinton Street across from Murdick's Famous Fudge during festivals.

Overall, Carlson said he can't say for sure whether or not there's a problem with handicapped parking because he doesn't have to use the spaces and has a different point of view.

"I don't know, I don't have to deal with it," he said.

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Will survey of handicapped parking work?

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

After a month of gathering information on the amount of usage handicapped parking spaces receive in Charlevoix, city officials may find it was a waste of their time the city doesn't already have the minimum amount of spaces.

While Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson wasn't available for comment by press time after repeated attempts to contact him, he said in a previous interview that the police department was conducting surveys to determine how much the handicapped parking spaces are used in Charlevoix.

He said once all the data is gathered it will be analyzed to determine whether or not more spaces are needed due to the usage history.

If all of the parking spaces are full most of the time, then more spaces may be necessary.

Halverson said his parking people are checking the spaces a few times a week and at varying times in order to get a more accurate determination of usage.

But, Eric Holland from the Department of Justice said a city has to meet the minimum requirements for handicapped parking by law.

If those requirements are met and the city wished to look into more handicapped parking, then the survey could be helpful in determining if there is indeed a need for more spaces.

However, the survey is useless if the city is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Donald Dawkins, 57, is tired of being treated like a second-class citizen in a community he loves and says he wants more done than just a survey by city officials.

"I'm not the only one in Charlevoix who loves the community and feels this way," he said.

Dawkins has lived in northern Michigan and hopes to retire in Charlevoix. He currently resides in Sarasota, Fla.

Dawkins is an ADA activist and also a member of the National Independent Living Council. He is the former director of the Florida Spinal Chord Resource Center and has worked in the rehabilitation field as a counselor for about 23 years.

Last year he resigned from the Florida Spinal Chord Resource Center and owns his own business, Adaptive Resource Consulting Services.

When he was 18-years-old, Dawkins was in a car accident that left him paralyzed. He has worked hard his whole life to educate himself, have a career and raise a family and he won't sit by and allow society to shut him out.

"I love the place," he said. "By God I've worked hard and want access to the community."

Dawkins said Charlevoix needs to become more handicapped accessible and provide more parking in the downtown area. He also said the community needs to help enforce the ADA.

"It's the only piece of federal legislation that is trying to get the states and city municipalities to enforce it," he said.

Dawkins said every city must have two things: a plan and timeline that states how they are going to meet ADA goals and when and to have an individual that understands the law who will meet with builders and gives out building permits only if the plans meet ADA standards.

Dawkins said Stafford's Weathervane and Whitney's of Charlevoix are two restaurants in Charlevoix that have been ADA compliant for a long time.

"Those people grabbed this immediately. They have been compliant for years," he said. "Ironically, the Weathervane is one of the few places downtown with disabled parking."

Dawkins said the law specifically states how many handicapped parking spaces are needed per number of spaces available and it isn't something that can be arbitrarily enforced.

Approximately two years ago, Dawkins and his some friends went to Halverson to talk about bringing Charlevoix up to ADA standards.

Dawkins said Halverson said he would conduct a survey.

"This law is not designed to give people a special privilege," Dawkins said. "This law is designed to bring people into the mainstream American culture."

The city of Sarasota, Fla. spent thousands of dollars upgrading their handicapped parking signs. The money generated from fines given to people parked in the handicapped parking spaces is given back to the community through various improvement projects.

"This is a win, win situation if approached correctly," he said. "The city wins and people with disabilities win."

Dawkins said he wants to work with city officials in Charlevoix and hopefully bring the city up to code so everyone can enjoy the beauty surrounding them.

"I want it to be what it should be and can be and that's for everyone," he said.

City officials could not say if the city had the minimum amount of parking spaces at this time.

Furthermore, while the parking survey is complete, city manager Mike Wiesner would not release it to the public at this time, stating he wants the city council to see it first.

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Convention visit

Charlevoix County Veteran's Affairs Director Robert Drebenstedt attended the Republican National Convention last week in New York City. He is pictured here (right) with Congresswoman Candice Miller and Sen. Jason Allen at a breakfast reception for the Michigan attendees.

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Class of 1959

The Class of 1959 had their 35-year reunion at the Weathervane Terrace Inn and Suites on Saturday, Aug. 21. Those who attended are (from left to right) in the back row: Jim Verwys, Roy Whitley, Cynthia Ann (Curtis) Garland, Rod Ostrum and George Schultz.
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Kneeling are: Al Towsley, Ethel Jean (Elliott) Candill and Brian Neff.

Sheriff: Beware of Internet scams

Sheriff George T. Lasater would like to advise the residents of Charlevoix County that Internet scams similar to those he warned area residents about last month are on the increase.

For this reason he is again warning all Charlevoix County citizens of the increased risk of receiving fraudulent e-mail correspondence. The ultimate goal of perpetrators of these scams is to obtain vital personal data from the recipient that can then be used to obtain money or goods fraudulently or for pursuits involving identity theft.

Lasater said with this particular scam there is always a guarantee of large sums of money generally in connection with the death of a long lost relative.

He said, it is extremely important to remember that if it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is, and it is much easier to prevent this type of theft from occurring than it is to retrieve what has been stolen. All fraudulent e-mail activity that is reported to this agency is being forwarded to the FBI for handling.

If you believe you have received this type of e-mail correspondence, please contact your local or state police agency or contact Lasater at (231) 547-4461.

Area twins invited to picnic on Sept. 14

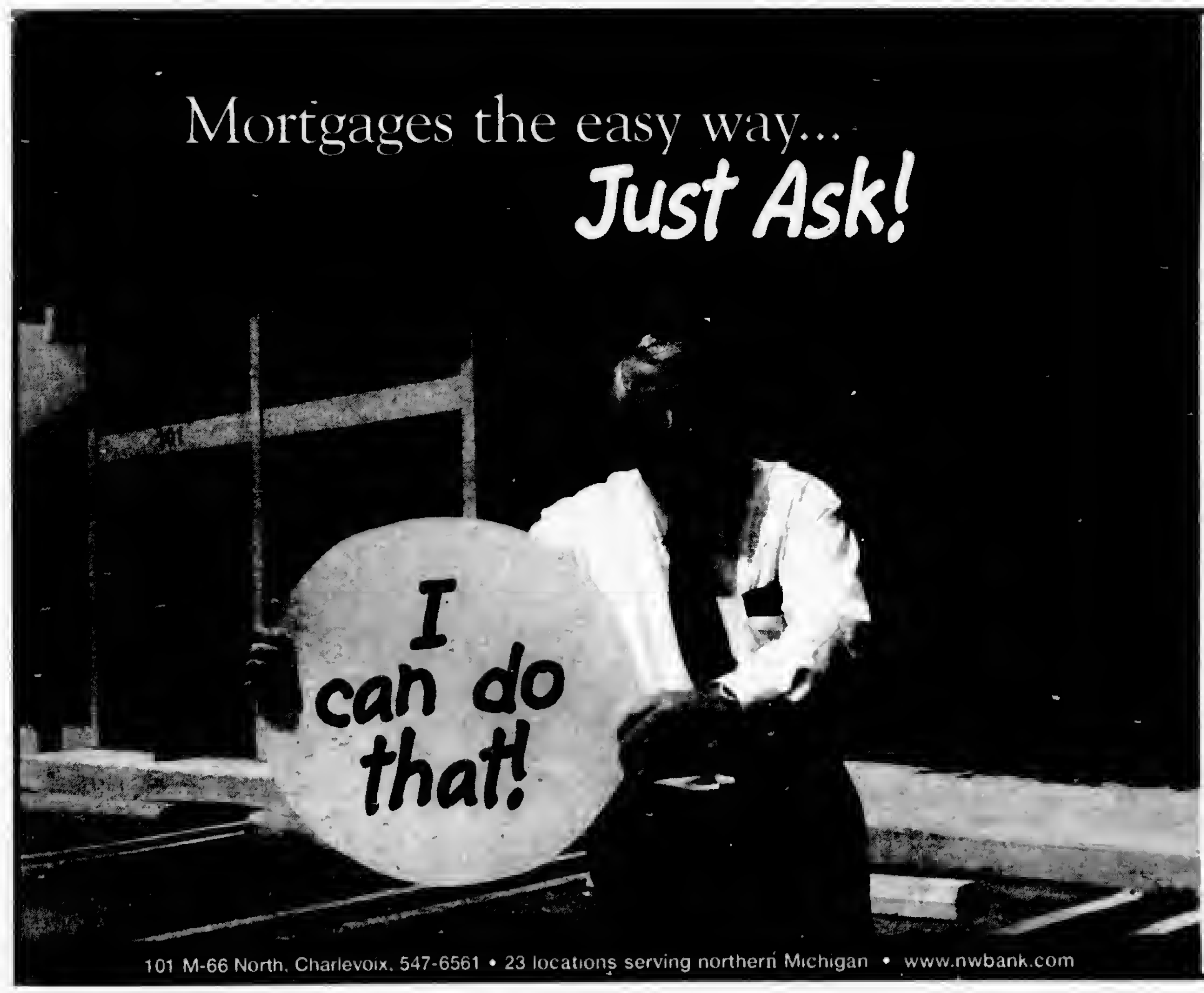
Petoskey Area Parents of Twins group is inviting area families with twins or other multiples to its third annual Twins Summer Picnic.

The event will be at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Petoskey KOA RV and Cabin Resort on US-31 North in Petoskey.

The picnic will feature a cook-out and those attending are urged to bring a dish to pass. Playground equipment will be available for the children to enjoy.

Families involved with the Parents of Twins group gather at regular intervals in playgroups or at other functions to share the joys and challenges of raising multiple-birth children. Participants range primarily from Emmet, Cheboygan and Charlevoix counties.

Any area family with twins, triplets or more is invited to participate. For more information, call Sue McCloskey at (231) 348-5490 or Carlin Smith at (231) 347-4150.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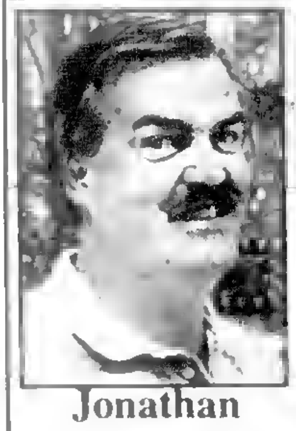
Some old faces return to the classrooms

By **COURTNEY E. PACE**
Staff Writer

The new teachers and administrator for the 2004-2005 school year are not new faces to the community or teaching.

The Charlevoix Elementary School is bringing Toni Wood out of retirement to join the staff as a part-time teacher in the special education department.

Steve Bennett


Jonathan Winkjer

"It just seemed like the right thing to do," she said.

Wood, 55, was born in Charlevoix but has lived and taught in other communities. She has been back in the area for 26 years and spent that time working as a teacher consultant for CharEm.

Through her work as a consultant, Wood evaluated children for special education needs and helped write their prescriptions, which specify the time they would divide between general and special education.

"I have had the opportunity to have a lot of training," she said. "I think I can bring that into the classroom again."

Wood has taught in the special education field for 33 and a half years. She is certified to teach the cognitively impaired, the emotionally impaired and the learning disabled.

She has taught special education in both a self-contained and a resource room setting. With a resource room setting the students are involved in a general education program and come to the room for help, which is the program at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Teaching at the elementary level is important for Wood because she wants to help children at the early stages in their lives. She believes a child's self-esteem can affect their performance in the classroom, which is something she doesn't want to be a factor.

Toni Wood

"[I want] to catch kids and try to boost them before their self-esteem is hurt," she said.

Wood is excited about teaching again.

"I'm looking forward to working directly with kids over a long period of time," she said.

Carol Madison is coming from the elementary school to teach fifth grade at the Charlevoix Middle School.

There are two returning faces at Northwest Academy Charter School that are now assuming new positions.

Steve Bennett, 53, is returning to the classroom part-time this fall to teach math and algebra to middle school children from sixth to eighth grade.

"I can't wait to get back in," he said. "I missed it."

Bennet has lived in Charlevoix for 12 years and owns and operates the MacDougall House Bed and Breakfast on Petoskey Avenue in Charlevoix.

His educational career started by his involvement with CharEm. Bennett has been involved at Northwest Academy before through his positions as a teacher and an administrator. He taught math full-time for five years and took on an extra responsibility as administrator during the last two years.

After a two year break due to personal events, Bennett chose to return to teaching.

"Administration wasn't what I wanted to do," he said. "I wanted to teach."

During that two year period, Bennett kept on teaching through his tutoring efforts and subbing.

"I enjoy working with kids and appreciate the challenges they present to me," he said.

With his passion for teaching and unique approach to math, Bennett said he is most looking forward to seeing the students and helping them to understand math better.

"I try to make the class something each kid can deal with on their own level," he said.

The traditional approach to math where students are presented the information and expected to learn it as is, doesn't appeal to Bennett.

"I try to teach what the kids want to learn," he said.

Bennett uses a positive approach to math because he doesn't want students to go into the class with a negative outlook.

Math is not a favorite subject to many students, but Bennett hopes to change that attitude by applying the information to everyday life and not leaving it as an illusive number.

"It's not just an idea, but a way of living, a way of functioning," he said.

Bennett isn't the only one taking on a new role at Northwest Academy.

Jonathan Winkjer, 44, is taking on a new position as administrator. Despite what the position entails, Winkjer said he is there to facilitate a free-flow of ideas and information.

"It's a whole staff thing," he said.

The staff of Northwest Academy is intimately involved in all the aspects of education and share many of the same teaching philosophies. Winkjer said the staff pulled together and decided what direction they wanted to go in order to make Northwest Academy a more dynamic place.

"It naturally evolved to what was needed, which personally is how I wanted it to be," he said. "Otherwise, I wouldn't want to be here in this position."

Winkjer lives in Harbor Springs but has commuted to Charlevoix for the last seven years.

His career in education started by being brought on board as the computer systems management person, which evolved into his teaching computers and language arts.

This year Winkjer will be teaching social studies and government for the first time along with doing his administrative work.

After doing government work and private consulting, Winkjer chose education because of the people.

"Anyway you package it, it's a rewarding experience," he said.

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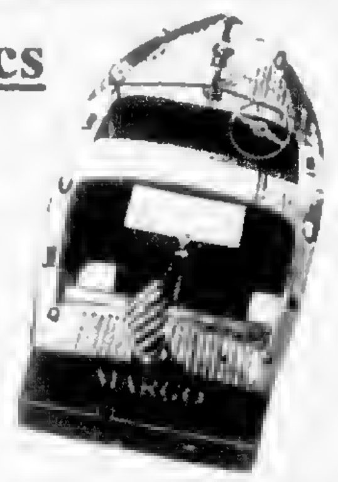

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First day of classes

Northwest Academy got an early start on the first day of school on Tuesday. Students worked hard on completing a project. These students are (from left to right) first row: Melvin Keehn, 12, Karissa Keehn, 12, and Sam Keehn, 12. Second row: Dave Young, 12, Renae Miller, 12, and Casey Riley, 11.

Golf outing to benefit Habitat

Swinging golf clubs so that others can swing home building hammers for affordable housing in the region — that's the charge of the Northern Michigan Habitat For Humanity Golf Outing.

The event will be Monday, September 13, at Boyne Mountain's Alpine course, and will also feature a luncheon at the resort's Beach House on Deer Lake.

Sign-up deadline is Friday, September 10, and advanced registration is required.

The day of the outing, a noon sign-in will be given with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Registrants can contact Town & Country Cedar Homes at (231) 347-4360 or Habitat for Humanity at (231) 348-6926 for more information.

The outing's goal is to raise $10,000 for Habitat For Humanity.

Two previous fund-raisers this year for the organization have yielded $15,000.

Mary Margaret, Habitat's current head, started with the organization four years ago as affiliate coordinator. The organization has been in existence since 1992, she noted, and serves Charlevoix and Emmet counties. Since that time it has built 11 homes in the area, and is just starting its twelfth home in Emmet.

"We just closed on a home in Boyne City, and next year we have three homes scheduled," she explained.

The volunteer home building community is a mix of solid individuals, some of who are retired, and others from area church and youth groups.

Recently, members of the Harbor Springs Presbyterian Church have donated a home that will be built in the Alanson area.

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Sundays at Four presents chamber orchestra

The Sunday's at Four concert series will host the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra in concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

The concert will be led by Matthew Hazelwood, orchestra director at Interlochen Arts Academy and conductor of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra.

Violist Margaret Beck will be the featured soloist in Telemann's Viola Concerto in G Major.

Violinists Paul Sonner and Maggie Poxson will be accompanied by Marlys Manthei on cello and Robert Pattengale on the harpsichord. They will perform as the solo ensemble with the orchestra in Handel's Concerto Grosso, Opus 6, number nine.

The chamber concert will also feature pianist Michelle Mitchum with violinist Gloria Lewis, violist Laura Staubes and cellist Marga Eickholt in Beethoven's Piano Quartet, Opus 16.

The orchestra has completed three successful seasons performing throughout northern Michigan. The orchestra consists of musicians from Alanson, Bellaire, Boyne City, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Gaylord, Interlochen, Petoskey and Traverse City.

The orchestra has developed a solid base of community support in the region.

Artistic director Beck and executive director Pattengale co-founded the orchestra and provided the organizational impetus and the performing members have responded with time, energy and talent.

Hazelwood provides continuity of programming and artistic development as the music advisor and conductor.

Sonner, violin instructor at the Interlochen Arts Academy, has recently been appointed concertmaster. Sonner, who also serves as concertmaster of the Traverse Symphony Orchestra, brings a wealth of professional experience to the orchestra.

There is no charge for the concert, but a donation of $5 will be gratefully accepted.

A reception follows the concert in the Fellowship Hall, which has been renamed Christiana Ransom Hall in honor and loving memory of a long-time member of the church.

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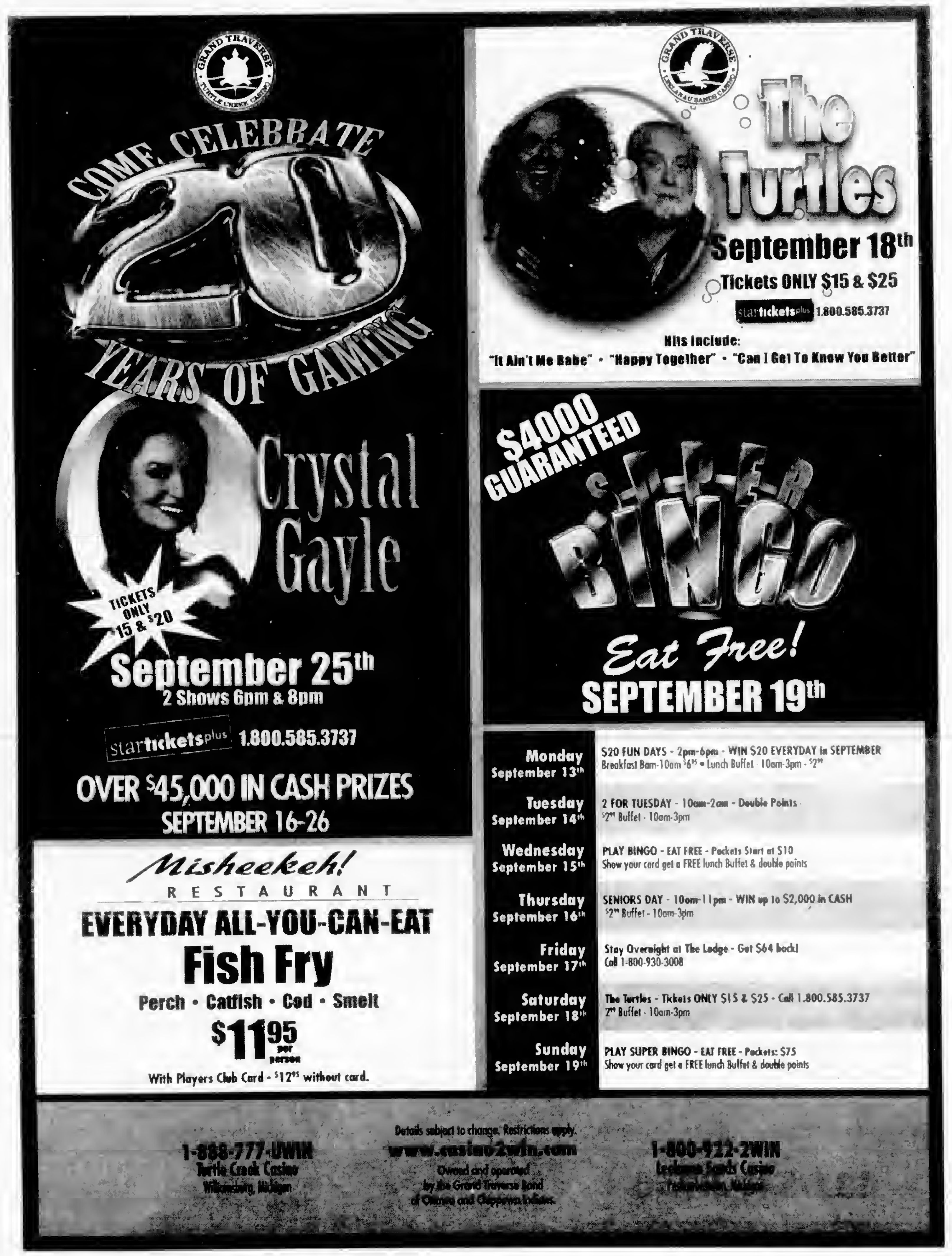
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Be sure to get your child their chickenpox vaccine

Despite the availability of a safe vaccine preventing the disease, several cases of chickenpox have been reported in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties in the past year, according to officials from the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves the four counties.

Chickenpox symptoms are usually mild, but chickenpox can be serious, especially in young infants and adults. According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, about 12,000 people are hospitalized each year in the U.S. for chickenpox and about 100 die — including about 20 children — as a result of the disease.

"With the school year approaching, it's a good time for parents to check their children's immunization records to be sure they've received the varicella vaccine — that's the immunization that prevents chickenpox," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director. "One of our primary goals at the health department is to prevent communicable disease outbreaks, including chickenpox, in the community."

Chickenpox can be very uncomfortable for healthy children and adults, with rash and blisters, itching, fever and tiredness. Once chickenpox takes hold in a community, it could also be passed on to those at risk of severe infection: Infants, pregnant women and patients with cancer, for example.

The Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule recommends one dose of the varicella vaccine at 12 months of age or at any age if they have never had chickenpox. People who do not get the vaccine or chickenpox until age 13 or older, including adults, should get two "shots," four weeks apart, to protect them from chickenpox.

The chickenpox vaccine is available from physicians' offices and at health department offices in Bellaire, Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. However, the Michigan Department of Community Health wants to assure this vaccine is available to all children, regardless of families' availability to pay.

For more information, telephone the health department during regular business hours at (800) 432-4121.

There are many myths that keep people from getting the chickenpox vaccine for themselves or for their children. It does not increase the likelihood of getting shingles, a painful inflammation of the nerves.

"In fact, the varicella vaccine decreases the risk of contracting shingles," said Meyerson. "Also, the vaccine does not just delay getting chickenpox to an older age, it provides lasting immunity."

Many people believe they cannot get chickenpox vaccine if they are in contact with a pregnant woman or an immunocompromised individual, such as a cancer patient. According to Meyerson, the vaccine actually helps protect these types of people from getting chickenpox and transmitting it to their contacts.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Saying goodbye

The first day of school can be an emotional event and some children don't want to part from their parents. A mother at Charlevoix Elementary School Tuesday kneels down and gives her child a big hug before leaving for the day. Children found their desks and said goodbye to parents as they prepared for the new school year.

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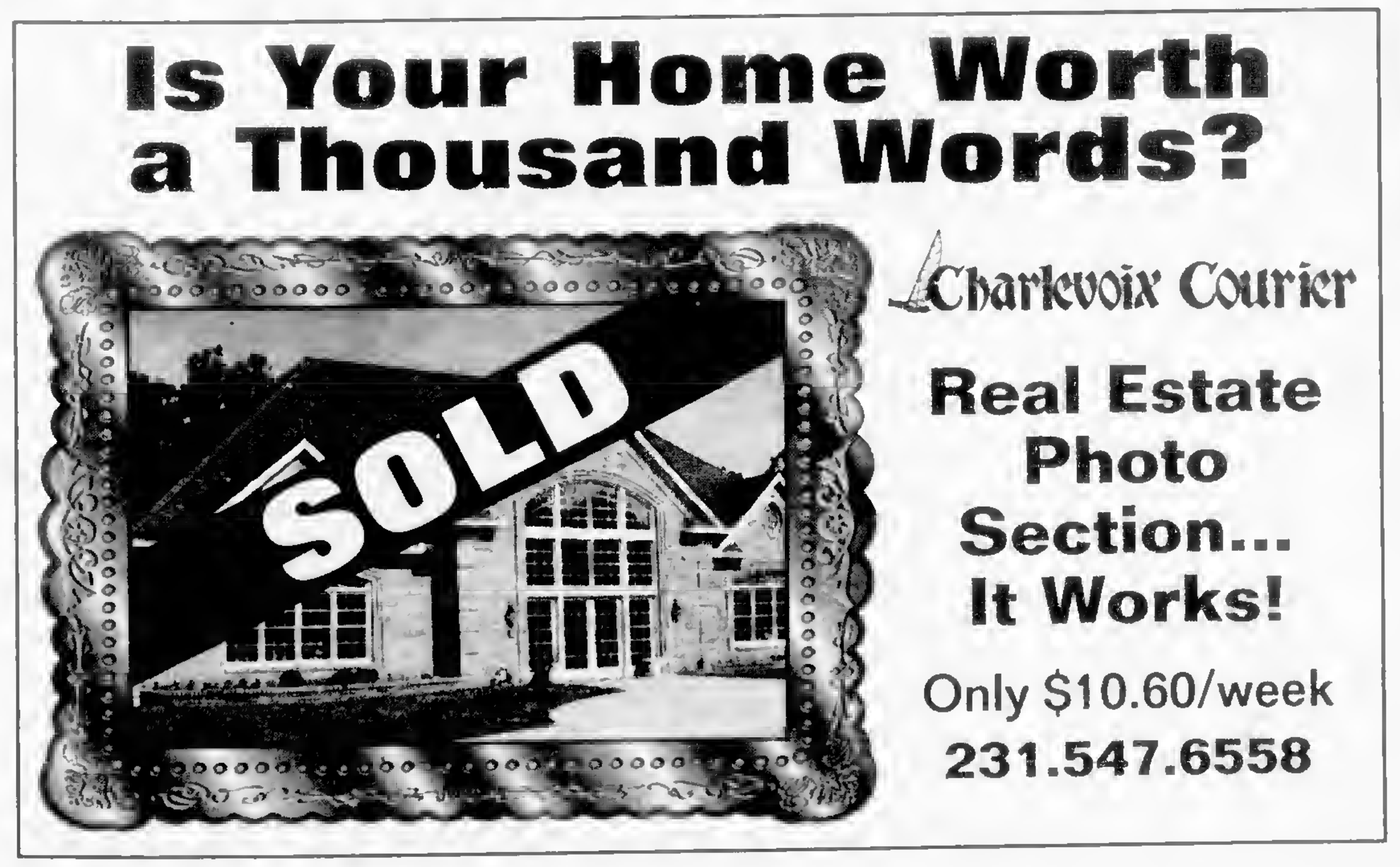
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SPORTS

Football team loses in tough matchup Friday

By B. JON GOHS
Special to the Courier

Will the third game of the season be charmed for Coach Jess and the Rayders?

They knew it would be tough going in, nevertheless, Charlevoix's 16 point loss to the Benzie Central Huskies was a disappointment Friday night.

"Offensively we had a tough time moving the ball," Jess said.

It seems the mental mistakes Coach Jess cited as last week's culprit again plagued the Rayders offensive line including two turnovers and several penalties.

"We made a few mistakes, but we played a pretty darn good football team. Give Benzie credit, they're gonna win a lot of football games this year," he said.

The offense had trouble, Jess said, but he also cited the good job his defense is doing lead this week by Ezra Bakker with 15 tackles.

"The defense played pretty well for us again," Jess said.

Benzie's double coverage of receiver Ben Bergman on most plays put a pinch on Rayders offense. And by the end of the second quarter it seemed as if Charlevoix would leave half-time skunked, but true to form, the Rayders turned it on with less than 30 seconds to go.

"The first touchdown pass was from Cody Crain to Eddie Waldron," Jess said.

Crain lead offense with 22 of 37 for 243 yards for one TD and one interception. The three yard pass was capped off with an extra point kicked by Jeff Golovich.

Crain's passing percentage is down 6 percent from 65 to 59 this week with the number of passes thrown being up by 11 from 26 to 37.

Again Charlevoix remained scoreless for most of the second half until the last quarter when Travis Burke made a strong 29 yard drive for a TD and Eddie Waldron had a two point conversion in the last four minutes.

Benzie's final touch down was the result of a fumble by Crain making the final score 31-15.

With two losses hanging over their heads as they begin week three, it seems the Rayders will alter their game plan only slightly.

"We're going to try and get the running game going a little more this week, but we're still going to run the hall," Jess said.

According to Jess, next week's game against East Jordan will be a challenge.

"They beat us the last few years," he said. "They have a good program — they made the playoffs last year."

He added, "It's always been a good game between Charlevoix and East Jordan."

East Jordan's coach and Coach Jess run similar programs.

"They do a lot of the same things we do; a spread offense and throw the ball a lot," he said. "Their coach and I went to the same college."

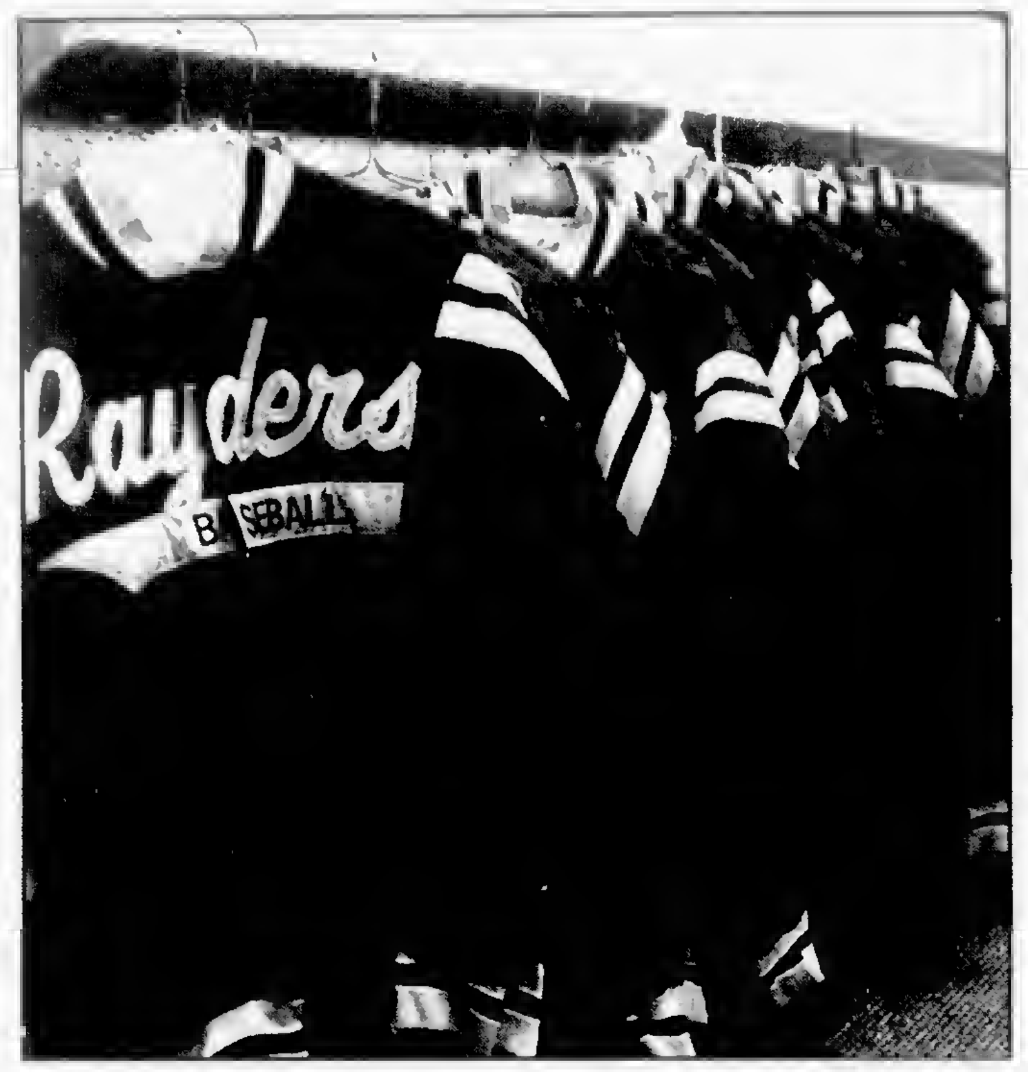
And Coach Jess knows just how to handle a team like East Jordan.

"We're going to try to shut down their passing game and get our offense going a little better this week," he said. "We have to cut down the penalties and mistakes."

The season is still young, according to Jess, and the Rayders have only begun to show their stuff.

"We're getting better," he said. "We showed a lot of improvement."

Charlevoix faces East Jordan at 7:30 p.m., Friday Sept. 10 at home.



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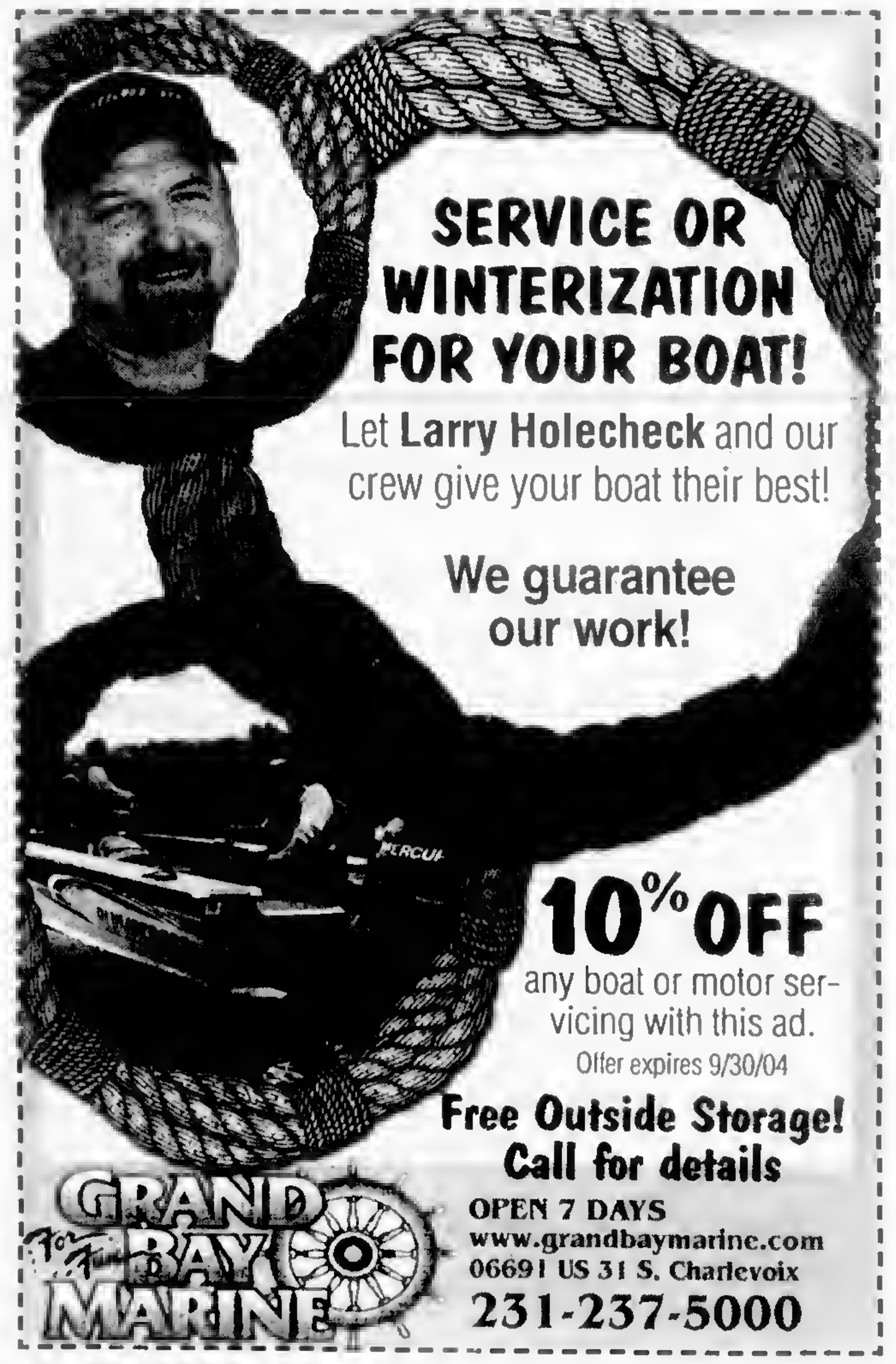

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'Beyond the Gridiron' to be shown by arts center

The Crooked Tree Arts Center will have a showing of the documentary, "Beyond the Gridiron," at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 24.

Petoskey film producer, David Crouse, has teamed up with Chip Duncan of Duncan Entertainment to produce a new one hour public television documentary "Beyond the Gridiron: The Life and Times of Woody Hayes." The documentary is being distributed by NETA and will air on PBS affiliates nationwide this fall.

This is the first in-depth television biography ever produced on Woody Hayes. CMU Public Television will air the documentary at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26 and will rebroadcast it at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28 (CMU Public Television airs in Petoskey on Channel 6).

Considered one of the greatest football coaches of the twentieth century, Hayes was a study in contrast. Hard-nosed, demanding, often ill tempered on the sidelines, Hayes was genuinely concerned about the young men in his care. He was a mentor. Many players attribute their present success in life to Hayes' strong influence.

Woody Hayes enjoyed a long and acclaimed career as the head football coach of the Ohio State University Buckeyes. This biographical account provides an in-depth look at Hayes' life on and off the field, as well as the times by which Woody Hayes was influenced.

The show features interviews with current Ohio State University head football coach Jim Tressel, golfing legend and Ohio State University alumnus Jack Nicklaus, two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin of Ohio State, and former players Greg Lashutka, Rex Kern, Daryl Sanders and Alan Natali, author of Woody's Boys.

Also interviewed was former Michigan head football coach Bo Schembechler. Schembechler played for Woody at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and then became an assistant coach for Hayes first at Miami of Ohio then at Ohio State. When Schembechler was named head football coach at Michigan in 1969 it began what many would call the greatest rivalry in college football.

Hayes and Schembechler bounced back and forth in a series of games that would determine national champions and Rose Bowl appearances. Four times during the first six years of their rivalry, both teams were ranked in the nation's top five when they met. While fierce competitors on the field they were very close friends off the field.

For more information please visit www.CrouseEntertainment.com.

Following the film, David Crouse will host a meet and greet to discuss his experiences with filming the documentary. There is no charge for this event.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located in downtown Petoskey at 461 E. Mitchell Street. For more information, contact the arts center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

Rayders' golf team third at Sept. 1 meet

The Charlevoix High School varsity golf team finished third in the Bulldog Invitational Sept. 1 at Indian River Golf Course.

Charlevoix's total score was 348. Rudyard took first with a 339 and St. Ignace took second with 346.

Coach Jim Glynn said, "It was a super team effort. We have four scores in the 80s and that is good team scoring."

Glynn noted Chris Wyniawskyj made the all tournament team and won a medal that day by shooting 85. Chris Bartling is still improving and was one shot out at 86. Plus Kyle DeYoung and Chris Golski are still showing improvement with an 88 for Golski and an 89 for DeYoung.

Matt Novotny scored 95 in the match.

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Charlevoix Yacht Club racing results

Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Sept. 1, 2004 are:

The first race of the fall series brought light winds. The race was shortened to two legs. All 23 boats that sailed finished the race. Race results provided by Mike Miller, committee chair.

J — 22 fleet: 1 — Superfluous (Jensen); 2 — Swine Flew (Strawbridge); 3 — What's Her Name; Hog Tide (Clagett).

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (Gordon); 2 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 3 — Flasher (Sherbarth); 4 — Tireless (Carland); 5 — Apothecary (Ochs).

P — 26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Artemis (Bowerman); 3 — Cygnus (Stuart); 4 — Original Sin (Miller).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Stringthing (Thomas); 2 — Kamikazee (Funck); 3 — M-3 (Carey); 4 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 2 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 — Windrunner (Pirie); 4 — Gotcha (Dow); 5 — Northern Light (Orlow); 6 — Blasen IV (Jurries).

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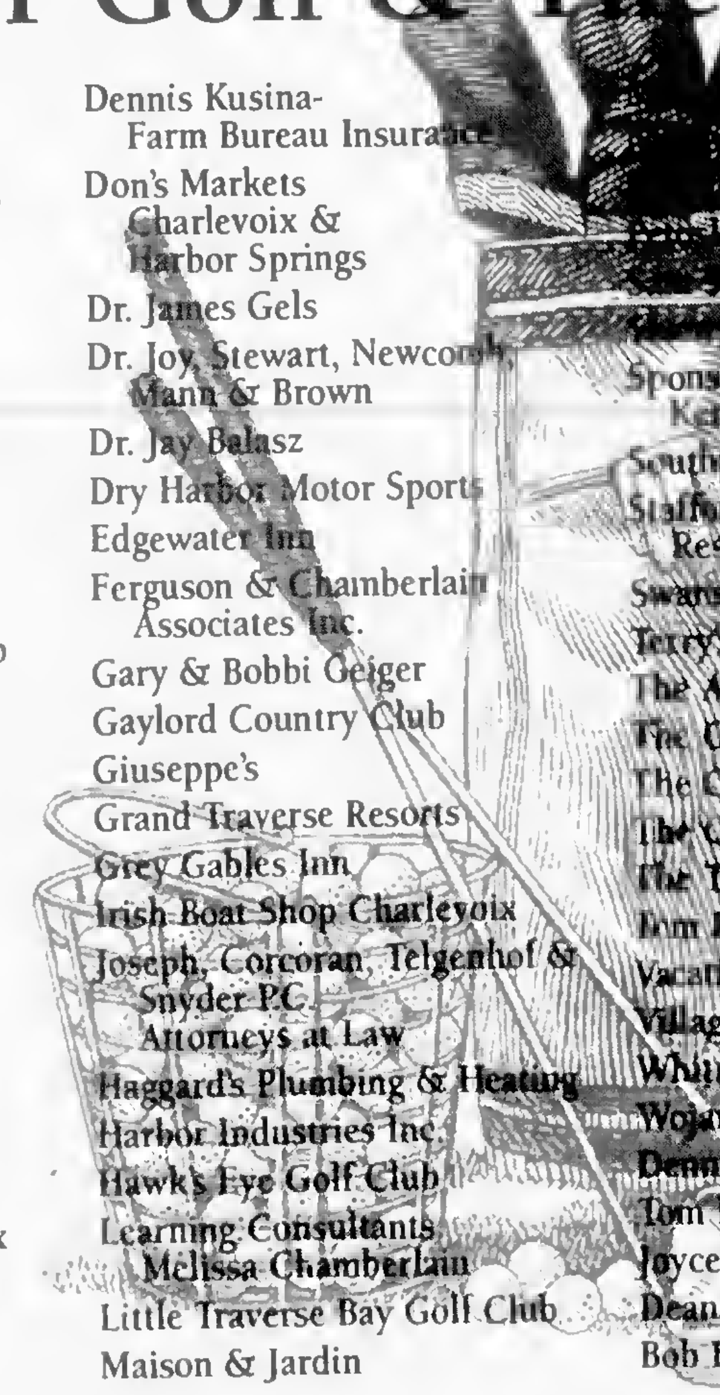

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Fire wants its money back.

"It was a mistake on the part of the administration," Campbell said. "We messed up ... I am pretty upset that it happened."

Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young stated in a press release that United Fire filed a lawsuit against the city in federal court in Grand Rapids alleging the city improperly paid the balance to CCMS, when it should have paid it to the insurance provider. According to the federal court, the case was filed on June 25 by United Fire.

Young writes, "Because subcontractors were not receiving payments from CCMS for work performed on the infrastructure contract, United Fire was required to make those payments from the payment bond. The lawsuit alleges that because United Fire made payments directly to subcontractors under the payment bond, the city was required to pay the balance of the contract proceeds to United Fire and not directly to CCMS."

Upon learning of this in a July 19 closed meeting with council, the city requested its insurance provider to cover this balance, but the city's insurance provider denied this request. This means the city would have to cover the cost.

Therefore, the city has requested the insurance provider to reconsider its decision and the city council has authorized the city attorney to take "whatever action is required to be sure the city received all insurance coverage to which it is entitled under Michigan law and to take whatever action is appropriate against CCMS."

Young said, "The most important item to save money for the city is to get the insurance company to take over the payments."

He said the city has insurance coverage, and if there was any mistake made by the city in writing this check, "that is what insurance is for."

Charlevoix City Council member Sherman Chamberlain said the first step the city needs to take is to look at the facts. The city needs to find out how much the CCMS should have gotten out of that check the city wrote to it and how much of it should have gone to the insurance company, he said.

Chamberlain did say he believes a mistake was made in writing the check to CCMS in the first place.

Charlevoix City Council Member Shirley Gibson said the council was not made aware of this lawsuit until the July 19 meeting.

"City council members — at least some of us — never know anything until months after the fact. This is beginning to be business as usual at 201 State Street (city hall) and its poor management. The buck stops at the city manager's door," she said.

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> **Shirley Gibson**,
> Charlevoix City Council member

Hospital wins award for cardiac program

The Charlevoix Area Hospital has been awarded Program Recertification for its Cardiac Rehabilitation Program by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR).

Certification recognizes those programs rigorously reviewed by a national board and found to meet the outlined essential requirements for standards of care.

Cardiac rehabilitation programs are designed to give people important resources in the battle against cardiovascular disease (CVD), the leading cause of death and disability in the United States.

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pany, is suing the city for around $222,000, saying they wrote the check to the wrong person. The case was filed in federal court in Grand Rapids on June 25.

Council was informed of this problem during a closed meeting on July 19.

But, according to some on council , this is just one more in a line of issues they claim council is being kept out of the loop on by city administration.

Charlevoix Mayor Gabe Campbell is one of those members. He said what particularly bothers him are people in public or people outside of the situation routinely are more informed than the council. He said council was informed of the check matter in a closed session on July 19. However, the next day, he was approached by a citizen who knew all about it.

"I don't know how he knew. He said everybody downtown is talking about it. He said he was going to go to the paper and I gave him my blessing," Campbell said. "People ought to know what is going on anyhow."

Campbell said he is getting tired of things like this happening, especially when something that they are told in a closed meeting is out in the public so quickly.

"There has to be some changes," Campbell said. "We are kept in the dark too many times."

He compared this latest issue to that of the wastewater treatment plant and the Charlevoix Marina plan being criticized by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

In the sewer treatment plant issue, a March 24 story in the *Charlevoix Courier* reported the MDEQ found several deficiencies in the operation, falsification of reports and violations in discharge from the plant in an investigation that was started in January 2004. It turns out the city had contacted the MDEQ after its own investigation discovered problems reaching back three years.

In the marina issue, a June 16 *Charlevoix Courier* story stated the city's plans for a new marina were under fire by the MDEQ as far back at April 2004. There were four issues cited by the MDEQ: the promenade is not needed; the bulkhead needs to be straightened, not curved; the docks are too wide and the city was interfering with the riparian rights of the Ward Brothers.

Campbell said council was not informed of the sewer issue until after the MDEQ was called in and did not know about the marina issues until the Courier story was published.

"No one is suppose to know anything. We are just supposed to nod our heads," he said of the administration's treatment of council. "I know we have a strong city manager type of government and whenever we ask for reports, they say we are trying to micromanage. Once I suggested a monthly department head report. I was told we don't need that. I think we do need that."

Campbell said this latest possible error by the city administration makes him believe that stronger.

"If we (council) are an obstacle to him (City Manager Mike Wiesner) to run the city, then he has a problem," he said.

Charlevoix Council Member Shirley Gibson also said she was angered by this check issue, calling it just one of the latest in "poor management" to come out of city hall.

"Considering all the problems that have been happening at city hall perhaps it's time to consider a change in the leadership. It seems that there is a lack of response to what the majority of Charlevoix wants," Gibson said.

But, Council Member Sherm Chamberlain disagrees.

He said he does not believe council has been kept in the dark by the city administration, saying the marina issue in particular has been "overblown."

But regardless of his disagreement with Gibson and Campbell, he said he agrees department head reports are a good idea. But, instead of monthly, he thinks they should be submitted quarterly.

However, City Manager Mike Wiesner questions this plan, saying it could waste the valuable time of the department heads.

Wiesner said the council currently receives Project Purchase Reports, which detail purchases over $1,000 and ongoing projects.

"When you talk of doing reports, reports take a lot of time to do. That is time taken away from getting the job done," he said.

Wiesner said he currently does not ask the department heads to prepare reports for him and opts for talking to them personally on a daily basis.

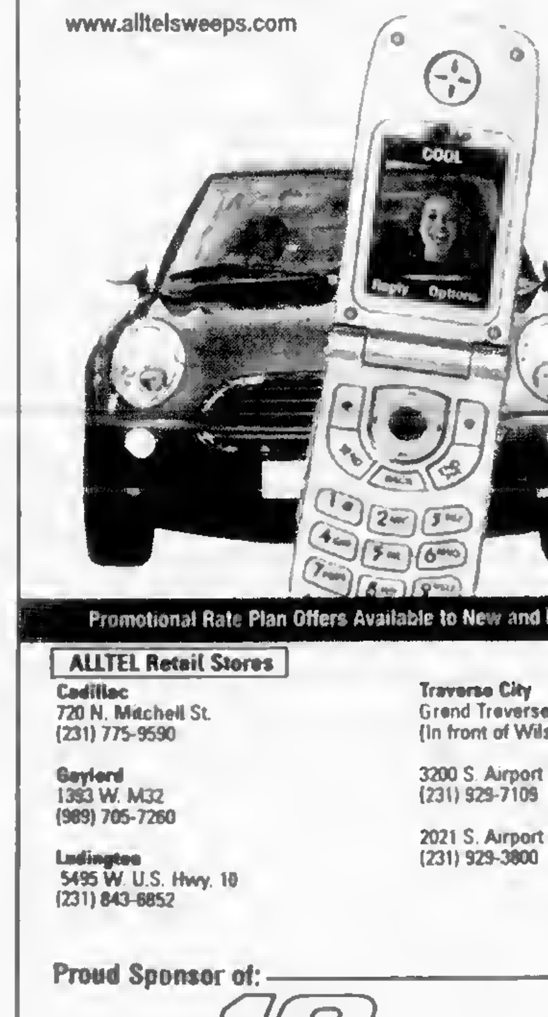
As for charges that the city administration does not inform the council in enough time, Wiesner said that is not the case at all.

With the wastewater treatment plant, he said the city started an investigation and informed council as soon as it knew exactly what was going on at the plant. With the city marina, he said council and the mayor have been following that along all the time in meetings. Wiesner said there was a two month period where he tried to contact another person in the MDEQ than the one that reviewed the city's marina plan to get a rereview. He felt it was an issue that was going to get resolved quickly. With this check, he said the city informed the council as soon as it had all the information.

"I like to get all the pieces together and have as much information as I can and then report it," he said.

Wiesner said this way he has all the facts together to give council as much information as he can and does it as soon as he can. This shows council the "big picture."

He said he has never been accused of this type of matter by any other council.



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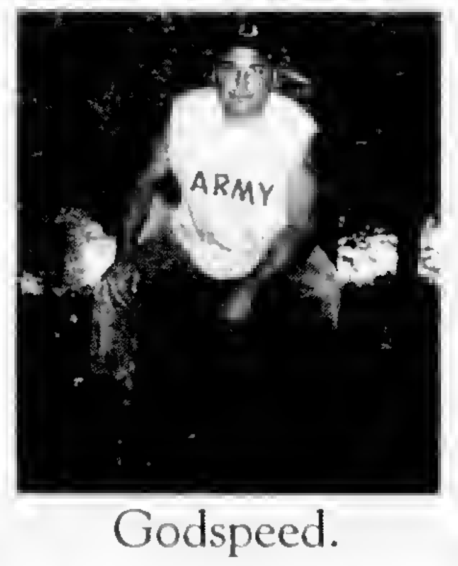

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Area events

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, 05291 M-66 N. has a food pantry that is open every Tuesday evening from 7 - 9 p.m. If there is a food crisis, please call the church office from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (231) 547-6430.

Skate park hours

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park hours starting Sept. 1 are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and from noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays. Kids will be able to skate after school as long as the weather holds.

1949 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1949 is celebrating its fifty-fifth reunion on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Argonne Supper Club. Social hour starts at 5 p.m., during which time a class picture will be taken. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and anyone wishing to visit with our class is welcome after 7 p.m. Direct any questions to Sally Bales at 348-5003 or Helen Emmons at 547-2955. They need addresses for Joan Montgomery.

1954 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 will celebrate its fiftieth reunion at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Grey Gables Inn. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Golden at 20583 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48152, or phone (248) 473-1324 or e-mail billnsuzy@aol.com. Locally, questions may be directed to Cynthia Postmus at 547-9754. They are seeking contact information on the following classmates: Donald Smith, David Glassford, Marguerite Colburn (Mrs. Jerry Trujillo) and Warren Buchfinck.

Bridge marathon

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild has an annual winter bridge marathon. It begins Sept. 15 and runs through April. They play with their own partner and its a home and home series. They have openings for couples and gals. Afternoon and Evening groups are available. If this sounds interesting to you, give Louise Hilligan a call at 547-2851.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in Charlevoix from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 16 at the Community Reformed Church at the corner of US 31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or just drop in.

All donors will be required to provide an ARC donor card, driver's license, or other government issued ID prior to donating.

In-Line Hockey

Charlevoix Community Skate Park proudly presents the First Annual three-on-three In-line Hockey Tournament which will be on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix. Registration is at 11 a.m. All proceeds will go toward building the Skate Park. For more information visit: www.puckwhacker.com or call (866) 400-PUCK.

Skate park to show film

Charlevoix Community Skate Park, Inc. is sponsoring a film by Adam Kuehl named Penniless at 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Charlevoix's Cinema III. This is a full length in-line skate video featuring Chris Couture of Charlevoix along with seven other skaters on tour throughout Michigan.Proceeds will help benefit the skate park and all tickets are $5 at the door.

Bridge lessons

There will be a lesson and friendly game of Bridge given by a non-playing director ACBL sanctioned at 6 p.m. with lesson and game at 6:45 p.m., every Tuesday, at the Castle Farms off M-66 Highway in Charlevoix. Call Berta Meyerson-Molasky for reservations and information at 547-1041.

Dental appointments

Dental appointments for children and adults available at Dental Clinics North with locations in East Jordan, Petoskey, and Traverse City. They accept Medicaid, Health KidsDental, MI Child and Northern Dental Plan. Dental Clinics North is a partnership of local health departments. Call toll-free (877) 321-7070 to schedule an appointment.

Vaccines

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Community bazaar

The Ellsworth Lioness is sponsoring the Twenty-Fourth Annual Banks Township community Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Banks Township Hall. For booth space information, please contact Joni at (231) 544-6348 or wieland@torchlake.com.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more infomation call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. nonsmokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m, every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-7545.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

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SCRAPBOOK

Writer remembers Charlevoix in the 1940s

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

I remember the 1940s, and the people who lived in Charlevoix then, for those were the years when I was growing up, and most of those in town knew each other. I am perusing the Charlevoix Directory published and printed by the *Charlevoix Courier* in 1940, and adding things I remember about these Charlevoixians.

Alfred and Lillian Brow lived at 207 Belvedere. He was a boat captain, and owned Brow Marina in later years. They had three daughters, Eleanor, Elaine and Marjorie. Lillian taught my Sunday school class at one time. Clayton Brown and his wife, Dorothy, lived at 308 1/2 W. Lincoln with their daughters, Bonnie, Shirley and Patsy. Patsy was close to my age. I wrote the story of Clayton's survival a few months ago when he and his fisherman companions were stranded on the ice in Lake Michigan.

Floyd Brown and his wife Marion, lived at 700 Park Avenue with their daughter, Brenda. He was the vice president of Brown Motors, the Dodge and Plymouth sales and service. This was owned by his father, Ben Brown. In later years, Floyd "Brownie" lived at North Point by us, on the lake. He owned a 1916 Dodge touring car, which was an open car. It looked similar to our Model T.

Beverly Bugg and his wife, Rosetta, lived at 504 Newman. He was a fisherman. His children were Beverly Jr., Charles, Rose Ann and Evertt. Beverly Jr. was in my class in the kindergarten and first grades. Fenton Bulow was the Charlevoix County Clerk and he and his wife Ruth, and girls Janet, Marilyn and Patricia lived at 308 Mason. Cecil Burns lived at 203 Grant Street. He was custodian at the Congregational Church in later years. Violet Bush, my kindergarten teacher lived at 409 Antrim. I can vividly remember her. She was a small lady, not too much taller than her students. Allen Campbell and his wife Anna, lived at 117 E. Upright Avenue. They also had a cottage in Norwood. Their children were Helen Mary and Herbert. Herbert and His wife, Margaret, lived at 105 W. Lincoln. Their niece, Sara Colcman was my best friend when we were 10 and 11 years old. I will never forget one day when Sara and I were at their cottage, and Anna made fried cakes. She fried them on her old range top, and then strung them up on a string over the stove. The aroma was wonderful and so were the fried cakes. I plan to make some for my grandchildren so they will remember their happy days at our house, and enjoy the sensations of watching fried cakes being made.

Don Campbell and his wife, Julia and daughter Anne, lived at 115 River St. He owned Campbells Boot Shop. Their daughter, Jeanne, was a student at that time. Kit and Eleanor Carson lived at 101 E. Dixon, with their son, Kit Jr. Kit Sr. owned the Kit Carson Lumber Company. He also built several distinctive homes in town. Fred Cartier owned and operated a clothier, tailor and dry cleaning shop at 115 Antrim. His wife was Hannah. His building was also the distribution place for the Grand Rapids Press. I was Charlevoix's first paper girl, and had a route in my neighborhood, where I delivered 30 papers every day. I received a penny a paper, making my salary $1.50 for the week. I carried them in a bag, and they were heavy. I was 10 at the time. Ernestine Chew was the Deputy Register of Deeds. She lived at 705 Bridge. She was sister of my aunt, Marguerite Ikens. Clarence Coblentz and his wife, Mildred lived at 209 Antrim. Clarence was deputy sheriff in later years. Albert Cook was vice president of Charlevoix Oil Company and lived with his wife, Helen, and son, Glenn at 602 Park Avenue.

William Cook was a plasterer, and later was Charlevoix Township Supervisor. He was the husband of my great grandma Cook, who was my grandmother Matilda Ikens' mother. My grandma Cook would eat dinner at my grandparent's home often. If she heard me singing at the table, (which I was very prone to do), she would say in broken English, "Not mit der singing at der table." She had come directly from Germany, and always had a brogue. Harry Craig was the manager of the Argo Milling Company. He and his wife M. Ione and children, Robert and Marion lived at 206 E. Dixon. Their other daughter, Martha, was student at the time.

The Cross families were fishermen. Archie and June and daughter, Ardis, lived at 200 E. Lincoln. Donald and Virginia also lived at the same address with their children Donald Jr. and Clarence. John H. Cross and wife, Hulda, lived at 118 E. Hurlbut with their children John Jr., Thelma Carol, and G. Charmaine (Jill). Hulda and her girls operated a wonderful restaurant in a building on Belvedere Avenue for years. Serving whitefish, delicious salad and lemon pie for dessert. Ralph and Alice Cross lived at 206 Mason. His wife was Alice, and their children were Charles (Bill) and Ralph, who was called Bruz. Hazel White was a sister to all the Cross Boys, and her husband, Jake, was also a commercial fisherman.

One day, when Dale was delivering milk to her house, he came to her door, and she said. "Dale, you must hurry today, and get your route done early. About one o'clock, we are going to have a terrible storm hit." She had an old fashioned glass barometer that had a pink liquid in it, and she said "The liquid in the glass is the lowest that I have ever seen it in my lifetime. I hope the boys out on the lake will be OK."

She always studied the weather, and her predictions were much more accurate than what we have today. We did have the storm of the century, and Dale hurried as fast as he could, and made it before it struck. It was a huge rain and thunder and lightning storm like he had not seen before.

Willis and Lillian Cross lived at 108 W. Hurlbut with their children, Willis Jr., and Marion. The Cross Families were well known and liked in town. Mark and Clara Cross also lived here in later years.

Rev. William L. Cruthers was the pastor of the Baptist Church and lived in the parsonage at 298 Mason. His wife was Vera, and the children were Sharon, Bethel and William Jr. Alvin (Hap) Cunningham and his wife, Norma, lived at 314 Antrim with their daughters, Bonnie Jean (BJ), Joyce and Judy Ann. He worked at the Charlevoix Oil Company. Annabelle Cunningham was his sister, and she was the deputy county treasurer.

John Curtis was my grandmother Ikens' brother. He and his wife, Sarah, lived at 541 Petoskey Avenue. His son John C. was also in the building business as was son Harold E. The boys called their business Curtis Brothers. Lloyd Curtis (no relation to the above), owned Curtis Pharmacy. He and his wife Edith and children, Suzanne and Frederick, lived at 207 Mason. Russell Curtis (no relation to the above), owned Curtis Pharmacy. He and His wife Edith and Children, Suzanne and Frederick, lived at 207 Mason. Russell Curtis, his brother, owned Curtis Market at 802 Bridge. He and his wife, Gertrude, and boys Gary and Tracy lived at 106 Wood Street. Dean and Margaret (Marge) Davenport lived at 103 E. Lincoln with their children, Dean, Mona and Margot. R.T. and Ruby Davis and children Patricia and Ritchie, lived at 200 Sheridan. R.T. worked for the state highway department.

I have a large library, and enjoy reading many of my books again, but I have always enjoyed this small directory more than any of my collection. I have gone through it and reminisced ever since I was a child. Trust you will remember many of these friends also.

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Business Briefs

Congratulations Shannon. We're proud of you!

Shannon Martin

Shannon Martin has worked for the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce for many years while attending Charlevoix High School. She graduated in 1999 and continued working for the Chamber in the summer months while home from college. She has been a wonderful asset to the Chamber and its membership! We are very proud to announce that Senior Airman Shannon L. Martin graduated from basic military training at Lockland AFB, TX on March 12th. She then graduated from the munitions systems apprentice course on May 19th from Sheppard AFB, TX. Shannon received the Ammo Warrior Award while attending the munitions apprentice course. The Ammo Warrior Award is given for being a team player, displaying ammo pride, displaying leadership qualities, showing consistent academic performance, and getting the job done efficiently and in the safest way possible. Shannon is the daughter of Pat and Cindy Martin of Charlevoix. She is a member of the Air National Guard in Duluth Minnesota where she currently lives.

Mainland Insurance Agency relocates

The Mainland Insurance Agency has moved to a new location in downtown Petoskey. Visit their new office at 445 E. Mitchell Street, Suite 3. Mainland has been in business since 1971 offering group life and health insurance products. Congratulations on your new location.

Visitor praises Weathervane Terrace Hotel

It's so great when we get letters from our visitors with compliments on their stay. We were extremely pleased to receive a letter from a family from Appleton, Wisconsin. They stayed at the Weathervane Terrace Hotel and, upon arriving back home, realized they had left their son's blanket and teddy bear. When they called the Weathervane Terrace they were happy to find the manager and staff went out of their way to assure them that these articles were in the mail. They even went a step further and checked with the family to make sure they had received these articles. To quote the guests "we received unbelievable caring and compassion from Weathervane Terrace Inn and Suites. It made us realize that in a world of competitiveness and business, there are still people who care enough to put this aside and make one little boy smile again." Great job Weathervane!

Be sure to attend the Grand Opening!

The grand opening for the AmericInn Lodge & Suites of Charlevoix will be held September 9, 2004, from 5 - 7pm. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 6pm. You are invited to stop by, have a bite to eat and take a tour of the property.

Kudos to Kelly Media Works

The Chamber would like to thank Bobbie Rathjens of Kelly Media Works for volunteering her time to help make the Bi-Monthly Broadcast better. You should notice some definite improvements in the next few issues. Her help and advice has been greatly appreciated! We would also like to congratulate Bobbie on making the Dean's list at North Central Michigan College where she is enrolled in the Computer Information Systems Program.

Charles Murphy to teach watercolor workshop

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is delighted to announce that Charles Murphy of Traverse City will be coming to Crooked Tree Arts Center Saturday September 25th and Sunday September 26th to teach a 2-day watercolor workshop. For more information about this workshop please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 231-347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org

Friske Orchards celebrating Harvest Festival

Visit Friske Orchards on September 25th, 10 am – 4 pm for their Annual Harvest Festival. There will be an Antique Tractor Show, Live Music by "In Service," U-Pick Apples, Wagon Rides, Children's Activities, Miss Apple &Miss Pumpkin and Oil Portrait Artist, Jan Bower. There will be something for everyone.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Sept. 7 - Charlevoix Historical Society Ice Cream Social, 547-0373.
Sept. 8-9 - Golf Association of Michigan Senior Men's Championship, 547-2611.
Sept. 10-11 - Michigan B.A.S.S. State Championship, 547-2101.
Sept. 11-12 - 1st Annual Amvets Beaver Island Fishing Tournament, 231-448-2185.
Sept. 14 - Charlevoix Public Library 'Community Reads', 547-2651.
Sept. 15 - Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild Membership Tea, 547-8651
Sept. 16 - Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce Car Raffle, 547-2101.
Sept. 25 - Charlevoix CROP Walk, 547-2042.
Sept. 25 - Friske's Orchard Harvest Festival, 231-599-2604.

Chamber Car Raffle Fund-raiser and Business After Hours

Thursday, September 16 from 6 – 9 pm at the Belvedere Club Casino. The purchase of one car raffle ticket entitles you and a guest free admission to enjoy great food, and music by Pine River Jazz. Cash Bar. Tickets for the Chrysler Sebring Convertible are still available. Sponsors are Belvedere Club, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and Northern Preferred Title Company.

Business Breakfast

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is October 1, 2004 at 7:30am at Grey Gables.

Retail Meeting

The next Retail Meeting is September 16 at 8:45 am at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

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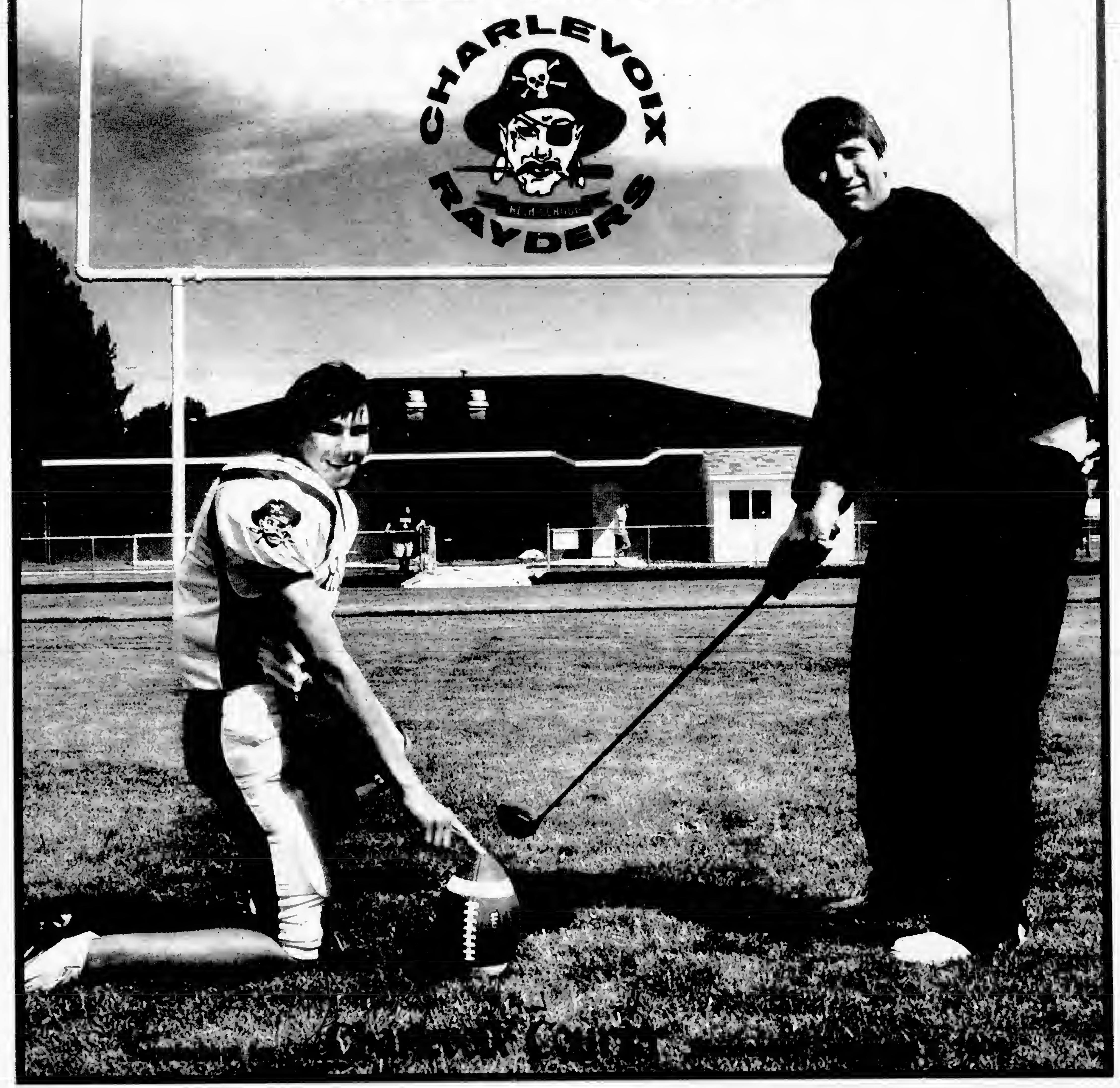

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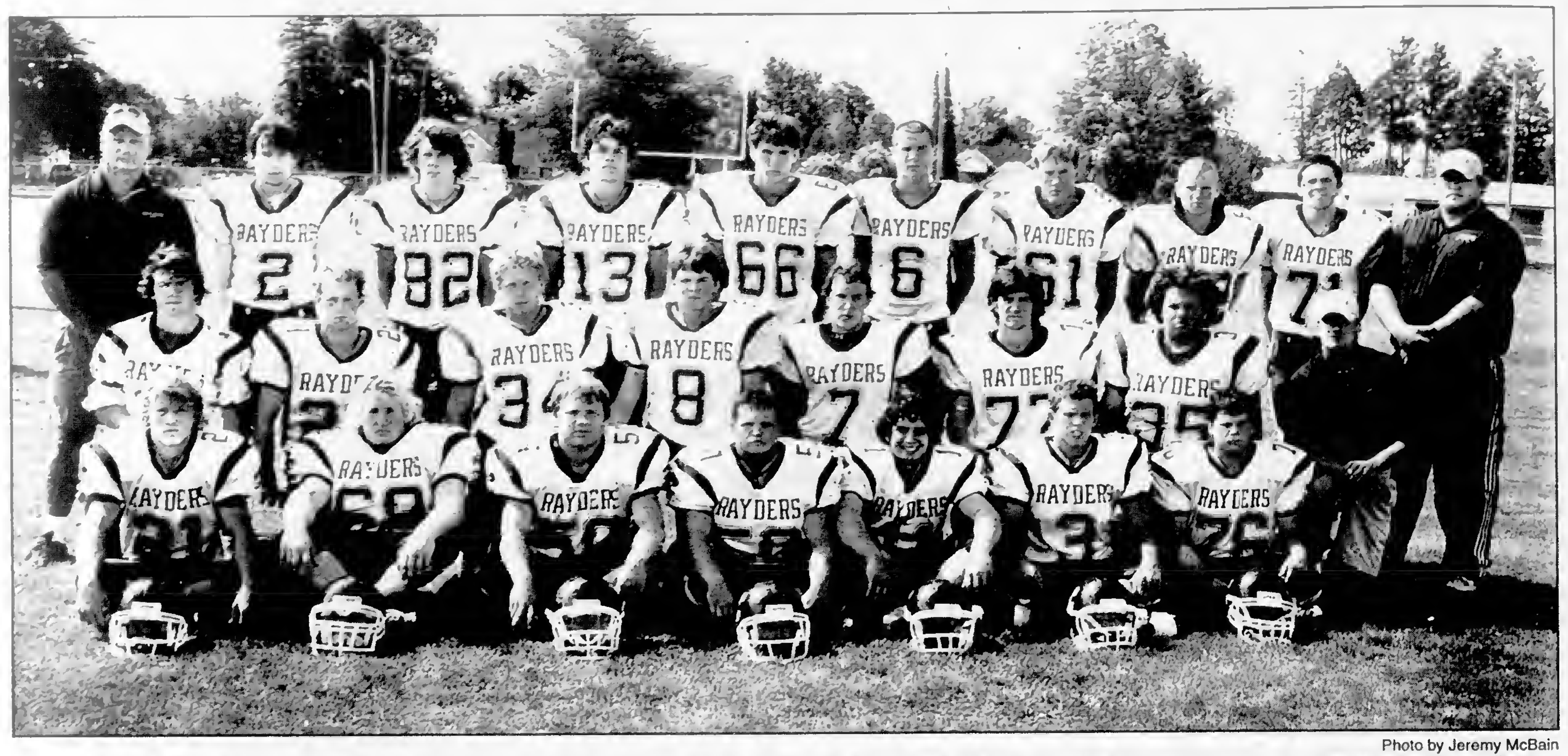

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The 2004-2005 Varsity Football team includes (from left to right) in the first row: Jed Daman, Robert Gretsch, Jaimen Waha, Nate Dube, Russell Williams, Mike Wojan and Nate Gilmore. Second row: Chris Aepelbacher, Travis Burke, Brandon Johnstone, Jake Teuscher, Cody Crain, Ezra Bakker, Ray Jones and Head Coach Don Jess. Third row: Assitant Coach Dan Yenglin, Ben Bergmann, Mitchell Klooster, Evan Keller, Jeff Golovich, Eddie Waldron, Scott Sladek, Billy Brodin, Jeremy Godfrey and Assistant Coach Mike Rautio. Not pictured is Tony Miller.

Football team excited for new year

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

With a strong passing game and 11 returning seniors, the Charlevoix High School varsity football team should be tough this year, according to coach Don Jess.

On top of this, since this is Jess' second year, with this many returning seniors this means more players understand his way of coaching.

"The kids really picked up on things. They understand the offense and the defense. We are a lot further ahead than last year," he said.

On the offense, Jess is returning senior quarterback Cody Crain and wide receiver Ben Bergmann. Additionally, he said he has good junior running backs coming in.

On the defense, he said they will be tough. While they are not the biggest in the conference, Jess said they will be fast.

"I have a good mix of athletic and tough kids," he said.

Out of the 23 players on the team, 11 of them are seniors. They are: Crain, Bergmann, Mitchell Klooster, Nate Dube, Jeremy Godfrey, Michael Wojan, Jake Teuscher, Ezra Bakker, Jaimen Waha, Tony Miller and Robert Gretsch.

The rest of the players are juniors and one sophomore, Ray Jones.

"They are a good group of seniors who are good leaders. Everyone seems to be getting along real well too," he said. "The team unity is getting stronger every day."

While Jess highlights a lot of strengths on the team, he said the weaknesses are hard to tell right now. He was able to say they need to shore up the offensive line with their blocking skills.

"We have to be able to run the ball," he said.

As for the other teams in the region and conference, Jess said he did not want to say at this time who he is looking out for.

"I don't want to single teams out," he said.

However, the key to winning against those other teams this year will be stopping the run.

"That is something we couldn't do last year, that and staying healthy," he said.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country teams have state in mind

Both of the Charlevoix High School girls' and boys' cross country teams are looking good this year, according to their coaches.

Boys' coach Ken Plude said his team has a good chance of meeting its goal of getting to the state finals this year.

"We are definitely a top 20 type of team," he said.

However, he pointed out the team has a very tough regional, composed of many other teams who are in the top 20 cross country teams of the state, such as Harbor Springs, Benzie County Central, Mason County Central and Evart.

"It is a five way race," Plude said.

Plude said while the team is very good, they are still a young team. He has only three seniors this year, of which he believes only two will make the varsity running team.

"A majority of the team are sophomores and juniors," he said.

In fact, Plude said his top runner is Brandon Stevens, a junior. Second would be Scott Plude, a sophomore. In the third slot, he said Jacob Wimmer has been very consistent.

As for the other seven spots, he said the team has 10 guys who will be fighting it out for them.

"We have a lot of depth," he said.

Other runners Plude expects good things from this year are Nathan Sotuyo, Tom Aepelbacher, Jacob Hunt, Sam Balasz, Nick Wimmer, Logan Nuttall and Logan Stachler.

Plude added, "This is probably the strongest group, as a whole, that I have ever had. Everybody has a good shot at breaking 20 minutes in the 5 kilometer."

Added to this, he said the runners are fun and hard workers.

While the boys' team is young, the girls' team is senior laden with 13 seniors out of 26 runners.

According to coach Mary Plude, this provides the team with good leadership. Added to this, she said she has a lot of sophomore runners that are very strong runners.

"While nine or ten girls can be on the varsity team it is going to be a really tough fight for varsity," she said.

In addition to this depth and leadership, Mary will be returning several runners with state experience. Theresa Martin, Sonya Plude, Anne Taylor, Lindi Edger, Mia Matchett, Caitlin Taylor and Emily Westenbroek all have been to the state meet, giving the team an added strength.

"We have a lot of experience and a lot of depth," Mary said. "Plus there are good girls on the junior varsity squad that are beating our varsity numbers from last year."

She said, to break down what this means, last year's team finished in eleventh at the state finals. This year's team has five runners whose times are already a minute better than last year.

As for the other teams in the conference, Plude said she believes they are stronger this year than the regional teams. She said it will be a battle between Charlevoix, Elk Rapids and Traverse City.

"If we are this strong at conference, we are doing really well," she said.

Photos by Jeremy McBain

(Above) The 2004-2005 Girl's Cross Country team is ready to run. Pictured (from left to right) in the first row are: Lisa Kuebler, Kayla Gelderblom, Caitlin Taylor, Mia Matchett, Sammy Keie and Sonya Plude. Second row are: Annie Strawbridge, Nicole Twining, Laura Larsen, Mallory Mahoney, Theresa Martin, Ellie Strong, Liz Madison and Coach Mary Plude. (Below) The 2004-2005 Boy's Cross Country team is gearing up for a new season. Runners include (from left to right) first row: Logan Stachler, Isaac Matchett, Zach Scharenbroch, Nick Wimmer, Michael McDonough and Logan Nuttall. Second row: Tom Aepelbacher, Scott Plude, Chuck Mason, Dan Myers, Rob Shutler, Aaron Hagen and Coach Paul Gelderblom.

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GOLF

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The 2004-2005 Men's Golf team includes (from left to right) in the first row: Kenny Anderson, Stephen Parker, Kris Bartling, Nic Williams, J.D. Speigl, Alex Molter and Head Coach Jim Glynn. Second row: Kyle Smith, Zack Lake, R.J. Moore, Matt Novotny, Chris Golski, Kyle DeYoung, Chris Wyniawskyj, Kevin Kusina and Junior Varsity Coach Bruce Beaudoin.

Golf team could be the upset in conference

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

With the team showing improvement with each match, Charlevoix varsity golf coach Jim Glynn said his team could do really well this year.

"If we hold our own this year and keep on improving, we could have a real fine team," he said.

He said the team's improvement could lead them to an upset in the conference by winning a championship on Sept. 29 at Antrim Dells.

However, Glynn said the conference will be tough and is one of the toughest in the state, with four teams in it that are ranked among the top 15 in the state. To even get in third place in the conference, Charlevoix will have to battle Harbor Springs all year, Glynn said.

And in the regional, they want to be one of the top three teams in the regional tournament. The top three teams advance to the state finals.

The team is composed of seven varsity players, with seven waiting in the wings on junior varsity. Each week, the players compete against each other for a slot on the varsity team, which makes the makeup of the varsity team ever changing — especially in the last few slots.

But, Glynn said the team has 10 returning players, making them very strong, but very young, with only two seniors, co-captains Chris Wyniawskyj and Chris Golski.

The strength of this team is the balance these players bring to their scoring. However, with this balance, Glynn said their consistency in maintaining it is a weakness.

"They need to keep it (their scores) steady," he said.

Another strength is the good shooting of two players in particular. Glynn said both Wyniawskyj and Kyle DeYoung are shooting in the 70s. This makes the first three slots on the team easy to fill.

With Golski showing marked improvement in his play and the strong shooting of Wyniawskyj and DeYoung, Glynn said the real battle on the team are the fourth, fifth and sixth positions. Glynn has several players fighting for those slots, and all are working hard at it.

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SOCCER

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The 2004-2005 Boy's Varsity Soccer team includes (from left to right) in the first row: Andrew Tillotson, Matt Teuscher, Shannon Gillespie, Jeremy Yaldo, Travis Klooster, Ben Castiglione and Matt Nitchman. Second row: Assistant Coach Marvin Witthoeft, Michael DiMartino, Ethan Winchester, Jed Drenth, Trevor Mays, Cody Wheat, Tom Castiglione and Head Coach Josh Block.

Soccer team facing a rebuilding year

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

While the varsity soccer team really doesn't have a lot of experience, coach Josh Block said they should be showing a lot of improvement as the season goes on.

Block said he has 21 students out of the team, but only seven seniors and only three players have two or more years of soccer experience. Therefore he is teaching a lot of fundamental skills.

"But, I think that is what is going to help us be a good team later in the season," he said. "We are making the game simple and all playing food fundamentals."

To further put the team in a good spot, Block said he has got a good group of kids that "truly want to learn the game and become better at it."

For example, Block's starting goalie, Shannon Gillespie, has only got a few weeks of soccer under his belt, but due to his natural instincts and ability to learn the game he is doing pretty good at it.

"By the end of the year, we should be doing really good," he said.

Another player to watch this year, according to Block, is Andrew Tillotson. Block said he has been spending a lot of time this summer working on his skills and should be a good defensive player this season.

Block also spoke highly of seniors Curtis Petzak, Andrew Mailloux and Sparky Nitchman, saying they have a lot of talent and should be able to help the team greatly.

As for the teams to beat this year, Block said he isn't even concerned with that.

"This year that is not as important. Brining these players together on the field and getting them to play good soccer is," he said.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

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The 2004-2005 Girls' Varsity Basketball team includes (from left to right) in the first row: Chelsey Haske, Laura Nitchman, Jaime Pettis, Madison McKenzie, Madison Ramsey, Genevieve Kochanny, Liz Jadwin and Shannon Dibble. Second row: Coach Keith Haske, Stevie Murray, Grace Farrell, Kari Way, Sarah Cross, Betsey Dennis, Caitlin Cole, Sally Haselschwardt and Assistant Coach Dr. Jim Gels. Not pictured is Assistant Coach Brett Erskine.

Basketball team has a lot of depth

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Charlevoix High School varsity girls' basketball coach Keith Haske is excited about this year's team — and his first team as the girls' coach.

Haske — also the varsity boys' basketball team coach — said the season is already looking real good, the players are great to work with and he has a lot of skills he can work with among them.

"These kids have picked right up on our philosophy and what we are trying to do on the basketball court," Haske said. "They are working hard and they are coming together as a team."

This year's team consists of 14 players with six seniors and seven returning players from last year. Among those, senior Grace Farrell has been playing since her freshman year, giving her four years of varsity experience, and senior Sarah Cross has been on varsity for four years. This not only gives Haske a lot of experience to work with, but also a lot of depth.

"In the preseason, our standout player was Grace Farrell. She is (6 foot, 2 inches), plays inside and is real tough. But, as we play a few games it is becoming evident that it is a whole team," he said.

In each game the scoring has been very balanced between players, with no one making a real break-out. This means any one of the players that go onto the court could be the leading scorer.

"Our depth is our strength. We can play a lot of kids and it really doesn't change the game that much," Haske said.

However, with the strengths come the weaknesses. This year, Haske believes the team's weakness is its rebounding and being consistent on offense.

"Every so often we go in a funk where we don't put the ball in the hole," he said.

While Haske works on improving these weaknesses and working on the strengths, he is also going to be keeping an eye on several teams in the conference.

He said the teams to beat this year are Harbor Springs, Traverse City St. Francis and East Jordan. In nonconference play, he said St. Ignace is a tough team.

Because of the strength of these teams, Haske said while the Rayder will probably do good in the conference, whoever wins conference will have "earned it."

As for the future, Haske said, "My prediction is we are just going to keep getting better. We will hopefully play our best right at the end of the year."

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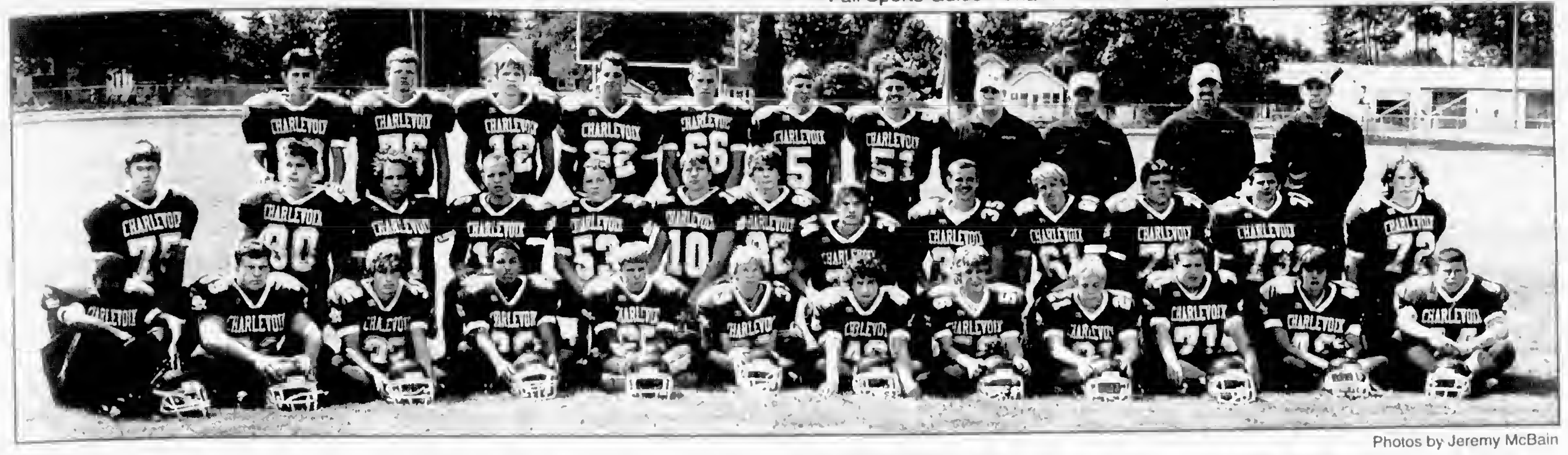

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JV, frosh and cheerleading

(Above) The 2004-2005 Junior Varsity Football includes (from left to right) first row: Bennie Cornish, Ethan Towsley, Jason Cesaro, Darron Munson, Sam Scheelk, Woody Nitchman, Nate Golovich, Clinton Longley, Garrett Troppman, Corey Ciesielczyk, Nick Gotshall and Nate Tripplehorn. Second row: Zak Rankl, Danny Waldron, Cliff Jones, Kyle Jones, Chris Filipiak, Dan Swenor, Justin Klooster, Brad Cyr, Matt Kanine, Scott Haselschwardt, Patrick Russell, Joe Thorp and Connor Louiselle. Third row: Mitchell Crandall, Hunter Boss, Chris Waha, Trevor Cole, Corey Gotshall, Matt Kautz, Drew Klooster, Assistant Coach Rob Scholey, Assistant Coach Jim Cluk, Assistant Coach Doug Waha and Head Coach Brian Certa. (Left) The 2004-2005 Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball team includes (from left to right) first row: Kali Crain, Emily Heffling, Robyn Petzak, Sasha Spencley, Lori Zimmerman and Zita Anderson. Second row: Janay Drost, Lindi Edger, Ashlie Bradley, Bethany Pearson, Jourdan Holecheck, Charisse Rogers, Kaitlyn Wojan and Coach Elizabeth Grunch. Not pictured is Teresa Potter. (Below left) The 2004-2005 Freshman Girls' Basketball team includes (from left to right) first row: Brooke Whittaker, Caitlin Mitchell and Leah Kelly. Second row: Desi Faust, Sondra Bennett, Meighen Havens, Ariel Ramsey and Jess Gauthier. Third row: Emily Foster, Kandis Way, Shelby Goss, Murphy Gillespie, Megan Cross, Emilee Colvin, Kaleigh Blanchard and Sara Muladore. (Below) The 2004-2005 Varsity Cheerleading squad is ready to cheer the Rayders on to victory. The spirited group includes (from left to right) in the first row: Kristina Moreno, Kara Ciesielczyk, Juli Neidert and Kara Fitzgerald. Second row: Josh Saur, Kim Way, Brittany Ward, Bailey Yenglin, Lindsay Withrow and Aaron Hagen.

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September 17	Friday	7:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
September 24	Friday	7:00 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
October 1	Friday	7:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
October 8	Friday	7:00 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
October 15	Friday	7:00 p.m.	HERE Grayling (homecoming)
October 23	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	AT T.C. St. Francis

Head Coach: Don Jess
Asst. Coach: Josh Skeel

VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER

September 7	Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	HERE Harbor Light
September 9	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	HOME Boyne City
September 13	Monday	5:00 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
September 15	Wednes.	5:00 p.m.	AT Leland
September 20	Monday	5:00 p.m.	HERE Grayling
Septmber 23	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
September 27	Monday	5:00 p.m.(JV)	
		7:00 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
October 2	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Forest Area
October 5	Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs
October 7	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	AT Grayling
October 11	Monday	5:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
October 14	Thursday	5:00 p.m.(JV)	
		7:00 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids

Head Coach: Josh Block JV Coach: Marvin Witthoeft

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

September 9	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
September 16	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Boyne City
September 23	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
September 30	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
October 7	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs
October 14	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Grayling
October 21	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis

Head Coach: Brian Certa
Asst. Coach: Doug Waha

CROSS COUNTRY

September 8	Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	AT East Jordan Invite.
September 11	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	HERE Charlevoix Classic
September 18	Saturday	9:45 a.m.	AT Ludington Invite.
September 25	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	AT Petoskey Kiwanis Invite.
October 2	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Pine River Invitational
October 19	Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	AT Boyne City-Conference
October 23	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	AT Elk Rapids Invite.
October 26	Tuesday	TBA	AT Gaylord JV Invite
October 30	Saturday	TBA	Regionals
November 6	Saturday	TBA	Finals

Boys' Coach: Ken Plude Girls' Coach: Mary Plude

VARSITY & J.V. GIRLS' BASKETBALL

September 9	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
September 14	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
September 16	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT St. Ignace
September 21	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Grayling
September 28	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis
September 30	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
October 5	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
October 12	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
October 14	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
October 19	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs
October 21	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT TC St. Francis
October 26	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Grayling
November 2	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
November 4	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Boyne City
November 11	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Petoskey

Head Coach: Keith Haske JV Coach: Liz Grunch

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GOLF

September 9	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Belvedere
September 10	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Petoskey Northmen Invite Site TBA
September 14	Tuesday	TBA	Pellston/Rudyard AT Hidden River
September 17	Friday	TBA	AT Gaylord Invite
September 21	Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	AT Grayling Invite
September 24	Friday	4:30 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids A-Ga-Ming
September 27	Monday	4:30 p.m.	AT East Jordan Mallard
September 29	Wed.	10:00 a.m.	LMC Championship AT Antrim Dells
October 1	Friday	TBA	TC Invite. AT Traverse City CC
October 5	Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	AT Petoskey Site TBA
October 7-9	Thurs.-Sat.	TBA	Regionals
October 15-16	Fri.-Sat.	TBA	Finals

Head Coach: Jim Glenn

JV GOLF

September 15	Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	HERE LMC Quad Belvedere
September 17	Friday	TBA	AT Gaylord Invite
September 22	Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Kalkaska AT Grandview
September 30	Thursday	12:00 p.m.	Puppy Invite.

Head Coach: Bruce Beaudoin

FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

September 9	Thursday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Cheboygan
September 14	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
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October 7	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
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October 19	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs
October 21	Thursday	4:15 p.m.	AT TC St. Francis
October 26	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	AT Grayling
November 2	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
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Charlevoix High School cross country runners hosted their annual Mud Run at the school Saturday.

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City Council tours plant

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Before the Sept. 7 City Council meeting, council members were given a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

There were there to view the updates that have been made in order to fix the problems that led to the possibility of fines from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant reach back over a three year period. With a new superintendent in charge, the hope is that the problems won't happen again.

"We've changed a lot of the ways we keep records and handle records," Superintendent Jim Caldwell said.

Originally, bench sheets where initial readings of the treated water are recorded didn't match up with the reports. In some instances, the bench sheets had been doctored or erased.

Caldwell said the Quality Assur-

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Remembering Sept. 11

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Photo courtesy of the Petoskey News-Review

Charlevoix County employees hosted a memorial for the victims of Sept. 11, 2001 at 10 a.m., Friday outside of the county building. Bagpipes and a bugle were played and prayers were given in honor of those whose lives were lost on that day.

Handicapped parking survey almost done

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

At the Sept. 20 city council meeting, city officials may present information regarding the survey they conducted to determine the amount of usage handicapped spaces receive in Charlevoix.

But, currently, the survey does not appear to address whether or not the city is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Police Chief Dennis Halverson said he is still looking into how ADA regulations affect Charlevoix.

"We believe we are compliant," he said.

According to the information provided regarding the survey, one parking lot appears to not comply with federal ADA regulations.

The parking lot between Antrim and Mason streets has 35 total parking spaces, but only one handicapped parking space. ADA regulations state that a parking lot with 26 to 50 spaces is required to have two handicapped parking spaces.

"We've noted a deficiency in one lot," Halverson said.

Halverson said the number one reason for conducting the survey was to determine what the current usage is of the 17 handicapped parking spaces throughout Charlevoix.

He said the survey was prompted hy concern expressed by the public for more parking and that he was asked to do a comprehensive report, which he won't comment on until completed.

He said if the survey shows the spaces are constantly full, then the city will look into creating more handicapped spaces regardless of what the standards are.

Eric Holland from the Department of Justice said in a previous article that a city has to meet the minimum requirements for handicapped parking hy law.

If those requirements are met and the city wished to look into more handicapped parking, then the survey could be helpful in determining if there is indeed a need for more spaces.

Halverson said he has been a police officer since the ADA laws were implemented, but wasn't sure whether or not a parking lot compliant under then-current ADA laws had to be brought up to date with current requirements.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Byron Robert Kroondyk, 20, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended, first offense. Fines and costs totaling $260.

James Patrick Allen II, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Charles Joseph Johnson, 40, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended-revoked-denied-allow Fines and costs totaling $260.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Christopher Ezra Crowell, 28, Boyne City. Check-No account. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to six months in jail with credit for 44 days, serve six months; must complete rehabilitative services; $716.92 in fines and costs.

Anthony Scott Brooks, 23, Petoskey. Operating under the influence of liquor, third offense. Thirty-six months probation; sentenced to 11 months in jail with credit for 11 days, serve 11 months; 480 hours of community service work; $970 in fines and costs.

Stevie Paul Massey, 41, Boyne Falls. Probation violation-police officer-fourth degree vehicle code and probation violation-operating while intoxicated. Sentenced to 75 days in jail with credit for 75 days, serve 75 days.

William Nathanial Ritch, 27, Raleigh, N.C. Attempted financial transaction device-stealing/retaining without consent. Sentenced to six months in jail with credit for 69 days, serve six months; $120 in fines and costs.

Travis William Batten, 23, Central Lake. Controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Two years probation; sentenced to six months in jail with credit for two days, serve one month; must complete rehabilitative services; $770 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office:

Lilly Beans, 00703 Fourth Street, Charlevoix, by Courtney Reinhardt.

Rock Lizard's Maintenance & Repair, 03192 South M-75, Boyne Falls, by Ted Rosencrants.

Lil D's Maintenance & Repair, 201 Vogel Street, Boyne City, by Dennis D. Erfounth.

Russell's Repair and Maintenance, 9021 Main Street, Ellsworth, by Gerald R. Lent.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Mark Clayton Ziffra, 39, Carpentersville, Ill. and Laura Beth Price, 50, Carpentersville, Ill.

Jeffery Carl Riley, 19, Charlevoix and Brandy Nicole Cobler, 19, Charlevoix

Clifford Judson Osborn, 29, Charlevoix and Cheryl Anne Speer, 41, Charlevoix

Kelley William Shaw, 30, Lakewood, Colo. and Kelly Heck, 29, Lakewood, Colo.

Clayton Charles Ray Soulliere, 23, East Jordan and Jaime Sue Stebe, 27, East Jordan

Timothy Ross Crumbaugh, 41, Boyne City and Debra Gayle Lehman, 46, Boyne City

Divorce

The following people were granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Maribeth Fulkerson vs. Joshua Fulkerson

Wayne Jay Eaton vs. Denise Lor Eaton

Richard Lent vs. Jennifer Lent

Jeffrey James Umbra vs. Tammy Ann Umbra

Births

Raygen Jane Leazier, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces was born to Brandy Kuhlman and Purl J. Leazier of Boyne City, on Aug. 30, 2004 at Northern Michigan Hospital. Her brothers are Tyler, 6, Jacob, 5, and her sisters are, Chellsie ,14, and Taylor, 9. Grandparents are Tony and Pam Dunn of Cincinnati, Ohio and Purl C. and Vivian Leazier of Boyne City.

Benjamin Michael Harmeling, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Mike and Andrea Harmeling of Charlevoix on Sept. 5, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His sisters are Anna, Katie and Megan. Grandparents are Helen Wendling of Emmett and Bob and Hazel Harmeling of Boyne City.

Caleb Montgomery, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Jeff and Jaimie Shiers of East Jordan on Sept. 8, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His brother is Isaac Benjamin. Grandparents are Blake and Michele Woodard of East Jordan, Al Shiers of West Palm Beach, Fla. and Bill and Nancy Bryers of Lapeer.

Cameran Lee Sutton, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces, was born to Clifford Sutton of East Jordan and Jonie LaVanway of Ellsworth on Sept. 8, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has two brothers Phillip Boynton and Jordan Sutton. Grandparents are Phillip and Caroline LaVanway of Ellsworth and Frank and Alice Campbell of East Jordan.

Nicklas James Shrift, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Peter and Maria Shrift of Charlevoix on Aug. 29, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His sister is Emily. Grandparents are Jon Coultes and the late Anna Coultes of Gaylord and Barbara Shrift and the late James Shrift of Traverse City.

Dezaray Sue, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Kristie Sue and Robert David Estes of Bellaire on Sept. 9, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His brother is Robert Charles. Grandparents are Sue and Paul Chichester of Traverse City and Mary Ann Estes of Bellaire.

Connor Jeremiah, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Sherri and Jeremy Jakobowski of Central Lake on Sept. 3, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His brother is Logan. Grandparents are Michael and Carol Jakobowski of Central Lake and Clarance and Karen Snyder of Portage.

John Culver Andrews III, weighing 7 pounds, was born to Rhonda Whiteford and John Culver Andrews Jr. of East Jordan on Sept. 3, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His sister is Jessica Alyce. Grandparents are Jack and Greta Whiteford of East Jordan and Allen and Peggy Loucks of Petoskey.

Keegan Lee, weighing 9 pounds, was born to Hope Speer of Charlevoix on Sept. 11, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Keegan's brothers are Clifford and Drayden and sisters are Andrea and Megan.

Preslee Ann weighing, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Jeffrey Paul and Christina Marie Johnson of East Jordan on Sept. 12, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her sibling is Gavin, 6. Grandparents are Gary and Charlene Roberts of East Jordan and Lyn and Jean Johnson of Petoskey.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
Sept. 7	84	61	.86
Sept. 8	67	55	—
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Sept. 10	68	51	—
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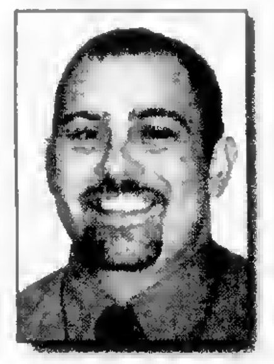

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Girl injured

A 17-year-old Charlevoix girl, Caitlin Ernst, was injured around 8 p.m., Friday on Bridge Street, near the Dairy Queen when she was struck by a motorcycle driven by a 20-year-old Charlevoix man. According to police, Ernst ran out into the road and was struck by the motorcyclist, not before a friend tried to pull her to safety. Ernst was taken to Charlevoix Area Hospital were she was treated for injuries. According to her mother, she is at home and will be fine.

Arts center to have annual eddi awards

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is presenting the fourth annual eddi Awards at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17.

This annual event honors area residents for their contribution to the arts and culture of Charlevoix and Emmet counties, and was founded in recognition of eddi Offield's personal and positive impact on the quality of life in northern Michigan.

The 2004 nominees represented many talented individuals and organizations.

The selection committee recently met to determine the award recipients, which will be announced at the ceremony. The selection committee members for 2004 include Bev Holden and Joan Tebo, Walloon Lake; Nancy Porter, Charlevoix; Terri Warnos, East Jordan; Marilyn Davies, Melissa Keiswetter, and Maureen Nicholson, Petoskey; and Jim Gillespie and Kathy Lott, Harbor Springs.

JoAnn Dalto of East Jordan and Steve Spencer of Harbor Springs, are serving as co-chairs for the second year.

"In response to suggestions from the community, we are offering a new type of ticket for the awards ceremony and dessert for $10, in addition to the $40 ticket for the entire evening," said Dalto.

Awards will be presented for Visual Artist, Performing Artist, Arts and Cultural Organization, Arts in Education, Arts and Cultural Leadership, Individual Patron Award, Benefactor Award and Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ticket prices are $40 per person and include champagne, beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, appetizer style dinner, dessert and awards ceremony; and $10 for the awards ceremony and dessert only.

For more information or to reserve a ticket, please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

Corrections

In a story on page two of last week's edition of the *Charlevoix Courier* on Steve Braun's fund-raiser for Junior Golf, a cutline for a picture with that story should have listed those in the picture as Junior Golf Executive Director Dean Davenport, Marsha Braun, Steve Braun and James McDonnell, president of the Belvedere Golf Club.

Also, in last week's edition of the Courier, a picture on page 17 should have been identified as the forty-fifth reunion of the class of 1959.

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Enough excuses, fix it, and a challenge

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

You may have noticed the series of stories in the *Charlevoix Courier* lately about handicapped parking and handicapped accessibility in Charlevoix.

The reason is we believe this is an important issue, especially as our population ages and finds themselves having more trouble navigating without some assistance.

It seems that Charlevoix may be behind in abiding by the Americans with Disabilities Act when it comes to parking and accessibility of our community. I say our community "may" because our city officials do not know if we are in compliance or not and are studying it.

It bothers me that the city does not know if it is in compliance with an act that has been in existence since 1990. Our city officials, at least those responsible for city parking, should be able to say, confidently and clearly, "Yes, we are compliant" as soon as they are asked by a citizen. They should not need to study the issue 14 years after the act was passed.

Our city should have made itself compliant with the law as soon as it was enacted. And, every time that the law was updated, we should have made the necessary changes. If our city officials can't take time to learn the law, then what kind of example does that give to regular citizens?

It further bothers me when I hear they are studying the issue. There is nothing to really study here. We are either in compliance or we are not. If we are not in compliance, then we must — according to federal law — make the necessary changes.

Furthermore it bothers me that this study seems to be focused on how much the current handicapped parking spaces are being used. If this type of study is being used to determine if we need more handicapped parking spaces and we are already in compliance with the law, then I say, "Go for it."

The problem is we don't even know for sure if we are compliant with the law. That should be answered first.

According to federal regulation, all you need to do is count the number of parking spaces in each parking lot and count the number of handicapped parking spaces in each of those lots. How many total parking spaces you have determines the number of handicapped parking spaces you must have in each parking lot. For example, a parking lot with 25 parking spaces must have at least one handicapped parking space. A parking lot with 26 parking spaces must have at least two handicapped parking spaces.

These figures can be obtained by any citizen or government official from the United States Department of Justice.

So far, I am baffled by our city administration's actions on this issue. Being in violation or not being in violation with the Americans with Disabilities Act does not need studies to answer. It is a very simple thing. You must have a certain number of handicapped parking spaces in each parking lot based on the total number of parking spaces in that parking lot.

Just count the spaces.

Challenge

Along the same lines of handicapped accessibility in Charlevoix, I am going to make a challenge.

I am going to make this challenge to all members of our local government, such as the mayor, city council, City Manager Mike Wiesner, Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson and Charlevoix Street Superintendent John Martin. Any other government official, including county officials, are welcome to take this challenge.

I challenge you to spend a few hours one day in a wheelchair in Charlevoix.

As part of this challenge, you must do what I made my reporter Courtney E. Pace do for a story she wrote in this newspaper about a month back; you must navigate your way from the *Charlevoix Courier* office, to the East Park bandshell, back to the Courier office and through the Charlevoix County Building — all without any help.

I will keep an eye on you to make sure you don't careen down any hills into Round Lake or get nailed by a car as you cross a street. And I will document your progress in a story to be published in a future edition of the *Charlevoix Courier.*

We will secure a wheelchair for you. All you need are your hands and the bravery to take on this challenge. Feel free to contact me at the Courier to set this up.

P.S. — City Council Member Sherm Chamberlain is excused from this challenge as he has spent some time in a wheelchair already due to an accident a few years back. He already has an idea of the challenges that face the handicapped in Charlevoix.

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Response to Winn

Editor:

In regards to John Winn's letter, I noticed a few inaccuracies. While the site plan for 125 Belvedere was approved for trees and hedges, it didn't state the height. In marine commercial the bushes must be 4 feet, on city land there is no limit, so the city has an obligation to keep them at a safe level — 4 feet.

When Mr. Winn built 123 Belvedere he agreed that if he built on 125 that he would leave a 60 foot viewing corridor. He then changed his mind. The vote was five to one for approval. Barnes, Bellows, Witthoeft, Chamberlain and Carlson voted aye. I voted nay and said, "I think this is wrong." Mr. Chamberlain worked for Mr. Winn, so it is questionable if he should have voted.

His remarks on the assisted living issue were also in error. I wanted to fire the five planners because they voted down a motion to go to the ZBA and then voted to hold a public meeting for a special use permit, without a lot split or an approved site plan. Just last month they asked for a lot split. This time it was reduced from 3.38 acres to 3 acres. Same huge building.

There was land available and still is land available without building in RI or RII. When asked by a planner how we could put this to rest, I said if they rescind the motion I'll drop the charges. The answer: "No Way."

Next they hired a high dollar attorney and ran up $5,000 in fees. His idea, they rescind the motion and I drop the charges. I advised the council to not pay, but they did.

I don't work for developers or special interest groups. I work for the city and all of the people. If I'm re-elected I'll continue to work for all the city, all the time.

My goal is and has been, to make the city accountable to the taxpayers.

Gabe Campbell
Mayor
City of Charlevoix

Proud of lifeguards

Editor:

Both the *Charlevoix Courier* and the *Petoskey News-Review* have credited two Charlevoix lifeguards, Michelle Rowe and Kiel Tilley, with saving the lives of two young swimmers recently at Lake Michigan beach.

We at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool are especially proud of their achievement and our role in it. Kiel and Michelle took their lifeguard training at our pool under the direction of Al Gooch and his assistant, Betsy Granstra. They also trained many of the lifeguards at area beaches, Belvedere Club and Chicago Club.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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Before the pool opened in 1997 there was a serious shortage of lifeguards in the area. We are happy to have fulfilled this community need.

Tim Boyko
President
Charlevoix Area Commuity Pool

Another Winn response

Editor:

Charlevoix is the only town in America where when we argue about "The Bushes" we're not talking about George W. and Laura, we're talking about real bushes. John Winn's recent letter to the editor suggested that he did not require any variances to plant his wall of bushes in front of his home. The mayor has a different opinion. Who cares? The bushes are not safe. They are so tall and close to his driveway that they obstruct the view as you exit. Mr. Winn is a good community guy. I hope he just does the right thing and trims his bushes so we can all enjoy a safe stroll down Belvedere Avenue.

Mr. Winn also blames the mayor for the unnecessary legal fees associated with this year's skirmish between planners and the mayor over an assisted living center's placement in a residential neighborhood. He lays all the blame at the feet of the mayor and that's just wrong. City attorney Jim Young in a Jan. 19, opinion stated, "Neither the Planning Commission nor the council acted wisely." Had planners and the city council worked together they could have alleviated all the legal drama.

The mayor took an aggressive stand on the assisted living center, not because he does not like old people, but because he was trying to protect the homeowners who he represents. As for the legal fees, the mayor never approved them. Those legal fees were approved on March 15, 2004 by a majority vote of the Charlevoix City Council with our Third Ward incumbent Sherm Chamberlain leading the charge.

I also have been upset with many of the actions of the city and the council but I did not call a lawyer when I ran into trouble. I decided to change the system the old fashioned way, by running for office. If you're tired of all the lawsuits and no bid contracts, I would urge you to join me in this effort by voting for Dave Scott this fall. We'll work together to solve our problems. Good for us, bad for lawyers!

Dave Scott
Candidate for Third Ward
Charlevoix City Council

Support community

Editor:

At the Charlevoix Board of Education meeting on Oct. 14, 2002, the Library Building Committee proposed an exchange of the current library for the old middle school property. At that meeting my sister and I gave a signed pledge to every school board member that we would remove the deed restriction related to educational use of the current library property if the properties were exchanged. After meeting with the school board building and site committee, the library building committee was told that the school had no interest in the current library property. We were told they had land by the bus garage and other options. Also, the new high school plans included new administrative offices.

Dr. Sturock's statement that the school could not give away this asset because it belongs to the community ignores the fact that the community would be served by using that asset as part of the new library project — a project that serves everyone of all ages in the community.

The taxpayers for both the school and the library are exactly the same people. They already owned both properties yet the school forced the city to pay them $635,000 for the old middle school. Now the school is trying to take another $600,000 from the library.

I urge the school board members to support our community and this library project just as they ask the taxpayers to support their projects and programs.

Connie Saltonstall
Charlevoix

Thank you all

Editor:

I don't even know where to begin to express my deepest gratitude to this community and some of its most wonderful citizens. Friday night, Sept. 10, my daughter, Caitlin Ernst, was involved in an accident in front of Dairy Queen. When her friend, Caitlin Cole, called me to ask me to come to town because of the accident, I am certain I lost a few years from my life. My most vivid memory of arriving at the scene was the sea of familiar faces surrounding my daughter. I can tell you my heart lightened some when I saw several other mothers caring for my daughter until I arrived. We owe her seventh grade basketball coach, Amy Putman, a debt of gratitude for initially managing the situation and seeing that emergency help was called. While I am sure Amy feels she didn't do anything special, it means the world to Caitlin and our family that she was there.

The ride in the ambulance was tempered because the man driving, Brent Price, was not a stranger, but a member of a close-knit community that could reassure me simply by his calm presence and his familiarity. When we arrived at the hospital I could tell my daughter her nurse was Alicia's mom, Mrs. McDonough, and she was reassured — there is security in that kind of friendship. Sue Lamb arrived in the emergency room not in her usual hospital uniform, but in street clothes. She told me she had heard that a member of her daughter Brittany's track team had been hurt and wanted to know what she could do to help. She was there for at least two hours assisting with X-rays and CT scans and generally helping the staff. Does anyone stop to think that people still do things like that in this day and age?

The first chance I had to step into the waiting room to reassure my husband and family, I was overwhelmed by the number of friends waiting with concern and love for my daughter. I am humbled by this experience. My family and I have been lucky to become friends with people I have always felt were good, kind, decent people, but Friday night they overwhelmed our hearts. Equally as humbling is the knowledge that there is a long list of people who, although not in the waiting room, would have done anything to help at a moments notice.

I would like to extend a special thank you and my deepest gratitude to Chris and Shane "Dad" Cole, Chris Michaud, Jeff and Shelly Stevens, Debbie Murray and Mark and Vicky Greyerbiehl. They are some of the nicest people I know, who also cherish the importance of family and community. Also, thank you Roger and Kali Crain for helping my daughter Riley through her fears that night and her sister's trauma. A special thank you to Carla Blacker for helping Caitlin's stepbrother and sister, Austin and Audrie Themm, be at the hospital and helping our blended families be together in this very scary time.

Most of all, I would like to thank Caitlin's friends: Caitlin Cole, thank you for trying to reach out and pull her back in time. We love you very much and know what really happened that evening; Stevie Murray for staying by Caitlin's side and being strong for her. Liz Jadwin and Shannon Dibble for helping pick out the goodies and your unfailing friendship. Also, thank you to Kenny Anderson and Logan Niswander for helping notify the right people and being good friends. How do you express your gratitude to an entire community for something like this? It isn't just that my daughter has amazing friends who stayed by her in a very frightening situation, or that each parent was there for me and my husband; it is knowing that you belong to a community that truly cares and is so interconnected that every child is a member of every family. We have received phone calls of concern and open-ended offers of assistance from, what would seem to be, the farthest reaches of our circle of acquaintance — our favorite clerk at the video sore, the secretary from the middle school, Caitlin's previous employer, my co-workers, our neighbors and a myriad of other kind people. We even received the most beautiful bouquet of hand picked flowers from our young neighbor, Alicia Valler.

This is a wonderful community and we are deeply grateful for everything everyone did, and we are blessed to be a part of something so special.

Maureen and Geoff Themm, Caitlin, Riley and Mac Ernst
Charlevoix

Sign problems

Editor:

As a long-time visitor to the Charlevoix area and now as a semi-permanent resident, we have grown to appreciate our unique community and its people.

No town of our size in the midwest can compare with us in golf, ski hill, beaches, boating and other recreational facilities. Our merchants are helpful and our eating establishments are excellent, but best of all we have outstanding citizens.

However, one thing has been bothering us the last few years and this summer it reached new heights. The signs, billboards and others were on every street corner and road announcing some upcoming event. We know these events are important but it seems we have a craft show, blood drive or art show sign posted all summer long. Coming in from the north the golf course looked most of the summer like the old Times Square in New York City. Why not some sort of "event board" on each side of town? Our friends in Petoskey and Harbor Springs seldom have these tacky signs. It may be time for our city officials and chamber to get together to solve this problem.

Thank you.
L. R. Evans
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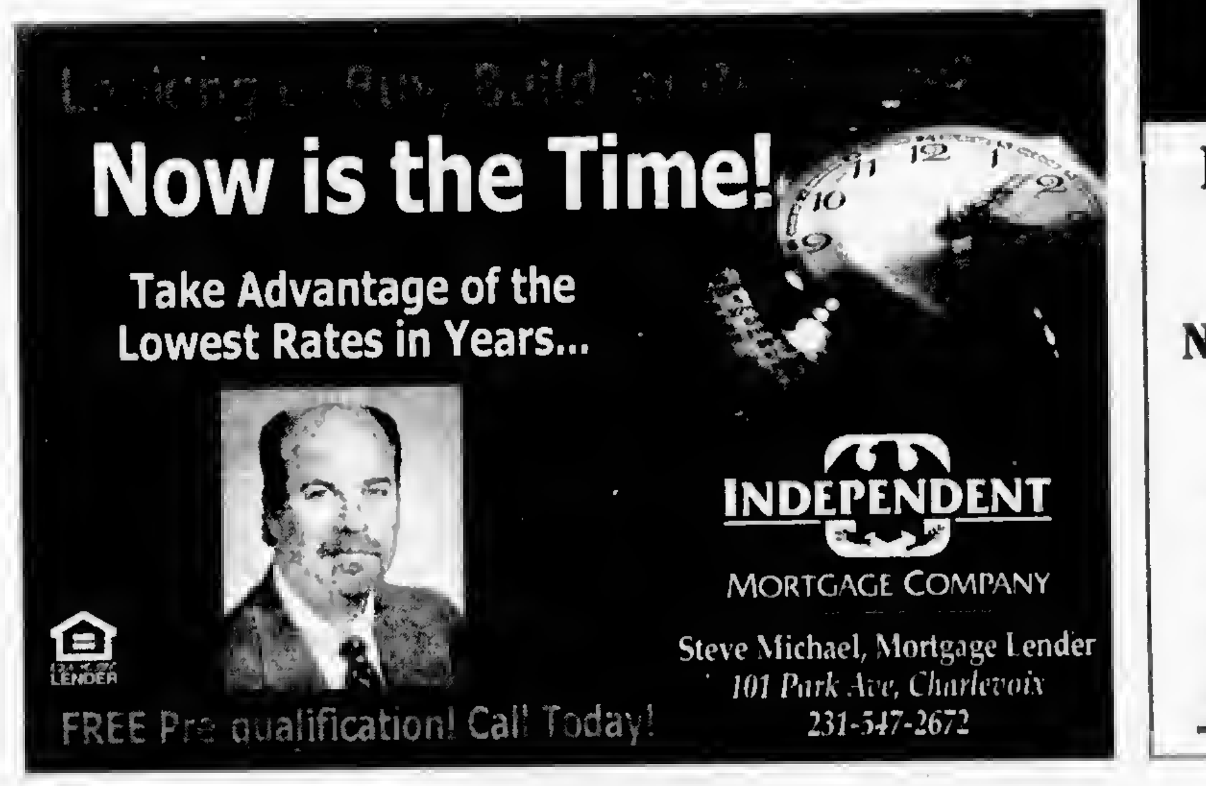

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Anniversary

Robert and Leona Winchester

Robert and Leona (Liedtke) Winchester, of Charlevoix, will celebrate 47 years of marriage Sept. 18.

The couple were married Sept. 18, 1954 in Rosedale Gardens at Rosedale Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Woodrom Wooley.

Robert is a funeral director at Winchester Funeral Home. Leona is a registered nurse and homemaker.

They have three children: Randall (Erika) of Hingham, Mass., Ronald of Charlevoix and Susan (Tom) Daloney of Sarasota, Fla.

They also have five grandchildren.

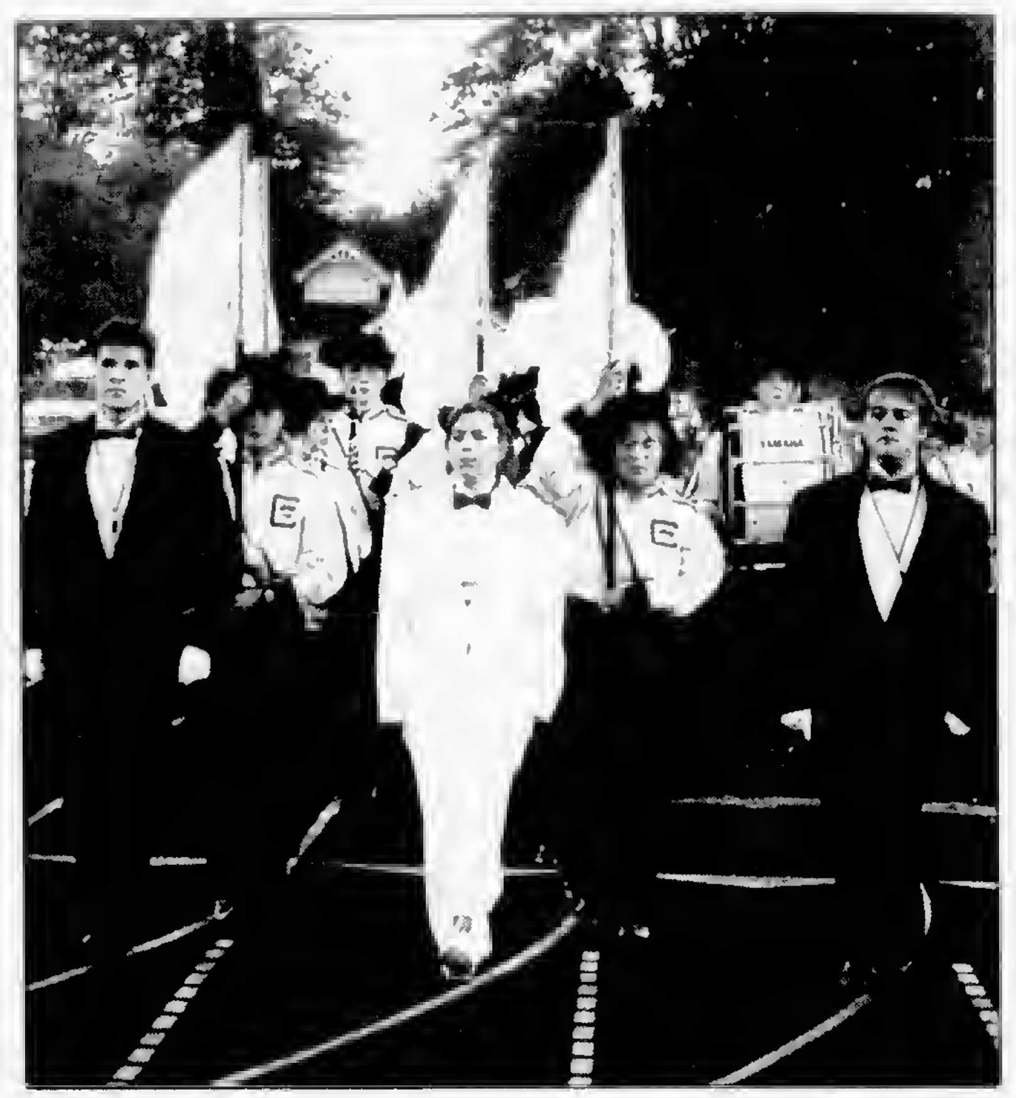

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Musical march

Members of the Charlevoix High School marching band proceed toward the end of the Charlevoix High School football field following a performance at Friday night's home game.

First Aid course to be given at hospital

The following First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- From 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

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Wedding

Hoadley — Watson

Lisa Hoadley and Michael Watson, both of Denver, Colo. were married July 11, 2004 on an Alaskan cruise ship in Vancover, British Columbia.

Lisa is the daughter of Paul and Dee Hoadley of Charlevoix. Michael is the son of Theresa Jackson of Ypsilanti and Richard Watson of South Lyon.

The maid of honor was Vanessa Hoadley.

The best man was Bryan Watson.

The couple went on an Alaskan cruise as a wedding trip.

They are making Denver, Colo. their home.

Lisa is a nurse at the Children's Hospital in Denver, Colo. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University and Charlevoix High School. Michael is an accountant at Olson, Reyes and Sauerwein, P.C. in Denver, Colo. He is a graduate of Northwood University and South Lyon High School.

Residents to take part in annual shoreline cleanup

From 9 a.m. until noon, on Sept. 19, volunteers will gather along Michigan's lakes and waterways to participate in the September Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup.

Coordinated by the Lake Michigan Federation, volunteers remove trash from shorelines and waterways and record their findings. The information collected will be used in pollution prevention and education efforts to help make local waterways clean and healthy.

The federation has coordinated Michigan's volunteer effort in the cleanup since 1991. During the 2003 event last fall, 2,500 volunteers removed 12,000 pounds of trash from 194 miles of shoreline in Michigan.

The cleanup is part of the federation's Adopt-a-Beach Program and an international effort coordinated by the Ocean Conservancy in Washington D.C.

In Michigan, the cleanup is supported with funds provided by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Coastal Management Program and the L.C. and Margaret Walker Foundation.

"The cleanup is successful every year because it's a way that people can play a "hands on" role in ensuring that our shorelines and waterways are safe and clean," said Jamie Morton, federation staff and state coordinator for the annual event.

Willing volunteers gather at designated cleanup sites along shorelines or waterways where they receive instruction and materials to conduct their cleanup. Participants can be individuals or groups, such as schools, Boy and Girl Scout troops, environmental clubs and community volunteer groups. Many businesses, such as Pharmicia Corporation in Kalamazoo, encourage their employees to participate.

There are many cleanups scheduled around the state. To locate sites, contact Jamie Morton at the Federation, toll-free at (866) 850-0745 or jmorton@lakemichigan.org.

The Annual Lake Michigan Beach Cleanup will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 18 in connection with this. For more information, contact Daniel Mann at (231) 237-0360.

How to get your news in the Courier

If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail news@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures.

However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event we are notified of.

If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

It should be noted, each story and picture is dealt with on its individual merits.

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Official Notice

North Country Community Mental Health Board will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, September 16th at 4:30 p.m. at One MacDonald Drive, 1st floor, Conference Room, Petoskey, MI. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

NCCMH is an equal opportunity employer/program. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon notification or request. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities.

This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

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Obituaries

Warren Wayne Belding: Feb. 12, 1947 - Sept. 11, 2004

Warren Wayne "Jeep" Belding, 57, of Charlevoix passed after a lifelong struggle with asthma and respiratory complications.

Warren was born Feb. 12, 1947 and died in his home Sept. 11, 2004 of cancer. Topper was at The Gate.

Warren was a golfer, caddy, former greenskeeper, fisherman, waiter, bartender, Tiger fan, teacher, poet and promoter of various golf opens and the annual Belvie-Townie softball tournament.

Warren was happiest when people gathered to eat and drink. It was comedy lunch time when summer cousins came. Long evening meals were shared in every season. "There's eating and then there's dining," he would say. And always the Memorial Day "Changing of the Fish" and the Labor Day yard party that closed the season.

Survivors include his beloved wife Suzanne, "Z"; his daughter, Jennifer; his twin grandchildren, Kaylee and Cody; his sister, Sharon (Roger) Knutson, their children Karin, Anne, Ben, Steve and Sam; his brother, Paul, his children, Drew and Heather. Suzanne's mother, Gail (Zurawski) and her husband, Larry Schaefer survive. And her sisters, Sheila (Jim) Malone, their children, Patrick and Abby; Andrea (Jeremy) Lewis; Clare Zurawski; and brothers, Stephen (Dena), their children, Robert and William; Matthew and his wife Lynn; and her hrother, Paul.

Warren had uncountable, endless friends in Michigan and in Florida where Jeep and Z enjoyed many seasons.

Warren encouraged all of us to open our heart's mind. He lived his life way outside the hox. Whether family or friend, he loved us without reservation. Have fun or don't was the motto.

Respecting Jeep's wishes there will be no formal services. A celehration of his life took place Sept. 13, at the Argonne Supper Club.

Memorials may be directed to the Bergmann Center or the charity of your choice.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Keeping the beat

Members of the Charlevoix High School marching band's drum line pound out the beat after a performance Friday night at the Charlevoix High School varsity football home game against East Jordan.

Sheriff offering reward for information on break-in

At approximately 8 a.m., Sept. 10 it was discovered by park officials that the ranger station at Young State Park had been broken into and equipment taken.

According to the Chalrevoix County Sheriff's Office, it is helieved entry had been made through the window of the back door to the building. The window had been smashed. Items taken from the building included a Dell computer monitor, computer printer, keyhoard, other computer accessories and a carpenter's miter saw.

Soon after the incident was reported to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, the stolen items were reported found in Mackinaw City and Boyne City. Some computer equipment was found in the water at the Boyne City Marina and the computer monitor and the miter saw were found in the water at the docks in Mackinaw City.

Sheriff Lasater is offering a reward of $500 for information leading to the arrest of the responsible perpetrator.

Information can he suhmitted to Deputy Sheriff David Hague, D/Lt. Mike Wheat or Sheriff Lasater at Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office (231) 547-4461.

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CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson .... 547-2654 or -5168

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Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Father Jim Gunn. 547-6322

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.

President Michael Robbins 588-2112
or Missionaries 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Sunday Morning Services	9 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
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Church Office 547-9482

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Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Philip Starks 547-4221
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Worship & Children's Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Children's Worship & Adult Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times

Pastor: Michael Dennis 547-4121

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Pastor: Mike Mitchell 237-0800

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

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Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
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Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm

Pastor Greg Timmins 231-238-0052

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.

Pastor Carrol (Pete) Aronson 547-6283

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1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:30 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Father Thomas A. Neis 547-6652

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Hospice of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, which serves Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties is looking for caring and compassionate individuals who would like to join its family of hospice volunteers.

Hospice will be conducting a volunteer training program starting on Sept. 28. The sessions will run for four weeks, from 3-5 p.m., meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays. The classes will be conducted at the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency in Bellaire.

The first session will be a hospice orientation and discussion of the role of the volunteer. Each class will deal with a different aspect of training: grief and bereavement, death and dying, communication skills, understanding the family, spiritual care of the family, care and comfort measures, ethical issues and personal stress.

Hospice volunteers provide a variety of services, including respite care to the terminally ill and their family.

Anyone who has been a caregiver knows how important it is to have some time for themselves, and our hospice volunteers provide this very needed help by staying at the home so the caregiver can get away or just to rest.

Volunteers provide much help, whether it is with patients, in the office or helping with fund-raising - they are truly the cement of the hospice program and make it unique.

Please call the Hospice of Northwest Michigan office at (231) 536-2842 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild celebrating 50 years

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will be having their annual membership Tea from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15 in the hospital cafeteria.

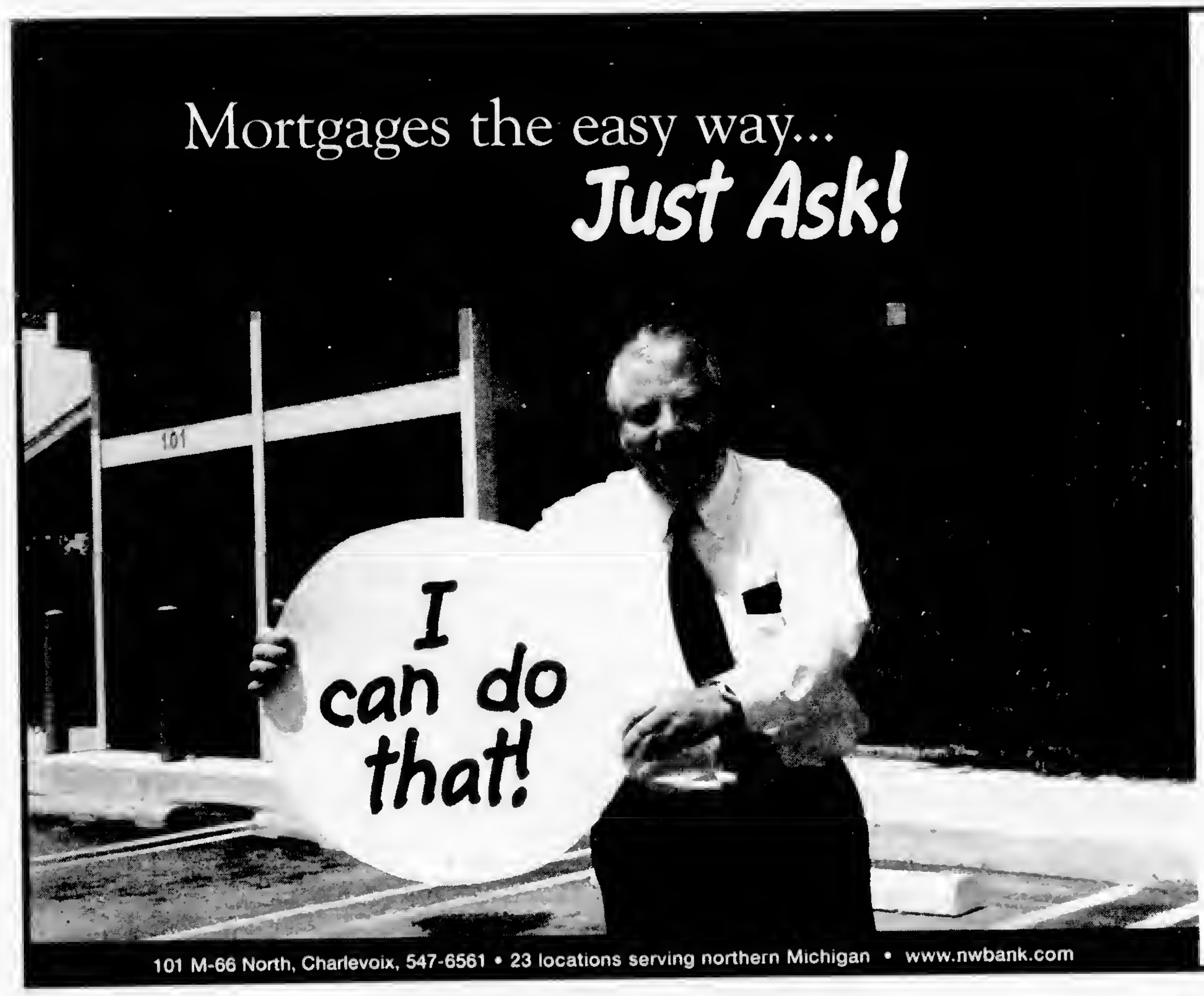
This year the Guild is celebrating 50 years. Please come and bring a friend to celebrate with us and join our Guild. They are also asking everyone to dress accordingly. It's a fifties celehration theme, so wear your saddle shoes.

There will he a box in the cafeteria to collect food for the Michigan Harvest Gathering so please bring a non-perishable item. For more information call Rehecca Parker at 547-8651.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Balancing support

Members of the Charlevoix High School varsity cheerleading squad performing a balancing routine as they cheer on the varsity football team Friday night at Kipke Field.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Developer to build new hangars at city's airport

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

During the Sept. 7 city council meeting, council voted to let a developer waive the .70 cent land lease fee for two years on three of the four hangars he wants to build.

Developer Paul E. Mashni will construct two buildings housing two hangars each out at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport. He will pay the land lease fee on one hangar he is going to use for himself, but the fee for the other three hangars will be waived for two years. After 25 years the city will own the hangars.

"I'm more than happy to move forward with that arrangement," he said.

Mashni said at the council meeting that due to the increase in the cost of steel, there is a discrepancy in the cost to build the hangar and their current market values. Mashni said this isn't a money deal and that he is just trying to get his money's worth.

"I don't want to lose money on a half a million dollar project," he said during the meeting.

Mashni said his interest in Charlevoix stems from his desire to house his own plane. He said there weren't any other hangars available at the time.

The first four hangars are under the two-year arrangement, but the last six will fall under the old one-year arrangement. Mashni said he hopes to sell all of the hangars except the one he is keeping for his own personal use. He said the 10 hangars he wants to build will provide more development at the airport.

"It's a nice opportunity for us to continue along the line of improvement," he said.

Mashni said construction will probably start in the next two weeks and is projected to be finished within two months from the date of beginning.

Council member Karen I. Campbell did not vote to approve the project. The current situation at the airport dealing with keeping track of where and how money is being spent is something Campbell sees as a priority before allowing more building.

"Well, I just voted against it because I thought we don't need any more hangars until we get everything straightened out," she said.

Campbell said for right now the agreement is for one builder and not others, but she does think the council's decision may possibly set a precedent for future builders.

"That's why I voted no," she said.

If one builder is allowed to construct then Campbell said others will want the same privileges and then hangars will be constructed "all the way down to Norwood Township."

"Whatever will be, will be," she said.

Mayor Gabe Campbell said he isn't sure about the two year deal.

"We probably, maybe shouldn't have extended it to two years," he said.

Mayor Campbell said council used to grant a one year land lease waive, but thinks the deal was fair to both sides. Through the agreement, Mashni won't lose much money and the city will have hangars out at the airport.

"It's good for the airport," he said.

Allowing the two year free for one developer may set a precedent for others in the future.

"Once we set a rule we can't go back and forth," he said.

However, Campbell said there may not be that much interest to build due to the economy.

"Unless there's a change of direction in the country, I don't see people putting a lot of money into anything," he said.

City Council candidate Dave Scott attended the meeting and questioned the deal being made. He said even though Mashni was given a break it's still a bad deal.

"I think the entire situation needs to be reviewed and taken a look at," he said.

Scott said it wasn't fair to give Mashni a special break and that there is a problem with the current cost for hangar development at the Charlevoix airport

"Historically, it's very different for private developers to build hangars because the city charges high costs," he said.

The airports in Harbor Springs and Boyne City have more attractive programs, resulting in more development, he said.

"The city doesn't do enough to encourage hangars," Scott said.

Scott said the airport receives over $1 million in federal grant money each year, which is more than other airports the same size receive in the area.

Scott is concerned where all that money is being used and why the city doesn't build hangars itself with that money. If the city doesn't want to build hangars itself, Scott said the city should lower the cost for all developers in order to make it more affordable for them to build at the airport.

Since the cost to build is high and the city doesn't build its own hangars, Scott said something needs to change.

"We need to look at building a new plan," he said.

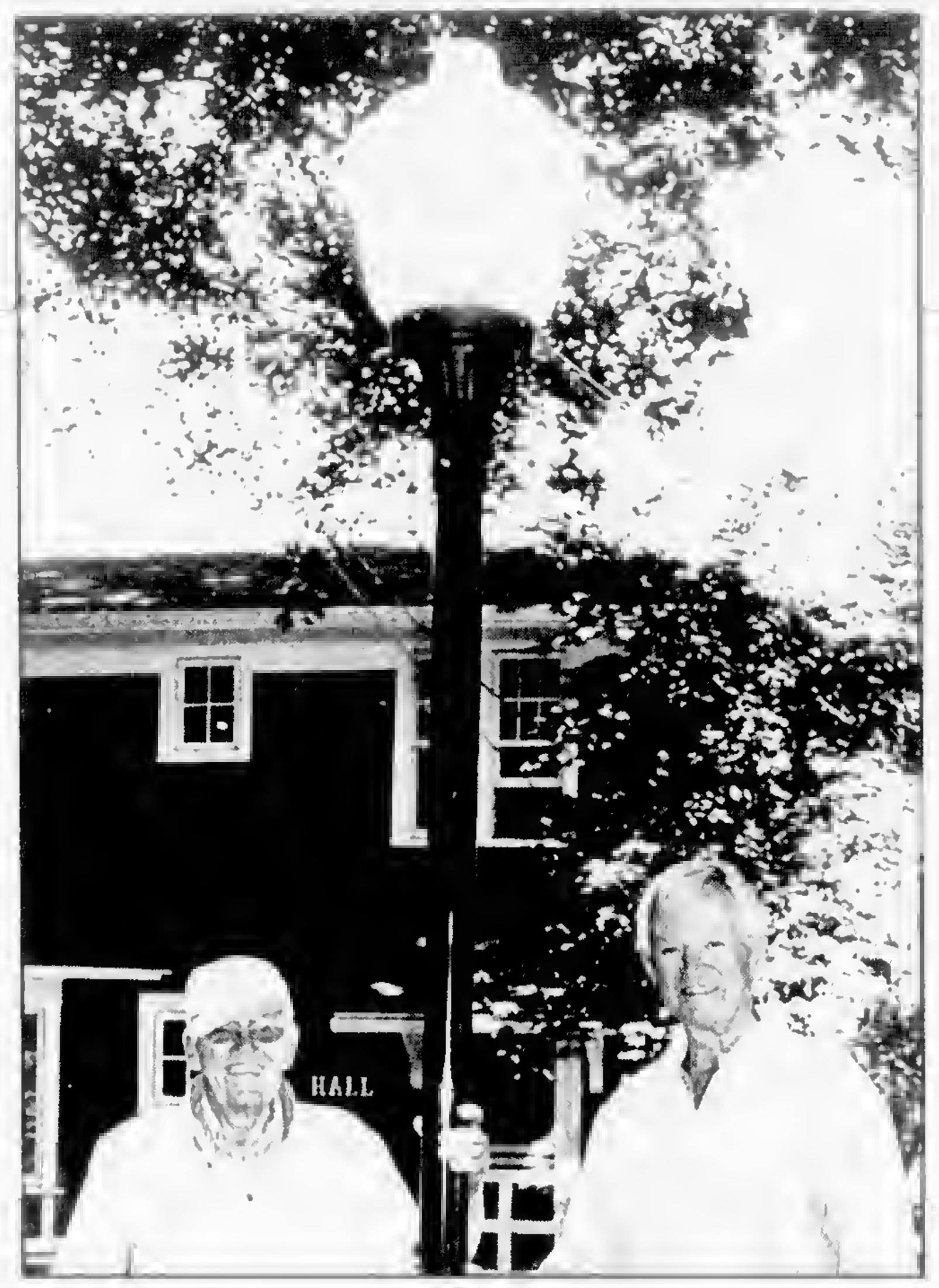
Council member Bill Haggard said he thinks the agreement with Mashni is special and not necessarily something that will be a precedent.

Haggard said the agreement is fair to the city and Mashni. He said it may bring more business to Charlevoix since there will be more hangars for people to utilize.

He said the airport is a way of transportation and being able to provide housing for visiting airplanes could draw more interest.

The Charlevoix airport is more expensive for people to build hangars on than other airports, but Haggard said not by much.

"We may be just a little higher, but it's a real popular airport," he said.



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Bill Klingbell, left, poses with Charles Hall with a light that was donated by the company to the Sequanota Club by Hall and his wife, Helen, at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool Auction.

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Is a city sewer line to Ironton in the future?

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

While back in July the city asked City Council to pay for an update of the master plan which would include a sewer line running to Castle Farms, which would make it appear a line is in the works, it seems this stems from what was just a simple question by Castle Farms.

Castle Farm co-owner Richard Mueller Jr. said they were just trying to understand the situation as far as sewers go and what the cost would be.

"Castle Farms has all the water it needs to run its facility and all the sewer septic it needs to run its facility so there's no need at this time or in the foreseeable future that we would need any kind of hook up to the city," he said.

Mueller said one concern for Castle Farms if a city sewer line was to be built is the sprawl that could occur. He said with the type of facility Castle Farms is, there is a lot of traffic that comes and goes and a person who built a house on the property line may get annoyed.

Mueller said a sewer line would be nice should Castle Farms build a hotel next door. He said at this time there isn't a need for a hotel and the concept is merely an idea.

"We don't really have a desire to build a hotel," he said.

Regardless, City Manager Michael Wiesner asked that a study for the master plan be conducted using the Sewer Fund to pay for the engineering services. The study was never conducted, but Wiesner said it's a possibility that the study may still come to pass.

And while it may have been just Castle Farms making an inquiry, the sewer line would run down M-66 all the way into Ironton.

"City Council will extend sewer service into the townships at no cost to city users," Wiesner said.

But, this has caused some to question this plan, especially considering a developer in that area is fighting in court to build a mobile home park.

City Council member Shirley Gibson said she doesn't see what advantage running a sewer line into Ironton has for the city of Charlevoix.

"I think that they're using Castle Farms as the red herring for unbridled development into Eveline Township," she said.

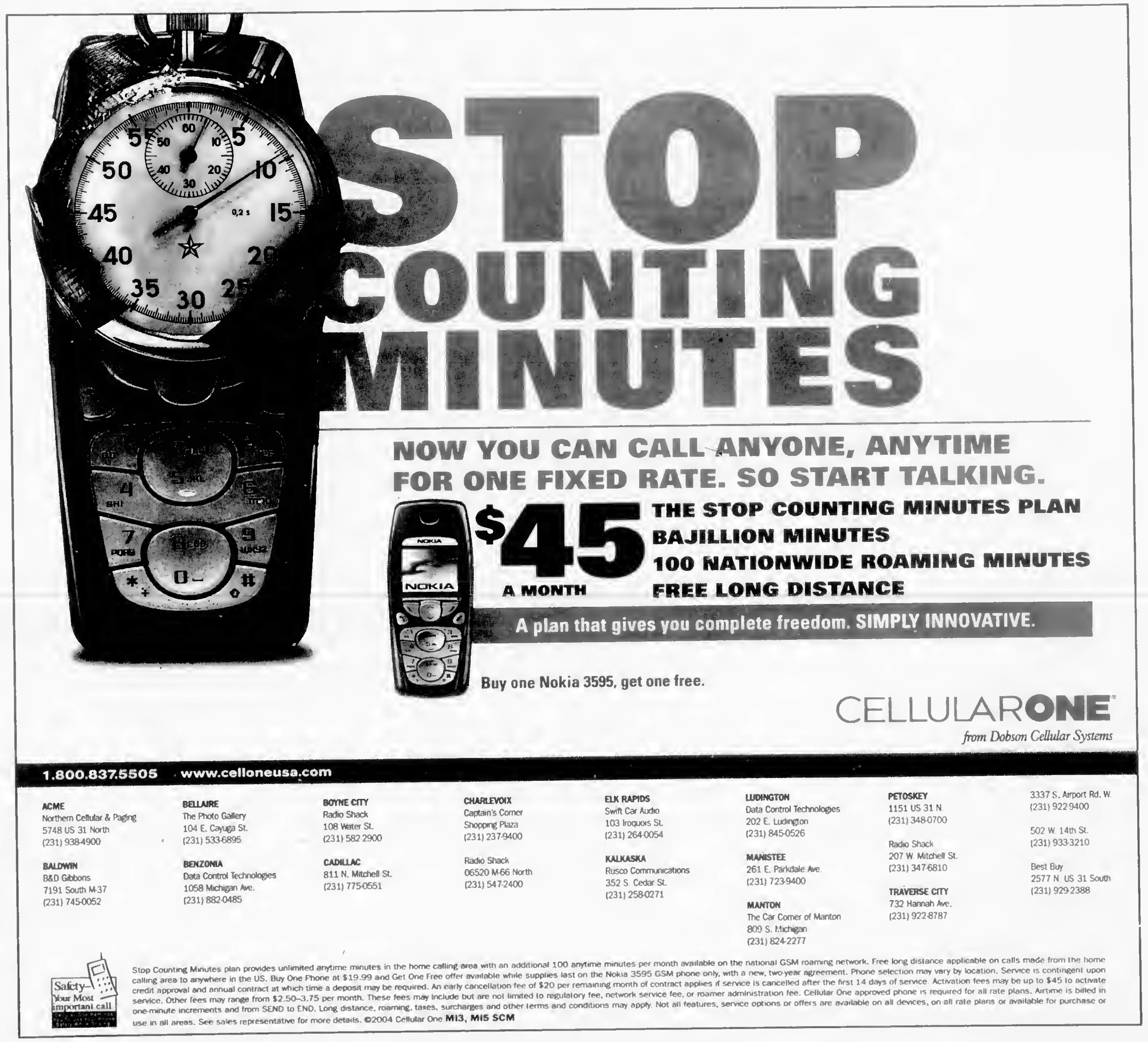
Gibson said she would never be in favor of the sewer line.

"We've wasted enough city tax dollars on oversized, illegal sewers for developers," she said.

Wiesner said Dawson Way, a local developer, and himself discussed general use of the sewer. But, Wiesner also said Way mentioned the possibility of putting in his own sewer for his mobile home park.

However, Way said he doesn't know anything about a possible sewer line and wouldn't comment on whether or not he is looking into the possibility of putting in his own sewer.

Wiesner said the townships were asked in 1994 whether they'd like the ability to have city sewer services. However, he said the city may not ask the current residents again and just use the original master plan as a guide.



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Ferry Road improvements questioned

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Road improvements on Ferry Road in Eveline Township are creating some questions among residents who wonder if it is for a large development, but township officials say that is not true.

According to some residents of the township, there have been tales that the Ferry Road improvements are for a controversial housing development by Dawson Way, that is currently in court. However, the road improvements in question were planned well before the Way issue and part of an overall road improvement plan by the township, said supervisor Dan Skrzeczkoski.

"It is mainly because that road was in really bad shape," he said.

Skrzeczkoski said the township has a list of roads that it wants to improve over the years and they try to improve one of those roads each year. Because the township is broken up by the south arm of Lake Charlevoix, he said the township tries to spend two years working on roads to the east of the split and one year on roads to the west of the split.

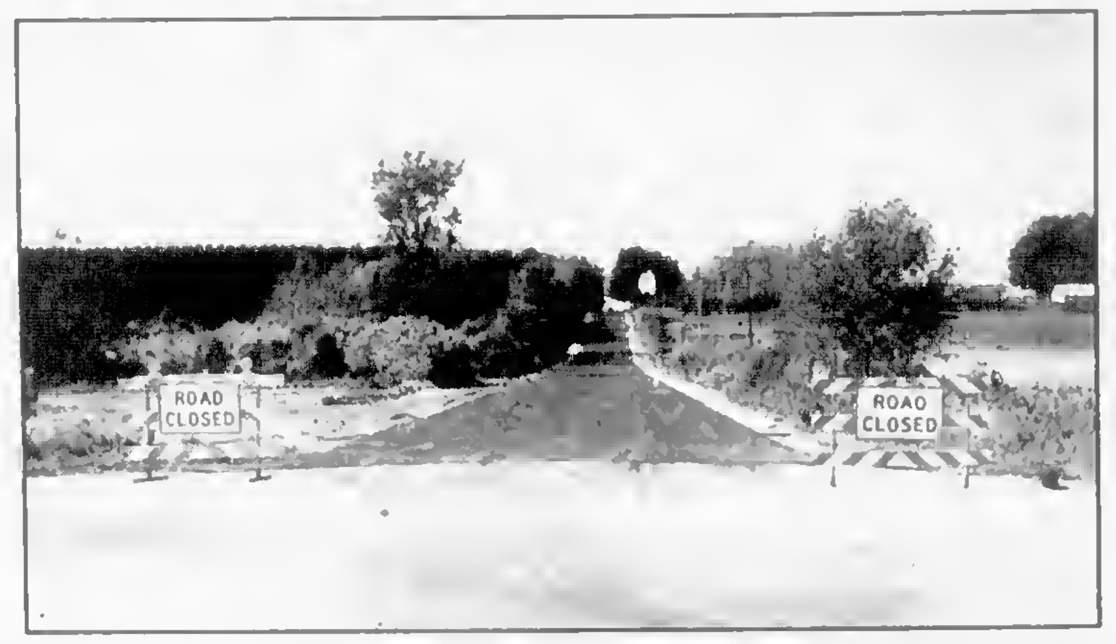
However, he said the township does not follow this plan to 100 percent. Sometimes a road will become so bad that it needs to jump up on the list.

Skrzeczkoski said he has heard the rumors that these road improvements on Ferry Road are for Way. He said, in the Ferry Road case, discussions for road improvements to this area began about three years ago — before the Way property issue.

"I know where some of those rumors are coming from. Some of those same people were at that meeting when we talked about this road," he said.

While the road is being repaved to make it smoother, the county is also widening it slightly to allow for walkers and bikers. Skrzeczkoski said the township began adding paved sides to the roads for walkers and bikers about six years ago.

Construction of the road is being done by the Charlevoix County Road Commission, but is paid for by the township. The cost of the road is $217,143 and will be completed around Sept. 17.



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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis ~ September 8, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. on September 8, 2004. Commissioner Frykberg was excused.

Motion approved the minutes of the August 11, 2004, regular Board meeting as corrected.

Motion approved Resolution #04-056, Purchase of Additional Credited Service by Christine Brewster.

Motion approved Resolution #04-057, Project Authorization Transit Section 5309 Statewide Grant and authorized Chairman Patrick to execute.

Motion approved Resolution #04-058, Revised Section 5311 Operating Project and authorized Chairman Patrick to execute.

Motion approved Resolution #04-059, Grandvue Operating Transfer and authorized the Treasurer to make this transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #04-060, P.A.S.T Grant and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contract.

Motion approved Resolution #04-061, 2004/05 Child Care Budget, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #04-062, Amended Uniform Numbering Ordinance.

Motion approved Resolution #04-063, 2004/05 Subsidiary Fund Budgets.

Motion approved Resolution #04-064, 2004/05 P.A. 416 Grant Application, and authorized Chairman Patrick to execute.

Motion approved Resolution #04-065, Amended Bank Depositories for 2004, and authorized the County Treasurer to use the additional investment company.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Mayoral candidates discuss city spending

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

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City spending is something people care about when it's their tax dollars that are financing the city.

Mayoral candidates Gabe Campbell and Norman "Boogie" Carlson look into what the city has done and what it can do.

Incumbent Campbell said he has had some concern in the past about how the city was spending money, especially on studies.

Gabe Campbell

He said the city conducts too many studies without getting anything out of them. There were six or eight traffic studies conducted, but Campbell said no one did anything that was suggested on the studies.

Norman Carlson

The timing of the traffic light at the intersection of Bridge and Clinton streets was changed during the most recent study, but not much else.

"If they want a traffic study, dig up the old ones," Campbell said.

He is also concerned because local people have just as much knowledge as the outsiders that conduct the studies. Campbell said the city wanted to bring an outside source in to conduct a survey on Mt. McSauba instead of talking to people who work with the facility on a day-to-day basis.

"I think that there's people in the community that could help us without spending an arm and a leg," he said.

The recent finding of City Treasurer Rick Brandi writing a check for over $222,000 in April 2004 for construction work done on Belvedere and Michigan avenues in 2001 outrages Campbell.

Campbell said with a city manager form of government, the city manager should take responsibility.

"We need some kind of accountability," he said.

Campbell said he has been told it takes too long to compile a monthly report, but that isn't true.

"We don't need four secretaries typing for five weeks," he said. "We need only a one page thing."

Campbell said City Manager Michael Wiesner told him he talks to department heads on a daily basis. Campbell wants to know why his secretary doesn't write down what is being said.

"It's only long and drawn out if you want it to be," he said.

With regards to handicapped parking, Campbell thinks the city has wasted time on conducting a usage study of city handicapped parking spaces.

"A lot of people use studies for things because it takes the heat off of them," he said.

Campbell said Police Chief Dennis Halverson said he was going to conduct a similar survey two years ago.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 states the number of handicapped parking spaces required per number of total spaces in one parking lot.

"Irregardless of what the ADA says, we should be seen as a community that cares about people and put in more spaces," Campbell said.

Backing off from studies is important to Campbell since Wiesner has said the city will be entering a crisis due to state budget cuts.

"We're running out of money, but at the same time we have no problem getting a $20,000 study on Mt. McSauba," Campbell said.

Campbell said he will watch where the money goes and make sure services are protected.

"I don't even want to think about cutting services," he said.

Mayoral candidate Carlson said everyone has had concerns about what the city has spent money on in the past, but Charlevoix isn't that different from other cities.

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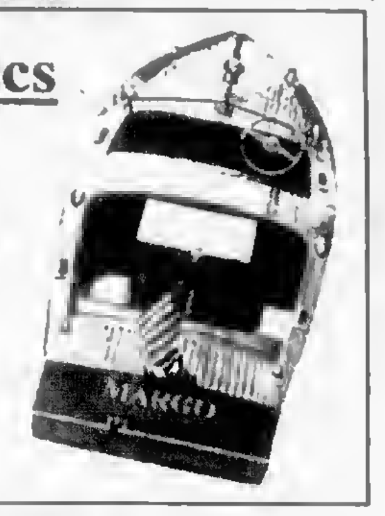

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City mayoral candidates' thoughts on spending

MAYOR

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"We honestly don't spend any more than any other municipalities," he said.

Carlson said he sometimes questions what the city spends money on including studies.

"We're spending money on a study that tells us something we already know," he said. "These are poor uses of the taxpayer's money."

Although he thinks studies are a waste of money, Carlson does realize that sometimes studies are necessary such as fulfilling a requirement in order to receive a government grant.

"The government never runs like an individual or a business," he said. "It just doesn't happen that way unfortunately. If I ran my business how some governments are run I'd be out of business."

Carlson said he it's hard to think of unwise use of money without the specifics in front of him, but legal actions do come to mind.

Carlson said City Attorney Jim Young gives good advice, but that advice isn't always followed. The whole assisted living situation could have stayed out of court, Carlson said, if people had listened to what Young had to say.

"I think the more recent lawsuits we've had are a big waste of taxpayers' money when they could easily have been avoided by listening to the advice of the city attorney and staff," he said.

Carlson doesn't hold a negative view on city spending for he thinks money has been used wisely at Mt. McSauba, the municipal golf course and BASES teen center.

"That money is spent wisely because a lot of the children in our community benefit from it," he said.

The city also spends money on infrastructure, which Carlson thinks is a good idea. He said Charlevoix takes care of things such as roads and other projects before they become a big problem.

Area parks are another way the city has spent money positively, Carlson said.

With the state enduring a tight budget, the city may receive less funds and have to look at the general budget carefully and cut some services. Carlson said he can't say what should be cut without sitting down with the budget and city staff.

"For something that serious you have to give it an educated look," he said.

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SPORTS

Rayders host yearly 'mud run'

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix High School varsity boys' and girls' cross country teams hosted the annual Charlevoix Classic Invitational Saturday at the Charlevoix High School in all its muddy glory.

The invitational has become known throughout the state for its challenging obstacles and mostly for the mud holes that runners must trek through in order to finish.

This year, Charlevoix's teams seems to have done quite well on their own course against several teams from around the state.

Girls' coach Mary Plude said, "This was our best team finish since 1995."

Charlevoix girls' finished sixth out of 22 teams.

Individual results of the top six Rayder girls' eleventh and twelfth grade race were: Thercsa Martin in twenty-third with a time of 23 minutes, 45 seconds; Sonya Plude in forty-third, with a time of 25 minutes, 5 seconds; Anna Taylor in fifty-third, with a time of 25 minutes, 59 seconds; Lisa Kuehler in sixty-eighth with a time of 27 minutes, 19 seconds; Liz Madison in sixty-ninth, with a time of 27 seconds, 23 minutes and Jacky Heckendorn in ninety-fourth, with a time of 30 minutes, 13 seconds.

Individual results of the top six girls' ninth and tenth grade teams were: Lindi Edger in third with a time of 22 minutes, 36 seconds; Emily Morgridge in ninth, with a time of 23 minutes, 34 seconds; Mia Matchett in thirteenth, with a time of 24 minutes, 1 second; Emily Westenhroek in seventeenth, with a time of 24 minutes, 16 seconds; Brittney Lamh in nineteenth, with a time of 24 minutes, 26 seconds and Justine Karnicki in fifty-fourth with a time of 29 minutes, 14 seconds.

The boys' team finished fifth in the invitational.

Individual results for the top six Rayder boys' eleventh and twelfth grade race was: Brandon Stevens in seventh, with a time of 18 minutes, 4 seconds; Tom Aepelhacher in twenty-second with a time of 19 minutes, 22 seconds; Nate Sotuyo in twenty-third, with a time of 19 minutes, 27 seconds; Isaac Matchett in twenty-sixth, with a time of 19 minutes, 29 seconds; Jared Hunt in twenty-seventh, with a time of 19 minutes, 46 seconds and Dan Buday in twenty-eighth, with a time of 19 minutes, 48 seconds.

Individual results for the top six boys' ninth and tenth grade race were: Jacob Wimmer in sixth, with a time of 18 minutes, 37 seconds; Scott Plude in ninth, with a time of 18 minutes, 48 seconds; Zach Scharenbrach in seventeenth, with a time of 20 minutes; Jacoh Hunt in twenty-sixth, with a time of 20 minutes, 31 seconds; Nicholas Wimmer in forty-fourth, with a time of 21 minutes, 47 seconds and Sam Balasz in forty-fifth, with a time of 21 minutes, 49 seconds.

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A Charlevoix girls' cross country runner leads a pack of other schools into the mud during the Charlevoix Invitational Saturday at the high school.

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, September 7, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.
109 Bridge Park Drive, USCGC Acacia Conference/Training Room

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- The Council acknowledged an anonymous gift for paving at Brookside Cemetery and agreed to proceed with the project.
- Motion adopted to approve a minor development plan amendment at 1007 May Street changing a fence to a berm.
- Motion adopted to waive land lease fees for Paul Mashni's new hangar construction (3 hangers) for two years after signing the contract.
- Motion adopted for the City Staff to pursue "Option 4" concept for marina parking on Clinton Street.
- The Council asked Fire Chief Paul Ivan to seek bids for the purchase of SCBA equipment. The Fire Department has been awarded a grant covering 90% of the cost of the SCBA breathing equipment.
- Motion adopted to approve a change order request in the amount of $11,575.26 for the Dixon Avenue Storm Sewer Project - Phase 2.
- Adopted Resolution 2004-09-01, authorizing the City Council to approve the master plan for the City of Charlevoix.
- Adopted Resolution 2004-09-02, approving the amendment to the contract with the Michigan DNR for the Depot Beach Park Development Project and authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the amendment.
- Discussion included vandalism at Hoffman Park. New stones have been ordered. The Manager will look into possible solutions.
- Per their request, Council has been presented with a sampling of language for a blight ordinance.
- Council asked for the Attorney to report on what the City's legal rights are regarding trimming hedges and trees in the right of way.
- Per their request, Council has been presented with a history of discussions on pets in the park, so they can decide how to proceed.

Council adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 109 Mason Street (Old Post Office).

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk   Gabe Campbell, Mayor

SPORTS

Charlevoix gets first win of the season

By B. JON GOHS
Football writer

Charlevoix defeated East Jordan Friday night in a 17-14 overtime handwringer.

All the emphasis on limiting mental mistakes and sticking to the game plan paid off for the Rayders as they not only tied the game with less than three minutes to go in the fourth quarter, but managed to stop East Jordan from scoring in overtime.

And aside from outstanding play by the defense, Coach Jess said, "The kids were pretty focused."

He added, "We didn't make the mistakes we'd been making."

Focus was the name of the game as the Rayders had no fumbles and only one turnover in the form of an interception.

"The only reason East Jordan scored that first quarter TD was because our special teams messed up," said Coach Jess.

Despite numerous drives toward the goal, by the first half Charlevoix was scoreless. But it seems the Rayders play best when under pressure.

Their first TD wasn't scored until the middle of the third quarter by Russell Williams and it was Eddie Waldron's two point conversion in the last three minutes of the fourth quarter which kept the Rayders alive — and East Jordan fans sweating.

Williams carried 17 times for 70 yards and one TD, while Eddie Waldron had four catches for 39 yards in addition to his game tying two point conversion.

And the pressure didn't seem overwhelming for Quarterback Cody Crain either, who kept steady at 58 percent of completed passes this week.

Crain was 14 of 24 for 119 yards with one TD, one interception and he carried eight times for 59 yards.

Receivers of mention were Ben Bergman with six catches carried for 42 yards and Mitchell Klooster with three catches for 40 yards and one TD.

Once in overtime East Jordan took the offensive position and in addition to their botched field goal attempt, Jess said, "We stuffed them up on defense."

High school football overtime rules are such that each team has a chance to score starting on the 10 yard line. If neither team scores the process begins again. Statistically the first team to play defense will come out the winner. And this seems to have proven true as Rayders' Jeff Golovich went on to kick the game winning 20 yard field goal. .

And, as always, Coach Jess gives the opposing team their due.

"Give East Jordan credit," he said. "They played a tough game and they were hitting hard."

According to Jess, getting out of the previous two-game slump was the key to getting on the right track.

"We took a huge step getting that first win. With it being as close as it was," Jess said.

And, he added, "We've got some momentum going into the Boyne City game."

Much needed momentum, it seems, that won't be hurt by the fact that Boyne City Ramblers star running back is out with an injury and won't be playing in next weeks game.

"They've beat us pretty good the last couple years," he said. "They're a really well coached football team."

But, Coach Jess said, next weeks game against the Ramblers will be business as usual for the Rayders.

"We've got to stop their (Ramblers) running game," he said. "And we need to get some things going on offense."

The Rayders tackle game two of the conference while facing off against the Boyne City Ramblers 7 p.m., Friday Sept. 17 at Kipke field.

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A Charlevoix Rayder makes a run for a first down Friday night in a home game against East Jordan. Charlevoix won the game in overtime thanks to a three point kick.

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SPORTS

Basketball team remains undefeated

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Basketball writer

Conference play, non-conference play, it makes no difference for the Charlevoix Rayders girls' basketball team.

They have blown away everyone in their path this season.

The Rayders, ranked second in the state in Class C by the Detroit Free Press, won their first Lake Michigan Conference games of the season in impressive fashion, defeating Elk Rapids, 68-21 and previously unbeaten East Jordan, 65-25.

"The kids are really coming together as a team," coach Keith Haske said. "Different nights different people are stepping up. It's been fun to watch."

Both games were similar in that Charlevoix's defensive pressure took its toll on the opponents early and often.

"The two games were like carbon copies of each other," Haske observed. "The defense has been tough for us all year. Our opponents have had plenty of problems handling the ball against our press."

Haske called the effort against the Elks "the best we've played all year long."

Charlevoix used a 19-1 second quarter advantage to blow the game wide open. The Rayders led 45-9 at the half and coasted to the victory.

Grace Farrell led the Rayders with 19 points, 11 rebounds, four assists and three steals. Laura Nitchman had nine points while Shannon Dibble scored eight.

Jaime Pettis pilfered five steals and dished out four assists.

Against the Red Devils, the game was close early with Charlevoix clinging to a 15-10 lead after the first quarter.

For the second time in the week, a huge second quarter put the game away as the Rayders outscored East Jordan, 30-4.

Farrell again led the team in points with 16—scoring 14 during the decisive second period. She grabbed nine rebounds, four steals and handed out three assists.

Pettis scored 12 points and had six steals. Nitchman scored 10 and had six steals as well. Sarah Cross contributed seven points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

"Grace played her two best games of the season," said Haske. "Jaime was very tough as well."

The JV team also won both games last week and is also 6-0 on the season.

This week Charlevoix faces perhaps its toughest two tests of the season playing perennial conference power Harbor Springs and St. Ignace, ranked number six in Class C, both on the road.

The game against Harbor was on Tuesday, Sept. 14, but results were unavailable before presstime. The Rayders travel to St. Ignace on Thursday, Sept. 16.

Soccer team gets two wins last week

The Charlevoix varsity soccer team received two wins last week.

On Sept. 9, the boys beat Boyne City, 6-3. And on Sept. 7, they beat Harbor Light, 4-1.

For the Boyne City game, Sparky Nitchman had two goals and two assist. Andrew Mailloux had two goals, Michael DiMartino had two goals and one assists and Curtis Petzak had one assist.

For the Harbor Light game, Mailloux had two goals, Nitchman had one goal and two assists, DiMartino had one goal and one assist and Petzak had one assist.

Coach Josh Block said, "A key part to the win was our defense in the second half."

He added, "I am proud of Shannon Gillespie with a win in goal and 11 saves."

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St. Mary School will be hosting the 9th Annual Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction.

This year's event will be from 5:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 16. The celebration will be at St. Mary School Family Center, 1005 Bridge Street, in Charlevoix.

Dinner will be catered by the Grey Gables Inn. Live Auction with Scott Mackenzie, and dancing with Class Act Productions. Reservations are now being taken.

Featured items will include tickets to the top of the Mackinaw Bridge, Mackinac Island packages, the Children's Art gallery, and many live and silent items.

In conjunction with dinner, auctions and dancing, St. Mary's is sponsoring a variety of raffles.

The "Women's Corner" will feature a Toronto trip. The "Men's Corner" will feature a Canadian cabin fishing trip with cabin rental. The Scholarship card raffle will again take place this year.

New this year will be a children's raffle item on Friday night.

The Northern Lights Celebration is the largest fund-raising event for the school. Auction expenses are kept to a minimum with all proceeds going directly to the school operational budget.

Tickets are $60 per person for the evening. Tickets for the auction and dancing are $30 per person. This is a community wide event, with everyone welcome to attend.

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A Preview of Auction items will be from 5 to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15. This is open to the public and admission is free.

Bids will be accepted at this time. Raffle tickets will be available. Sealed bides will be accepted on live auction items.

Yacht Club race results

The Sept. 8 Charlevoix Yacht Club Wednesday night race, Sept. 8, racing was in northwest winds of 12-16 mph. on a six leg windward leeward course.

This was the second race of the fall series. Twenty-one boats were scored by Charlevoix Yacht Club race chair Mike Miller. The total points for the series follow the name in parenthesis.

The results of the J-22 class are: 1) Swine Flew (Strawhridge) (3) 2) What's Her Name (Robinson)(5).

The other overall results of those not racing this week are: 3) Superfluous (6) (Jensen) — this will be the last you read about this boat locally as Marty is trading up to a bigger boat soon — 4) Hog Tide (9) (Clagett).

The Jib and Main results include: 1) Flash (Gordon) (2), 2) Flasher (Sherbarth) (3), 3) Tireless (Carland) (7), 4) Apothecary (Ochs) (9), 5) Sail La Vie (Williamson) (7)

The P-26 results were: 1) Lost Vermonter (Tinney) (2), 2) Cygnus (Stewart) (5), 3) Original Sin (Miller) (7), 4) Artemis (Bowerman)(6)

The Spinnaker A fleet corrected finish times were: 1) Stringthing (Thomas) (2), 2) Booma (Gosling/Tyra) (6), 3) Kamikazee (Funck) (5), 4) M3 (Carey)

In the Spinnaker B fleet it was: 1) Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller) (5), 2) Padawan (Lamb) (3),

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Council candidates weigh in on spending

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ELECTION 2004

Does the city of Charlevoix spend its money wisely or are there a few changes that could be made?

City council candidates look into the issue of city spending.

First ward incumbent Bill Haggard said he has had some concern in the past as to how the city is spending its money, which causes him to watch city spending very closely.

"There's some question of priority," he said.

"But I know we're not wasting money."

Haggard, who is conservative with his own personal money, said the city has spent money in a poor manner on all the lawsuits it has faced.

There were times when Haggard thought the city spent money wisely. One time was when the city purchased the Wharfside so it could be torn down, he said.

Since the state is facing a tight budget, the city may receive less money than it has in the past. If so, Haggard said the general budget is something that should be looked at very closely.

One suggestion he gave to help alleviate some of the budget burden is to reinstate programs that bring prisoners into the city to do various maintenance jobs.

Haggard said it saves money and allows the inmates to enjoy different scenery.

"It's worth an investigation," he said.

He said the budget needs to be absolutely balanced in order to avoid any pitfalls.

"I don't want to go in the hole," he said. "Revenue sharing is very tight. It's hurting a lot of communities."

Candidate Rebecca Doan said she would have a better idea of what the city spends if the department heads would issue a monthly accountability report.

Doan said she thinks spending money on the Charlevoix Community Skatepark and Mt. McSauba are good ways the city has spent money.

"Anything for the youth," she said. "Even if we lose, we're gaining."

Keeping up with road maintenance and other needs is also a good way the city has used the money they received, Doan said.

However, Doan said the city spends money in not so wise ways as well.

Doan doesn't think the new marina should be built. She wants to see the dock updated and redone, but doesn't want it to expand and change from the way it is right now.

With state budgets being tight right now, the city may have to cut back on some of their spending if they start receiving less money. If so, Doan said the figures would need to be looked at before anything is decided upon.

"They (city officials) keep telling us we'll have a short coming," she said. "We need to take care of what we have and not keep expanding."

Second ward incumbent Karen I. Campbell said she has had some concerns about the way the city spends its money in the past, but most recently her concern is about city hall.

"The city spent way too much on furnishings for city hall," she said.

The furnishings may not have been a wise investment, but Campbell said the money spent on redoing the building was because of the bad condition it was in.

She said the city also spent money wisely on redoing sidewalks and roads and cleaning up the old post office so the city could use it as their temporary space.

The city may be facing a budget cut due to the tight state budget of Michigan, which may cause Charlevoix to lose state money. Campbell said it's hard for her to say what services should be cut without looking at the budget.

She said the essential services to the city should be the focus because they are vital to the workings of the city.

"We need street cleaners and cemetery workers and could use a few more," she said.

Candidate Alvin "Butch" Russell

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was unavailable for comment by press time.

Third ward incumbent Sherman Chamberlain Jr. said he hasn't had any concern over city spending in the past and thinks the city has done a fine job spending the people's money.

He said the budget meeting is the most important because that is where council members decided how much money to appropriate to each service.

"The budget meeting is the backbone of the city," he said.

Chamberlain said good audit reports show the city is spending the public's money well and there isn't one major example of poor spending he can think of.

However, he thinks the city has spent money in a wise fashion when it purchased the Wharfside and tore the building down to open up a panoramic view of Round Lake and the harbor.

"What that did for the community is just unbelievable," he said.

Chamberlain said he doesn't rubber stamp financial requests.

"I think I do a good job making sure the public has benefits from any purchase we make," he said.

Chamberlain said past council members and city staff have treated the city's money as though it was their own. He said the cost/benefit ratio is important when looking at how to spend the city's money.

"Are the benefits the public is going to receive greater than the cost?" he said.

He said a lot of projects come his way from City Manager Michael Wiesner, but are turned down before they reach council.

"All I want to do is be the best at this job," he said. "I base decisions on hard core facts, not coffee shop talk."

Chamberlain said this election will determine the kind of council the city will have.

"That's what this election is about," he said. "Whether the city wants to run it out of a coffee shop or run it professionally."

Candidate Dave Scott said there is a problem with city spending in Charlevoix.

"Nothing concerns me more," he said. "It's one of the main reasons I'm running for city council."

Scott, who attends council meetings regularly, said two major projects would not have been put out for bids if he hadn't been there.

"We need to be careful about how we're spending city money," he said.

One project slipped by despite Scott's efforts. He said the airport contract was approved even though he voiced a need to open it up for bidding.

"These are classic examples of bad decisions made by city council on spending," he said.

At the Sept. 7 city council meeting, Scott spoke up and told council the fire department has to put their grant up for bids. His effort helped the council look at the issue closer.

He also questioned the need for a $30,000 audio/visual system installed in the new city council chambers. Scott said he asked the council about their vote and didn't know why they approved something they didn't fully understand.

"I asked them and they didn't know what it did," he said.

Scott said he is curious why the city spent around $250,000 on office furniture for the renovated city hall.

"It's not because I'm cheap," he said.

"I just want to make sure the essential city services are there."

Scott said he is also concerned why council voted to approve a severance package for City Manager Michael Wiesner.

"I would never, ever, have approved a six-figure severance package for the city manager," he said. "The council should take a closer look at these things."

Scott also said Chamberlain has voted for every expenditure request that has come his way since 2003 even though he says he is against spending money.

"Someone isn't asking questions," Scott said.

Despite the negative side of city spending, Scott thinks the city has used money wisely.

"What a great decision it was to work with the band boosters to weed the petunias," he said.

"It helps support a fund-raising effort for the band."

Since it is a time of tight state budgets, the city may have to cut back on some expenditures if it doesn't receive enough money from the state.

Scott said he would have to look at a comprehensive budget before he could make a decision concerning what to cut and where.

The first thing Scott said he would cut are things in the area that are conveniences and the last thing he would cut are the essential city services that impact the citizens of Charlevoix.

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Dated: September 7, 2004

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 04-010740-NC

In the matter of Devon Ray Ellis

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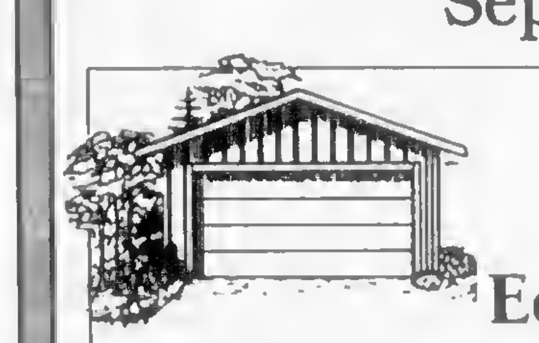

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AREA BRIEFS

Area events

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in Charlevoix from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 16 at the Community Reformed Church at the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or just drop in.

All donors will be required to provide an ARC donor card, driver's license, or other government issued ID prior to donating.

Fish fry

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church, 104 State Street, will host an "Old Fashioned Fish Fry" in the tradition of Mrs. Cross' Fish Dinners of the past with Fish and Chips, slaw, carrot salad, rolls, beverage and homemade lemon meringue pie from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17. Cost for all you care to eat is $9 adults, $8 seniors, $5 children 5-12 and children under 5 free.

Hockey tournament

Charlevoix Community Skate Park proudly presents the First Annual three-on-three In-line Hockey Tournament which will be on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix. Registration is at 11 a.m. All proceeds will go toward building the Skate Park. For more information visit: www.puckwhacker.com or call (866) 400-PUCK.

Skate film

Charlevoix Community Skate Park, Inc. is sponsoring a film by Adam Kuehl named Penniless at 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Charlevoix Cinema III. This is a full length in-line skate video featuring Chris Couture of Charlevoix along with seven other skaters on tour throughout Michigan.

Proceeds will help benefit the skate park and all tickets are $5 at the door.

Powerlifting team

The STAND Powerlifting Team will be at the Charlevoix Assembly of God on at the 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. services, Sunday, Sept. 19.

The STAND (Striving, Together, Accomplishing, Necessary, Development in Youth) is a ministry that challenges young people with a positive motivational message illustrated through amazing feats of strength. The team is comprised of T.A. Nalian "The Human Shredder," Tom ""Big Buck" Balabuch, Big James Henderson, Bryon Dorsey and Luther Elliss. Two of the team members will be at the Sept. 19 service.

For more information call the church office at 547-6430.

Republican office opening

Charlevoix County Republicans are going to have the grand opening of their Action Center at 3 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 18, located in the Oleson's Shopping Center. Senator Jason Allen and Kevin Elsenheimer candidate for 105th House District, along with the county officers and county commissioners will be there to meet and enjoy. Refreshments will be served.

Lutheran Bibe translators

Bethany Lutheran Church will welcome Lutheran Bible Translators Stan and Margot McMillen at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 19. They will share their 30 years of experience while working with the Uspantec people of Guatemala and bringing the Gospel to these people in their native tongue.

Bethany Lutheran Church is located at 11906 US-31 North across from the Charlevoix Country Club.

The public is invited to come and meet these dedicated missionaries. Refreshment will be served.

Parent walk through

The staff of Charlevoix High School will host Parent Walk-Through from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m., on Monday, Sept. 20. The purpose of this program is to introduce parents to their student's teachers here at the high school and for individual interaction between teacher and parent. The Charlevoix High School Annual Report will be presented at 6:15 p.m. The "Walk-Through" sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. We encourage all parents to come and enjoy this evening at the high school.

Lock-Up

The North-Central Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association is holding a Lock-Up fundraising event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at the Grey Gables Inn in Charlevoix. Business people from Charlevoix area are being targeted as jailbirds for this event. The jailbirds will use cell phones to call business associates, friends and family members in order to raise their "bail" for MDA. All residents and businesses are encouraged to participate to aid in the care, clinic, research and summer camp programs for patients affected by neuromuscular diseases in North-Central Michigan. Volunteers are needed to greet and register jailbirds as they arrive. If you can help support by volunteering call (989) 771-9652.

Bazaar

The Ellsworth Lioness is sponsoring the Twenty-fourth Annual Banks Township community Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Banks Township Hall. For booth space information, please contact Joni at (231)544-6348 or wieland@torchlake.com.

Dental appointments

Dental appointments for children and adults available at Dental Clinics North with locations in East Jordan, Petoskey, and Traverse City. They accept Medicaid, Health KidsDental, MI Child and Northern Dental Plan. Dental Clinics North is a partnership of local health departments. Call toll-free (877) 321-7070 to schedule an appointment.

Vaccines

Meningitis vaccines for incoming college freshmen are available at the health department through September at the Petoskey office by appointment only. Many colleges and universities require meningitis vaccine. The cost is $75. To schedule an appointment, telephone the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency (the health department) at (800) 432-4121 during business hours.

Bridge game

There will be a lesson and friendly game of Bridge given by a non-playing director ACBL sanctioned at 6 p.m. with lesson and game at 6:45 p.m., every Tuesday, at the Castle Farms off M-66 Highway in Charlevoix. Call Berta Meyerson-Molasky for reservations and information at 547-1041.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m, every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Support Group —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call (800) 337-3827 for more information.

Historical groups —

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 103 State Street.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Harsha House. For more information call 547-0373.

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Elementary PTO in need of more members

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Due to the financial state of Michigan, several cuts have been made to the budget and one is education and it is having an impact in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix Elementary School is not receiving as much as they did in the past, but with the help of the Parent Teacher Organization and community volunteers, they hope to keep functioning as they always have.

"Schools all over the state are starting to hurt due to the financial state of Michigan," Richard Swenor, principal of Charlevoix Elementary School said. "It's even more important for parents and the community to help out with schools and help kids."

Swenor said one of the fears this year is that without added participation from the community, many of the things that have always occurred at the school may not be able to continue.

Valeri Ramage, president of the PTO said there is a need for more participants in the year's events.

"We really need the support from the community," said.

Every year the PTO compiles wish lists for the teachers and tries to meet their needs. With the budget cuts and less funding, Ramage said the lists this year will include necessities and not items like a digital camera.

Swenor said the money for field trips was cut back. In the past, the PTO has sponsored many field trips, which Swenor said give the children a first hand experience.

"They've been valuable for years, but now with the cut backs to the state they're even more valuable to us and the kids," he said.

Swenor said the community has been good about supporting the school and that support will help keep programs like the author visits going.

Some of the authors that have come to the elementary school include Jonathan Rand, author of the "American Chillers" and "Michigan Chillers" series.

On Sept. 16 the school will be hosting its open house and PTO family barbecue. Ramage said school board members will cook the food and families can eat and socialize. Then the parents will go in to talk to their child's teachers while the children play under PTO supervision on the playground.

The barbecue is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the open house is from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost $3 for adults, $2 for children and $10 for a family.

They can be purchased at the elementary school office or the day of the event.

For more information about the PTO or the barbecue call Ramage at 348-1849 or e-mail her at Val5Ram@netpenny.net.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

A highland visit

Charlevoix got a little Scottish touch Sunday as these two men were seen in town sporting their kilts. From left, Jerry Bowersox of Michigan and Neil Polonus of Illinois were passing through on their way to a camping trip in Mackinaw City. Both men are athletes in the highland games and enjoy Scottish culture.

Sheriff deputies respond to US-31, BC/Chx Road accident

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a two car crash around 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 8 at the intersection of US-31 and Boyne City/Charlevoix Road

Starlene M. Harp, 21 of Charlevoix was stopped heading westbound on Boyne City/Charlevoix Road in a 2000 Ford. Harp failed to see a northbound vehicle on US-31, a 2000 Toyota, driven by Brett Tully, 45 of Hiles, WI, and pulled out into the path of the Tully vehicle and was struck broadside.

Both drivers and their passengers refused treatment for minor injuries.

Harp was cited for Fail to Yield and Expired Registration plate.

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Mayor: Wastewater plant looks cleaned up

Photos by Courtney E. Pace

(Above) City Manager Michael Wiesner looks on as Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Jim Caldwell talks about how the plant has been updated. (Below) These sludge drying beds were cleaned up and Caldwell said he hopes not to use them.

PLANT

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ance, Quality Control (QA/QC) manual is currently being updated.

Some of the problems that had been recorded in a March report by the DEQ and given to City Manager Michael Wiesner include 31 chlorine limit exceedences and false reports for 15 phosphorus results and 32 fecal coliform results.

The report also stated that there were 27 days when monitoring didn't take place and other areas where proper protocol wasn't followed.

Caldwell led the tour and informed council on what changes had occurred. One issue concerned a critical spare parts list. Caldwell said this list will include only those parts that are vital to the operation of the plant.

The list won't need to be incredibly long because the plant is able to run in two halves. When something breaks down on one side, Caldwell said the other half can handle the flow until the problem is corrected.

Mayor Gabe Campbell toured the facility and liked what he saw.

"It looks like it's cleaned up," he said. "Hopefully, that's what the DEQ wants."

In order to prevent another break down in communication, Campbell said they need to keep a closer eye on what occurs at the plant and to issue monthly reports to the council.

Campbell said City Manager Michael Wiesner has told him it would take too much time to print up a monthly report from all the department heads. Campbell said he thinks that's a weak reply, but thinks Wiesner may have misunderstood what he had in mind.

Campbell said the city manager should physically go to the plant to check on how things are going and to make sure everything is all right.

"The city manager should take a more active role," he said.

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Lemon Aid

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Cross country

The Charlevoix Cross Country team is making some nice progress during this season.
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A streak

The Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team is undefeated.
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Insurance coverage likely

CCMS not in the clear

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The contractor at the center of a check controversy in the city of Charlevoix is not in the clear, according to city attorney Jim Young.

Young said the city will be going after the contractor, CCMS, of Sault Ste. Marie, but is working on a way to do it without using more taxpayer money.

"We are making progress," Young said. "My job is to do this efficiently, and that is what we are doing."

According to the city, CCMS was paid over $220,000 in April 2004 for work on Belvedere Avenue and Michigan Avenue back in 2001. However, the city wrote the check to just the contractor, CCMS, when it appears it should have been written to the contractor's insurance company, United Fire and Casualty.

The contractor, in the meantime, cashed the check and did not pay any of the subcontractors for the work, thus forcing United Fire and Casualty to pick up the tab. United Fire wants its money back, so it then sued the city of Charlevoix for the money in federal court.

Upon learning of the lawsuit and the mistakenly written check, the

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Hurricane forces woman north to have baby boy

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Pictured from left to right are Caleb Montgomery Shiers, 6 days old when picture was taken, Jaimie Shiers and Isaac Benjamin Shiers, 19 months old.

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Thanks to Florida's hurricanes Charlevoix Area Hospital was able to welcome Caleb Montgomery Shiers into the world Sept. 8.

Caleb's parents, Jaimie and Jeff Shiers are normally residents of West Palm Beach, Fla., but due to an approaching hurricane and Jaimie's approaching due date, the couple made a decision to flee the area for safer havens north on Sept. 1 along with Jeff's brother's family. So, while Jeff and his brother finished up some last minute details, they sent Jaimie and the couple's son, Isaac, away with his brother's wife and children and their parents.

"The guys just wanted to get their families out," Jaimie said. "We figured Tallahassee would be far enough."

She said the family left early enough that they did not encounter any troubles due to heavy traffic or dwindling gas supplies.

"People were starting to panic and buying canned goods, lots of water and plywood," she said.

Jaimie said this was the first hurricane she experienced.

Jaimie said the family was wrong

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Wiesner, mayor spar on memos

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

A rivalry between City Manager Mike Wiesner and Charlevoix Mayor Gabe Campbell came to light recently when Wiesner attacked the mayor in a memo sent to all city employees.

In a memo dated Sept. 13 that City Manager Mike Wiesner handed out to all city employees, he attacked Mayor Gabe Campbell for supposedly breaking the City Charter by talking to the media about issues in the city.

Wiesner claims that Campbell was attacking the city employees by saying they weren't doing their job in newspaper articles in the Charlevoix Courier. But, in the articles, Campbell's comment regarded the city administration, not the employees.

"I believe we have good city employees," Campbell said when asked about this matter. "The last thing I would do is bad mouth an employee."

Campbell said he was referring to certain city administrators such as City Manager Michael Wiesner in regard to the check written for over $228,000 and the Wastewater Treatment Plant situation.

He was also directing his remark to Police Chief Dennis Halverson for allowing people to

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Albert Kelli Nahinu, 33, Boyne City. Domestic violence, second offense and two charges of police officer assault-resist-obstruct. Bound over to circuit court.

Victoria Lynn Davis, 29, Boyne City. Embezzlement agent/trust greater than $200, less than $1,000. One year probation; 180 days in jail, serve 7 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 163 days held in abeyance; $400 in fines and costs.

Kristy Leigh Skippergosh, 18, Charlevoix. Operating-minor with any BAC. Nine months probation; 10 days of community service work; must attend substance abuse classes; $560 in fines and costs.

Alexis Ramel Clark-Parker, 28, Midland. Operating while license suspended-revoked-denied, second subsequent offense. Sentenced to 20 days in jail with credit for three days; serve 17 days; $250 in fines and costs.

John Bryan Hickling, 31, Allendale. Driving while license suspended, first offense. Sentenced to 15 days in jail with credit for 15 days; $500 in fines and costs.

Timothy Milton Wieland, 36, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Joshua John-Lawrence Vieau, 20, Topinabee. Disorderly. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Winfield Joseph-Kevin Scott, 28, Ellsworth. Check non-sufficent funds less than $100, first offense. Fines and costs totaling $473.34.

Jason Alan Fant, 26, Grand Rapids. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance, attend Impact Weekend; $1,460 in fines and costs.

William Frank Juchartz, 43, unknown address. Larceny greater than $200, less than $1,000. Sentenced to 40 days in jail with credit for 28 days, serve 12 days.

David James Wilson, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Alan Lee Daniels Jr., 21, Boyne City. Uttering and publishing. Bound over to circuit court.

David James Wilson, 19, Boyne City. Controlled substance-delivering/manufacturing marijuana. Bound over to circuit court.

Joshua Allen Vallad, 18, Boyne City. Uttering and publishing. Bound over to circuit court.

Cain Eugene Smith, 26, Gaylord. Uttering and publishing. Bound over to circuit court.

Ryan William Falting, 25, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, third offense/police officer assault-resist-obstruct/operating while license suspended-revoked-denied, second subsequent offense. Bound over to circuit court.

Alvino Noyola Jr., 30, Holland. Domestic violence. Sentenced to 25 days in jail with credit for 25 days; $650 in fines and costs.

John Christopher Pankow, 17, Boyne City. Stolen property received/concealed under $200. Sentenced to 70 days in jail with credit for 19 days, serve 61 days.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Thomas Aryon Shulick, 25, Ionia. Homicide-Murder, second degree. Sentenced to a minimum of 25 years to a maximum of 50 years in jail with credit for 1,240 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Christine Rochelle DuLong, 39, Boyne City. Embezzlement-agent or trustee $1,000 or more but less than $20,000. Thirty-six months probation; sentenced to 11 months in jail with credit for two days, serve 60 days; $12,361.38 in fines and costs.

Darrin Lee Sutton, 35, East Jordan. Home invasion, second degree. Sentenced to a minimum of two years to a maximum of 15 years in jail with credit for 50 days; $2,468.81 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Two Chicks On A Broom, 03582 Camp Sherwood Road, Boyne City, by Barbara Borgeld and Donna Grams.

PHP Jewelery, 01701 South Advance Road, East Jordan, by Pamela K. Hutchison-Polom.

Harold Brooks, 423 West Division Street, Boyne City, by Harold Brooks.

Imaginings, 01845 Cottage Trail, East Jordan, by Peter R. Grass.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jason Warren Blain, 26, East Jordan and Corrine Susan Cortez, 21, East Jordan

Matthew Joseph Wenzler, 30, Chicago and Anna Renee Von Gruenigen, 28, Chicago

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Karla Ann Fassett vs. Martin Kent Fassett

Kimberly Bea Kuhn vs. Dale Eugene Kuhn

Kim Louise Norton vs. Eugene Norton

Janelle Marie Dhaseleer vs. Michael Gordon Dhaseleer

Robin Louise Johnson vs. Eric Carl Johnson

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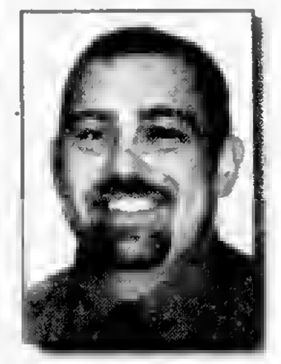

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Students donate to Locks of Love

Three Charlevoix area girls (from left) Carolyn Bellairs, Jerusha Londgren and Rachel Bellairs recently donated their hair to Locks of Love a non-profit organization that helps children with cancer.

Apple Festival to highlight autumn

What: Charlevoix Apple Festival
Why: A celebration of fall and area orchards and growers.
When: Oct. 8 - 10
Where: Charlevoix's East Park

Charlevoix invites everyone to experience autumn in northern Michigan at the 25th Annual Apple Festival and Craft Show, Oct. 8 - 10.

This three-day event, sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, is hosted yearly to honor local orchards and growers who, in the spirit of the season, line Bridge Street to bring the fall harvest directly to you.

The festival's focal point is the apple. More than 30 types of apples, including the hard to find "antique varieties," will be on hand as well as other fall harvest items such as pumpkins, squash, jam, honey and cider just to name a few.

Charlevoix's waterfront parks will have many activities including a fine arts and crafts show featuring 100 artisans and craftsmen and women ready to show their wares. There will also be pony rides, a petting zoo and pumpkin painting for the kids.

Take a nostalgic look back in time with the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers. The exhibit will include farming and agricultural equipment from days gone by.

The Apple Festival is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 8 and 9 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 10.

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Good work with wastewater plant

EDITORIAL

It seems that everything is under control at Charlevoix Wastewater Treatment Plant.

During a recent tour of the plant, Charlevoix City Council Members got an up close look at the changes it has undergone since an investigation by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the city discovered several deficiencies.

Investigations found that problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant reached back over a three year period. Originally, bench sheets where initial readings of the treated water are recorded didn't match up with the reports. In some instances, the bench sheets had been doctored or erased.

Reports of chlorine limit exceedences were found as well as false reports for 15 phosphorus results and 32 fecal coliform results. The report also stated that there were 27 days when monitoring didn't take place and other areas where proper protocol wasn't followed.

Besides this, there were also problems with equipment and conditions found at the plant, such as broken equipment and unsafe stairways.

But, the city acted quickly on these problems once they were discovered. A new superintendent, Jim Caldwell, was named, new procedures were put in place and the equipment has been fixed or is in the process of being fixed.

All of this occurred within nine months since the problem was first recognized. The city did the right thing by investigating it quickly, bringing in the MDEQ for their own investigation and moving so fast to correct it. It is this kind of quick thinking and good work that the citizens of Charlevoix appreciate and expect from their government.

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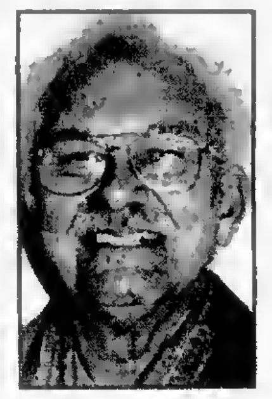
What happened to bravery in politics?



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

In this election year (and aren't nearly all of them election years?) there are abundant examples of the ways in which members of the United States Congress from both parties seem more interested in tactics that will help them and their party get elected than they are in managing the people's business.

Among the more obvious and troublesome of these examples is the failure of Congress to renew the assault weapons ban. According to police agencies all over the country, the ban, which has been in place since 1994, has achieved reductions in the sale and use of some particularly troublesome semi-automatic weapons. Police seem to think that fewer assault weapons on the streets makes them and us safer, and they favor the ban.

The majority leader in the Senate has suggested that the will of the American people is served by letting the ban expire: This in the face of overwhelming evidence that a great majority of the American people favor the ban. Democrats have been generally reluctant to support the ban because it makes them vulnerable to attacks by the National Rifle Association. There appear to be no congressional heroes in this argument. Nearly all congressional members of both parties seem to be deciding their position on the basis of what will most likely help their candidacy or the candidacy of their peers.

I am certainly not opposed to people owning guns. I own and use several. I can even be convinced that under some circumstances the private ownership and carrying of handguns can help reduce crime. It is more difficult for me to understand how private ownership of assault weapons will reduce crime or make us safer. There have been some sort of bans on the weapons that private citizens can own for decades. It is illegal to own a sawed-off shotgun. It is illegal in most states for a private citizen to own a fully-automatic machine gun. Neither of those laws has harmed the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. They are recognized as reasonable by nearly everyone. The assault weapons ban is a sensible extension of those long operative laws and not some new attempt to deprive citizens of their rights.

Some of the politicians who favor letting the ban expire say that it doesn't really work anyway. Guns that are now available are much like the banned ones, with only cosmetic differences. That might be seen as a reason to extend and expand the ban, not to let it expire.

Anyway, this isn't mostly about the assault weapons ban, but about the remarkable lack of congressional interest in the people's business. Could a courageous congressperson announce that while they favor the ban, they know that such a position will reduce their chances of being re-elected and might alter the balance of political power in the Congress? Not if they have any wish to be elected to their office again.

Such courage (and many people favor courage in their legislators) seems absent from Congress. Could such a hypothetical hero or heroine announce that they favor higher taxes to help tame the deficit, but to promote such an idea would mean losing their cherished seat in Congress? Could we voters see such courage as noble and worthwhile? Political history tells the officeholder that to support higher taxes for any reason, even the most noble or necessary, is the kiss of death politically.

Is it possible that the problem is not solely with the politicians, but with those of us who vote them into office repeatedly, even if they are not doing us any particular good? Can voters be convinced by clever advertising that it is important to keep in Congress those people who are already there, even if they are mostly beholden to all sorts of powerful special interest groups and mostly do the bidding of those groups? Do we get just one Paul Wellstone and one Russ Feingold out of a hundred senators? Could we elect people with the interests of the general public at the forefront of their thinking?

The only assault weapons we citizens really need are informed votes for people who have demonstrated their dedication to the public good. I believe there is something that could be called public good, but I don't see many people, politicians or voters, in pursuit of it.

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Letters to the editor

Library option

Editor:

Improved option for the Clinton Street library.

Construct a second and third floor above the existing first floor. The first floor would be used as the Charlevoix School System's Administration Offices. The second floor would be used by the chamber of commerce and the third floor would be the new Convention Center.

The results of this option are listed below:

1) This will insult and agitate the Saltonstall family and other future donors.

2) It will deprive the taxpayers the savings of a $600,000 donation plus $300,000 of interest expense which would have been applied to the new library.

3) It will keep a valuable downtown piece of property off the tax roles.

4) The chamber of commerce would continue to get free rental space at the expense of the taxpayers.

5) The new city of Charlevoix Convention Facility could then compete with Castle Farms.

P.S. Parking would not be a problem because we could tear down the old post office and use that for a parking lot.

George K. Schultz
Charlevoix

Independent voter

Editor:

The independent voter is faced, on one side, with George W. and his self-righteous backers. They believe the Bible (which Bible?) is more important than the Constitution.

On the other side, we have Kerry and his self-righteous supporters. They believe the problems in our country can be solved by throwing money at them — other people's money.

Neither offer a path down the middle where reasonable discussion could lead to logical problem solving and recognition that we are a country of diverse peoples.

Larry Freedman
Charlevoix

Explain

Editor:

Someone explain to me how a contractor gets to keep money paid to him in error.

If someone sent me too much money, you can bet they'd be after me to collect. Sue! Sue! Sue!.

It's not yours to keep!

Dorothy Irwin
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

Our families acknowledge with thanks the tremendous outpouring of love and support from our community, friends and family from around the state. The memorial for Warren "Jeep" Belding at the Argonne Supper Club was a tad unconventional. Warren had worked at the Argonne for many years; we all knew when Jeep was scheduled, any work would be more playful.

Steve Ager, owner of the Argonne, and friends had planned a gathering to celebrate Warren's traditional annual golf tournament. "The Sometimes-Always Open Jeep Classic." Jeep was looking forward to joining friends and family on Monday the thirteenth for this event. Alas, Warren left us too early, joining his Maker on the eleventh. Since he had insisted on no formal services, it did not take us long to decide to continue with the plans in the works.

At the Argonne last Monday, strangers meeting each other for the first time quickly became friends. Our common denominator in the room was Jeep. There were stories, music, tears, food and laughter. He touched so many people's lives; it's no wonder that he was sometimes known as "Mr. Charlevoix."

Special heartfelt thanks to childhood friend, Steve Ager, best friend Jill "Bean" Mottarelli, Chris Nyland and the MacGillivray family. We were entertained by the musicians Maggie and Jeff Dickson, Ray Collins, Roger Harcourt and Chris Martin. Ample and delicious food was provided by Teresa Moore and various local restaurants.

We are grateful to the volunteers who worked long hours to organize flowers, food, picture boards and tables. Some of Jeep's closest friends were occupied behind the scenes - bartending, bussing tables, washing dishes, cocktailing or warming foods - making sure things went smoothly.

What a community of good folks we have in Charlevoix! Consider that attendance by brothers, sisters, cousins and playmates created a strength that was a reflection of Warren's gifts to y'all. The power of your love lifted us and will carry us through the sorrowful days ahead.

We are grateful for the generosity and wishes of all. Jeep's spirit was with us that evening and will be forever.

Love heals.

Suzanne Belding
Gail and Larry Schaefer and extended family
Roger and Sharon Belding Knutson and family
Paul C. Belding and family

Support Beemon

Editor

We would like to extend our sincerest compliments on JoAnne Beemon's previous achievements in her bid for the 2004 Green Party Presidential nomination. We appreciate her active role in our Michigan community and believe her work is progressing our nation into a prosperous future.

We fully support her future endeavors as well as your 2004 re-election for Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner. Should her political career lead her to a higher position, we would like to offer to your our fullest encouragement and support. Thank you for protecting America's future.

Ethan Phillips
Andrea Tuck
Amy Kurtz
Charlevoix

No Child Left Behind

Editor:

Back-to-school time, but back to school and education problems supposedly solved by "No Child Left Behind." I have a few questions about that much touted "achievement."

- If the plan would have solved all educational problems, why, in 2003, did the Bush administration and the Republican Congress fail by almost $32 billion to fund it as promised?
- Why were successful federal programs — such as Head Start and Individuals With Disabilities — cut by almost 43 percent of the $48.8 Billion which had already been budgeted?
- Will we know before Nov. 2 how underfunded education has been in 2004?
- Despite these abysmal failures, will President Bush's campaign claim that "No Child Left Behind" is an operating successful reform?

Patricia W. Fox
Bellaire

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Republicans have open house

On Sept. 18 the Republican Party headquarters opened its doors in the Oleson's Plaza. Several Republican candidates came to celebrate the occasion. Pictured from left to right (back row) are Justin Busch, field representative for Michigan of the Bush/Cheney campaign; state senator Jason Allen; Charlevoix County Republican Chair John Haggard; Kevin Elsenheimer, Republican candidate for the 105th district; and John Jarema, Republican candidate for Charlevoix County prosecuting attorney. From left to right (front row) are Charlevoix resident Margo Johnson; Shirley Roloff, Republican candidate for county commissioner; and Charlevoix resident Phyllis Haggard. Not pictured is Mark Seelye, Republican candidate for drain commissioner.

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Health department group to host summit

The Human Services Coordinating Body of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties is hosting the tenth Annual Human Services Information Summit 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sept. 24 at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs.

All are welcome.

"We've learned that these summits are an efficient way for both community members and professionals to learn about the many services offered by local health and human services providers," said Patricia Fralick, who represents the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties on the HSCB.

Joanne Rackow will present the Keynote Address at the Information Summit. Rackow, a consumer relations specialist from the Michigan Department of Community Health, advocates for persons with disabilities and supports recovery initiatives within the mental health community. Her talk will combine this work with her own personal mental health experiences.

Following the Keynote Address, 36 health and human service providers will share information about their services and programs in breakout sessions. Throughout the morning, a resource fair will take place with community groups and organizations hosting tables with information regarding their local services.

"Just about every agency from the two-county area is represented at the Summit, from the health department, hospitals, and social services agencies, to the Intermediate School District, Friendship Centers, and the Women's Resource Center," said Fralick.

Also, members of the Human Services Coordinating Body will present two awards at the Information Summit. The "Community Partner" award recognizes an individual who has excelled in providing outstanding service. The "Community Champion" award celebrates an organization that has enhanced quality of life by dedication and hard work.

For more information, call Pat Fralick at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at (231) 347-6014.

Punt, Pass and Kick event to be Sept. 26

Charlevoix Punt, Pass and Kick competition is at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26 at Kipke Field.

The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 8-15. (Your age as of Dec. 31, 2004).

Please bring your birth certificate and a pair of tennis shoes. Entry forms for parent's signatures will be available prior to competition on Sunday.

Top finishers from each of eight age groups will advance to the Sectional Competition in Traverse City in October.

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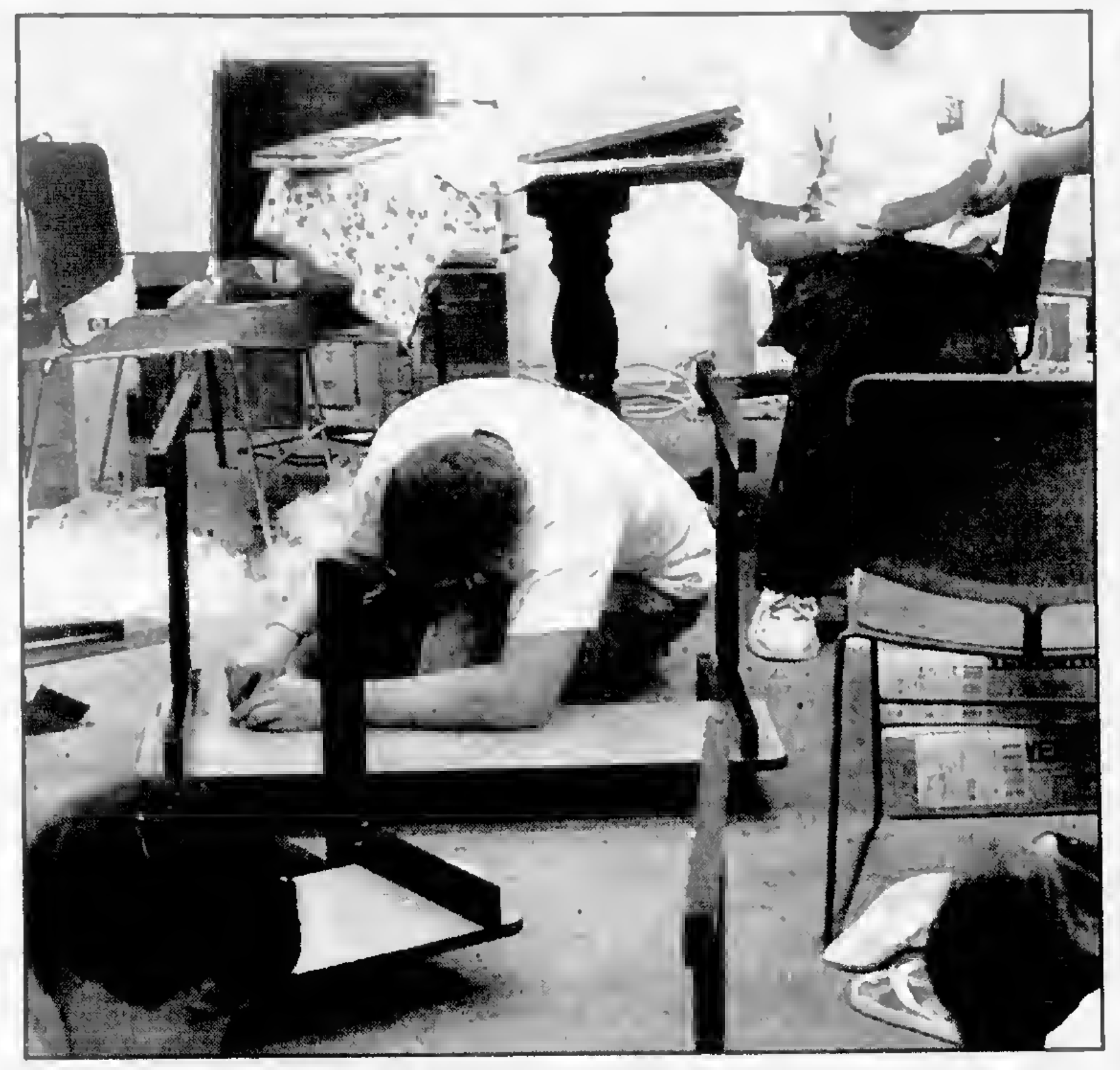

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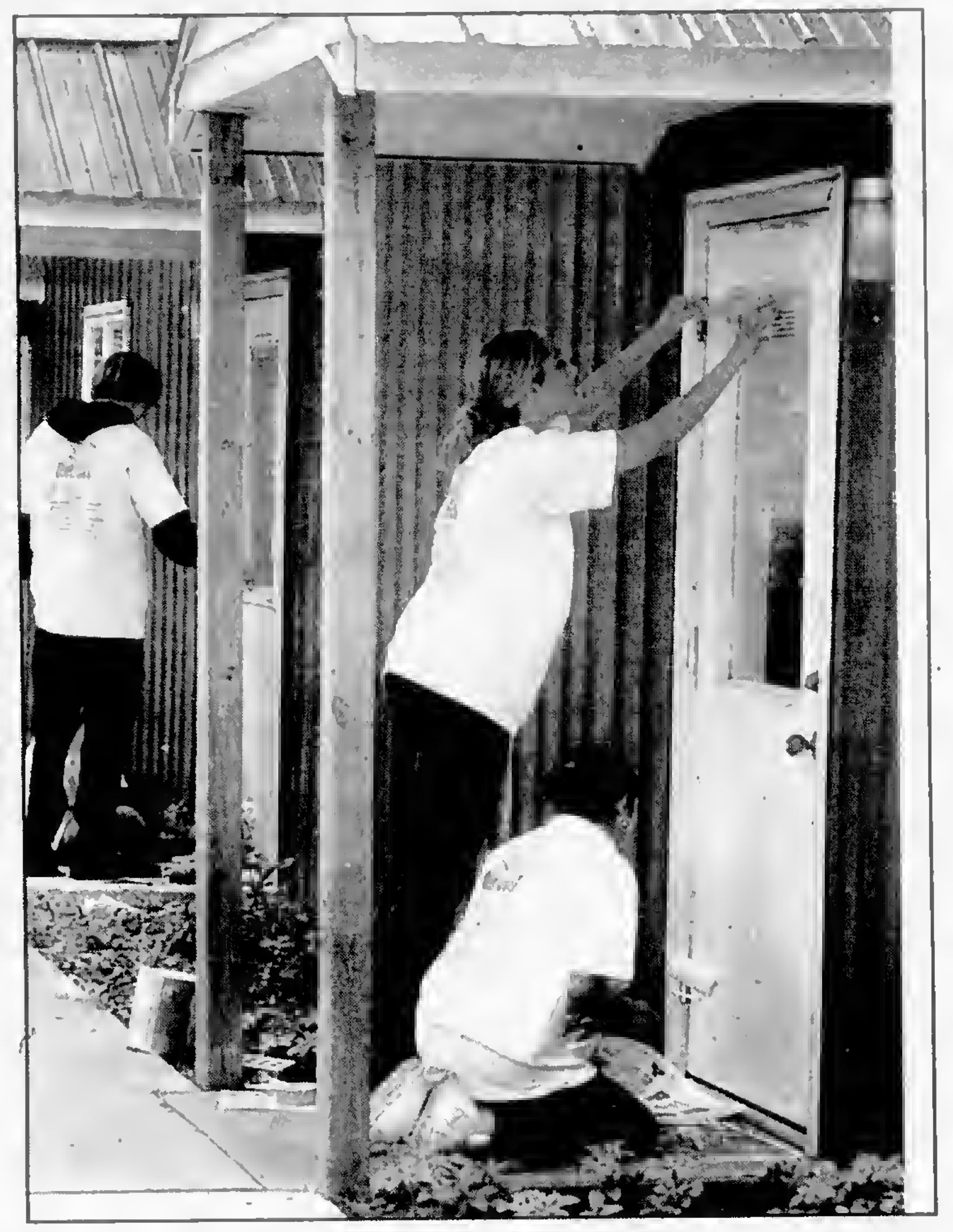

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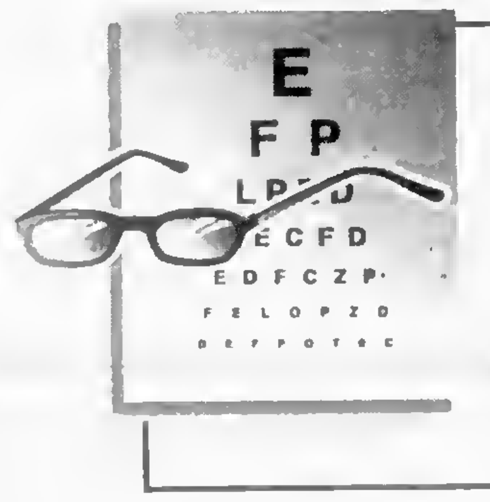
A Day of Caring

During Harbor Industries' Community Day of Caring on Sept. 16, several volunteers gave their time and energy to different projects throughout the area. (Above) Tom Schultz's seminar class from Charlevoix High School volunteered their time at the Bergmann Center during Harbor Industries' Community Day of Caring on Sept. 16. While some students painted doors or cleaned up the grounds outside and worked the garage sale, others assembled desks inside.

(Left) A group of about 20 Charlevoix High School students volunteered to paint doors at the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix. The group is Tom Schultz's seminar class and he said they did the project as a part of their Community Outreach Project.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Synopsis of Minutes
Regular Meeting Held
September 13, 2004

Supervisor Glass called the meeting to order with board members, Martin, Williams, Rajewski and Center present.

Minutes of the Aug. 9th and Aug. 23rd meetings approved.

Financial report received.

Motion to make payment #2 to MDC for work on Pine Point Sewer project.

Motion carried to charge non-residents 50% of City of Charlevoix fee for hook up to Pine Point Sewer line.

Motion carried to set fall yard waste clean up for first week of November. South side will be done on Mon. & Tues. and North side on Wed. through Fri.

Motion carried to accept Swanson's bid for $16,800 to black top the north side fire barn parking lot.

Motion carried to allow the purchase of a sale for the township hall.

Carol Martin, Charlevoix Township Clerk

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The Charlevoix St. Mary's School
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Obituaries

Margaret G. Davis: March 20, 1908 - Sept. 19, 2004

Margaret G. Davis, 96, of Charlevoix, died on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at her daughter's home in East Jordan.

A Funeral will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 22, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. Jonathan Mays will officiate and burial will take place at Barnard Cemetery.

Margaret was born March 30, 1908, in Charlevoix the daughter of John and Jenny (Klooster) Potter. She married Howard "Guy" Davis on May 2,1931, in Traverse City.

Margaret was a member of the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix and the Grace Baptist Church in Warren.

Margaret is survived by her daughter Karen (Walter) Wolletz of East Jordan; grandchildren Eric (Michelle) Wolletz., Denice (Phil) Milazzo both of Charlevoix, and Steve Wolletz of Tucson, Arizona; six great-grandchildren; sister Jessie Cunningham of Charlevoix.

She was preceded in death by her husband Guy on Nov. 28,1984, her brother William "Bill" Potter in 1972, and great-grandson Jay Wolletz.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northwest Michigan Community Health-Hospice at 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Church protests with crosses

In front of the Charlevoix Assembly of God church on M-66 there are 2,000 white crosses in the lawn. The crosses represent half the national average of abortions performed daily, according to the church.

Annual Bite of Beaver Island to feature many fun activities

Beaver Island will be hosting its third annual Bite of Beaver Island Food Festival on Oct. 8-9.

The weekend kicks off on Friday evening with a Casino Night aboard the docked Beaver Islander. This benefit for the island's Preservation Association begins at 7 p.m., where your $10 admission fee includes your starter chips for the assorted games of chance. At 10 p.m. chips will be turned into vouchers for a spirited auction with prizes ranging from get-away packages to art work. Surprise entertainment and a cash bar will be available at the event.

On Saturday, starting at 10 a.m., the Island Boodle, a 5K Run/Walk will take place along the harbor of Paradise Bay. Medals for first through third place for assorted age categories will be given out a the conclusion of the Boodle, along with T-shirts for all participants. Advance registration forms may be downloaded from the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce website: www.beaverisland.org.

From 1 to 4 p.m., Holy Cross Church Hall will be the site of the Bite of Beaver Food Festival, where professional and amateur chefs sell small portions of their favorite fare. Last year's sellouts included rack of lamb, grilled shrimp, escargot and a wide variety of scrumptious deserts. Beer, wine and soft drinks are also available at the festival.

Later in the evening, head to the island's favorite watering hole, The Shamrock. The band "The Third Coast" is slated to be on the island.

Beaver Island is located 33 miles from the mainland, has a year-round population of 550. This island, with seven inland lakes and miles of pristine Lake Michigan shoreline, is known for the warmth and hospitality shown to visitors. The small community has two marinas, two airports, shops, hotels, restaurants, a spa, a school and three churches. Biking, hunting, fishing and hiking the many trails on the island are among visitors' favorite activities. The island also has a colorful history, which includes the saga of King Strang, who once declared himself "King" of America's Emerald Isle.

For more information about Beaver Island and the Bite of Beaver Island Food Festival, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (231) 448-2505 or see their web site at www.beaverisland.org.

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Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson .... 547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Father Jim Gunn 547-6322

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Philip Starks 547-4221
Parsonage 547-3852

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M-66 (across from Post Office)

Worship & Children's Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Children's Worship & Adult Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times

Pastor: Michael Dennis 547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Mike Mitchell 237-0800

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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1404 Howard Street

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Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
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Parents, teacher cookout

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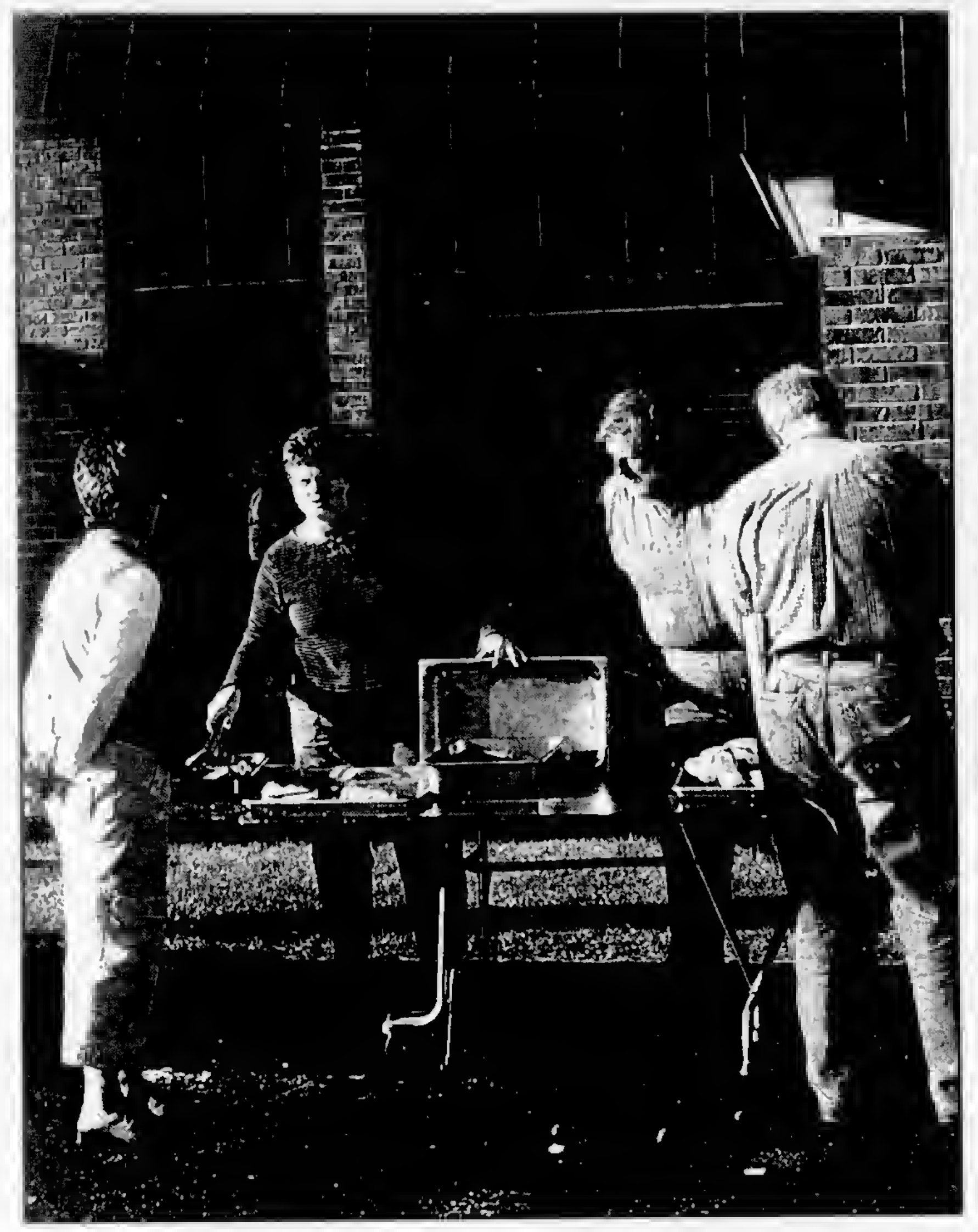
Charlevoix Elementary's open house and PTO family barbecue drew several people. Principal Richard Swenor said attendees were divided into different groups with some eating while others were visiting with teachers.



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Parents and children came to Charlevoix Elementary School as a part of the open house and PTO family barbecue. (Above) Attendees line up to get some food.

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City mayoral candidates talk about wastewater

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

While the city of Charlevoix is currently addressing issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality had concerns about, mayoral candidates Gabe Campbell and Norman "Boogie" Carlson take a closer look at the issue.

The problems reach back over a three year period due to employee problems. Some of the problems brought to light were bench sheets, where initial reading of the treated water are recorded, didn't match up with the reports. In some instances, the bench sheets had been doctored or erased.

Gabe Campbell

Norman Carlson

Some of the problems the DEQ recorded in a March report given to City Manager Michael Wiesner include 31 chlorine limit exceedences and false reports for 15 phosphorus results and 32 fecal coliform results.

The report also stated that there were 27 days when monitoring didn't take place and other areas where proper protocol wasn't followed.

Incumbent Campbell said the city went over the list provided by the DEQ and has made good strides in trying to remedy the situation.

Campbell said there are good people working at the plant who do a good job, but he hopes the DEQ will see that.

"Hopefully, the DEQ will see things have been attended to," he said.

Having the DEQ's approval and attending to the issues, may not be enough to keep the situation from reoccurring.

"We have to have an active role to make sure things are running properly," he said.

Campbell said since Charlevoix is run in a city manager form of government, the city manager is the one who is responsible for all that goes on in the city.

"The city manager has to be responsible and accountable," he said.

The city manager's job is to manage things and not just delegate the responsibility to someone else, which is why Campbell said City Manager Michael Wiesner needs to double check everything.

"If you're in charge you have to be in charge and follow up and make sure things are going as people tell you," Campbell said.

When in the Navy, Campbell said he worked in the elevator machine room on an escort carrier.

He and his fellow workers received routine checks where they had to physically show what they were doing.

"It wasn't because they didn't trust us, but because it was their job," he said.

Campbell said checking up on things is not disrespectful to employees because someone has to be in charge and follow up on things.

"Otherwise, you don't need anybody in charge," he said.

Campbell said Wiesner has done fairly well managing the city except for the $228,000 check and the problems that occurred at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for three years.

Candidate Carlson said to the best of his knowledge he thinks the city is heading in the right direction to handle the problems at the plant.

He said it was fortunate the city discovered the problem when it did because the problems could have been a tragedy from an environmental and cost standpoint.

Carlson said monthly reports by department heads are not needed for council.

"We are, whether anyone likes it or not, a city manager base of government," he said.

Carlson said the City Council sets policy and the city manager enforces it.

"I don't see the need to stand up and give reports," he said. "It's counterproductive."

Currently, department heads have weekly meetings with Wiesner, and Carlson said that is enough.

"City Council is not there to direct them on day-to-day operations," he said.

Carlson said the council and mayor, like any other concerned citizen, can call the department heads direct and discuss any questions or concerns they may have.

In order to prevent the problem from reoccurring, Carlson said having a checks and balances system is a good thing.

Anyone can say they're doing their job, but they may not always be telling the truth.

"You have to have trust they're going to get the job done," he said.

Should something happen, Carlson said department heads should be responsible for their actions.

Carlson said from what he's seen, he thinks the plant is headed in the right direction.

Downtown Charlevoix stores to stay open later on Saturdays

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Keep your slates clear for "Saturday Nights" because downtown Charlevoix will be open late.

Several downtown merchants are agreeing to stay open until 8 p.m., some until 9 p.m., in an attempt to generate business during the fall.

"Saturday Night" started after Labor Day and will end on Oct. 23.

"It's a test run and so far we feel pretty good about it," Kirby Dipert, chairman of the Charlevoix Retail Committee, said.

The goal of have "Saturday Night" in Charlevoix is to get as many businesses to participate as possible in order to visually show that merchants are open late.

"It's a short season in Charlevoix no matter how you shake it," he said. "By expanding hours, we're hoping to generate more traffic."

Dipert said this isn't the first time something like this has been tried, but it is a first for better participation.

So far, Dipert said the response has been pretty good on the part of merchants and customers.

"It's doing what we wanted it to do," he said.

Dipert said if the results turn out favorably, "Saturday Night" will happen again next year. If the merchant response is good then next year downtown may stay open late for two nights.

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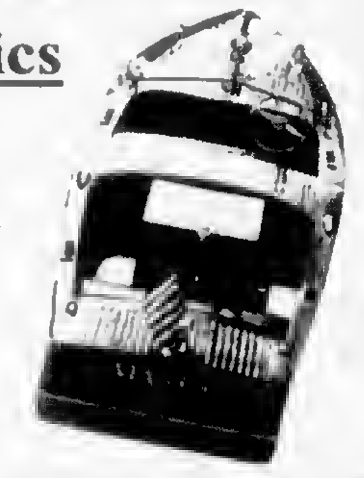

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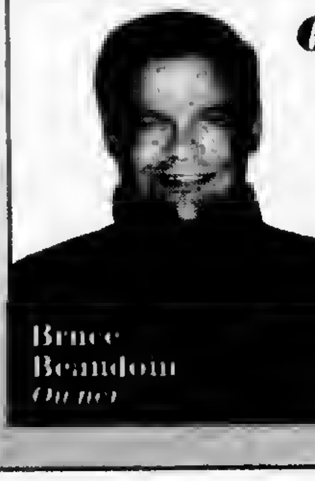

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Gladys Wertman celebrates 100 years

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Boulder Park will be decked out in celebration Friday for the one-hundredth birthday of resident Gladys Wertman.

Wertman, who turned 100 on Sept. 20, will celebrate her birthday at 3 p.m., Friday at Boulder Park Terrace where she lives. Staff, residents and city officials are expected to join her.

Her daughter, Joyce, said, "She is a very caring person. She has a great passion for people and animals. And she is a huge Tiger baseball fan, win, loose or draw."

Wertman was born in Castleton Township, the youngest in her family — with the exception of her twin sister. In addition to her twin, she had two sisters and two brothers who have all passed on.

When Wertman was 23, she moved to California, where she kept horses, packed oranges and married Howard Holdren. Together they had one child, Joyce.

While in California, Wertman became a very good oil painter and horse-back rider. She rode in several parades while living there and sold several paintings.

She was also a member of a kitchen band, where she played the piano.

In 1980, Wertman moved to Charlevoix after marring her second husband, Myron Wertman.

Upon coming to the community, she took up gardening and became active in her church group at Barnard United Methodist Church. On Sept. 19, the church hosted Gladys Wertman Day, with a special church service and dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

At the church she is known for her piano playing, Tiger loving and her pet cat, Tucky — who was a treasured companion for many years.

Wertman has been a resident of Boulder Park Terrace for the past five years. According to her daughter, she has trouble seeing and hearing now, but still enjoys visits, especially by animals, and writes poetry.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Dairy Queen for a day

Charlevoix resident Sharon Blossom bought the opportunity to work at the Charlevoix Dairy Queen for a day during a Holly Daze in 2003, a benefit for the Charlevoix Area Hospital. She worked at the Dairy Queen on Sept. 15 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All the tips she received were donated to the American Diabetes Association. (Above) Dairy Queen Sharon Blossom (center, with cone) is surrounded by friends who formed her court and kept her company during her stint at the Charlevoix Dairy Queen. Counter clockwise from the left are Patti Aikin, Margaret Heath, Barb Clagett, Queen Blossom, Vicki Reilly and Lady in Waiting Linda Weston.

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Council candidates discuss wastewater

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With the Nov. 2 elections looming and different issues floating around the city, City Council candidates take a look at what is currently affecting the city.

On Sept. 7, the current City Council toured the updated Wastewater Treatment Plant to see the changes that have been made.

Incumbent Bill Haggard said he thinks the city is now taking the appropriate steps in order to alleviate the problems that had occurred at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"I think they're on the right track," he said.

Haggard said the city management acted in a prompt manner once the problem was known. He said people were brought in from the outside to get things in order, which was important concerning the plant.

Haggard said things are looking up because all the equipment that is kept on standby is being maintained so everything runs 100 percent even if not in use.

Some people have mentioned the need for more department head reports to be given to the City Council. Haggard said he is satisfied.

He said some council members were upset that it took awhile to get all the information to council, but Haggard said sometimes more details are needed before something should be brought to council.

In order to prevent the incident from happening again, Haggard said good people are needed.

"We need to make sure we get good personnel there," he said.

Haggard said it's up to City Manager Michael Wiesner to see to that and to receive all the needed paperwork concerning the plant.

"He's been right on top of it as far as I was concerned," he said.

Candidate Rebecca Doan said she thinks the city has taken the appropriate steps to alleviate the problems that occurred at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"It's an unfortunate situation that something like this had to happen," she said.

Despite the negative effects, Doan said she thinks the situation should be looked at in a positive light.

For one, Doan said the plant will now have better record control, which will in turn help protect the environment.

Doan said she is positive Jim Caldwell, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, and the current staff will keep good records.

"They have new people in office now that I'm confident will maintain it properly," she said.

Doan said there is a need for more department head reports to be given to council.

She said monthly reports would allow taxpayers to see exactly where their money is being spent. It would also allow for a better control of what is taking place in Charlevoix.

Doan said she is sure the problems won't occur again through maintaining correct records and keeping the plant running properly for the city.

"I have all the confidence in Jim Caldwell and his staff," she said.

Incumbent Karen I. Campbell said she thinks the efforts on the part of the city have been good.

"I think they've done a real good job up there," she said.

Campbell said the city was pretty prompt in correcting the situation once the information came to their attention.

In order to prevent something like the previous incident from happening again, Campbell said all city department heads should issue a weekly or bi-weekly report on what is going on in the City Council.

Campbell said with this information the council would be in on what the city is doing and hopefully catch anything before it became a problem.

If a weekly or bi-weekly report is too much, Campbell said it could be a monthly report or different department heads could issue a report on different weeks.

"It wouldn't be too much for certain people to check on," she said.

Candidate Alvin "Butch" Russell said he doesn't know for a fact if the city has taken the proper steps to solve the problem at the Wastewater Treatment Plant because he doesn't know all the details.

"I hope the city staff would get on something like that and take care of the problem," he said.

Regarding monthly reports from department heads, Russell said he thinks it might work and it certainly wouldn't hurt.

"I don't see any reason why there couldn't be a three-month report or more if needed," he said.

He said he thinks everyone is pretty well informed as is, but if council thinks they need a monthly report he doesn't see why they shouldn't get one.

"I don't see a problem being kept up on things," he said.

Russell suggests taking tours of

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Wastewater treatment plant topic of discussion

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the plant as a way to keep things from falling back. He said the City Council used to take a tour once a year, but maybe now they should look at the plant two or three times a year.

He said that way council members could talk to employees and see how things are running on a first hand basis.

Russell said he hopes the problem wouldn't occur again since the city has already been through it once.

"Sounds to me like all the improvements are taken care of and taken care of very well," he said. "I hope someone confident is down there taking care of the problem."

Incumbent Sherman Chamberlain said he thinks the city did a good job to solve the problem at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

He said the city was the one who discovered the problem and was also the one that took the proper steps to correct the problem by notifying the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"I think when city staff started noting some inequities, they outlined a course of action," he said.

Chamberlain said the checks and balance system already in place worked because the city was able to discover the problem.

Issuing council monthly reports from department heads seems too excessive to Chamberlain, who thinks quarterly reports may be more reasonable and yearly reports the better option.

"It's (reports) a way for council to be more familiar with the operations of the city," he said. "It's good for council to make an effort to go out and see what all our departments do."

Chamberlain said through his business of surveying, he is able to meet with department heads on a regular basis.

In order to prevent the problem from reoccurring, Chamberlain suggests issuing an informal monthly report, which would enable a review of the data. He said it could be written up in the form of a memo.

Chamberlain said compiling a manual of standard operational procedures is a really good improvement he's seen at the plant.

"We need an itemized list of proper ways of doing things," he said.

Continuity is important to Chamberlain in order to keep everyone on the same page and to prevent old procedures from overriding new procedures, which he said can happen when a city has long-standing department heads.

"Hopefully, they'll get the Wastewater Treatment Plant working at its maximum," he said.

Chamberlain said more tours may be helpful such as a yearly tour or a tour every two years.

"Let the city manager and department heads know we're truly interested in maintaining sewer and water services to the highest," he said.

Candidate Dave Scott said he doesn't know if the city has taken the proper steps to alleviate the problem.

"I would hope so," he said.

He said he is a little concerned he doesn't know more about the situation when he has attended almost every city council meeting.

"We just need to keep a close eye on it until the DEQ says all clear and the whole matter is resolved all the way to Lansing," he said.

Scott said he thinks the city is on the right track so far with a change of leadership. He also thinks monthly reports are a good idea.

"It's a good way for Mike (Wiesner) and council to know what's going on," he said.

Scott said he is behind the mayor's drive to have monthly reports from department heads issued to council members.

"I would offer a motion at the first City Council meeting he is a member at to require department heads to issue a brief monthly report," he said.

Scott said the City Charter states that the city manager will comply with council if a report is needed.

The Charter states in Article III: Administration, Section 3.7, letter g, "The City Manager shall make such other reports as the Council may require concerning the operations of City departments, offices, and agencies."

Scott said that although council has discussed with Wiesner to produce monthly reports, he has still said no. Scott said Wiesner has said he doesn't want to issue reports because he has daily meetings with department heads where they talk about what is going on and that is enough.

"There are too many problems right now to have an informal, laissez faire approach to running the city," Scott said.

Scott said there are some problems right now, but overall Wiesner has done a pretty good job.

In regard to the improvements done to the plant, Scott said he doesn't know what he thinks of them because he hasn't been there to see them.

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Kids sell lemonade to raise money for charity

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

During the summer children tend to run around and enjoy the freedom from school and other responsibilities as they soak up the sun and sometimes try to make a profit by selling lemonade.

Two Norwood Township residents did just that, but gave the money toward a good cause.

Ashley, 10, and Thomas, 8, Louiselle raised $35 in order to purchase supplies for their cousin's autistic classroom.

The two siblings raised the money on July 22 and July 23 with the help of their friends Natalie Nellett, 10, of Waterford and Tanner Drost, 6, and Patrick Scheelk, 10, both of Norwood Township.

Together the friends carried their lemonade stand from their house to the small white church in the center of the village. They then rode their bikes up and down announcing they were selling money to raise for charity.

Caroline Krycia, 9, of Mt. Clemens in Macomb Township, is autistic and the Louiselles' cousin. Their interest in helping raise money for Krycia's classroom has carried over from last year.

Diane Krycia, Caroline's mother, said the children raised between $25 and $35 dollars last year when they lived in Waterford. They were helped by Caroline's brother, Joe Krycia, 11, and cousins Stephanie, 13, and Christopher Pecar, 6.

The money was given to the Macomb County Chapter of the Autism Society of America.

This year, the money was given directly to Caroline's teacher, Allison Dolehanty, which Dolehanty used to purchase a Leap Pad.

Krycia said this pad allows the children to learn to read by hearing the sound and seeing the word.

She said autistic children learn more through visual interaction than from direct contact with the language.

Krycia said such equipment is very important for an autistic classroom to have.

"You never know what might strike a chord with these kids," she said.

The Louiselles said they will probably raise money again next year.

Krycia said she is impressed with the children because they set out to raise the money without any intention of notoriety.

"I think it makes them feel good," he said. "A really neat thing they felt so proud to do that for their cousin."

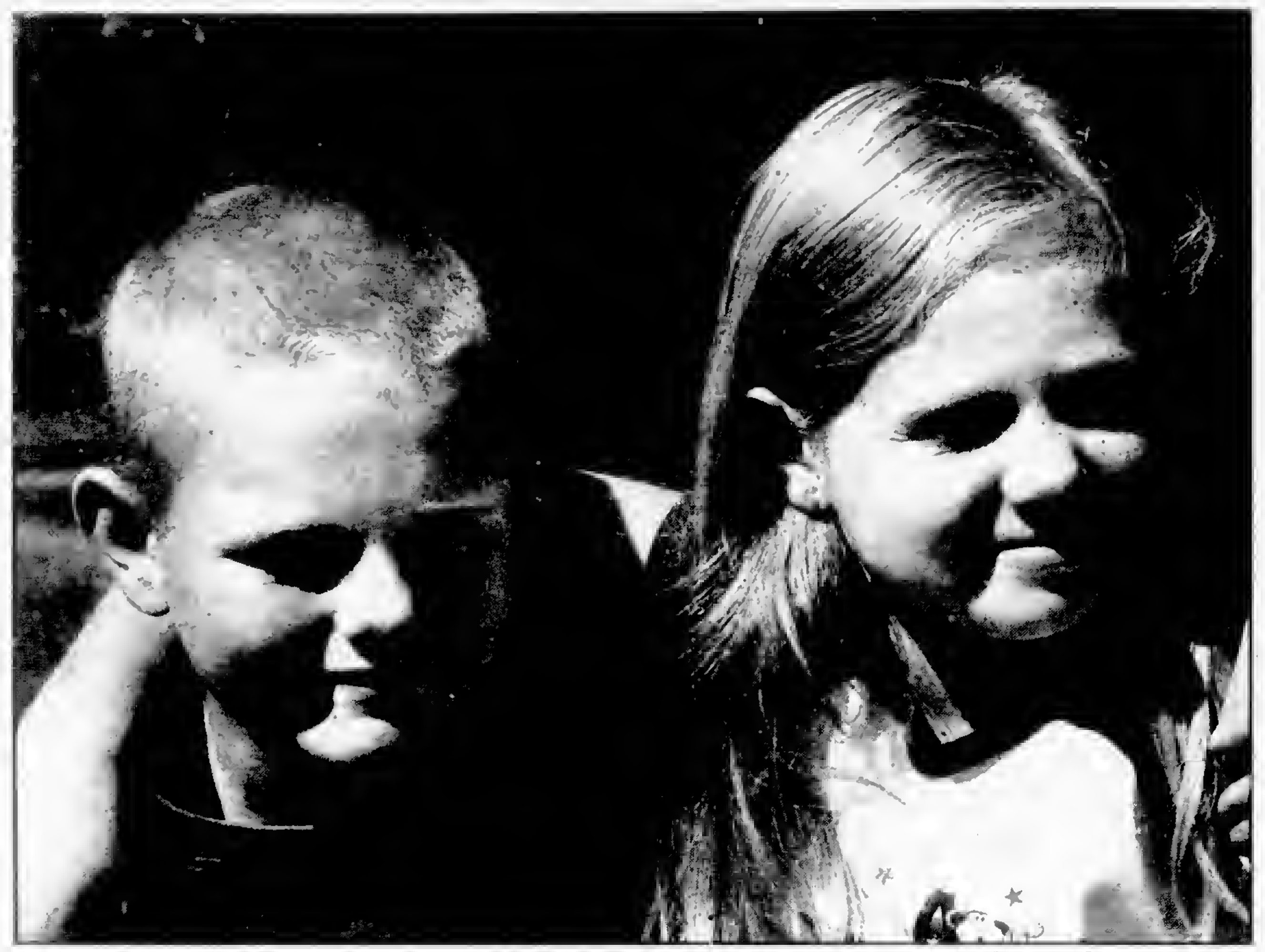

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Ashley, 10, and Thomas, 8, Louiselle sold lemonade during July in order to raise money for their autistic cousin's classroom down state. The Louiselles raised money last year as well when they lived in Waterford.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan in need of volunteers

Hospice of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, which serves Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties is looking for caring and compassionate individuals who would like to join its family of hospice volunteers.

Hospice will be conducting a volunteer training program starting on Sept. 28. The sessions will run for four weeks, from 3-5 p.m., meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays. The classes will be conducted at the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency in Bellaire.

The first session will be a hospice orientation and discussion of the role of the volunteer. Each class will deal with a different aspect of training: grief and bereavement, death and dying, communication skills, understanding the family, spiritual care of the family, care and comfort measures, ethical issues and personal stress.

Hospice volunteers provide a variety of services, including respite care to the terminally ill and their family.

Anyone who has been a caregiver knows how important it is to have some time for themselves, and our hospice volunteers provide this very needed help by staying at the home so the caregiver can get away or just to rest.

Volunteers provide much help, whether it is with patients, in the office or helping with fund-raising - they are truly the cement of the hospice program and make it unique.

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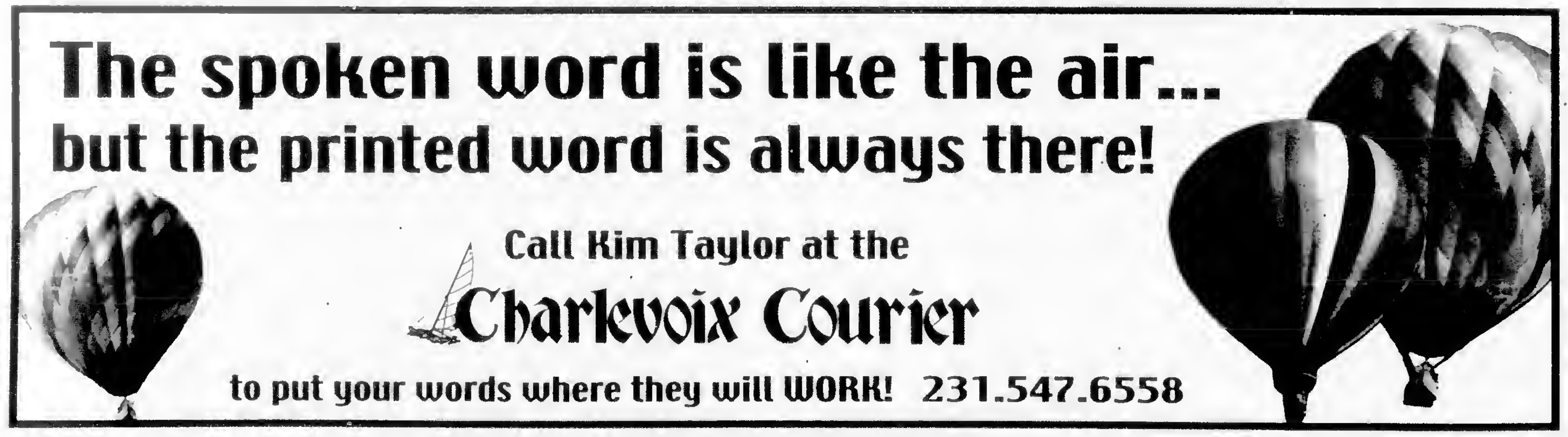
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Volunteers of the year

The Charlevoix Historical Society had its annual Ice Cream Social on Sept. 6 at the Historic Depot. The Society named Patti Aikin, Rhea Dow and Joan Nowak, all members of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club, the Volunteers of the Year for their countless hours devoted to organizing, creating and maintaining the Depot Heritage Garden.

St. Mary School to host annual Northern Lights

St. Mary School will be hosting the 9th Annual Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction.

This year's event will be from 5:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 16. The celebration will be at St. Mary School Family Center, 1005 Bridge Street, in Charlevoix.

Dinner will be catered by the Grey Gables Inn. Live Auction with Scott Mackenzie, and dancing with Class Act Productions. Reservations are now being taken.

Featured items will include tickets to the top of the Mackinac Bridge, Mackinac Island packages, the Children's Art gallery, and many live and silent items.

In conjunction with dinner, auctions and dancing, St. Mary's is sponsoring a variety of raffles.

The "Women's Corner" will feature a Toronto trip. The "Men's Corner" will feature a Canadian cabin fishing trip with cabin rental.

The Scholarship card raffle will again take place this year.

New this year will be a children's raffle item on Friday night.

The Northern Lights Celebration is the largest fund-raising event for the school. Auction expenses are kept to a minimum with all proceeds going directly to the school operational budget.

Tickets are $60 per person for the evening. Tickets for the auction and dancing are $30 per person. This is a community wide event, with everyone welcome to attend.

Please call (231) 547-9441 to make a reservation.

A Preview of Auction items will be from 5 to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15. This is open to the public and admission is free.

Bids will be accepted at this time. Raffle tickets will be available. Sealed bids will be accepted on live auction items.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Young at Hearts League
September 16, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	8	0
Sparetime	6	2
Misfits	5	3
Twilighters	4	4
Irish Rollers	3	5
Alley Cats	3	5
Past Timers	3	5
Team 7	0	8

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	522	176
Ken Schoenheit	478	170
LeRoy Buchanan	436	161
Zettie Kitson	482	185
Shirley Flower	424	159
Dolly Coen	402	153
Nancy Zimmerman		153

Church League • September 15, 2004

	W	L
R & C Roofing	82	18
Mark White Paint & Stain	58	42
Paul Bunyan Lanes	56	44
State Farm Insurance	46	54
Ferguson & Chamberlain	44	56
Lutherans	12	58
The Inner Circle	42	58
St. Mary's	28	72

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenheit		224
Scott Rose	604	222
John Fiedorek	570	
Larry Potter		216
Tom Browe	543	

Men's Senior League
September 13, 2004

	W	L
Kerr's Racing	3	1
Cemex Cement	3	1
Team 6	3	1
J Arnold Painting "A"	2	2
B Vanloo & Sons	2	2
Central Drug Store	1	3
Charlevoix Manufacturing	1	3
J Arnold Painting "2"	1	3

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	686	254
Eric Williams	635	235
Brian Dixon	597	224

Tuesday Night Ladies • Sept. 14, 2004

	W	L
Central Drug Store	8	0
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	5	3
Paul Bunyan Lanes	5	3
Don's IGA	4	4
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	4	4
Twin Lakes Enterprise	4	4
Grey Gables	2	6
Mark White Paint & Stain	0	8

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	539	200
Diana Speigl	507	200
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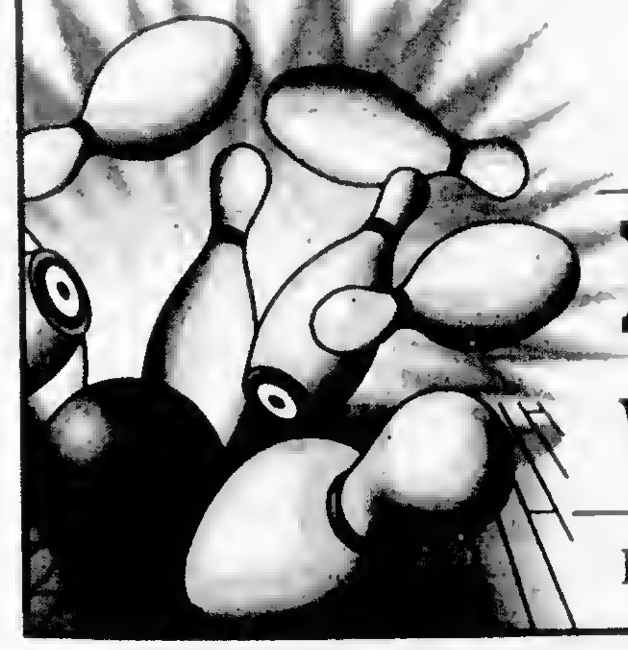
Jane Holm	474	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Guild celebration

During the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild's 50th Anniversary celebration on Sept. 15, people wore 50s themed clothing as a way to set the atmosphere and enjoyed lots of food (above) (Below) The Charlevoix Men's Chorus serenaded the crowd at the Guild's 50th Anniversary celebration.

Guild Celebrates 50 Years of Service

BASES to have play day

BASES Teen Center is sponsoring a Day of Play on Friday, Oct. 8.

The goal is to promote parent child involvement through fun activities. Playing together encourages positive and healthy adult/child relationships.

There will be a pool tournament, Ping-Pong, arts and crafts, free throw contest (weather permitting) or to play a board game together with an adolescent. If you'd like to volunteer your time and play with a child, please stop by. Pizza will be donated and prizes will be awarded. If you'd like more information please call 547-1144. BASES is located at 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix and is open from 3-6 p.m.

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SPORTS

Beaver Island soccer team undefeated

By FRANK SOLLE
Beaver Island sports writer

Like a well-oiled machine the Beaver Island Islander soccer team worked its precision on the Hannahville Soaring Eagles this past weekend, winning 7-0 on Friday evening and 6-0 Saturday morning.

The Islanders opened the 2004 season with a road trip Sept. 10 and 11, where they frosted the Grand Marais Polar Bears 7-1 and 7-2.

The Islanders controlled the action in both games against the Eagles, rarely allowing the ball to cross out of their offensive zone.

On Friday the Islanders scored three goals in the first half of play as Tony Bousquet, John Albin, and Brett Maudrie each put shots past the Hannahville goalkeeper. The half-time score could have been worse for the Eagles, but their goalkeeper made a number of great saves off hard-hit balls.

Maudrie started the second half right where he left off, blasting the ball into the net in the first minute of play and went on to score the final three goals of the game.

Cody Gillespie made a number a big saves in goal during the second half for the Islanders, including a strong effort in stopping a Hannahville player on a breakaway rush.

Saturday's game proved to be a near repeat as the Islanders again put the ball in the net three times in the first half.

Jared Wojan scored from the right wing in the first 5 minutes to help set the tone. Bousquet added the second with an assist from Maudrie.

Once again Maudrie scored the final goal of the first half and accounted for all the scoring in the second as he finished the first four games of the season with a team-best 13 goals.

"Everyone got to play this weekend, which was good," said Islander coach Mike Myers. "Our second unit played very well."

Myers added, "We really have the skill, but it's still early in the season."

He suggested the best is yet to come for a talented and deep Island team.

This weekend the Islanders host the Paradise Rockets with games set for 5 p.m., Friday, and 9 a.m., Saturday.

Rayders' lose in close matches

Charlevoix High School's varsity soccer team dropped two games last week.

On Wednesday, Sept. 15 the team lost to Leland, 3-2.

"With just under five minutes to play in the second half we started connecting and stepping up," Coach Block said.

Goals from Seniors Sparky Nitchman and Andrew Milloux in the last five minutes pulled within 3-2.

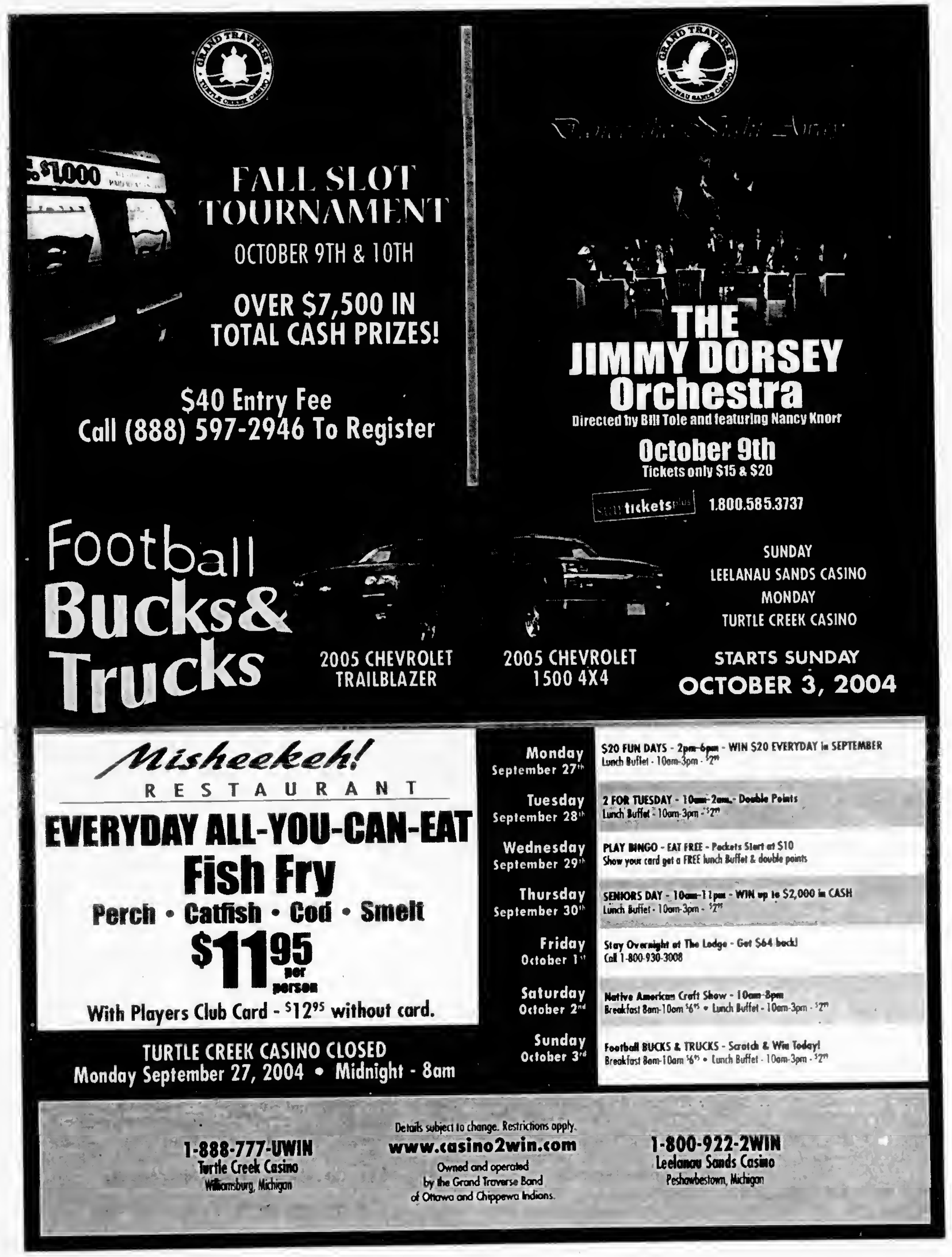
"It was a super exciting game," Block said.

On Monday, Sept. 13 Charlevoix lost to Harbor Springs, 2 to 1 in overtime. Charlevoix played on Harbor Springs' new field.

"It was a really great game and I'm proud of my team." Block said.

Block also lauded the efforts of goalkeeper Shannon Gilespie and his entire defensive line.

"We played a great game and never quit," he said.



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Rayders' basketball team undefeated

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

In the battle of two of northern Michigan's pre-eminent basketball programs, undefeated Charlevoix bested St. Ignace, 81-53 in a surprisingly easy victory.

"I told the girls before the game that we were playing one of the best programs in the state and it would be a measuring stick for us," coach Keith Haske said. "They were pretty excited about it going in."

Charlevoix went into the game rated number six in Class C by the Associated Press and St. Ignace was number four.

"The seniors had never beaten St. Ignace and were beaten pretty soundly the last three years," Haske said. "It was a lot of fun to see them celebrating after the game."

The Rayders led 20-13 after the first quarter, 44-30 at the half and 68-42 after three quarters.

Grace Farrell and Laura Nitchman each scored 16 points to pace Charlevoix's scoring. Farrell also had nine rebounds. Nitchman handed out four assists and had two steals.

"I thought the bench play really stood out for us, especially Laura Nitchman," Haske said. "She played a tremendous game offensively for us."

Madison Ramsey contributed eight points, six steals and four assists. Shannon Dibble, Sarah Cross and Betsy Dennis also each scored eight points in a balanced effort.

Earlier in the week, Charlevoix blew past league rival Harbor Springs, 67-31.

The Rayders jumped out early, leading 18-6 after one period and 39-14 at the half.

Cross scored 12 points to lead the Charlevoix attack. Farrell had a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Dennis scored 10 points. Jaime Pettis scored five points, had six steals and four assists.

"I thought we showed great patience against Harbor Springs and their zone defense," Haske said. "We got the ball inside and got a lot of good looks."

As always, the Rayders' pressure defense took its toll.

"Our defense has been outstanding all year long," Haske said. "Teams have really been struggling to score against us. Also, the girls have been making adjustments during the game as to how to defend."

Charlevoix (3-0 conference, 8-0 overall) played at home against Grayling on Tuesday, Sept. 21 but, results were unavailable at presstime.

Cross Country teams finishing well at meets

Photo credit

The Charlevoix girls' cross country team are (front from left): Sonya Plude, Teresa Martin (back) Lindi Edger, Brittany Lamb, Mia Matchett, Emily Westenbroek, Emily Morgridge.

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Both the girls' and boys' varsity cross country teams had strong finishes Sept. 18 in the Ludington Invitational.

The girls' team finished second out of 25 teams and second in Division III. The boys' team finished third in Division III and seventh out of 20 schools.

Girls' coach Mary Plude said, "We had an outstanding team race. Our focus was on places and not overall times. I was not expecting for us to finish this well."

Plude said she was hoping for a top five placing and is very happy with the second place finish.

She said her team ran well from start to finish. She commended Lindi Edger, Theresa Martin, Emily Morgridge, Brittney Lamb, Emily Westenbroek, Mia Matchett and Sonya Plude for their hard work.

Individual results for the girls' varsity team were: Edger in fourth overall and second in the division with a time of 21 minutes, 23 seconds; Morgridge in eighteenth overall and ninth in the division with a time of 22 minutes, 21 seconds; Martin in twenty-fourth overall and eleventh in division with a time of 22 minutes, 50 seconds; Lamb in thirty-third overall and seventeenth in the division, with a time of 23 minutes, 1 second; Westenbroek in thirty-fifth overall and eighteenth in the division with a time of 23 minutes, 20 seconds; Matchett in forty-third overall and twentieth in the division with a time of 23 minutes, 20 seconds and Plude in fifty-eighth overall and twenty-eighth in the division with a time of 23 minutes, 59 seconds.

Edger, Morgridge, Martin, Lamb, Westenbroek and Matchett were medalists.

Individual results for the boys' varsity team were: Scott Plude in fifteenth in the division with a time of 18 minutes, 16 seconds; Jacob Wimmer in sixteenth with a time of 18 minutes, 23 seconds; Jared Hunt in seventeenth with a time of 18 minutes, 36 seconds; Isaac Matchett in eighteenth, with a time of 18 minutes, 38 seconds; Tom Aepelbacher in twenty-second with a time of 19 minutes; Zach Scharenbroch in twenty-sixth with a time of 19 minutes, 16 seconds and Jacob Hunt in twenty-seventh, with a time of 19 minutes, 17 seconds.

Plude, Wimmer, Hunt and Matchett were medalists.

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Golf team shows some skill on course

The Charlevoix High School varsity golf team had a nice second place finish Sept. 14 in a nine hole quad match at the Hidden River Golf and Casting Club.

The team scored 162. Rudyard took first with 155.

Coach Jim Glynn said, "This is the best consistent scoring we've had all year. Kris Bartling had his best round of the year with a 38. He is playing very well and just keeps on improving."

Other individual results were: Chris Wyniawskyj with a 39, Kyle DeYoung with a 45, Chris Golski with a 40 and Stephen Parker with a 49.

Also last week, the junior varsity team finished second with a 193 in a hole meet at the Charlevoix Country Club. Traverse City St. Francis finished first with a score of 183.

Individual results for the junior varsity team were: Zack Lake with a 51, Kevin Kusina with a 47, Kyle Smith with a 50, R.J. Moore with a 54, J.D. Speigl with a 48 and Alex Molter with a 48.

Football team beats Boyne City 19-12 Friday

By B. JON GOHS
Football writer

Tropical depressions may have cooled things off Friday, but even hurricane Ivan couldn't put the freeze on the Rayders 18-12 victory.

Perhaps anticipation of playing one of the highest ranked teams of the preseason caused the Rayders to turn it on early. Whatever the reason Charlevoix brought the battle to Boyne City from first down to the final sixty seconds.

"It's been awhile since we've beat Boyne," said Coach Jess. "They're always tough and well coached."

But, he added, "They'll (Boyne City) probably still make the playoffs."

And despite Charlevoix's second win in a row, Coach Jess said, "We're just gonna keep working."

He added, "We're not satisfied by any means."

According to Jess, since there is always room for improvement, the Rayders are taking this win in stride.

"We didn't play a perfect game," he said. "We still have a lot to work on."

But, winning Friday's game against a tough team like the Ramblers was at least as important as last week's win against East Jordan. This week the Rayders showed they are not only adept at dealing with challenges such as last week's fight in overtime, but they also have the ability to take control of a game early forcing opponents to come to them.

And Charlevoix did just this by scoring first and forcing the Ramblers to play catch-up the rest of the evening.

"The first TD was a four yard pass from Cody Crain to Eddie Waldron in the first quarter," Jess said.

Boyne City managed to tie things up later on allowing the Rayders to do what they do best — produce when the stakes are high. With a 12-12 deadlock into the final moments of the game the Rayders broke loose.

"With about a minute to go," Jess Said. "Cody Crain threw a 52 yard TD pass to Ben Bergman."

Crain's passing percentage was down about 8 percent from his average. But, with an increase from last weeks game of 100 yards thrown, his efficiency seems to be improving. Crain led the offense with 18 of 36 for 219 yards and three TDs.

The Rayders' backbone came through again as Jeff Golovich led defense with 12 tackles and one interception. Ezra Baker was close behind with nine tackles and Ben Bergman had one interception.

Receivers of mention include Ben Bergman who caught 7 passes for 126 yards with two TDs, Mitchell Klooster who had 4 passes for 68 yards and Eddie Waldron with three catches for 20 yards and one TD.

In rushing Russell Williams once again led with 13 carries for 53 yards.

Although he is happy with his team's performance, there are still a few things which concern coach Jess.

"We fumbled the ball too much for one thing," he said. "We need to make sure we hold on to the ball."

And, he added, "We need to get the offensive line blocking better."

The Rayders' offense seems to be doing better at keeping mistakes to a minimum, but according to Coach Jess, the three penalties acquired in Friday's game is still too many.

"Obviously we'd like to have zero," he said. But, he added, "mistakes happen."

If the Rayders offensive line can give Crain and his receivers even a little extra time it could be the difference between the result of the first two games and the result of the last two.

This week while Coach Jess and the Rayders keep their noses to the grindstone they will have elk on their mind.

Charlevoix has a history of besting Elk Rapids, but according to Coach Jess, he and the Rayders won't be looking past them.

"They certainly have a much better team than they had in the past," he said.

He added, "We haven't lost to them in about 10 years, but it's still going to be a tough game."

With four games down and five to go the season nears the halfway point. Charlevoix stands at 2-2 and must win six games total to get into the playoffs.

The Rayders hope to bag a 30 pointer as they face off against the Elk Rapids Elks at 7 p.m., Friday Sept. 24 in Elk Rapids.

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Sealed bids will be received by the City of Charlevoix, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, at the office of the City Clerk at City Hall up to 2:00 p.m., prevailing local time on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, and then publicly opened and read aloud, for biosolids removal, disposal and cleaning of the anaerobic digesters at the Charlevoix Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 15116 Lake Shore Drive, including the disposal of biosolids and associated work.

Specifications for this work may be obtained at the Office of the City Manager, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, phone 231-547-3617.

The right is reserved by OWNER to accept any Bid, to reject any Bid, and to waive irregularities in Bids.

Carol A. Ochs
City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

WARDROP & WARDROP, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default hes been made on the conditions of a mortgage made by **JEROME G PETRIW, JR.**, an unmarried man, and **SARAH L. GROH**, an unmarried woman. Mortgagors, to **THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC.**, Mortgagee, dated January 11, 2002, and recorded on February 6, 2002, in Liber 457 beginning on Page 201, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Four and 41/100 ($148,494.41) Dollars, including interest at 7.750% per annum. **No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.**

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Friday, October 22, 2004, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 7.750%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes, and includible attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, described as:
LOT 7, BLOCK "G", OF MILLER'S ADDITION TO SPRING HARBOR (NOW CITY OF BOYNE CITY), SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 419 GROVELAND STREET, BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN 49712-1142. TAX PARCEL NO. 15-051-147-077-00.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in eccordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241 (1), in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) deys from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgage can rescind the Sheriff's Sale in the event e 3rd party buys the property end there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower(s). In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus any applicable interest.

Dated: September 7, 2004

THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgagee
By: Brian L. Groen (P-56673)
Wardrop & Wardrop, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
300 Ottawa Avenue NW; Suite 150
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-1225

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shannon Lee Reynolds and Angela Marie Reynolds, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants, to Pinnfund, USA, A California Corporation, mortgagee, dated October 19, 2000 and recorded November 3, 2000 in Liber 400, Page 539, and Scrivener's Affidavit to correct the legel description submitted to and recorded by Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgege is now held by Deutsche Benk Trust Company Americas formerly known as Banker's Trust Company, as Custodien by assignment dated November 1, 2000 and recorded on April 11, 2001 in Liber 414, Page 432, Scrivener's Affidavit to correct the legal description submitted to and recorded by Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eight end 87/100 Dollars ($103,808.87) including interest at the rate of 11.58% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, et public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on October 22, 2004. The premises are located in the Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a 3/4 inch pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 13, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence North 89 de-grees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 840.04 feet along the South line of said Section to a point in the center line of Waller Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 0 de-grees 07 minutes 01 seconds West 33.00 feet along line previously re-corded as being the West line of the West 7.50 acres of the East 15 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said road; thence continuing along said line North 0 degrees 07 minutes 01 seconds West 592.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 250.51 feet; thence South 0 degrees 07 minutes 01 seconds East 592 feet along e line previously recorded as the East line of the West 7.5 acres of the West 15 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of seid road; thence continuing along said line South 0 degrees 07 minutes 01 seconds East 33.00 feet to the said Section line; thence along said Section line and along the center line of said road South 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds West 250.51 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 13, Town 34 North, Range 8 West, subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes. Grantors herein reserves for themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns, an easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of public utilities over and across the following described property for the use and benefit of said grantors. 30 foot wide private drive and utility easement: In the Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at a 3/4 inch pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 13, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 1060.55 feet along the South line of said section to a point in the centerline of Waller Road, being the point of beginning of this description; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 01 seconds West 625.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 30.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 01 seconds East 625.00 feet along a line previously described as the East line of the West 7.50 acres of the East 15 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section to said section line; thence along said section line and along the centerline of said road South 89 degrees 55 minutes 05 seconds West 30.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 34 North, Renge 8 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sele. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: September 15, 2004

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas formerly known as Banker's Trust Company, es Custodian , As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041
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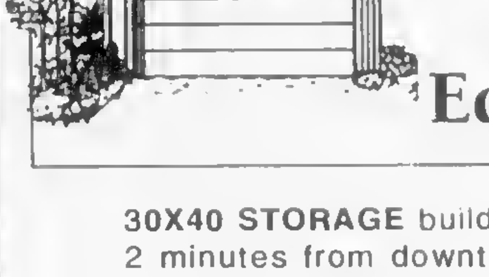

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 26th day of December, 2000, by Louise P. Parsons, a married woman, to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, n/k/a Northwestern Bank, and recorded on December 28, 2000, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 403, page 992, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice **FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY AND 20/100 DOLLARS ($453,890.20)** and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, October 29, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Courthouse, located at 301 State, Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Part of Govemment Lot 1 of Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 7 West, Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, more particularly described as:

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 9; thence N 00%53'44" E, 1469.83 feet along the West Line of Government Lot 1 and the centerline of Sanderson Road to a shoreline traverse along Lake Charlevoix; thence S 69%06'16" E, 242.02 feet along said shoreline; thence N 87%07'55" E, 161.68 feet along said shoreline; thence S 84%39'04" E, 281.07 feet along said shoreline ; thence S 70%45'54" E, 594.75 feet along said shoreline; thence S 76%08'25" E, 269.95 feet along said shoreline; thence S58%50'23" E, 394.67 feet along said shoreline; thence S60%48'09" E, 320.11 feet along said shoreline; thence S 60%57'38" E, 300.17 feet along the shoreline to the point of beginning; thence S 60%57'38" E, 100.24 feet; thence S 60%51'09" E, 94.17 feet to the East line of said Section 9; thence leaving said shoreline traverse along East line of said Section 9 S 00%00'14" W, 130.00 feet; thence N 63%13'06" W, 107.84 feet; thence S 34%07'00" W, 263.39 feet; thence S 37%57'14" W, 23.80 feet; thence S 70%33'02" W, 55.58 feet; thence 82.33 feet along the arc of a 50.00 foot radius curve to the left, with a chord of N 23%35'22" W, 73.34 feet; thence N 25%05'53" E, 402.01 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said side line extends to the shoreline of Lake Charlevoix.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as Unit 23, Pine Lake Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727.

The redemption period shall be slx (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: September 15, 2004

Northwestern Bank
Mortgagee
CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684

L(9/22,9/29,10/6,10/13)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by KENNETH M. DULINSKI and MARY J. DULINSKI, husband and wife, whose address is 4868 Eastwood Road, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49730 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with an office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated November 12, 1990 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan on November 12, 1990 in Liber 221 of Charlevoix County Records on Pages 414 through 417, inclusive, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of NINETY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN AND 26/100 ($91,317.26) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notlce Is Hereby Glven that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Building located at 301 State Street in the City of Charlevoix and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on **Friday October 22, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock** local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 9.0 percent interest on such Mortgage, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 14, T33N, R5W; thence West 666.08 feet along the North line of said Section 14 to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North section line West 200.00 feet; thence South 468.60 feet at right angles to the North line of said Section 14; thence East 200.00 feet; thence North 468.60 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, lying Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road. (Also commonly known as 4868 Eastwood Road, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49730; Tax Code No. 15-10-014-005-15.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact the local office of Rural Development, 7192 E. 34 Road, Cadillac, Michigan 49601, telephone (231)775-7681, ext. 4.

Dated: September 17, 2004

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Date: September 10, 2004

Freda M. Kullik
01931 US-131 N
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Area events

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Mom's sale

Charlevoix's Fifth Annual Mom to Mom and Big Kids Sale is from 9 to noon, Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Charlevoix Elementary School Gym. Over 20 women and big kids selling gently used infant, children and big kids clothing, toys, books, furniture, bikes and more.

BAD2 reunion

The BAD2 Association 2004 Reunion meets in Romulus, near Detroit from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3. Their group is a comprised of World War II US 8th Air Force veterans who were stationed at Base Air Depot 2, in Warton, England, from 1942 to 1945.

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Mental illness support group

Grief Support Group starts for people with mental illness. A grief support group for people who are suffering a loss and coping with their own mental illness starts at 1 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 1, for six weeks. The sessions will be at the Community Health Education Center across from the main entrance of Northern Michigan Hospital. Counselors from Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and North Country Community Mental Heath will facilitate the six sessions. If you want further information please call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at 487-4825.

Cantata rehearsals

Rehearsals for the annual Community Christmas Cantata are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Oct. 3, at Community Reformed Church located at the corner of US-31 and Meech Street in Charlevoix. This years musical, Festival of Lights, will be presented the evenings of Dec. 11 and Dec. 12.

For more information contact Cindy Mansen at 547-6862.

Democrats to meet

The Charlevoix County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 4, in the meeting room at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department. Area voters interested in becoming active in the campaign are invited to attend. Signs and pins will be available at the meeting.

Boodle run

The Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce in coordination with the Bite of Beaver Island presents the Second Annual Island Boodle 5K/Run/Walk with a One Mile Fun Run for Kids begins at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 9. Cost until Sept. 26 is $20 individual and family is $35. Proceeds will benefit the Beaver Island Sports Booster Club. For more information on the "Bite of Beaver Island" their web site address is www.beaverisland.org or if you have questions on the race call Gail or Mike Weede at (231) 448-3195 or (2312) 448-2708. Checks make be mailed to Paradise Bay Dive Shop, P.O. Box 253, Beaver Island, MI 49782 payable to Beaver Island Sports Boosters.

Caregivers group

A We Are Not Alone Group is starting for caregivers of patients with chronic diseases or terminal illnesses at 5:30 p.m., on Oct. 6, and will meet every other Wednesday at the Petoskey's Friendship Center. Staff from Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and the Friendship Center of Emmet County will facilitate the sessions. If you want further information please call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at 487-4825.

Young American's workshop

The Young Americans workshop is coming to Boyne City High School on Oct.14, 15, and 16 for students in grades 4-12. There are approximately 300 openings available. Classes offered during workshop are Televsion-Theatre-Stage, Vocal Techniques, Sound and Recording Techniques, Musical Theatre, Stage Movement, Vocal Ensemble and Performance Workshops.

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Bazaar

The Ellsworth Lioness is sponsoring the Twenty-fourth Annual Banks Township community Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Banks Township Hall. For booth space information, please contact Joni at (231)544-6348 or wieland@torchlake.com.

Altar Society

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Bridge lesson

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Skate Park hours

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park hours starting September are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and from noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays. Kids will be able to skate after school as long as the weather holds.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

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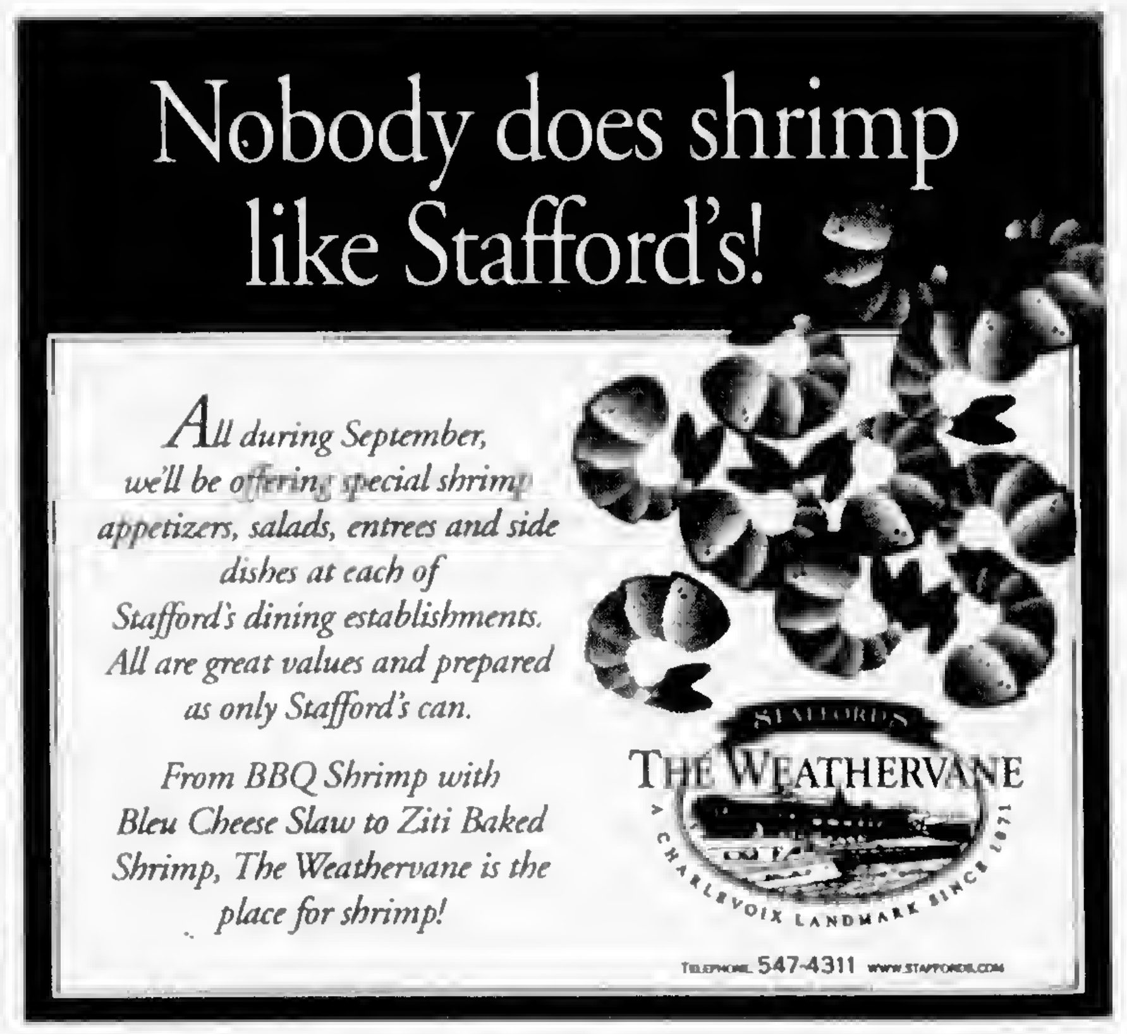

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Memo claims mayor violated charter

MEMOS

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violate the City Code by telling them they can move their RV forward or back a foot to avoid any fine for parking in one place too long.

Campbell said he was also referring to City Planner Gerry Harsch for being a key witness against the city in the Sunnybank assisted living situation.

"When developers come in and want to go to court they should use their own people and not the city administration," Campbell said.

Campbell is also upset over the fact that Wiesner gets to determine his own raises.

"We have a very strange situation, I think, in that the city manager decides the raise of the city administration and he gets what they get," he said.

Campbell said he views the memo as a political tactic on Wiesner's part.

"I think his mailing that letter out to the city employees was his attempt to turn the city employees against me," he said. "I'm upset about the fact that he's trying to turn something into supposedly bad mouthing the employees."

Campbell is still upset about the $228,000 check situation. He said a city manager is in charge and should take the responsibility for something that goes wrong on his watch.

"I think it's a sick try to try and turn the focus off the check," he said.

Campbell said the whole situation is out of line.

"It's so far out it's ridiculous," he said. "It's something that has to be answered."

Wiesner said he was only stating the sentiment of his employees. He said several employees came up to him and complained about Campbell implying they weren't doing their jobs.

"The letter speaks for itself," he said.

Wiesner said he simply wrote the letter to show his concern and isn't asking for any action.

Campbell gave the memo was given to Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young at the Monday night Charlevoix City Council meeting for his thoughts on it. Young said he will give a written opinion on it after looking into the matter.

Scott: Wiesner violates First Amendment

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

During the Sept. 20 city council meeting, some people expressed concern that City Manager Michael Wiesner may be infringing on the First Amendment rights of the City Council.

In two memos dated Sept. 13 and Sept. 16, some at the meeting said Wiesner appears to attack the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and freedom of the press, by claiming council may not speak to the press about city administration, officials and employees.

Council member Shirley Gibson asked Wiesner during the meeting if he thought the mayor and council is limited in what they can say to the media. In response, Wiesner said he wrote the memo because several city employees had expressed concern, specifically about negative comments Mayor Gabe Campbell told the *Charlevoix Courier* regarding city administration for a recent story.

Gibson followed up by telling Wiesner that if the City Charter restricts what the City Council and the mayor can say to the media, then the Charter is in violation of the First Amendment protected by the U.S. Constitution.

"It is my right and responsibility to talk to the press," Gibson said.

Wiesner deferred comment to City Attorney Jim Young.

Young said he would have to see the entire article and not the paragraph Wiesner pulled from the whole story and placed in his memo.

During the meeting City Council candidate Dave Scott handed Young a copy of the *Charlevoix Courier* containing the article.

However, later during the meeting when Scott asked for Young's interpretation of Wiesner's comments, Young said the issue was too important for him to comment on without seeing the entire article.

Scott asked Young if there was any situation that could prohibit council from stating their opinion to the media.

Young said from a preliminary standpoint that as long as council wasn't making a comment that gave direction to a city employee, they weren't in violation of the Charter.

"I can't think of anything that would prohibit council from making generalized comments to the media," Young said.

Scott said the most important aspect to our country is the freedom of speech.

"These people over here (pointing to the media table) have a right to report what these people (pointing to council) have to say," he said.

Scott expressed his outrage that Wiesner may have committed an infringement on the First Amendment twice with the memos he issued.

"I'd ask the city manager if he understands his job and the Charter," Scott said addressing the council. "This is the most appalling thing I've seen and I don't know why you people aren't more upset about it."

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>
> **Dave Scott**,
> Charlevoix resident and council candidate

Courtesy photo

Class of 1954

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1954 held their 50th reunion at Grey Gables Inn on Saturday, September 11, 2004. Twenty of the class members were able to attend. Vice-president Gordon Mol presided over the festivities. Front row: Patsy Ranger, Jerry Albright, Naomi Capelin. Second row: Delores Hart, Darlene Doctor, Elaine Budde, Karen Lewis, Gail Evans, Marguerite Trujillo. Third row: Bob Miles, Cynthia Postmus, Jim Bearss, Keith Mort, Sue Lochner, Bill Golden. Back row: Tom Fessenden, Gordon Mol, Howard Timmer, Larry Burns, Joe Martinchek.

Courtesy photo

Class of 1949

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1949 celebrated their fifty-fifth reunion on September 11, 2004 at the Argonne Supper Club. Their next reunion will be the second Saturday of September 2006 at the Argonne. Front row (left to right): Nancy Kipke Bambach, Dale Boss, Don Ecklund, Mary Louise Gennett Stahulak, Beverly Looze Southern. Second row: Fenn Weisheimer, Shirley Cunningham Mathers, Helen Light Emmons, Frances Potter Ward, Edmund Don Burke, Sharon Butler Lyons, Sally King Bennett, Shirley Black Wilbur, Hilda Douglas Beach. Third row: B.J. Cunningham Steffens, Herb Boss, Bill Novotny, Sally Swinton Bales, Dick Jolliffe, Patsy Hamilton Hammond.

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Policies found that may cover mistaken check

CHECK

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city asked its insurance company to pay. Initially, the insurance company refused, but according to Young, there are some signs that it will pay for at least some of the bill.

While Young said there has not been any final confirmation that the insurance company will pay the bill, or even how much of it it will pay, there does seem to be coverage for this type of incident in the city's policy. While this will be good news for United Fire and Casualty and Charlevoix taxpayers, it will be bad news for CCMS.

Young said by getting the insurance company to pay the bill, the city's insurance company will then go after CCMS to get its money paid back, all without costing the Charlevoix taxpayers a cent.

Young said it is a strategic move he is making to help save the taxpayers money.

Representatives for CCMS did not return a telephone call seeking comment by press time.

Baby born in northern safety

BABY

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about Tallahassee, Fla. as it was in the hurricane's sights as well. So the family abandoned that plan after arriving in Tallahassee and looked for a new destination.

However, Jeff and his brother discovered it would not be easy for them to meet up with the family after all. Jaimie said there was no gas for their truck and traffic was horrible, forcing the two men to wait out the approaching storm in West Palm Beach, Fla.

So, the family headed to Pensacola, Fla., without Jeff and his brother and then on to Montgomery, Ala.

Caleb was not going to wait out any storm though. While Jaimie was planning on a c-section, she knew she had to have the baby out soon. So, Jeff and Jaimie decided the next option would be to send Jaimie to Michigan to have the baby in the place she grew up.

Jaimie is a graduate of East Jordan High School and her parents still live in the area. After calling her parents, Jaimie's father bought a one-way airplane ticket to Alabama, met up with Jaimie and drove her to Charlevoix County.

But, they were not out of the woods yet. Jaimie did not have a doctor in Charlevoix.

"I didn't know quite what to do," she said.

After calling around to local hospitals, Jaimie came in contact with Dr. William Mosher of Charlevoix on Sept. 3. Mosher told Jaimie to come into his office on Tuesday, Sept. 7 — the day after Labor Day.

Jaimie said Mosher examined her and got her ready to have Caleb by c-section the next day, Sept. 8.

After fleeing across the United States from a hurricane, Jaimie gave birth to Caleb at 8:06 a.m., Sept. 8. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Jeff and Jaimie gave Caleb the middle name Montgomery, in honor of the Alabama town where Jaimie started her trip north.

And luckily, Jeff was able to arrive in Charlevoix the day before the birth, just in time to meet his new son.

Jaimie said Jeff bought a plane ticket out of Florida, flew to Detroit, where family members met him — he is also from Michigan — and drove him to Flint. Once in Flint, he rented a car and drove to Charlevoix to be with Jaimie for the delivery.

Jaimie said she is very thankful for how everything turned out.

"I was hoping I wasn't going to have my baby on the road. I was hoping to make it to a safe place," she said. "All the while I was hoping my house would not get destroyed (it is OK) and my husband would make it out alive."

In the end, she said she ended up having the baby in a hospital in the area where she grew up and around her family.

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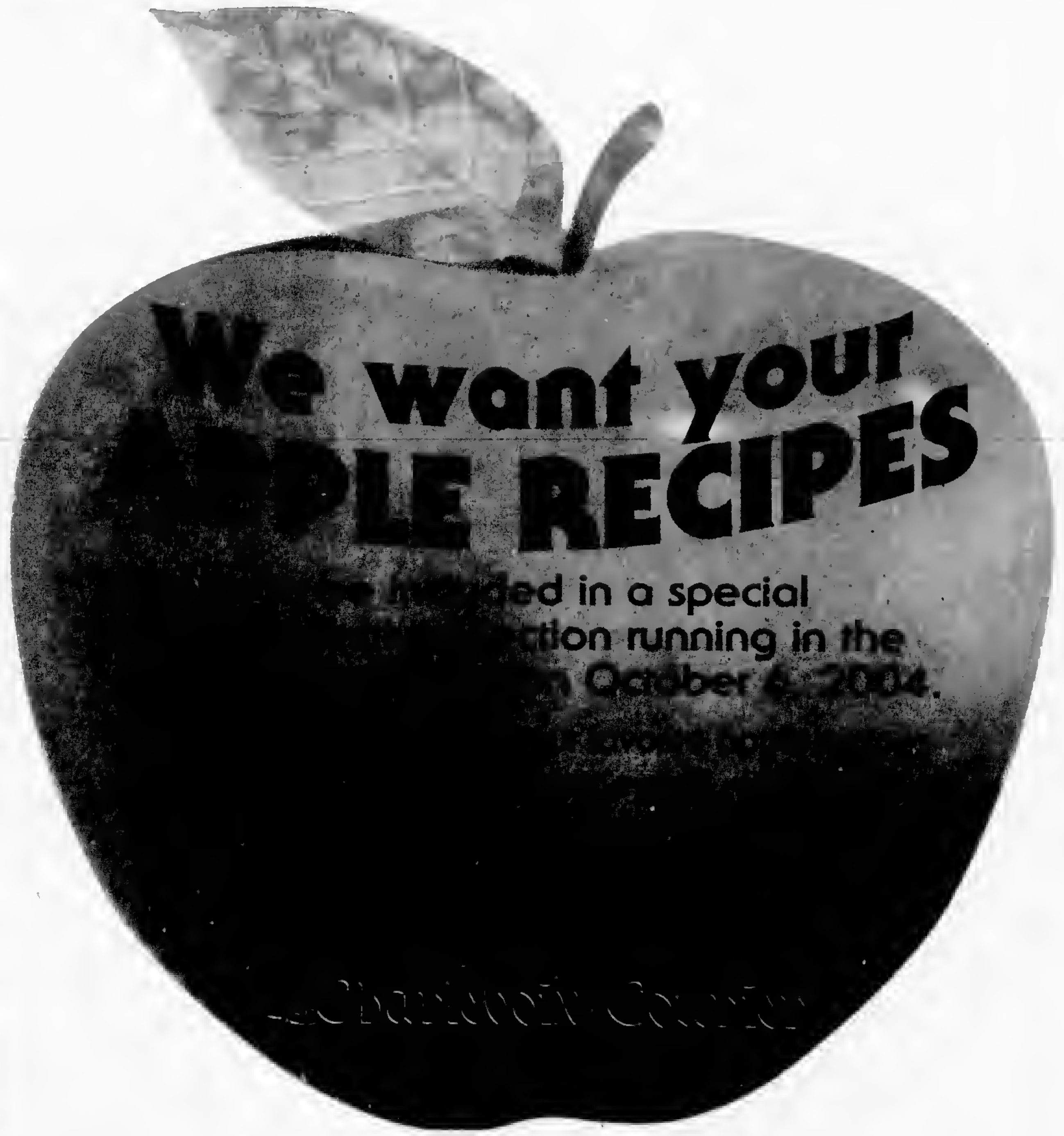

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Speaking out

One Charlevoix student has spoken out against a possible city ordinance he thinks won't work.
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Punt, pass, kick

Halverson: city mainly complies with ADA

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

At the Sept. 20 City Council meeting, Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson presented his report on handicapped parking.

In his report Halverson said Charlevoix may not have the exact minimum number of spaces required per parking lot, but isn't in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act because the city is meeting the "Program Access" standards.

"You can't just count the spaces," he said.

Regardless of the city meeting the Program Access standards of the act, Halverson said the city will be adding two more handicapped parking spaces and will continue to keep an eye on the situation and add more spaces if necessary in the future.

"I don't see us ever going backwards," he said.

Halverson said in his report that on- and off-street parking, specific lot issues, pre-1992 and post-1992 construction and geographic definitions of "a" parking lot are all factors that come into play when deciding what the needs are for handicapped parking spaces.

His report also stated that a two-prong test exists, which determines handicapped parking regulations for a city. He said there is a chart that shows the number of handicapped spaces required per number of spaces and also the "Program Access" standard. Halverson said in his report that this may or may not reflect what the chart indicates.

Halverson said a parking lot can have the proper number of spaces but not be in compli-

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Almost got it!

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Liam McCormick, 3, of Charlevoix, jumps for an apple at Friske Orchards on US-31 in Atwood Saturday during Friske's annual fall festival.

Dog ban in park rule to be debated

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Should dogs be banned from East Park? Charlevoix City Council members are currently considering a year-round ban on dogs in East Park.

During the Sept. 20 meeting, council mentioned setting up a dog run of sorts, which would serve as an area for the dogs belonging to boaters to relieve themselves.

Mayor Gabe Campbell said the owners would still be required to pick up after their dog, which is another city ordinance.

Campbell said Police Chief Dennis Halverson told him the police couldn't enforce an ordinance if it was only for certain times of the year.

So, instead of banning dogs from festivities in East Park, Campbell was told it would be easier to not have them there at all.

In a past interview, Halverson said from an enforcement standpoint a total ban is easier to enforce and educate people about versus a partial or periodical ban given the tourist nature of Charlevoix.

Charlevoix High School seniors Joshua Stevenson, 17, and Alex Heffling, 18, disagree with the idea of banning dogs from East Park.

"It's hard to enforce," Heffling said. "They can't even enforce them to keep them on leashes."

Heffling said dogs shouldn't be banned from festival events either and that people should use com-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Gregory Michael Webb, 35, Boyne City. Retail fraud, third degree. Sentenced to 24 days in jail with credit for two days; serve 22 days.

Charissa Ane Kniseley, 17, Mancelona. Operators license not on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Tammy Lynn Matuszczak, 29, Boyne City. Violation of restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Marshall Lee Chinevere, 36, Charlevoix. Violation of instruction permit. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Ty Edward Hawes, 31, Boyne Falls. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Kimberly Ann Ance, 43, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Tiffanie Lynn Brammer, 18, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Nine months probation; must attend substance abuse classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Gregory Scott Bunton, 31, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 72 days held in abeyance; $815 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Thomas Dwyer, 36, Mount Pleasant. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 62 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $885 in fines and costs.

Edward Peter Stevenson, 52, Royal Oak. Impaired driving. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $950 in fines and costs.

Charles Frank Robinson, 57, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for three days, eight days of community service work in lieu of eight days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $960 in fines and costs.

Dustin Wade Marr, 20, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended-revoked-denied-allow. Sentenced to 93 days in jail.

Justin Forrest Muma, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Jacob Joseph Burns, 18, Mount Pleasant. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; must attend substance abuse classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

RM Direct Building Materials, 111 Wilson Street, East Jordan, by Robert S. Musser and Linda D. Knebl.

Gran-Drelle Custom Painting, 408 W. Hurlbut Street, Charlevoix, by Todd Carpenter.

K Konstruction, 7690 Pincherry Road, Charlevoix, by Kevin Koenigsknecht.

BC Satellite, 818 State Street, Boyne City, by Kelly Woodbury and Christine Woodbury.

Charlevoix Telephone Service, 05919 M66, Charlevoix, by Desmond Milligan.

KZ Foods, Inc. (dba Subway), 114 Water Street, Boyne City, by Julie Kolehmainen.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

John Jay LaDere, 37, Boyne City and Kimberley Kay Kenney, 42, Charlevoix

David Wayne Falting II, 26, Boyne City and Melissa Kathyrn Fruge, 24, Boyne City

Daniel Gerard McCafferty, 36, Beaver Island and Sarah Ruth Myers-Dixon, 29, Beaver Island

Births

Eden Feona Grace Vrondran, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Kevin and Saya Vrondran of East Jordan, on Sept. 19, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her grandparents are John and Susan Vrondran of Boyne City and Tracy and Brenda Malpass of East Jordan.

Jonathan Andrew Hillaker, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Alynna Hillaker and Claude Cutler II of East Jordan, on Sept. 18, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His grandparents are Chuck and Carol Hillaker of East Jordan and Claude and Roselyn Cutler of East Jordan.

Philip Nathanael Klaassen, weighing 11 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Hermann and Elizabeth Klaassen of Boyne City, on Sept. 16, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His sister is Salome Anna. Grandparents are E.T. and L. Cosier of Boyne City and J.H. and Z. Klaassen of Germany.

Kaitlyn Marie Lamb, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to Erin Hawes and David Lamb of East Jordan, on Sept. 20, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her brother is David and sisters are Emily and Amanda. Grandparents are Jerry and Linda Hawes of Boyne City and Dave and Kathy Lamb of Boyne City.

Maxuel Sawyer Dixon, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Brian and Waja Dixon of Charlevoix, on Sept. 21, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His brother is Sam. Grandparents are Evelyn Wujcik of Charlevoix and Mo and Rosemary Dixon of Charlevoix.

Carleigh Alexis Grutsch, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces, was born to Michael David Grutsch and Cortni Alice Cutler of East Jordan, on Sept. 22, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her siblings are Samuel Grutsch and Morgan Grutsch. Grandparents are Gordon and Billie Grody of East Jordan, Claude and Roselyn Cutler of East Jordan and David and Kathy Grutsch of East Jordan.

Sheriff investigating damage to church's crosses

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating the malicious destruction of a display at the Assembly of God Church, M-66 N in Marion Township at approximately 4:30 a.m. Saturday.

According to the sheriff's office, neighbors reported to 9-1-1 that a vehicle was driving through a field of 2000 white crosses, which had been placed as an anti-abortion protest on the church lawn.

Upon arrival the deputy located the suspect's vehicle abandoned in a nearby subdivision. The occupants fled on foot into the woods as the deputy approached.

Investigation has revealed the names of the teenage occupants and the owner of the vehicle involved.

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The incident remains under investigation by the sheriff's office.

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Insect class

On Sept. 23 members of the education staff from the Little Traverse Conservancy brought their Creepy Crawlers program to the North Point Natural Area near Mount McSauba. The group worked with Sara Jonker's second grade class from Charlevoix Elementary School. Jonker's class was learning about insects as a part of their science curriculum. The children huddled around Education Coordinator Marci Birkes as she showed them an insect she found while Jonker looks on.

Courier receives seven ad awards

The Charlevoix Courier's advertising department recently received seven awards from the Michigan Press Association's yearly advertising contest.

"I am honored to receive these awards from the Michigan Press Association," said Charlevoix Courier Advertising Manager Kim Taylor. "I would like to also thank my wonderful and talented graphic design department for making this possible."

For its weekly newspaper class, the Courier was awarded:

- First place — Best special section, for its yearly Charlevoix Community Compass.
- First place — Best ad idea, for its advertisement for the Belvedere Golf Club.
- First place — Best newspaper promotion, for its "Advertising Works — Business Builders" ad.
- Second place — Best use of newspaper art service, for its advertisement for Eye Health of Charlevoix.
- Second place — Best spot color, for its Spring Motown Review advertisement.
- Third place — Best spot color, for its "After the Turkey," Clothing Company ad.
- Third place — Best muli-color ad, for its "Don't Drink and Drive" holiday ad.

The Courier is also awaiting results of the yearly Michigan Press Association's newspaper contest, due out this week. The results of that contest will be published next week.

Corrections

In last week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier, a story on page 8 about the Bite of Beaver Island, should have said the Casino Night will be at the Holy Cross Hall.

Also, in the Sept. 15 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, a photo on page 10 should have noted the donated light came from Spectrus, Inc.

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Lisa Nicola & Mary Ann Hodack won the tournament for the 3rd year straight.

The ladies enjoyed music by Ray J/D.J. The event, founded and coordinated by Sally Nye, raised $1120 for Charlevoix Humane Society.

Sally would like to thank everyone who participated in the tournament and to the individuals & businesses that graciously donated their time or prizes.

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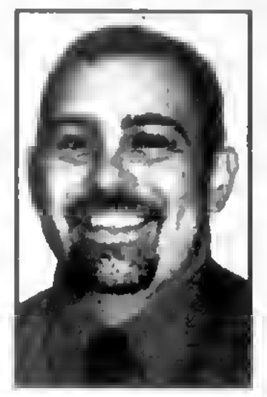
Editor makes an error and fun local politics



Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

Here are a few things that need to be said.

I was wrong

One of the most important things I have learned in my life is you have to admit when you are wrong. And when you write as many editorials and columns as I do, you are going to be wrong, so you might as well fess up when you are — it is the only right thing to do.

Therefore, I was wrong in my last column about handicapped parking in Charlevoix. In looking back on that column, I was too harsh and was not correct.

Due to bad information I had received, I believed that the number of handicapped parking could easily be figured out by just counting the spaces. But, new, correct information, shows that this is only partly the case.

As was pointed out to me, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) uses counting parking spaces as its basic foundation for determining the number of handicapped spaces a parking lot needs. But, it also takes into account the use of those spaces, the services that parking lot is used for and whether or not a community attempted to meet the spirit of the law.

For example, according to Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson, if a parking lot has the minimum number of spaces of handicapped parking out of its total number of parking spaces, it may still be in violation depending on the businesses or organizations it serves. Such as, if a parking lot is located next to a health care facility, then that parking lot may need more handicapped parking spaces than a parking lot located randomly in the center of a town.

Plus, because of these types of gray areas in the ADA, if a community attempts to meet the needs of handicapped individuals with its parking, then it is meeting the spirit of the law.

So, what this means is there is leeway in the ADA when it comes to handicapped parking. Just counting the spaces is only the first step in determining if your community is in compliance.

What I was trying to get at in that column, but failed miserably at doing so, was to say the city should have looked at this problem in the past, especially since the law was enacted 14 years ago. I still have that opinion, but the city has looked at it now and is making changes, which is a very good thing.

In a report submitted to city council last week, Halverson said the city will add at least two more parking spaces and continue to survey handicapped parking in the community.

If, in the future, the community needs more based on further surveys, then Halverson will add more.

So, I stand corrected and apologize for my error.

But, I will not be taking back my challenge for government officials to spend some time in a wheelchair. I believe this will give them new insight into what a handicapped person faces every day, even if it is only for a couple of hours. With this new insight, perhaps they can use it as they design and improve the community in the future.

Politics

The city of Charlevoix has been abuzz lately with politics. This year we have a hotly contested mayoral race and several city council races, in addition to the national races.

Election years make this job a lot of fun. But in every hotly contested election there seems to be murmurs on the street that the local media, namely myself, is biased one way or the other. It seems to be even more intense this year.

I would like to respond by saying I have not taken a stand on any candidate and have not even decided if I will do editorial endorsements this year — I will still be meeting with each of the local candidates though. Rumors stating that I am supporting one candidate over the other are completely false and, if you really knew me, you would know how laughable it is to think I would violate my journalistic principles.

To be honest, since I live in Marion Township, I am just an observer in the city elections. For me to take part in these elections would be like trying to rewrite the end of a story that you are in the middle of reading. I want the election to play itself out without any help from me. That makes it more interesting for me, the observer.

The only issue that I am keenly interested in is which candidates are going to provide an open and accessible government to the citizens.

This is not just because an open government is the best form of democratic government, but also because it makes my job easier. With an open government, I don't have to fight city officials for information and can make sure I am giving my readers as much information as I can in our stories.

Honestly, I wish each of the whoever wins, deserves it and will do a wonderful job representing the people of Charlevoix.

And please, leave me out of this.

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On the record

Thank you

Editor:

The Charlevoix County Junior Golf program enjoyed another splendid summer of golf. We need to take time to publicly thank the many people who have, through the years, contributed to see that young people receive the best opportunity to develop both personal attributes and golf skills. Because of this community involvement, we are able to maintain the level necessary to continue to be among the top 15 programs in the nation as recognized by the National Junior Golf Association. We have very unique features.

First, we are welcomed with open arms at five local courses. For this we have to recognize the interest and commitment of Belvedere Club manager Tom Conlan, Kip Thomas owner/manager of the Charlevoix Country Club, Tom Heid and Tom Bennet of the Charlevoix Municipal Course, Mike Pung and Jeff Smith co-owners of Dunmaglas, and the Antrim Dells head man, Patrick Frinn. Playing at five outstanding courses provides the program with a rare format, not duplicated anyplace in the United States

Second, is the local teaching professionals that donate their time to give outstanding teaching to our juniors. They include: Steve Braun, Scott Blechel, Marty Joy, Steve Good, and Joan Waha. We thank them for their dedication and teaching skills.

Third, is the 35 adult mentors who aid in all aspects of programming our golf product to local youth whether it's walking with playing groups, helping with skill and knowledge testing, or helping with our club loaner program.

Fourth, is our very unique scholarship program that really sets the Charlevoix junior golf apart from all the rest. Deserving juniors receive scholarships to attend Ferris State University's week long golf camp which has proven to be a tremendous maturing and educational experience for the 72 recipients sent thus far. Local support for this program has come in two special events that has produced the necessary finances to fund the huge endeavor. Steve Braun's 100 holes in a day attracts pledges per hole that goes into the scholarship fund as does the Supe' Invitational Scramble, di-

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

Charlevoix School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix High School.

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Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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rected this year by Marty Joy. We thank these two special golf professionals and all the people that provide the funds as well as the many that work behind the scenes at these events.

Fifth, is the many community-minded people that provide used clubs and balls for our program. Ken and Birdie Whitley need to be singled out as they provided five storage boxes of quality balls that enabled our Juniors to have decent balls to play with during the six week program.

As you can see it takes many people to provide a successful program like we have here in Charlevoix. We are fortunate to have the combination of caring people and world-class facilities and a "team work" approach that has made for another spectacular summer of golf for the area's young people. We thank one and all and will see you again next summer when we celebrate our 10th year of Charlevoix Junior Golf.

Dean Davenport
Director
Charlevoix Junior Golf

Protect the flag

Editor:

Medal of Honor Recipient Major General Patrick Brady said, "If the Flag is good enough to cover a coffin, it is good enough to protect."

While American soldiers are establishing democracy in Iraq, and American lawmakers praise their sacrifice and dedication to duty, isn't it ironic that some of these same lawmakers are turning their backs on Old Glory, the very symbol of the values we fight to preserve?

The Flag Amendment, SJR-4, which restores the right of Congress to protect our flag, is at risk of becoming the victim of shameful political gamesmanship. The Flag Amendment has the support of 80 percent of the American people and every state legislature has petitioned for its passage.

The House of Representatives has passed it five times. Yet, SJR-4, was stuck in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Several U.S. Senators recently boycotted Judiciary meetings in an effort to stall the flag amendment in committee. But a grassroots campaign changed that when tens of thousands of e-mails, calls and letters were received by the Senators. Within days the Flag Amendment moved out of committee and awaits Senate floor action. Now, we must ensure the vote will take place in September and get the Senators on record. Many of them want to stall the vote until after the November elections so they won't be accountable to their constituents. We must lift our voices in the fight to return to Congress our right to protect "Old Glory" and give her the honor and respect she deserves. The Flag Amendment is within three votes of succeeding! We need to send a clear message to the opponents, such as Carl Levin, to stop stalling and take a stand and vote!

We need to tell our Senator, who discounts the will of the people and belittles his colleagues who champion flag protection to either step forward in support, or step back out of the way. Let the people decide through the ratification process. It's urgent that Senator Carl Levin hear from you in the next few days and tell him, "We already know the count. You need to make it official. Take a stand and vote. "

We cannot continue to allow the courts to be the final judge in our right to protect the flag! Your support means traditional values — the values our country was founded on — will be upheld. I hope you will join me in wanting to protect the flag of our country.

Our country is at war and our flag leads the way. The flag is worth protecting. It covers the coffins of those we honor who offered their lives in service to our country. We should give our time and full attention to this honorable cause of protecting our Flag.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

Crosses not a protest

Editor:

I am writing in response to the caption under the picture of the 2000 white crosses in last weeks Courier.

The caption read "Church protests with crosses."

This caption does not reflect the motive and the heart behind the project. Not knowing who is responsible for the caption, I would ask if anyone from the Courier inquired of Pastor Ryp Hankins why the church put out the crosses.

I do not believe that any of us that worked on the project of making the crosses felt that we were making a statement to simply protest abortion.

The message was to help us remember that thousands of innocent babies precious to our Heavenly Father never had a chance to be born and live a productive life. The following is a quote from the Bible that speaks of the formation of each new life conceived in the womb.

Psalm 139:13-19 (NKJV): For You formed my inward parts;

You covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

Marvelous are Your works,

And that my soul knows very well.

My frame was not hidden from You,

When I was made in secret,

And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.

And in Your book they all were written,

The days fashioned for me,

When as yet there were none of them.

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;

When I awake, I am still with You.

Every human life was in God's thoughts before the miracle of conception and birth. We only wanted to honor those who never had a chance to be born and fulfill their destiny.

If you pass by the crosses, please remember.

Andrea Mathews
Charlevoix

We were hoodwinked

Editor:

No one really remembers clearly that the number one goal after "9-11" was to end terrorism (weed out al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and the rest of the world). Somehow we began to think about Iraq.

Where al-Qaeda and weapons of mass destruction were not at.

I think we were hoodwinked! Hoodwinked by that elitist crowd that pretends it's not — just because its visible members learned how to speak down-home style.

Perversely, the result has been to increase the threat of terrorism in the U.S. while lining pockets at Haliburton and Bechtel.

Ann McIntyre
Charlevoix

War is a diversion

Editor:

Wake up, Mr. President, Iraq is not getting any better — over 1,029 soldiers dead, countless soldiers maimed for life and tens of thousands Iraqis killed in this illegal war!

This war is purely a diversion because the president could not capture bin Laden and had no idea how to fight terrorists. So, we are 200 billion dollars into Iraq and still no solution to 900,000 jobs lost, 40 million Americans without health care, a failed drug program, a failed "No Child Left Behind" program and high tax give away to the rich and the industrial complex.

It's time to send this cowboy back to his ranch.

Our country will suffer for the next 50 years if he's given another four years.

Paul Richards
Charlevoix

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, September 20, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- The Recreation Authority gave a presentation on the pool millage coming up on the November ballot.
- The Council motioned to table the awarding of an airport landscaping bid.
- Motion adopted to approve the payment of $71,372 for Charlevoix's portion of the MPPA trust fund.
- Motion adopted to approve H & D's bid in the amount of $50,862.52 for street resurfacing and cemetery paving.
- Motion adopted to approve North Country Sanitation's bid for refuse collection.
- Motion adopted to approve sale of surplus snow guns for $3,000.
- Motion adopted to set an informal public hearing October 4, 2004 to gather input from the community regarding banning dogs from East Park.
- Motion adopted to set a public hearing October 4, 2004 for the proposed dangerous animal ordinance.

Council adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Gabe Campbell, Mayor

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Annual Lorentz family reunion was a success

A reunion of the descendants of Anthony and Mary Braun Lorentz was given in Boyne City on the weekend of Sept. 10-12.

Those in attendance were all descendants of this German and Canadian-born couple and represented, in many cases, the sixth generation of several early Charlevoix, Antrim, Emmet, Cheboygan, Otsego, Grand Traverse and Mackinaw County pioneer families.

The weekend began on Friday morning when the group met at the Boyne District Library for a day of family research and exchange, followed by a dinner gathering at Pippins Restaurant in Boyne City.

Saturday's day long gathering was in the Whiting County Park log building. Money was raised to fund future reunions and an impressive sum was also collected for a tombstone project, which has been proposed by the group. Ticket sales were also used for a 50/50 drawing and door prize giveaways. A wide variety of items were awarded throughout the day. The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Nancy Niver Peck. A family crossword puzzle contest was also held and won by Kim Tripp and Edie Guise Tripp. Group and individual photographs were taken to commemorate the event, after a luncheon had been served Saturday afternoon. A number of family heirlooms and informational items were also on display on both days of the reunion.

On Saturday the group enjoyed an afternoon of mingling and meeting family members with an old-fashioned cookout later in the day. Awards were presented to the oldest attending relative (Lawrence Richey) and youngest attending relatives (Taylor and Madison Lorentz.) The award for greatest distance traveled was divided among three families (Larry and Marie Knapp, Bob and Janet Knapp Emerson, Sharla Gregg and Betty Kelley), and for least distance traveled (Caroline McCleary). The newest great-grandmother award went to Agnes Tornblom, and a "picture perfect" award was presented to reunion photographer, Bob Emerson. Many additional awards and notes of recognition were also given- including a handmade quilt, which had been signed by reunion attendees and presented to organizer, Patrick McCleary.

On Sunday morning the/group gathered for breakfast at the Boyne River Brewery in Boyne City before departing for home.

Those attending this year's event were: Margaret Kelley Brabant, Sault Ste. Marie; Leola Scott Carter, Charlevoix; Steven Detzler, Utica; Bob and Janet Knapp Emerson, Renton, Wash.; Sharla Knapp Gregg, Quemado, N.M.; Mary Basler Hoffer, Kentwood; Betty Kelley, Gallup, N.M.; Nancy Kelley, St. Louis, Mo.; Lawrence and Marie Schambron Knapp, Gleneden Beach, Or.; Dan and Erin Lorentz and children, Taylor and Madison, Six Lakes; Irene Smolarz Lorentz, Gaylord; Caroline Lemons McCleary, Boyne City; Patrick McCleary, Alanson; Donald and Saipin Moses, Louise Lemons Moses, Carol Moses Rowell, Ron and Terri Moses Sluis, all of Spring Lake; Ray Niver, Gladwin; Nancy Niver Peck, Gladwin; Kay Doane Richey and Lawrence Richey, Traverse City; Jim and Eva Goldner Sneathen, Grand Rapids; Rex and Maxine Stark-Behling and Margaret Howard Behling, Boyne City; Sue Hedden Seymour and Dave Hedden, Petoskey; Agnes Nelson Tornblom, Big Rapids; Kim Carter Tripp, Matt Tripp and Thomas and Edie Guise Tripp, all of Rockford.

The next Lorentz Family Reunion is scheduled to be on the weekend of Sept. 9-11, 2005. Any descendants of the following early northern Michigan families are encouraged to contact the reunion coordinator and are invited to attend: William and Mary Burns Fitzpatrick; Charles and Anna Burns Lucas; Edgar and Zoa Knapp Taylor; Ray and Sadie Knapp Niver; Ralph and Flossie Welch Nelson; John and Maude Knapp Noble; Albert and Eva Knapp Schluttenhoffer; Horace and Ruth Knapp Broyles; Vaulleney and Barbara Knapp Mitchell; Allison and Georgie Meyer Knapp; Roy and Hazel Smith Knapp; Stephen and Mary Lorentz Lemons; Roscoe and Hattie Cook Lorentz; Earl and Flossie Lorentz Willoughby; Guy and Reda Lorentz Scott; Margaret Kennedy and Guy Lorentz Sneathen; Wilbur and Maxine Lynch Lorentz; Carl and Lorraine Lorentz Gerard; Clarence and Beatrice Lorentz Williams; Stanley and Clarice Lorentz Helmka; Cecil and Iris Lawson Murray; Lawrence and Helen Millhouse Richey; Lloyd and Florence Whitman Lorentz; Stanley and Hazel Lorentz Wolfgang; Clifford and IdaMae Lorentz Roberts; Wilbur and Patricia Cline Lorentz; and William and Leda Lorentz Rentschler.

Anyone wishing to inquire on their connections to these families, contribute information for the family trees, histories or photograph albums, get on the reunion mailing list or into the private family web site, please contact Patrick McCleary at (2312) 348-8255 or Patrick@northlink.net.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
September 21	74	55	—
September 22	80	57	—
September 23	78	55	—
September 24	85	55	—
September 25	79	61	—
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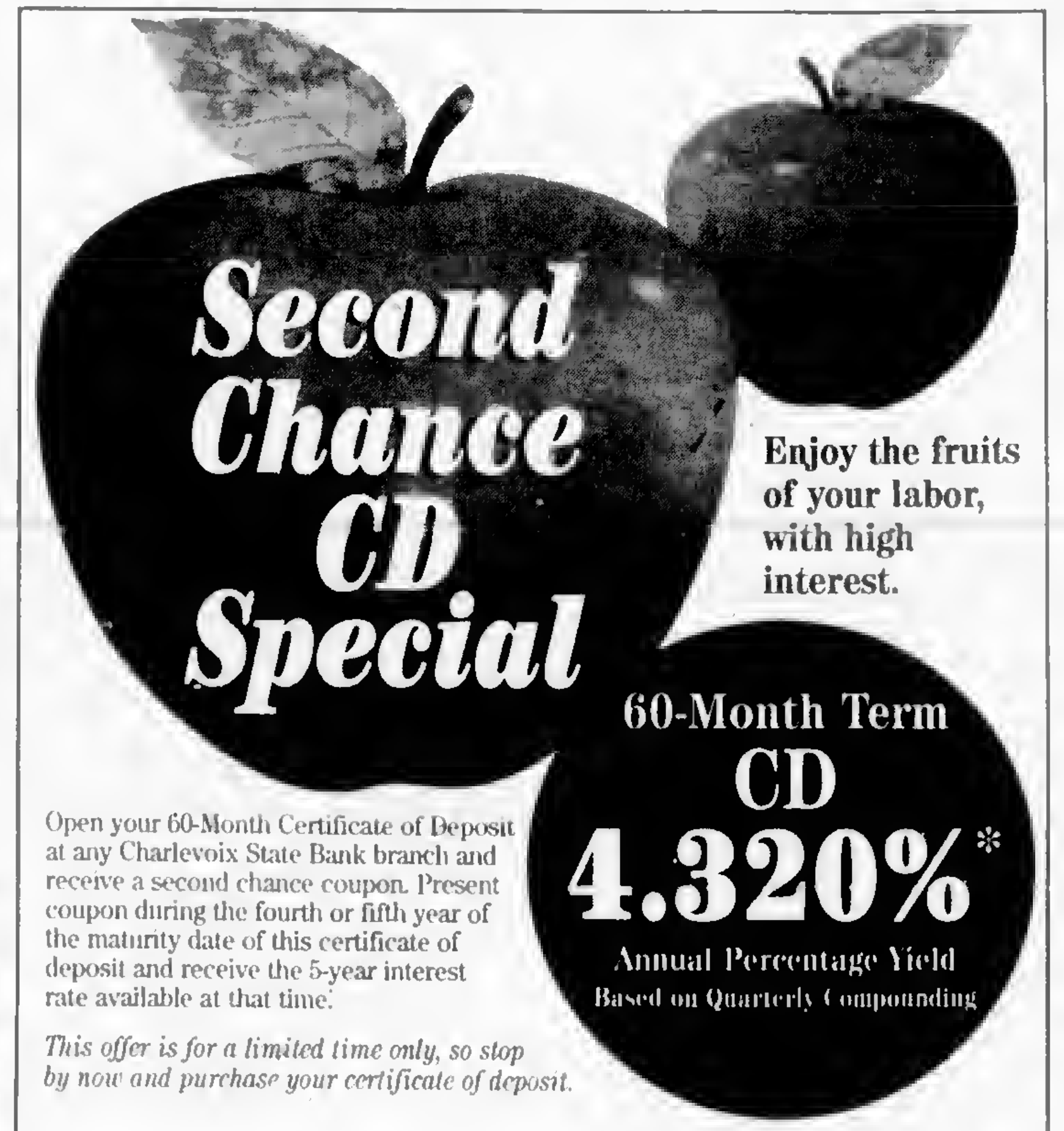

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Hole-in-one

Mike Smith scored a hole-in-one on Sept. 16 at the Dunmaglas Golf Club. Smith was on the sixteenth hole, when he shot 120 yards with a seven iron for the honor. It was witnessed by Jeff Smith.

Another hole-in-one

J.D. Speigl, of Charlevoix, scored a hole-in-one on Sept. 25 at the Charlevoix Golf Club. It was witnessed by his father, Jim Speigl. He did it on a par three hole, using a three iron from the blue tee.

Sell performs at Kennedy Center

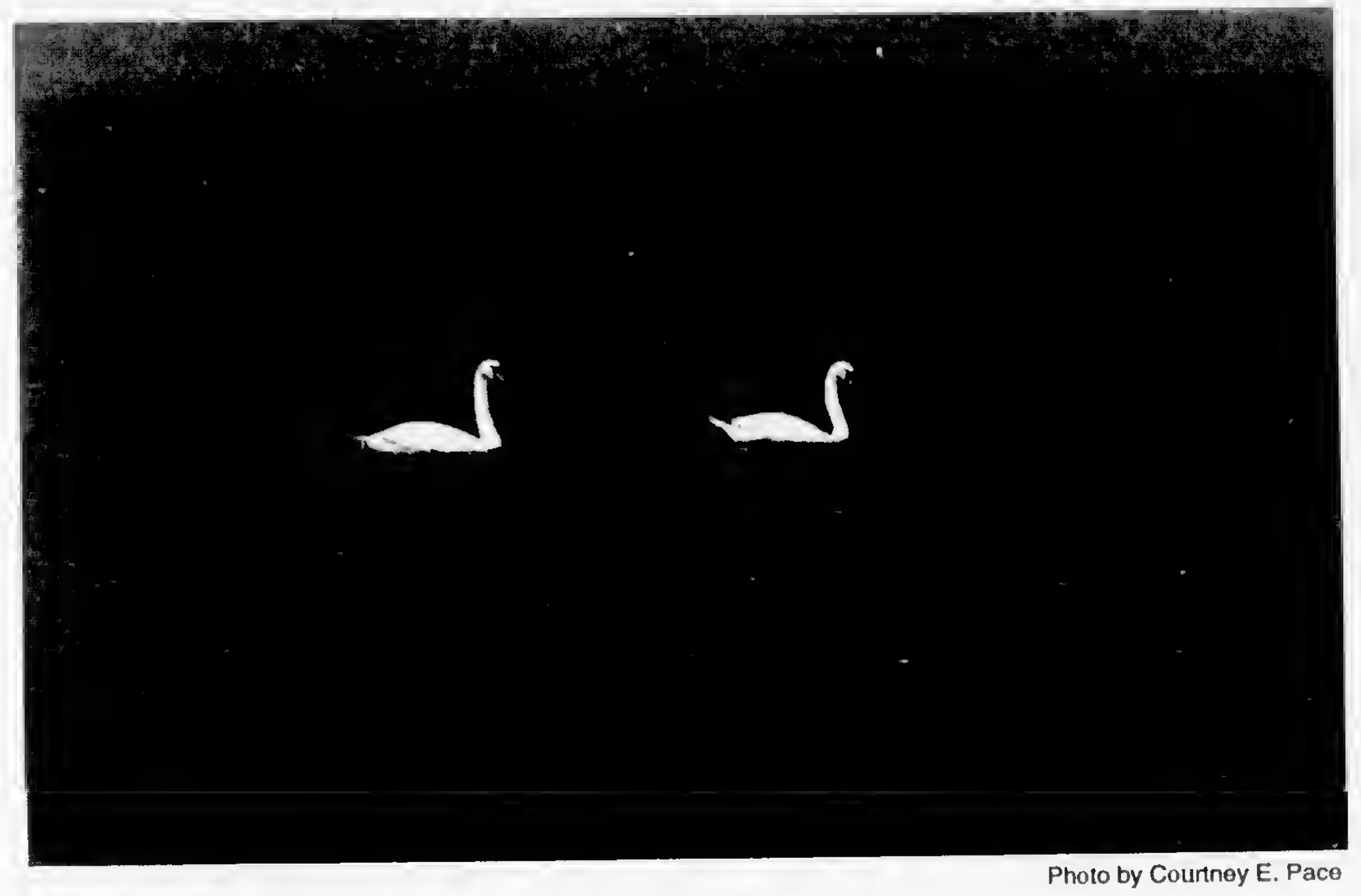
Jonathan Sell, a 2000 graduate of Charlevoix High School, recently performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. as part of the American College Theatre Festival. He was in the cast of "Good Morning Athens," a rock musical written by University of Wyoming student Sean Keogh. "Good Morning Athens" ran April 14 and 15. Sell is currently working for the University of Wyoming and will be taking classes there this fall.

Jones gets Grand Champion award

Ashley Jones, of Charlevoix, received Grand Champion Reserve in Steer Showmanship at the 2004 Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair. She is 16 and a senior at Charlevoix High School and has been a member of the Charlevoix 4-H for the Pioneers Club. Her project areas include market steers and swine.

Slocum deployed

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Phillip N. Slocum, son of Debby and Rod Slocum, of Charlevoix, recently departed on a routine scheduled deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to the guided-missle destroyer USS Hopper. Slocum is a 2001 graduate of Petoskey High School.



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Relaxing swim

Two swans relaxed in Lake Michigan while enjoying the warm day on Sept. 23 at the North Point Natural Area near Mount McSauba.

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Ragamuffins to perform Angel Flight

The Ragamuffin Theater and Company will be presenting the drama, "Angel Flight 777," at 7 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 2 and at 8:30 and 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3.

The drama is a modern analogy of the biblical story, "The Rich Man and Lazarus," and will include, musical numbers with choreography and comedy. All presentations are free to the public and will be held in the gymnasium of Eastport Baptist Church. The church is located on M-88 Highway in Eastport, one half mile off of US-31.

Ragamuffin Theater and Company, directed by Kathleen Whittaker, is a troupe that is located in Charlevoix and has done a number of theater presentations in the area.

Their most recent presentation was, "A Little Princess." For more information about the troupe visit. www.ragamuffintheater.com.

For more information about the church call (231) 599-2122. All are welcome.

Obituaries

Joan E. Hansen: Dec. 22, 1928 — Sept. 20, 2004

Joan E. Hansen, 75, of Charlevoix, passed away Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at her home.

Mass of the Resurrection was Friday, Sept. 24, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Thomas Neis will officiate and interment will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Joan was born in Bay City, Dec. 22, 1928, the daughter of Philip and Rita (Groulx) Grandmaison. She moved to Charlevoix in her late teens and married Edward P. Hansen on Jan. 31, 1948, in Bay City.

Joan is the beloved mother of nine daughters. She was a member of St. Mary's Church and St. Mary's Altar Society in Charlevoix. She worked as a nurse's aid, then as admitting clerk at Charlevoix Area Hospital for over 20 years, retiring in 2001.

Joan is survived by eight daughters, Paulette (Stan) Hoover of Boyne City; Rebecca (Dan) Berg of Charlevoix; Annette (Philip) Halasz of South Bend, Ind.; Rochelle (Richard) Klein of Wausau, Wis.; Heidi (William) Miller of Mesa, Ariz.; Gayle (Thomas) Krasean of Osceola, Ind.; Andrea (George) Schachow of Cedar Springs; Melissa Hansen-Mike Epley of Petoskey; 20 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; sisters Madonna Laleman, Magdelene Bushong; brother Donald (Nancy) Grandmaison of Bay City; and many wonderful friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Edward P.; daughter, Trudy; two brothers and three sisters. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital or Saint Mary's School.

Margaret Morris Kirby: Sept. 24, 1917 - Sept. 22, 2004

Margaret Morris Kirby, 86, of Charlevoix, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Margaret was born Sept. 24, 1917, in Hamilton, Ontario, the daughter of Charles and Clara (Fairles) Whyte. She moved to the United States as a young girl, and on Sept. 27, 1942, she married Robert W. Kirby.

They lived in Royal Oak, and moved to Charlevoix in 1981.

Margaret attended Wayne State University, and a Detroit area business college. She worked as a homemaker, and was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Congregation in East Jordan.

She is survived by husband, Robert Kirby of Charlevoix; sons, Craig (Jane) Kirby, of Charlevoix, Stephen (Abby) Kirby of Ann Arbor; grandchildren, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Corinne, Christopher, Sarah and Candace Kirby.

There will be no services held. Arrangements were handled by the Winchester Funeral Home.

Prudence Selover: Died Sept. 25, 2004

Prudence Selover, 76, of Holland, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004 at Holland Community Hospital.

Prudence was a member of Hope Reformed Church. She graduated from Holland High School and Hope College. While at Hope College, she was an organ major and was a member of the Sigma Sigma Sorority. She was active in several musical circles in the Holland area. She sang for many years in the Holland Chorale and was a church soloist for several years. She was active for many years in the Hope Church Women's Guild.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Lloyd Alton Haskin II.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Carl Selover of Holland; her children, Prudence Carlene and Lawrence Kurtz of East Jordon, Renee and Steve Schrems of Zeeland, Lloyd and Theresa Selover of Holland, Conrad Selover of Holland; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Patricia and Edward Roberts of Holland, Phyllis and Joseph (Bud) DeNeve of West Olive; her brother-in-law, Robert and Patricia Selover of New Brunswick, N.J., sister-in-law, Justa Quackenbush of Kissimmee, Fla.

Funeral Services for Prudence will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Hope Reformed Church, 77 West 11th Street, in Holland, with the Rev. Gordon Wiersma officiating.

Visitation was on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Burial will take place at Lakewood Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be given to Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.

Arrangements by Dykstra Funeral Homes, Northwood Chapel, www.lifestorynet.com.

Ronald L. Sitzema, Jr.: Nov. 23, 1952 - Sept. 25, 2004

Ronald L. Sitzema Jr., 51, of Ellsworth died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey surrounded by his living family.

He was born Nov. 23, 1952 in Charlevoix, the son of Ronald L. Sr. and Wilma (Thorp) Sitzema.

On May 21, 1971, he married Gail Burns in Ellsworth where they made their home.

Ron was employed at Lexalite/Spectrus and was vice-president of Research and Development. He was a long-standing member of the Illuminating Engineering Society and held multiple patents on various lighting applications. He was an expert in roadway lighting.

Ron was a member of the NRA and Ducks Unlimited. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Ron loved Native American Culture and enjoyed collecting coins, antique guns, knives and stamps. In the last few years he has been working with his parents and brothers on a hunting and a hobby farm.

Surviving are his wife Gail; children, Jason Sitzema, his daughter, Asya, and friend, Julie Curtis, of Central Lake, Kyle (Robin) Sitzema and children, Joshua and Sarah, of Charlevoix; Kari Andrews and friend, John Andrews, of Charlevoix; his parents, Ronald L. Sr. and Wilma Sitzema of Charlevoix; brothers Gregory (Patty) Sitzema of Charlevoix, Steven (Cindy) Sitzema of Charlevoix, sister Dawn (Tim) Shufflin of Jerome.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004 at Belltower Reformed Church with the Rev. Jeff Walton officiating. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pan CAN Society, 2221 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 131, El Segundo, Calif., 90245, phone (877) 272-6226.

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church....547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer....536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher....547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green....547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson ....547-2654 or -5168

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State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Father Jim Gunn....547-6322

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205 Clinton Street

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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
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President Michael Robbins....588-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore....547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Phone....588-7805

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Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace....588-7455

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203 E. Upright

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101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

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Traditional Worship	9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner & Program	6:00 p.m.

Reverend Mary Willis....547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
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Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Mike Mitchell....237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen....347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Geri Litchfield....582-9262

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Pastor: Harold E. Kruse....599-2321

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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

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Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm

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Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
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Airport landscaping tabled at council meeting

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Municipal Airport is working toward beautifying its entrance and parking lot with different varieties of trees and stone.

At the Sept. 20 Charlevoix City Council meeting, the project was tabled until the Oct. 4 meeting, due to some questions concerning using $130,000 from the infrastructure fund to help finance the landscaping project.

The project will feature 4 inch to 8 inch granite cobble and different colored trees, which will designate the various parking lots.

Airport Manager Karyn Brooks said the project is asking for money from the city instead of using the federal grant money the airport receives due to Federal Aviation Administration guidelines.

"It is simply a ruling of the FAA that funding is only available for certain items on airport property and landscaping is not one of them," she said.

Brooks said the FAA and the Bureau of Aeronautics don't look to aesthetics, but primarily fund items that serve the use of the aircraft.

"Charlevoix is the one that cares about aesthetics," she said.

During the meeting, Third Ward council member Shirley Gibson questioned why the million-dollar grant money can't be used to fund the project.

Gibson said she supported making the airport beautiful, but thought it was a good idea to hold off on a decision due to the cut in state revenue the city may receive (due to state budget cuts), the CCMS check ordeal and various other items currently facing the city.

First Ward councilmember Bob Timms said he is against using money from the infrastructure fund to finance other ventures.

During the meeting, First Ward council member Bill Haggard said he just wants to see the project completed. Haggard said he doesn't like to see money used for something other than infrastructure, but said that money was already budgeted for this use.

Timms said council wasn't given a lot of time to study the budget this year. He said just because the project is in the budget doesn't mean the city has to spend money on it.

Brooks said the airport secured a low-cost loan and was approved for the budget by council. However, she said we still have to wait and see if council still goes through with their initial approval.

Brooks said she is disappointed in regards to the delay in a decision because of the planting time necessary to allow the trees to take root.

Once the trees are planted they will need to be watered until they are established. Brooks said an estimated cost for maintenance is $1,000 to $2,000.

Brooks said this cost is already allocated for the project. The only other foreseen cost is to use herbicide to kill any weeds that may grow up through the stone.

At the meeting Dave Scott, Third Ward City Council candidate and pilot, suggested having grass islands with petunias on them. He said the petunias are already taken care of during the year and this would be one more stop along the way.

Brooks said the weeding and mowing involved would cost more than the current design.

Pink Ribbon Ride a success once again in Boyne

Bike4BreastCancer has come to Michigan, and the women of this Northern Michigan community will benefit greatly from its efforts.

Founded in 1996 by President Kathy Betz of Bel Air, Maryland, the organization strives to raise awareness of the devastation of breast cancer, and to provide the latest information relating to all aspects of breast cancer detection and treatment. Rather than raising funds for all important research and treatment programs, Bike4BreastCancer prefers to involve itself at the grass roots level, by sponsoring individual Pink Ribbon Rides in small towns and cities throughout the country, and utilizing the proceeds within the community.

The organization currently sponsors pink ribbon rides in Havre De Grace, MD; Greenbelt, MD, and Boyne City and has to date raised over $50,000 for local programs.

In 2002, when word of this effort reached Boyne City resident Kathy McDonald, herself a breast cancer patient and avid cyclist, she knew it would be perfect for her community, and set about organizing the annual event. McDonald herself did not survive to participate in the inaugural ride in 2003, but the support of friends, family, and countless volunteers see that her dream of helping others stays alive.

At its second annual Pink Ribbon Ride in memory of Kathy McDonald, the Charlevoix/Emmet County Chapter (Boyne City) of Bike4BreastCancer raised over $16,000 bringing its total contribution over two years to $26,383. Proceeds from the events are donated to Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation and Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, to assist them in their efforts to provide education, support programs, and mammogram screenings for those in need throughout the Northern Michigan service area.

This year's ride, at Veterans Park in Boyne City, included 98 participants from across the state. Riders chose one of three routes based on their skill levels. Local businesses and residents donated supplies, food, drink, prizes and even the Ironton Ferry was kept busy as it transported pink-ribbon-clad riders during the final leg of their 42-mile journey around Lake Charlevoix.

Other routes took riders through town on a 17-mile ride to the Ferry, or on a simple spin around the park. As a result, Bike4BreastCancer is once again helping the women of Northern Michigan understand that a diagnosis of breast cancer need not be a death sentence.

Plans for the Third Annual Pink Ribbon Ride are already underway, as the organization prepares for another event on June 18, 2005.

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- Doctors have left NMH since the strike began and are seeing patients in other local hospitals.
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"Business as Usual" will be returned to NMH when the trustees finally decide to bargain in good faith so a fair and equitable agreement can be reached with their RNs. If you believe that a return of the experienced RNs is in the best interest of the community and NMH, please let NMH know by calling (231) 487-4000.

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Council resolves Georgi issue

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

At the Sept. 20 meeting, Charlevoix City Council voted to resolve the issue between the city and Charlevoix resident Richard E. Georgi.

The council voted to allow Georgi to continue operating his sprinkler system and also voted to create a drainage swale through the berm area of Georgi's property to allow for drainage from the street to and flow into Michigan Beach Park area.

At the meeting Georgi said the water was gathering in pools in the front of his yard and he was simply trying to rectify the problem by putting in a drain and apologized for doing so.

At the meeting, Georgi said he would like to see the city maintain the park.

Mayor Gabe Camphell said Georgi can leave his sprinkler system in as long as he comes to the city first next time.

"I don't have a problem with someone trying to make it better," Campbell said. "I have a problem with doing something on city property."

Although Georgi pays for the water himself, the issue actually dates back to when Georgi put his driveway in, which extends onto city property. It became an issue when pavement was being put in.

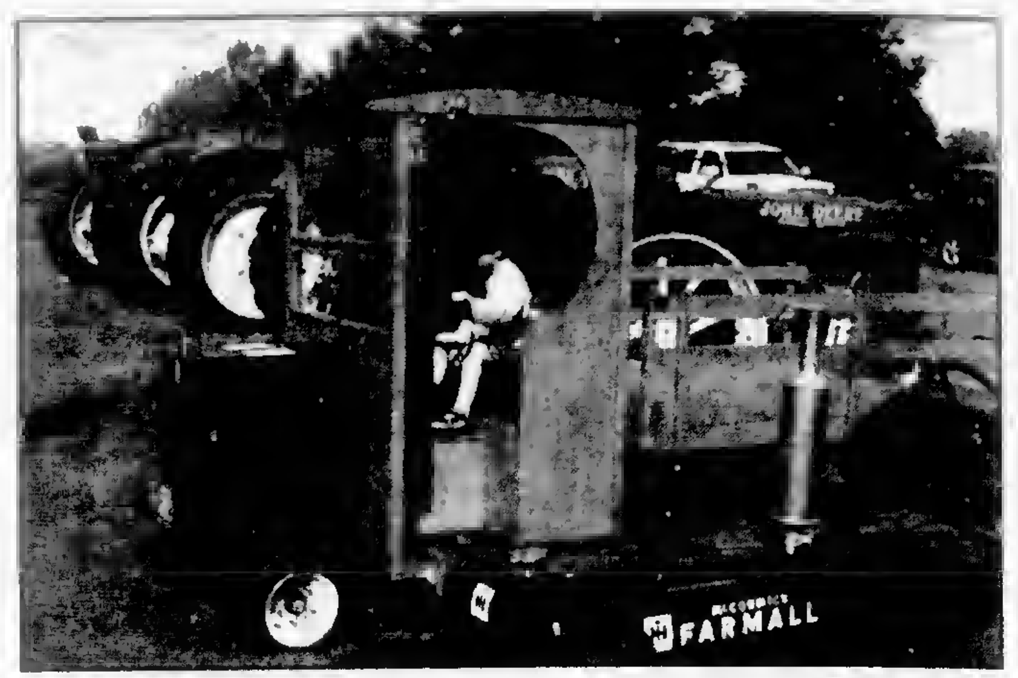
Georgi said in a past interview that the driveway has been there for more than 50 years and could he his property due to adverse possession.

That is not the case, however, because the laws changed and Georgi found it easier to sign an agreement waiving his right to claim the small part of Michigan Beach Park as his in order to keep the driveway where it is.

A few months hack, the city was upset that Georgi had installed a sprinkler system in his yard because it is technically on city property and waters city grass.

Georgi said he has lived in his home for 32 years and has been watering the city property for 20 years. The sprinkler system is relatively new, but since he signed an estopple agreement waiving his right to ownership, Georgi said he doesn't see the harm in watering the land.

Georgi said he waters the grass because if he didn't the city wouldn't and then the grass would turn brown.



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Delivery man

D. J. Wood, 2, of Kalamazoo, trys out an antique delivery truck at Friske's Farm Market on US-31 in Atwood Saturday. The market was having its annual fall harvest festival.

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Hello there!

Ashley Gall, 11, of Rochester Hills, gets greeted by a goat at Friske's Farm Market on Saturday. The market was hosting its annual fall harvest festival.

Rotary Club to host bluegrass band at Charlevoix High School

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix Rotary Club will be bringing a little bluegrass to Charlevoix, in addition to helping out the high school students.

At 7:30 p.m., Oct. 22, the internationally renowned bluegrass band Mountain Heart, and bluegrass bands from Charlevoix and Fife Lake, will be performing at Charlevoix High School.

"This is the biggest bluegrass band in the nation right now," Charlevoix Rotary Cluh member Dennis Halverson said. "It should be a lot of fun."

The $25 tickets are being sold at the Charlevoix High School varsity home foothall games on Oct. 1 and Oct. 15. They are also being sold at Eye Health of Charlevoix, the Bridge Street Book Shop and during Apple Festival on Oct. 9 in downtown Charlevoix.

You can also get tickets by calling Linda Atkins at 547-4165 or Treasure Eggers at 547-1327.

All seats are reserved hy huying a ticket.

Money received from the tickets will go to the Charlevoix Rotary Club's Strive program for high school students and help huy the high school band new uniforms.

According to a press release on Mountain Heart, the hand has been awarded Emerging Artist of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association. They also earned a International Bluegrass Music Association nomination for Vocal; Group of the year in 2001 and have received the rare standing ovation at the Grand Ole Opry.

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At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

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Class of 1984

Charlevoix's Class of 1984 celebrated their twentieth class reunion on Saturday, July 17, 2004 at the Charlevoix Yacht Club

Front row (from left): Lisa (Mosher) Cinnamon, Alec Sheets, Jeff Novotny, Shawn Harnett, Boogie Carlson, Mike Ford, Kelly Bales, Lisa (McDonough) Nichols, Mary (Newton) Coyne, Jeff Kelly.

Second row: Tammy (Southwood) Nalevayko, Kay (Scharenbroch) Gibbons, Jill Franklin, Lena (Weber) Broman, Glenda (Clark) Russell, Lori (Ager) Zoerner, Becky (Russell) McLellan, Debra Seelye, Pat Mitchell, Neil Wimmer, Lee Allard, Karolyn (Bearss) Peebles.

Third row: Dan Buday, Scott Miller, Tim LaBlance, Shawn McLelland, David Goss, Shelley (Davis) Stevens, Carrie (Richardson) LaBlance, Amy (Sell) Bartling, Pam (Drury) Barnes, Missy (Walker) Mason, Geoff Reynolds, Dean Dryer, Andre Fiedler, Jacque (Erber) Hahn, Jeff Zednick, Brian Hoffman, Chris Gibbons.

Fourth row: Laura (Henry) Farmer, Colleen (Bartling) Giulianas, Bob Jones, Lisa (Heckendorn) Locke, Kim (Snizik) Drabik, Beth (Jones) Walters, Mary (Lenhart) Edger, Bill Taylor, Matt Landon, Wayne Bergmann, Dane Tollas, Bill Tillen, Mike Donnelly.

Crooked Tree Arts Center to offer strings program

It's back to school time for the Crooked Tree Arts Center's Beginning and Intermediate String Program.

Robert Dudd, Dorothy Gerber, chair for Children and Music will be visiting area schools starting this week.

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The Crooked Tree Arts Center's Beginning Strings Program is a community effort, as it requires the cooperation of the Arts Center, school districts, educators and parents.

Support of the Beginning Strings Program is provided generously through the Dorothy Gerber Chair for Children and Music and the Gerber Music Education Program. This anonymous gift enhances the Arts Center's efforts to bring music education to the young people of Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

The Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra and the Beginning Strings Program directly benefit from the gift, named in memory of the work of Mrs. Gerber.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located downtown Petoskey at 461 E. Mitchell Street. For more information regarding the strings program, please call the Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
October 4, 2004 - 7:00 pm

The Charlevoix City Council will hold an informal, informational public hearing on Monday, October 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. Council is considering banning dogs in East Park and the purpose of the hearing is for comments and input from the community.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk September 27, 2004 8:00 a.m.

Hospital tours for children to be given

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is offering free hospital tours to school-aged children in the community.

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Mayor candidates discuss issues at city airport

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With all the new developments currently underway at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport such as two new taxiways and hangar development, mayoral candidates Gabe Campbell and Norman "Boogie" Carlson take a closer look.

Gabe Campbell

Norman Carlson

Incumbent Campbell thinks the airport is coming along nicely.

"Well, I think the airport has improved wonderfully," he said. "I'm real happy with the airport."

Campbell said he is happy that CEMEX is donating 5,000 tons of limestone, which MDC Contracting commonly known as Manthei will give back as a $5,000 donation to the airport.

One thing Campbell is not happy about is the airport asking for $130,000 from the infrastructure fund to finance their landscaping project.

Campbell said with money being tight this year due to budget cuts in the state, he doesn't want to see money going toward something that can be held off a few years in order to keep essential services for the citizens of Charlevoix.

"If money is getting tight, then we're going to have to look at it really close in the next budget," he said.

Instead of using that $130,000 from infrastructure on the airport, Campbell thinks it should be used to put a sidewalk in along Park Avenue so people can be safe while strolling along Michigan Beach Park.

"We don't have to spend it on the airport all in one year," he said. "The sidewalk is more important."

Even though he thinks the airport landscaping project can wait, Campbell thinks it's a wonderful idea and said the current design should be kept.

"It's not really the end of the world if it doesn't get done this year or the next," he said.

Campbell also said the city needs to wait and see if it will be fined for the CCMS check ordeal before it allocates anymore money.

Originally the contract with Island Airways was granted without being put out for bidding and Campbell thinks that was wrong.

He said he wonders why the city would have been reluctant to put the contract out for bidding when it's required.

"We should go by the Charter," he said.

Candidate Carlson said he thinks the upgrades the airport is currently undergoing are good, especially since the parking lot has been needed for awhile.

Carlson said he doesn't think the Charter was broken when the contract was initially signed between the City of Charlevoix and Island Airways.

"As I understand, everything was followed according to the Charter," he said.

Carlson said City Attorney Jim Young gave his opinion that everything was followed and done according to the Charter.

"Putting something up for bid is good," he said. "But cheaper is not always better."

Carlson said he thinks if the city was comfortable with their dealings with Island Airways then they made the right choice.

However, he said if the Charter said that particular contract should have gone out for bidding then it should have.

But, if everything was followed according to the Charter and it wasn't required to be put out then he doesn't have a problem with it going to Island Airways.

Carlson said lowering the land lease fees from 79 cents to 70 cents may bring in more interest to the airport. But, if it doesn't there won't be a loss of income for the city since nothing had been developed in the past few years.

"I have limited dealings with the airport because I'm not a pilot," he said. "I fly out once or twice a year."

With that knowledge, Carlson said he thinks the airport is run well and has never had a problem.

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City council candidates discuss airport

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The city airport is currently undergoing some projects that will enhance features already in place such as new taxiways and paving an earthen path used by some pilots.

With the Nov. 2 elections drawing near, Charlevoix City Council candidates take a closer look.

Incumbent Bill Haggard said he thinks the airport is progressing nicely with the new developments currently underway.

"It's another access into town," he said. "It's a beautiful terminal."

With progress underway, Haggard said City Council and the general public could be informed more about what is occurring out at the airport.

"It's one of those things that if you don't have enough meetings people think there's something funny going on," he said.

The original contract between Island Airways and the city wasn't put out for bid, which the City Charter states it must be for goods and services over $20,000.

Haggard said he has to rely on the advice of City Attorney Jim Young, who said the contract didn't need to be bid out.

He also said that even if the contract had been bid out there wasn't much interest.

"I'm 100 percent for Island Airways," he said. "I think they do a tremendous job out there on Beaver Island and on the Charlevoix side."

The airport receives over $1 million in federal grant money each year, but is asking the city for $130,000 to fund its landscaping project. The money is to come from infrastructure funds.

Haggard, who is opposed to using money from infrastructure to finance non-infrastructure projects, said he just wants to see the airport project completed. He said he'd like to see more grant money being used, but would need to investigate the situation more.

Haggard said he has heard that there are certain aspects the Bureau of Aeronautics won't let the airport use money on, such as landscaping.

Candidate Rebecca Doan said she money in the infrastructure fund should be going toward the upkeep of Charlevoix's roads, curbs and sewer.

"I am totally against spending $130,000 on landscaping at the airport," she said. "It's a ridiculous way to spend taxpayer's money."

Doan said city money shouldn't be used in such a manner since the city doesn't know if insurance will cover the CCMS check or how much money they are going to receive from the state this year due to budget cuts.

Since the airport already receives over $1 million in federal grant money, Doan would like to see more grants being used to fund things such as landscaping.

"I always agree with looking at grants first," she said.

In order to keep track of how that money is being spent, Doan said she'd like to see a more detailed budget issued in a monthly report. The report would state what the grant money has accomplished and what the city hopes it will.

The land lease fee was lowered from 79 cents per square foot to 70 cents per square foot by the City Council during the Aug. 16 meeting. This was done in order for the airport to keep a potential renter interested because they had been quoted the price as being 70 cents.

"I disagree," Doan said. "It should have been kept at 79 cents."

Doan said only time will tell whether or not all the current developments at the airports will bring more people to Charlevoix.

"I believe that's their hope," she said.

Incumbent Karen I. Campbell said she thinks the development is great, especially since CEMEX is providing the limestone being used to prepare for paving of access ways to the main taxilane area.

"It's wonderful we don't have to pay that many thousands of dollars for stone," she said.

Campbell said the airport is now letting council and Charlevoix residents know what is going on due to Third Ward candidate and Charlevoix resident Dave Scott.

She said Scott's experience as a pilot enabled him to have a better understanding of what was occurring at the airport, which most of the council members don't.

Campbell has issues with the layout of the parking lot since winter is right around the corner. She said all the islands will make it more difficult to plow once snow falls.

Campbell added, the contract with Island Airways should have been put out for bidding,

And even though the airport receives federal grant money, Campbell doesn't mind city dollars being used to fund projects for now.

Campbell said the airport doesn't need to continue building fancy things out there, but just make the airport efficient and get it done.

"I just think we need to fix that up for the people who use it," she said.

Candidate Alvin "Butch" Russell was unable to be reached for comment by press time.

Incumbent Sherman Chamberlain Jr. said he thinks the airport is good for the Charlevoix economy.

But, Chamberlain said the airport is used by a select few and usually isn't brought up in conversation unless the person is using or dealing with it.

"The typical citizen doesn't really show a lot of concern over the airport," he said.

Chamberlain said the two most common comments he hears from people who deal with the airport is the price of fuel and the length of the runway.

Chamberlain, who flies periodically to Beaver Island for business, said he is impressed with how the airport has grown over the years since he first flew to Beaver Island in 1970.

Chamberlain added, the contract with Island Airways was not in violation of the City Charter,

"First of all, the City Attorney (Jim Young) made the comment about when dealing with goods and services and dealing with safety you don't need to take the lowest bid," Chamberlain said.

Chamberlain said Island Airways was up against a "mom-and-pop" operation and was granted the contract because of safety reasons and the fact that Island Airways could survive the winter months in regards to business.

"I am convinced having someone other than the city operate the airport is more economical for the taxpayers," he said.

He said the grants awarded to the airport are usually allocated for specific items. He said having a master plan allows the city see where money is needed.

"Channel your money in an organized manner to meet the goals of the community," he said.

Chamberlain said he hopes the lowered land lease fee from 79 cents to 70 cents will bring more people into airport and Charlevoix.

"I think the airport's been making more and more improvements over the years," he said. "It's a hidden gem in the community."

Candidate Dave Scott, who is a pilot himself, said the airport could run more efficiently than it does and in turn, make money to support itself.

"I don't want the city to spend a penny on that airport," Scott said. "It should be self-funding."

The $1 million in federal grant money that the airport receives should be utilized in a manner that would lessen the amount of direct city dollars being used to fund different projects, Scott said.

"I strongly support setting up a permanent committee to oversee the airport because we are spending precious city money when it should be generating revenue," he said. "That's just evidence that the city manager has done an ineffectual job of managing the airport."

The one mistake the city made in regards to the airport, Scott said, is that it handed over the contract to Island Airways without putting it out for bids.

"That's a direct, absolute violation of the city ordinance," he said.

Scott said the city council has

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The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission meeting scheduled for October 20th will not be held on that evening. It has been rescheduled for October 13th at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Chairperson, Nancy Rajewski, at 547-5364.

Carol Martin,
Charlevoix Township Clerk

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CASE NO. 20020140

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The proposed sale is being placed on the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Agenda for public comment prior to being approved by the MDNR Director. The next meeting of the Natural Resources Commission is scheduled at the following date, time and location:

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4:30 P.M.
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Public appearances before the NRC will begin at 4:30 P.M. and may be scheduled by calling Ms. Theresa Gloden, NRC Secretary, at 517-373-2352.

PLEASE NOTE: This notice is *not* a solicitation for bids. Further information concerning this case is available by contacting Ms. Carol Larsen, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Office of Land and Facilities, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948, or via e-mail at larsencb@michigan.gov. Phone 517-335-3324.

Council candidates give opinions on airport issues

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been given poor advice by City Attorney Jim Young, who tells them that it was okay to give the contract to Island Airways.

The City Charter limits the contract lease for municipal property to five years, but Scott said the contract was handed over for three years.

"That's a real good indication that they knew something was wrong," he said.

Another aspect of the airport that the city hasn't utilized is the selling of fuel to pilots.

"We sell 30,000 fewer gallons a year in 100 low lead gas for Piston airplanes than Harbor Springs," he said.

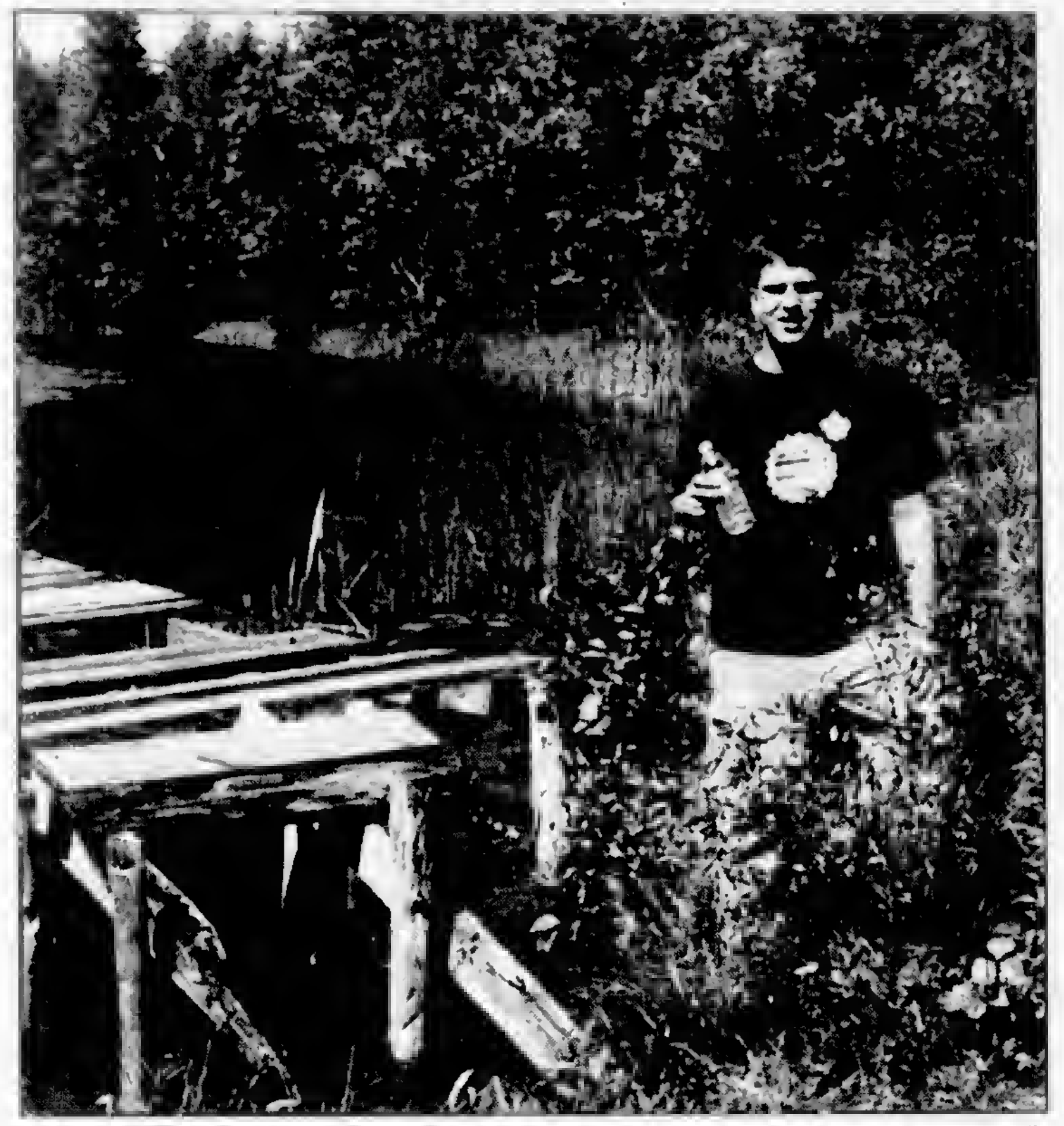
The airport is also selling less Jet A fuel than other airports in the area.

"Other airports are doing a lot more with a lot less," Scott said.

Scott is also opposed to spending $130,000 of city money from the infrastructure fund to finance a landscaping project at the airport.

The money should be used to fix roads and other infrastructure projects. In order to cut back on the money for landscaping, Scott suggesting planting petunias on the islands in the parking lot.

He said it would reflect Charlevoix's theme and could cost a lot less than the projected idea of different colored trees and stone.



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Ethan Winchester stands at the dock he repaired at St. Clair Lake. The picture was taken before he was complete.

Winchester completes Eagle Scout project

Ethan Winchester, a member of Boy Scout Troop 11 of Charlevoix, completed his Eagle Project by initiating coordination of repair of a dock and cleanup of the River at the St. Clair Lake, Six Mile Lake Natural Area in South Arm Township of Charlevoix County.

Ethan organized and coordinated scout helpers Rob Shutler, Brian Shutler, Christian Morrison, Trevor Currier, and friends Zak Smith, Jim Smith, Ana Smith, Alex Weller, Adrienne Winchester, Lisa Hammond, Jo Anne Beemon, Carl Shutler, Connor Currier, Kim Currier, Ron Winchester, Mel Morrison and others.

Troop leaders Tim May Scoutmaster and Vince Currier, assistant, oversaw activities.

Virginia Rountree and Barbara Messmore donated the cedar for new dock surface.

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Student speaks out against exotic animal ban

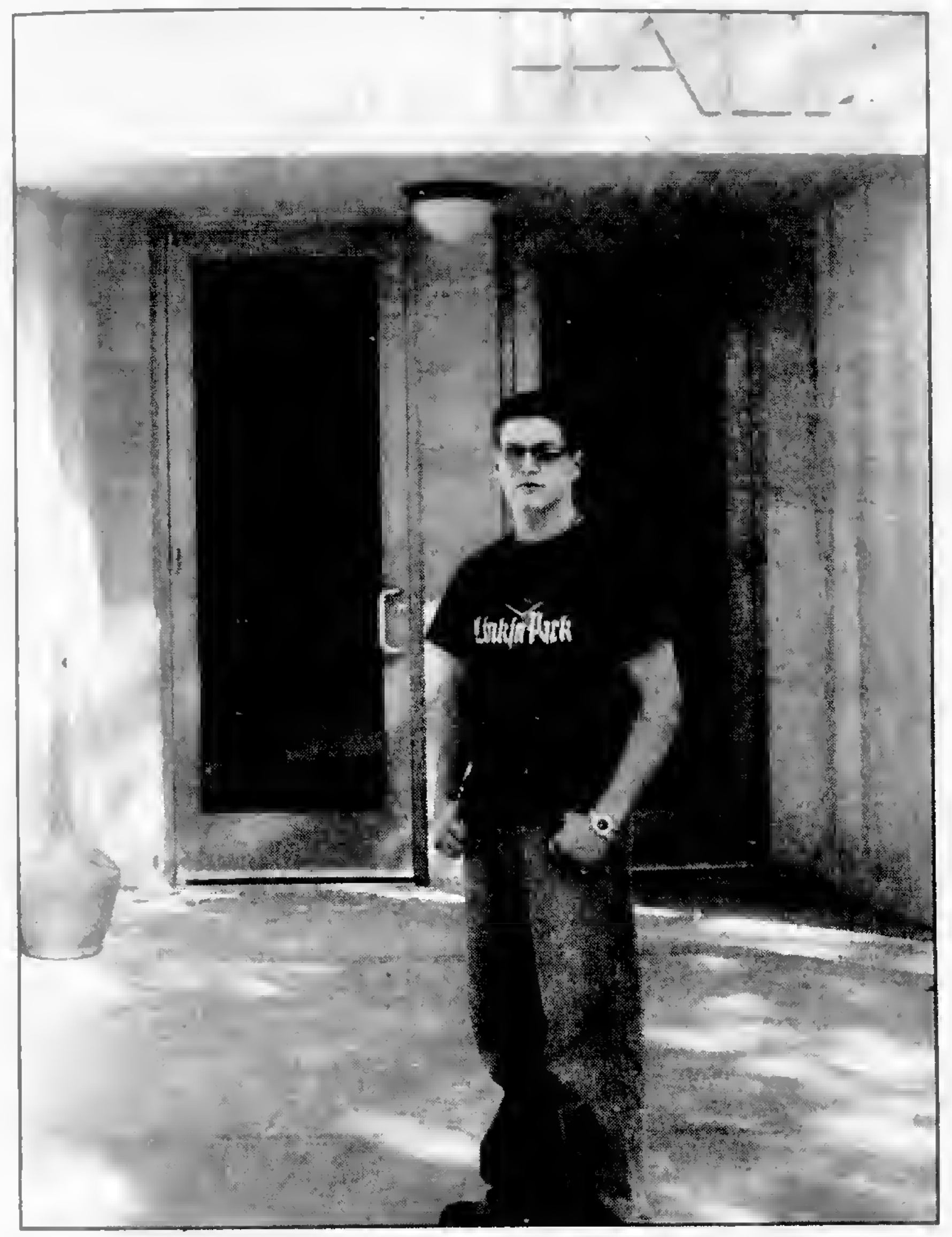
Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Josh Stevenson, 17, a senior at Charlevoix High School stood up during the Sept. 20 City Council meeting and voiced his opposition to a proposed animal ordinance that would ban snakes and other exotic pets from the downtown area.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

City Council is proposing an ordinance that would prohibit exotic and dangerous animals from the downtown area and ban species of snakes that are either poisonous or constrictors.

At the Sept. 20 meeting, council read the proposed amendment and set an informal, informational hearing for 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4 in council's chambers in City Hall.

Written comments can be sent to the City Clerk's Office at 210 State Street.

During the Sept. 20 meeting, one concerned citizen stood up and told council he thought the proposed ordinance is unfair and slanted toward a bias of snake owners.

Joshua Stevenson, 17, a senior at Charlevoix High School, was attended the meeting as a requirement for his government class, but decided to stay when he saw the ordinance listed on the agenda.

He said the proposed ordinance is asinine because it is unfair how it will restrict some people from bringing their pets out while others can.

He said that if council finds it necessary to ban snakes from being allowed in public places, everyone with a pet should be held to the same restriction.

Stevenson told council that he is deathly afraid of dogs, due to a few bad experiences he's had in the past. However, his fear is not being address because dogs are allowed to roam the city.

He said there are times when people don't have their dogs on a leash and the best solution for him would be to only allow Chihuahuas in the downtown area.

"People should carry their dogs because the people don't put their snakes on the ground," he said.

Stevenson said he has about six friends who own constrictors in the Charlevoix area. He said this ordinance seems to focus on snakes and is being proposed to quiet the fears of a select few.

"The people of Charlevoix have always existed fine up to this year and it started this summer, but people have had snakes before this summer and always walked them down-

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Official Notice

The Board of Health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency will hold a Public Hearing at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, October 19, 2004, at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, located at 1000 Grant St. Members of the Board of Health invite the public to comment on a proposed workplace tobacco regulation in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. The regulation will limit smoking in public and private businesses, not including restaurants and bars. For additional information, telephone Jane Sundmacher at (231) 347-5041.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
October 4, 2004 - 7:00 pm

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, to receive public input on a proposed addition to animal ordinance of the City Code. The addition would add sections 9.145, 9.146, and 9.147 to Title IX, Chapter 113 of the Charlevoix City Code to prohibit certain animals from public places.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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Council wants to keep snakes off the street

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town," he said.

Stevenson said he doesn't understand why the issue is coming up now.

"I don't think the issue is deserving the attention it's getting," he said.

Mayor Gabe Campbell said there is no place for snakes in crowds. He said either last summer, or the summer before, two young women dashed across Bridge Street with their babies to get away from a snake.

Campbell said it could have resulted in a serious accident. He also said a person wearing his snakes downtown seemed to enjoy the fear he was creating by continuing toward some women who started to run.

"Poisonous snakes and constrictors have no place in a crowd," he said.

Campbell said people should feel free to enjoy what Charlevoix has to offer without the fear of running into a snake.

When Stevenson stood up and compared his fear of dogs to that of people with snakes, Campbell thought he was making a good point. However, Campbell said dogs and snakes are like comparing apples and oranges.

"I was glad he did get up and say something," he said. "It's good to hear people's opinions."

Campbell said he likes seeing young faces in attendance at meetings even if they're there as a requirement for government class.

"It's nice to have young people getting involved," he said. "I don't have to agree with them, but I think it's great that they come."

To his knowledge, Campbell doesn't know of anyone getting hurt by an exotic animal in Charlevoix.

The proposed ordinance describes a dangerous animal as:

"(1) any animal which because of its size, vicious propensity or other characteristic, would constitute a danger to human life, property or domestic animals if not restrained or kept in a cage; or

(2) an age, a monkey of any species which exceeds 20 pounds, alligators, crocodiles, a snake which has a poisonous bite, or a snake which is a constrictor."

Campbell said he believes this ordinance will not prohibit a horse or Laura the elephant — a common attraction during the Charlevoix Venetian Festival — from the downtown area.

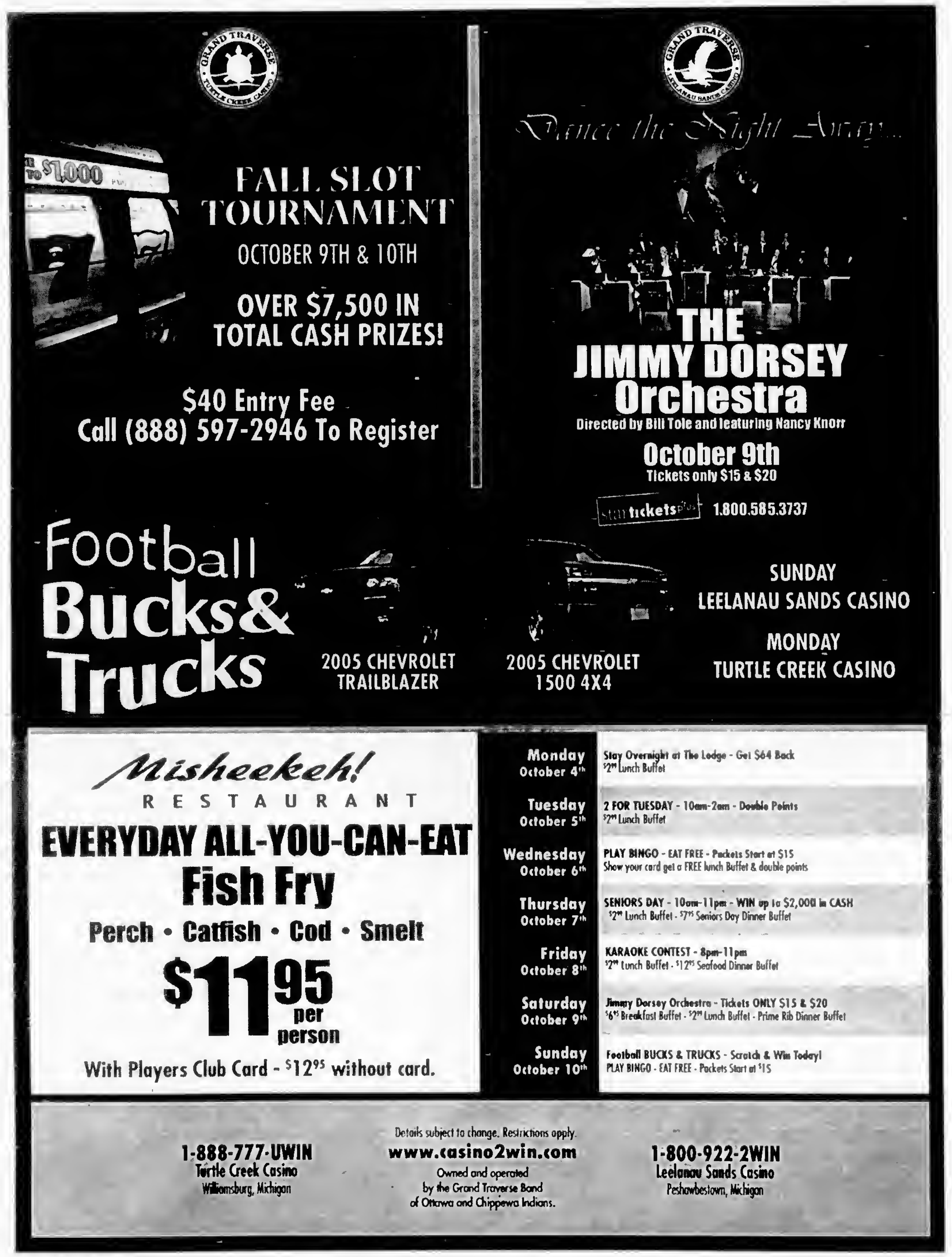
If anything should come of question, Campbell said these animals would probably be allowed with a permit.

Also, large dogs such as Saint Bernard's, Newfoundland's and Great Dane's would not be illegal downtown just because of their large size.

Campbell said the ordinance if passed, could always be fine tuned if a problem occurred. Otherwise, he thinks it addresses the problem at hand.

"I think it's pretty well written," he said.

The ordinance was written up by City Attorney Jim Young, Campbell said, and based off of several ordinances in effect in other cities.



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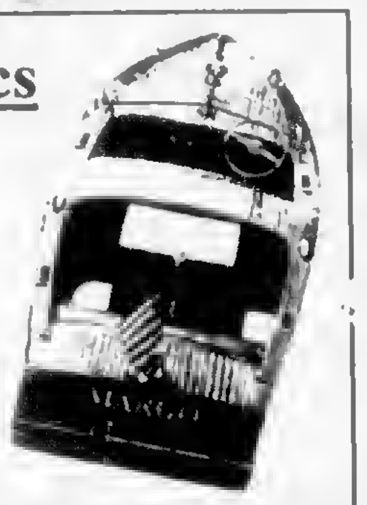

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Arts center names eddi Award winners for 2004

The Crooked Tree Arts Center presented the fourth annual eddi Awards at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17.

This annual event honors area residents for their contribution to the arts and culture of Charlevoix and Emmet counties, and was founded in recognition of eddi Offield's personal and positive impact on the quality of life in northern Michigan.

- Visual Artist Award — Betty Beeby, Eastport.
- Performing Artist Award — Doug Flewelling, Petoskey.
- Arts and Cultural Organization — Jordan River Arts Council, Carl Bloom, President, East Jordan.
- Arts and Cultural Leadership Award — Mary Fink, Virginia Beach, Va.
- Arts in Education Award — Marina LaBlance, Charlevoix.
- Individual Patron — Nancy Porter, Charlevoix.
- Benefactor Award — Sara Scholl, Petoskey.
- Lifetime Achievement Award — Gig Stewart, Conway.

A special eddi Award was presented to Dr. Robert Pattengale, of Petoskey.

For more information, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, 231-347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

Area fire departments to give demonstration Friday

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

In conjunction with the opening of "Ladder 49" on Friday, Oct. 1 at Cinema III in Charlevoix, the Charlevoix City Fire Department and the Charlevoix Township Fire Department are teaming up to display the skills and bravery firefighters face when they are called to a scene.

City Fire Chief Paul Ivan and Township Fire Chief Curt Thompson will be taking part in the aerial ladder and jaws of life demonstration at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2 in front of Cinema III on Antrim Street in Charlevoix.

The demonstration occurs between the 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. showings of "Ladder 49" so those seeing the film will not miss the show.

Throughout the day, firefighters from both departments will be running the concession stands and soliciting funds, which will go toward the benefit of Steve Paterka, a township fireman who fell ill last year. Paterka will be on hand to see the demonstration and his fellow firemen.

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

A package in this crate caused Don's IGA to close for a day last week.

Strange package turns out to be woman's stolen purse

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

A stolen purse in a mailbox caused the temporary closing of Don's IGA on Petoskey Avenue Wednesday.

According to Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson, his department was called to Don's IGA around 12:30 p.m., Wednesday after a postal delivery person found a strange looking package in a mailbox outside of the grocery store.

During a pickup at the mailbox, the employee found a package wrapped in paper, taped up and with no addresses written on it or stamps.

Once the police department arrived, they shut down Don's IGA, evacuated the immediate area and called in a Michigan State Police Bomb Squad unit from Lansing.

Halverson said the bomb squad arrived around 7 p.m., Wednesday, examined the package and found a woman's purse.

Not taking any chances, the bomb squad blew the purse up and discovered it did not contain any explosive or harmful devises.

Halverson said further investigation revealed the purse was stolen from a vehicle in Traverse City on Monday, Sept. 20.

The owner of the purse was given back what was left of it.

"I have no idea why someone would steal a purse and put it in a mailbox, except maybe they had an attack of conscience," Halverson said.

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Delaney Smith, 8, of Petoskey, checks out one of the apples she picked Saturday at Friske Orchards on US-31 in Atwood. The farmer's market was having a fall harvest festival.

Charlevoix Apple Festival to have fun for the family

Charlevoix invites everyone to experience autumn in northern Michigan at the 25th Annual Apple Festival and Craft Show, Oct. 8 - 10.

This three-day event, sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, is hosted yearly to honor local orchards and growers who, in the spirit of the season, line Bridge Street to bring the fall harvest directly to you.

The festival's focal point is the apple. More than 30 types of apples, including the hard-to-find "antique varieties," will be on hand as well as other fall harvest items such as pumpkins, squash, jam, honey and cider just to name a few.

Charlevoix's waterfront parks will have many activities including a fine arts and crafts show featuring 100 artisans and craftsmen and women ready to show their wares. There will also be pony rides, a petting zoo and pumpkin painting for the kids.

Take a nostalgic look back in time with the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers. The exhibit will include farming and agricultural equipment from days gone by.

The Apple Festival is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 8 and 9 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 10.

St. Mary School to host Northern Lights

St. Mary School will be hosting the 9th Annual Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction.

This year's event will be from 5:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 16. The celebration will be at St. Mary School Family Center, 1005 Bridge Street, in Charlevoix.

The Northern Lights Celebration is the largest fund-raising event for the school. Auction expenses are kept to a minimum with all proceeds going directly to the school operational budget.

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Charlevoix football team makes it three in a row

By B. JON GOHS
Football writer

Look up the word domination in the dictionary and you may well see highlights from Friday nights Rayders/Elks game.

The Rayders may have given up their chance at a 24-0 shutout in order to give some of their subs a chance to play, but a win is a win and Friday's 24-12 victory over Elk Rapids gives the Rayders a three game winning streak and half the wins necessary to enter the playoffs.

"We were able to get a lot of our subs into play," Coach Jess said "It was a mix of juniors and seniors who don't often get to play."

Elk Rapids managed to score two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, but only after Coach Jess began giving some lesser used players a chance to compete.

And although there was still a full quarter in which Elk Rapids could have tied things up, Coach Jess said, "You're always worried till the games over with, but I felt comfortable with where we were at."

Know thy opponent seemed to be the theme of Friday's game as there were no surprises from the Elks offense.

"We knew they were going to run the ball and occasionally throw a pass," he said. "They ran successfully in the first quarter but our defense picked it up and shut them down."

And shut them down they did. Evan Keller lead defense with 10 tackles, while Jeff Golovich had 7 tackles, a fumble recovery and he kicked three extra points. Michael Wojan also had 7 tackles and Ray Jones had a fumble recovery.

While quarterback Cody Crain and company did not disappoint, his passing percentage dropped significantly from an average in the high 50s to a season low of 36 percent. Crain was nine for 25 for a 155 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. Perennial rushing leader Russell Williams had 16 carries for 71 yards with one TD and the lead rusher also got the chance to sack the Elks' quarterback.

The top receivers against Elk Rapids were Mitchell Klooster with four receptions for 85 yards and two touchdowns and Ben Bergman with four catches for 63 yards and a 20 yard field goal.

According to Coach Jess, the significance of three consecutive wins can't be understated.

"We've won three conference games and one of our goals is to win the conference," he said. "And it helps our confidence tremendously."

But, he added, "We're just taking it one game at a time and Kalkaska is what we're focusing on."

With a history of close match ups between Charlevoix and Kalkaska next Friday's game will be a real test of the Rayders resolve.

"It's been fairly even but they beat us last year by one point," he said.

And, he added, Kalkaska is known for an imposing offensive line.

"They run the ball a lot using the 'Wing T' type of offense whereas we run the spread offense," he said.

The Wing T offense, Jess said, is more common when a team has larger linemen, in contrast to the spread offense which utilizes linemen who are more mobile.

"Wing T is probably one of the more popular offense for high school because most teams can't really throw the ball," he said.

Three wins or no the Rayders will work as hard as ever this week in anticipation of the game against Kalkaska.

"We need to continue to work on our defensive line blocking and work on our passing game," he said.

And, he added, just like last Friday, "Defense needs to pick up the intensity right from the start."

The learning never stops under the tutelage of Coach Jess as the Rayders continue to make improvements from game to game.

"Our special teams were excellent in our last game and our linebackers have just gotten better each game," Jess said.

And, he added, "They're doing a great job of doing the reads and filling the holes."

The Rayders try for their fourth conference win against Kalkaska at 7 p.m., Friday Oct. 1 at Kipke field.

Golf team looking good

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix High School varsity golf team has been very busy on the courses lately.

The team faced several others on Sept. 21 at Grayling, was at home on Sept. 20 for a match and on Sept. 17 they took part in another match in Gaylord.

On Sept. 21, the Rayders took fifth place on a tie for 171 with Elk Rapids. To determine the placing, the match rested on the fifth man score, which put Elk Rapids in fourth, because their golfer had a better score.

Individual results for this match were: Chris Wyniawskyj with 41, Kris Bartling with 41, Chris Golski with 49, Kyle DeYoung with 43, Kenny Anderson with 46 and Kevin Kusina with 47.

On Sept. 20, the team hosted eighth conference schools in a home match at the Belvedere Golf Club. The Rayders took third place in this meet.

Individual results were: Wyniawskyj with 39, Bartling with 43, Golski with 48, DeYoung with 41, Anderson with 48 and Kusina with 48.

On Sept. 17, they took part in the Gaylord Invitational. The Rayders finished in third place out of 12, with a score of 342.

Individual results were: Wyniawskyj with 79, Bartling with 85, DeYoung with 85, Stephen Parker with 93 and Matt Novotny with 97.

Soccer team splits week

The Charlevoix Varsity Soccer Team received a win and a loss last week.

In Thursday's Lake Michigan Conference match, Charlevoix came up short by losing to East Jordan 3 to 1.

Matt Teuscher scored the only goal for Charlevoix.

"I'm glad to see Northern Michigan soccer getting better," Coach Block said.

On Sept. 20, Charlevoix beat Grayling 3 to 1 to add another win to their Lake Michigan Conference.

In the first half, sophomore, Jeremy Yaldo, scored with an assist by senior Andrew Tillotson. In the second half, seniors Andrew Mailloux and Sparky Nitchman scored with assists from Curtis Petzak and Ben Scheelk.

"Sophomore Trevor Mays was a defensive stand out," said Block.

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Charlevoix cross country teams running strong in area meets

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix High School boys' and girls' cross country teams are still making great progress in meets.

On Sept. 25, the girls' ninth and tenth grade team finished second in the Petoskey Invitational, while the eleventh and twelfth grade team finished fifth. During the same meet, the boys ninth and tenth grade team finished fourth, while the eleventh and twelfth grade team finished third.

Girls' coach Mary Plude said, "We had a great team effort from top to bottom. These girls are a very competitive group and they continue to drop their times as a result of their motivation."

She added, "Even though these were two separate races, there was still only a minute gap from first through six places."

Individual medalists of the eleventh and twelfth grade girls' team were: Theresa Martin in eighteenth, with a time of 21 minutes, 38 seconds and Sonya Plude in twenty-second, with a time of 21 minutes, 49 seconds.

Individual medalists of the ninth and tenth grade girls' team were: Emily Morgridge in sixth, with a time of 21 minutes, 16 seconds; Brittney Lamb in thirteenth, with a time of 21 minutes, 42 seconds; Mia Matchett in seventeenth place, with a time of 22 minutes, 8 seconds; Emily Westenbroek in eighteenth place, with a time of 22 minutes, 17 seconds and Alina Dhaseleer in twenty-fourth place, with a time of 23 minutes, 13 seconds.

Individual medalists of the eleventh and twelfth grade boys' team were: Brandon Stevens in seventh, with a time of 16 minutes, 58 seconds; Jared Hunt in twenty-eighth, with a time of 18 minutes, 6 seconds; and Nate Sotuyo in twenty-ninth, with a time of 18 minutes, 6 seconds.

Individual medalists of the ninth and tenth grade boys' team were: Scott Plude in fifth, with a time of 17 minutes, 23 seconds; Jacob Wimmer in thirteenth, with a time of 17 minutes, 50 seconds and Zach Scharenbrach in twenty-fourth, with a time of 18 minutes, 30 seconds.

On Sept. 22, both teams also did well in the Boyne Valley Tri-Meet.

The girls' varsity team finished first, while the boys' varsity team finished second — behind Kalkaska.

"This is really a tough course, with poor footing. The girls' did an excellent job in defeating two of our conference teams," Plude said.

The top runners and their times on the girls' team were: Anna Taylor with 23 minutes, 37 seconds; Liz Madison with 25 minutes, 53 seconds; Lisa Kuebler with 26 minutes, 19 seconds; Jacky Heckendorn with 26 minutes, 55 seconds; Gabe Dhaseleer with 28 minutes, 36 seconds; Ellie Strong with 29 minutes, 17 seconds; Michelle Lemond with 30 minutes, 2 seconds; Nicole Twining with 30 minutes, 53 seconds; Amy Drew with 32 minutes, 42 seconds and Anne Strawbridge with 34 minutes, 3 seconds.

The top runners and their times on the boys' team were: Aaron Hagen in eight with 20 minutes, 7 seconds; Dustin Arp in tenth, with 20 minutes, 8 seconds; Nick Wimmer in tenth, with 20 minutes, 15 seconds; Sam Balasz in eleventh, with 20 minutes, 49 seconds; Rob Shutler in twelfth, with 21 minutes, 20 seconds; Logan Nuttull in thirteenth, with 21 minutes, 49 seconds; Dan Meyers in fourteenth, with 21 minutes, 54 seconds; Ted Dilworth in sixteenth, with 22 minutes, 26 seconds; Ben Knapp in seventeenth, with 23 minutes, 38 seconds and Michael McDonough in eighteenth, with 26 minutes, 29 seconds.

Charlevoix basketball stays on winning streak

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders showed once again why they are the second-ranked team in Class C according to the Detroit Free Press and third-ranked by to the Associated Press with a 66-23 blowout win over Grayling.

Charlevoix is now 9-0 overall and 4-0 in the Lake Michigan conference.

Coach Keith Haske is no stranger to having teams ranked highly in the state, having coached the Rayders boys varsity team to a 137-42 record in his seven seasons at the helm, including a current streak of five straight 20-plus win seasons.

The Rayders' formula against the Vikings was similar to their other eight wins—strangling defensive pressure leading to easy baskets.

"It was a great team effort," Haske said. "Our pressure defense has been taking people out of their games all year long."

Charlevoix led 20-7 after one period and used a 28-1 second quarter bulge to put the game out of reach by the half.

Grace Farrell led the Rayders with 12 points and nine rebounds. Shannon Dibble had 11 points, three assists and three steals.

Madison Ramsey scored 10 points while Kari Way contributed seven points, six rebounds and three assists.

Charlevoix hosted Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, Sept. 28 in a battle for first place in the Lake Michigan Conference. Results will appear in next week's Courier.

"It'll be a good game for us," Haske said. "We need to be challenged a bit."

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Young at Hearts League
September 23, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	12	0
Misfits	9	3
Sparetime	9	3
Past Timers	6	6
Twilighters	4	8
Alley Cats	4	8
Irish Rollers	3	9
Team 7	1	11

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Bob Black		194
Ken Schoenheit	538	189
Mo Dixon	502	
Don Bombach	482	188
Zettie Kitson	475	187
Shirley Flower	445	178
Nancy Bambach	416	147

Church League • September 22, 2004

	W	L
R & C Roofing	118	32
Paul Bunyan Lanes	92	58
Mark White Paint & Stain	90	60
Ferguson & Chamberlain	80	70
State Farm Insurance	60	90
Lutherans	58	92
The Inner Circle	58	94
St. Mary's	46	104

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Bill Gengle	593	239
John Fiedorek	615	225
Tom Browe		231
Roger Crain	583	

Men's Senior League
September 20, 2004

	W	L
Kerr's Racing	6	2
Team 6	6	2
J Arnold Painting "2"	5	3
Central Drug Store	4	4
B Vanloo & Sons	3	5
Cemex Cement	3	5
J Arnold Painting "A"	3	5
Charlevoix Manufacturing	1	7

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jon Kiernan	660	244
Chris McCallum		229
Mike Cummings	614	220
Shawn Putman	590	

Tuesday Night Ladies • Sept. 21, 2004

	W	L
Central Drug Store	10	2
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	7	5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	7	5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	7	5
Twin Lakes Enterprise	6	6
Don's IGA	5	7
Mark White Paint & Stain	3	9
Grey Gables	3	9

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cathy Sullivan	570	207
Cindy Mansen		205
Leanna Mosoryak	534	
Mary O'Brien	524	201

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
September 12, 2004

	W	L
Novotny	4	0
Golovich	4	0
Bradley	4	0
Hill/Martinchek	4	0
O'Leary	3	1
Hart	2	2
Cunningham/Mikulski	2	2
Herboldsheimer	1	3
Titus	0	4
Mikulski	0	4
Lasky	0	4
Team 12	0	4

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

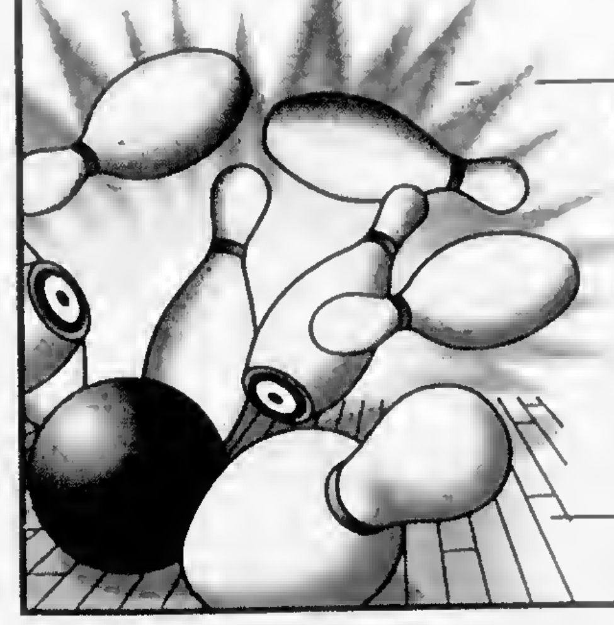
	Series	Game
Jeff Novotny	543	213
Chris Mikulski	480	186
Butch Hart	470	182
Margie Golovich	396	148
Kathy Hill		143
Kathy Bradley	383	
Cindy Novotny	353	132

Gutter Gals League • Sept. 16, 2004

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	28	12
Paul Bunyan Lanes	21	13
Burger King Charlevoix	19	21
Express Yourself	4	24

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	570	201
Mary O'Brien	555	193
June Kunkle	458	177



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(Back, from left) Kysha Keehn, Meridith Rich, Danny Waldron, (front) Gunnar Lundteigen and Tyler Keehn were all winners of the annual punt, pass and kick contest. Logan Kline is missing.

MDEQ advises against burning leaves this fall

"Don't Burn Those Leaves" is the message this autumn from the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural Resources.

Leaf burning creates air pollution, contributes to breathing problems, is a serious fire hazard, and illegal in many Michigan cities and communities.

Burning leaves generate ash (particulate), and also release carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons that contain toxic irritants and carcinogenic compounds that may be harmful to children and people with allergies, asthma, or heart disease.

In locations where burning is allowed, homeowners are reminded: First, obtain a permit before your burn, and second you are responsible for damage which results from a fire you start.

Michigan law prohibits the disposal of leaves and yard waste in landfills, but there is an alternative; citizens are encouraged to compost or mulch leaves into a valuable resource instead. Mulching and composting are easy, safe, and environmentally sound ways to manage most yard waste. The easiest is to simply mow over leaves with a lawnmower to chop them into fine mulch. Leaving the mulch on your lawn provides nutrients your lawn will need to look great next spring.

Composting programs are available in many communities. Contact your local city, township, or county Department of Public Works to find out how your community disposes of leaves and other yard waste.

If your community does not have a leaf or yard waste program, the following information is available from the DEQ Web site:

- A one-page brochure entitled Open Burning Regulations in Michigan is available via www.michigan.gov/deqair. Select "Open Burning Information" listed under Spotlight. (Printed copies won't be available until after October 2004.)
- DEQ's brochure Home Composting and other alternatives to open burning are also found in the "Open Burning Information" Web page or for more information, contact the DEQ Environmental Assistance Center at (800) 662-9278.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency also has helpful composting information at www.epa.gov/grtlakes/seahome/housewaste/src/compost.htm or, you may contact your local university extension or public library.

For more information on where to obtain a burn permit, the latest fire statistics and wildfire safety, visit the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

You can also link to burning permit information from the DEQ "Open Burning Information" Web page.

Several named winners of Punt, Pass and Kick

Several Charlevoix youths captured honors at the Charlevoix Punt, Pass and Kick competition Sunday, Sept. 26, at Kipke Field.

The Punt, Pass and Kick football competition allows youngsters to showcase their talents in punting, passing and kicking with scores based on distance accuracy.

These youngsters earned first-place honors in their respective age groups:

Girls

- 12-13, Meridith Rich.
- 14-15, Kysha Keehn.

Boys

- 8-9, Gunnar Lundteigen.
- 10-11, Tyler Keehn.
- 12-13, Logan Kline.
- 14-15, Danny Waldron.

These winners will now move on to a Sectional Competition to be on Saturday, Oct. 9, in Alpena.

They could qualify for the eighteenth annual Detroit Lions Team championship to be at Ford Field during the Detroit Lions vs. Arizona Cardinals game on Dec. 5.

Last year several Michigan youngsters moved on from there and took national honors during an AFC championship game. A number of former and current NFL players have competed in the Punt, Pass and Kick competitions, including record setting quarterbacks Dan Marino and Drew Bledsoe.

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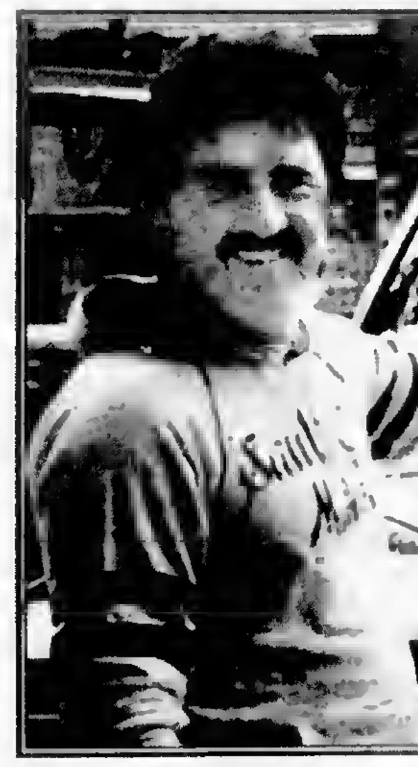

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Default has been made on the conditions of a mortgage made by **JEROME G PETRIW, JR.**, an unmarried man, and **SARAH L. GROH**, an unmarried woman. Mortgagors, to **THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC.**, Mortgagee, dated January 11, 2002, and recorded on February 6, 2002, in Liber 457 beginning on Page 201, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Four and 41/100 ($148,494.41) Dollars, including interest at 7.750% per annum. **No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.**

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Friday, October 22, 2004, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 7.750%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes, and includible attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, described as:
LOT 7, BLOCK "G", OF MILLER'S ADDITION TO SPRING HARBOR (NOW CITY OF BOYNE CITY), SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 419 GROVELAND STREET, BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN 49712-1142. TAX PARCEL NO. 15-051-147-077-00.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241 (1), in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgage can rescind the Sheriff's Sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower(s). In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus any applicable interest.

Dated: September 7, 2004

THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgagee
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shannon Lee Reynolds and Angela Marie Reynolds, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants, to Pinnfund, USA, A California Corporation, mortgagee, dated October 19, 2000 and recorded November 3, 2000 in Liber 400, Page 539, and Scrivener's Affidavit to correct the legal description submitted to and recorded by Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas formerly known as Banker's Trust Com-pany, as Custodian by assignment dated November 1, 2000 and re-corded on April 11, 2001 in Liber 414, Page 432 , Scrivener's Affidavit to correct the legal description submitted to and recorded by Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eight and 87/100 Dollars ($103,808.87) including interest at the rate of 11.58% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on October 22, 2004. The premises are located in the Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a 3/4 inch pipe at the South 1/4 comer of Section 13, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 840.04 feet along the South line of said Section to a point in the center line of Waller Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 0 degrees 07 minutes 01 seconds West 33.00 feet along line previously recorded as being the West line of the West 7.50 acres of the East 15 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said road; thence continuing along said line North 0 degrees 07 minutes 01 seconds West 592.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 250.51 feet; thence South 0 degrees 07 minutes 01 seconds East 592 feet along a line previously recorded as the East line of the West 7.5 acres of the West 15 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said road; thence continuing along said line South 0 degrees 07 minutes 01 seconds East 33.00 feet to the said Section line; thence along said Section line and along the center line of said road South 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds West 250.51 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 13, Town 34 North, Range 8 West, subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes. Grantors herein reserves for themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns, an easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of public utilities over and across the following described property for the use and benefit of said grantors. 30 foot wide private drive and utility easement: In the Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at a 3/4 inch pipe at the South 1/4 comer of Section 13, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 1060.55 feet along the South line of said section to a point in the centerline of Waller Road, being the point of beginning of this description; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 01 seconds West 625.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 30.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 01 seconds East 625.00 feet along a line previously described as the East line of the West 7.50 acres of the East 15 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section to said section line; thence along said section line and along the centerline of said road South 89 degrees 55 minutes 05 seconds West 30.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 34 North, Range 8 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the retum of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: September 15, 2004

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by KENNETH M. DULINSKI and MARY J. DULINSKI, husband and wife, whose address is 4868 Eastwood Road, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49730 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with an office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated November 12, 1990 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan on November 12, 1990 in Liber 221 of Charlevoix County Records on Pages 414 through 417, inclusive, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of NINETY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN AND 26/100 ($91,317.26) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice Is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Building located at 301 State Street in the City of Charlevoix and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on **Friday October 22, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock** local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 9.0 percent interest on such Mortgage, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 14, T33N, R5W; thence West 666.08 feet along the North line of said Section 14 to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North section line West 200.00 feet; thence South 468.60 feet at right angles to the North line of said Section 14; thence East 200.00 feet; thence North 468.60 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, lying Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road. (Also commonly known as 4868 Eastwood Road, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49730; Tax Code No. 15-10-014-005-15.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact the local office of Rural Development, 7192 E. 34 Road, Cadillac, Michigan 49601, telephone (231)775-7681, ext. 4.

Dated: September 17, 2004

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
acting through the Farmers Home Administration
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United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Shawn T Mcleod and Shawn M Mcleod, husband and wife to Household Finance Corporation III, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated April 11, 2003 and recorded May 19, 2003 in Liber 540, Page 366, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents ($159,175.29) including interest 6.8% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court House, Charlevoix, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, October 22, 2004. Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a 5/8 in. rod at the North quarter corner of Section 2, Town 32 North, Range 6 West; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds East 1127.22 feet along the North line of said section to a point in the centerline of Division Street, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing South 89 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds East 200 feet along said section line and along the centerline of said street to a boat spike on the East eighth line of said section, as monumented; thence South 0 degrees, 01 minute 14 seconds West 33.00 feet along until eighth line to a 1/2 inch rod on the South line of said street; thence continuing South 0 degrees 01 minute 14 seconds West 402.60 feet along said eighth line to a 1/2 inch rod: thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds West 200 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 0 degrees 01 minute 14 seconds East 402.60 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said South Street line; thence continuing North 0 degrees 01 minute 14 seconds East 33.00 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Town 32 North, Range 6 West. Commonly known as 808 Division St, Boyne City MI 49712. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

Household Finance Corporation III
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After Oct. 4, those in need can pick up coats at any of the following distribution points:

- Friends and Neighbors Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1404 S. Howard Street, Petoskey from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 326 North Park, Boyne City, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Thursday.
- Salvation Army at 712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey.

BAD2 reunion

The BAD2 Association 2004 Reunion meets in Romulus, near Detroit from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3. Their group is a comprised of World War II US 8th Air Force veterans who were stationed at Base Air Depot 2, in Warton, England, from 1942 to 1945.

Approximately 10,000 Americans were a part of this huge modification depot during 1944. Repairs to bombers and fighter aircraft were made there in England so the factories in the US would not have to stop assembly lines. The association wants to locate and include all that were a part of this effort. Please contact Richard McClune at (757) 877-3826 for further information.

Mental illness group

Grief Support Group starts for people with mental illness. A grief support group for people who are suffering a loss and coping with their own mental illness starts at 1 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 1, for six weeks. The sessions will be at the Community Health Education Center across from the main entrance of Northern Michigan Hospital. Counselors from Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and North Country Community Mental Heath will facilitate the six sessions. If you want further information please call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at 487-4825.

Cantata rehearsals

Rehearsals for the annual Community Christmas Cantata are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Oct. 3, at Community Reformed Church located at the corner of US-31 and Meech Street in Charlevoix. This year's musical, Festival of Lights, will be presented the evenings of Dec. 11 and Dec. 12.

For more information contact Cindy Mansen at 547-6862.

Democrats to meet

The Charlevoix County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 4, in the meeting room at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department. Area voters interested in becoming active in the campaign are invited to attend. Signs and pins will be available at the meeting.

Potluck

The Charlevoix Historical Society is planning their Annual Harvest Potluck at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Charlevoix Depot located at Depot Beach. Be sure to bring your own tableware and silver, plus a serving utensil for your dish if necessary. We provide napkins, beverages, and drinking cups. The Depot has two microwaves and a fridge for warm-ups or a little preparatory work.

Caregivers group

A We Are Not Alone Group is starting for caregivers of patients with chronic diseases or terminal illnesses at 5:30 p.m., on Oct. 6, and will meet every other Wednesday at the Petoskey's Friendship Center. Staff from Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and the Friendship Center of Emmet County will facilitate the sessions. If you want further information please call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at 487-4825.

Meet the Greens

The Up North Green Party will host a public "Meet Your Local Green Candidates" evening at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at Charlevoix City Hall. Speakers include Up North Green Party candidates:

- Jo Anne Beemon, City of Charlevoix resident and incumbent Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner; running for second term as Drain Commissioner.
- Ellis Boal, Up North Green party co-chair, lawyer and Hayes Township resident; Charlevoix County Prosecutor.
- Joseph King, Charlevoix Township resident; Charlevoix Township Trustee
- David Newland, Bellaire resident and Bellaire School Board member; U.S. First Congressional District.

It will also be an opportunity to learn the Green Party values of ecological wisdom, social justice, grassroots democracy and non-violence. They are also inviting the public to a discussion of the Instant Runnoff Voting (IRV) an election system.

Island Boodle

The Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce in coordination with the Bite of Beaver Island presents the Second Annual Island Boodle 5K/Run/Walk with a One Mile Fun Run for Kids begins at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 9. Cost until Sept. 26 is $20 individual and family is $35. Proceeds will benefit the Beaver Island Sports Booster Club. For more information on the "Bite of Beaver Island" their web site address is www.beaverisland.org or if you have questions on the race call Gail or Mike Weede at (231) 448-3195 or (2312) 448-2708. Checks make be mailed to Paradise Bay Dive Shop, P.O. Box 253, Beaver Island, MI 49782 payable to Beaver Island Sports Boosters.

Grief, Loss group

Grief and Loss Support Group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one will meet at 7 p.m. Monday evenings starting Oct. 11, and ending Nov. 15. The group will meet at Charlevoix United Methodist Church at 104 State Street. If you want further information please call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at 487-4825.

Young Americans workshop

The Young Americans workshop is coming to Boyne City High School on Oct. 14, 15, and 16 for students in grades 4-12. There are approximately 300 openings available. Classes offered during workshop are Televsion-Theatre-Stage, Vocal Techniques, Sound and Recording Techniques, Musical Theatre, Stage Movement, Vocal Ensemble and Performance Workshops.

The Young Americans is a company of 38 performers and six staff, presenting a three day workshop in voice, dance and all aspects of the performing. They will present a full two hour concert show that will include the hundreds of young people who sign up. Their main purpose is to encourage music in schools, train young people in performance and to strengthen character. Registration is $75 per student. For families with more than one participant, additional siblings will be $55. For additional information contact Kathy Hodgkiss at (231) 582-6222 or kathy@boynechamber.com.

Bazaar

The Ellsworth Lioness is sponsoring the Twenty-fourth Annual Banks Township Community Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Banks Township Hall. For booth space information, please contact Joni at (231)544-6348 or wieland@torchlake.com.

Altar Society to meet

St. Marys Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. on the Second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center.

Skate park hours

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park hours starting September are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and from noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays. Kids will be able to skate after school as long as the weather holds.

Historical fall hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's fall hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Divorce group

Community Reformed Church is offering DivorceCare for those people who are going through, have gone through, or considering divorce on Wednesday nights. Dinner and child care provided. Please call 547-9482 for more information.

Suicide loss group

Survivors of Suicide Loss group is open to any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one through suicide.

Group members will have the opportunity to connect with others, receive information on the grief process, and find direction and support in coping with suicide loss. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

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City to add new handicapped spaces

ADA

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ance with the "Program Access" standard or the spirit of the law.

One example he gave is a senior citizens center that has a high usage rate of the spaces but only the minimum that are required.

He said this lot would be in violation of the ADA because it doesn't pass the "Program Access" standard since it doesn't have more spaces available due to the high percentage of use.

Halverson added in his report that the same standard of usage applies to lots constructed prior to 1992, which includes some of the lots in Charlevoix.

His report states, "If the standards from that era were followed and counts show that there is little use of the spaces, the situation would not pass the chart ratio, but may pass the 'Program Access' test. So usage counts can have an impact as to whether we are in compliance or not."

During the meeting, Halverson said it's more important to focus on the people and not the spaces.

"The spirit of the law is not to support the parking lot, but to support the people," he said during the meeting.

Halverson said the city is planning on adding one van-accessible space at the south end of the Erber west of Birdie's Beauty Shop on Mason Street.

The city is also going to add one handicapped space directly north of the current one in the Kusina Lot between Antrim and Mason streets.

Overall, Halverson found that the handicapped spaces currently available have an overall usage rate of 38 percent. He said this would show Charlevoix is upholding the "Program Access" standard or the spirit of the law.

Halverson said capacity of a parking lot is rated at 80 percent. So, if a parking lot was full 80 percent of the time, then that parking lot would be at capacity.

With regard to on-street parking, Halverson said Bridge Street is too dangerous and could result in civil issues should an accident occur. Currently, he said there are three on-street handicapped parking spaces available on Clinton Street, Pine River Lane and in front of the Beaver Island Boat Company.

During the meeting, Halverson was questioned by First Ward Council member Bill Haggard, who asked why State Street wasn't looked at for on-street parking.

Haggard said there should also be parking right in front of City Hall so people can easily access the building to take care of what they need to.

Haggard said the city should also look into using the part of Mason Street that goes down into the marina for an area where people can be dropped off and picked up.

Third Ward Council member Shirley Gibson said she'd like to see a van-accessible space on Clinton Street near East Park.

First Ward Council member Bob Timms said a woman had complained that there wasn't enough parking during festivities downtown.

Halverson said any handicapped person can park at a metered space for free.

What do you think about banning dogs in park?

DOGS

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mon sense in regard to their animals.

"Maybe I'm too idealistic," he said.

Stevenson said dogs shouldn't be allowed during arts and crafts shows due to the fragile nature of many objects for sale.

"That's an accident waiting to happen," he said.

Heffling disagrees. He said those shows have fragile objects, but children can't be banned and they can break something as easily as a dog can.

"I think they should worry about enforcing the current law and not making new ones," he said.

An informal, informational public hearing is set for 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4 in council's chambers at Charlevoix City Hall in order for people to state their opinions concerning dogs in East Park.

Written comments can be sent to the City Clerk's Office at 210 State Street.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

100 years old

Gladys Wertman celebrated her one-hundredth birthday on Sept. 20. A party was thrown for her on Sept. 24 where she was joined by family and friends. She was accompanied by her only daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and John Zwierzynski.

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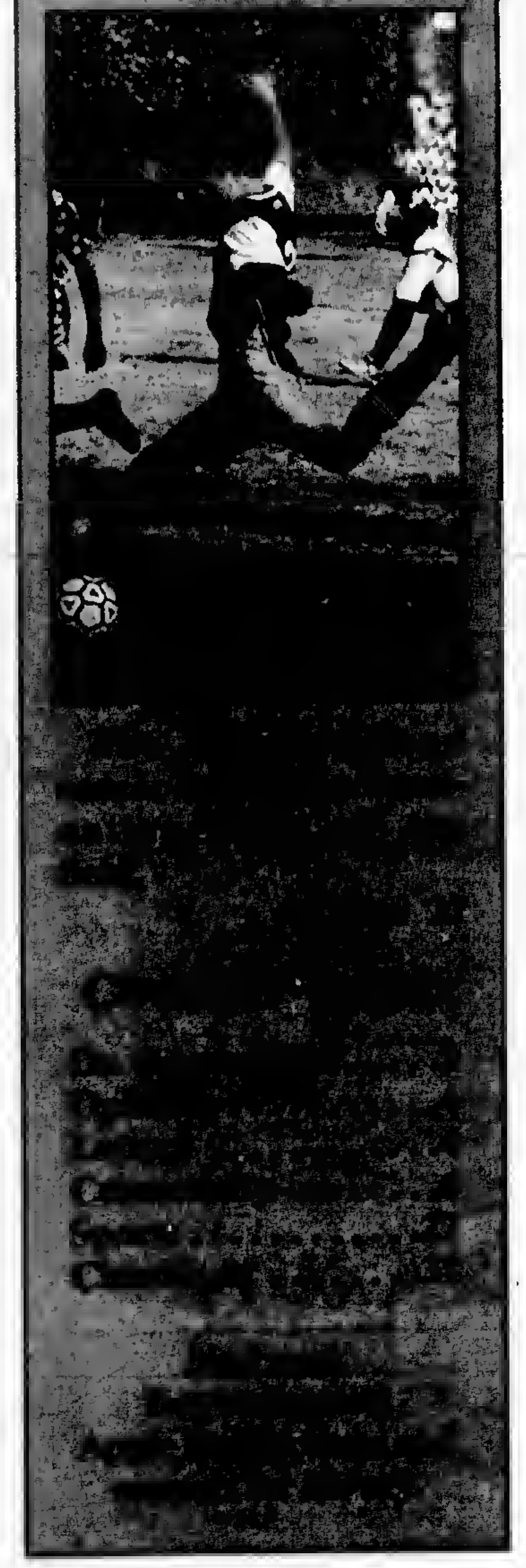

A celebration of Apples

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Leaves are changing color and the temperature is slowly cooling, which means fall is here.

To kick off the season, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Twenty-fifth Annual Apple Festival and Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8 and Saturday, Oct. 9 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10.

The event is held every year in order to honor local growers and local orchards, who will be selling their wares during the festival. There will be 20 booths featuring farm goods and various items from non-profit organizations.

At Apple Festival there will be over 30 varieties of apples for sale including antique varieties that aren't easily available otherwise.

Other items include pumpkins, squash, jam, honey, cider and various fall harvest fruits and vegetables.

Food isn't the only thing available during the Apple Festival, however, there will be 125 arts and crafts booths where artists will display their masterpieces.

Crazy Richard will be downtown all weekend showing off his skills at juggling and other stunts. Children can also be entertained by balloons twisted into animals and various other shapes.

Children can enjoy pony rides and a petting zoo. They can also paint pumpkins or get their face painted by students from Charlevoix Middle School. The middle school students are volunteering as a part of their fundraiser. The pumpkins and haystacks for sitting are donated by Marvin's Gardens Center, Trees and Shrubs of Charlevoix.

The Charlevoix Children's House will be set up to allow children to bob for apples, get temporary tattoos and receive balloons. They will also have homemade cookies available.

Friske Orchards and Farm Market will be having a blown-up apple for children to play in.

For adults, the Charlevoix Area Hospital will be offering free blood pressure testing during the festival.

Adults can also have their children fingerprinted. Derek Chowen, the Charlevoix Edward Jones investment representative, and the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department will offer free fingerprinting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 9 in East Park.

The Charlevoix County Humane Society will be having a Fall Color Cruise on Lake Charlevoix during the Apple Festival. The cruise will be on the Beaver Islander and will take place from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 9. Boarding is set to begin at 2:30 p.m. at the Beaver Island Boat Company dock.

Tickets are $25 each and can be purchased at the Charlevoix County Humane Society, the

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Stack coming down

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

According to Consumer's Energy spokesperson Tim Petrosky, Big Rock Point in Charlevoix is quickly becoming less of a nuclear power plant and more of an industrial work site with radioactive elements.

Petrosky said this is due to the flurry of activity taking place at the plant, specifically now that the disassembling of the plant is becoming more noticeable to the outside public. For example, last week, drivers on US-31 and boaters on Lake Michigan noticed a large crane has appeared next to the stack at the plant that will be used to dismantle the tall structure.

"This is a significant event (taking down the stack) because of its visibility," Petrosky said. "Boaters are going to miss it and it was identified on the NOAA (boating) maps."

The stack, or tower near Big Rock's ball structure, will be taken down gradually in several pieces.

Petrosky said workers will be jackhammering around the stack at various sections. Once one section is cut, the crane will pick it up and

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Photo by Jeremy McBain

The stack, a familar sight to area boaters, will be coming down soon at Big Rock.

Wiesner gives apology for memo

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner apologized to Mayor Gabe Campbell Monday night over a memo he wrote accusing the mayor of violating city charter.

This apology came after City Attorney Jim Young gave Wiesner, city council and the mayor a written opinion of a memo Wiesner wrote to council and city staff accusing the mayor of violating city charter when he told the *Charlevoix Courier* city administration could "work a little harder" in a story. Young said this did not violate the charter and was Campbell's right to say as a political expression — which is protected under the First Amendment of the United States.

"Obviously, I apologize for that," Wiesner said. "I am certainly willing to inform city employees in writing that I misinterpreted the charter."

Campbell said, according to

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

August James Baker, 20, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Attend BASES classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Kenneth Wayne Schroeder, 57, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended-revoked-denied-allow. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Elijah Burton Gardiner, 23, Sault Sainte Marie. Criminal sexual conduct, third degree, incapacitated victim and two counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, force-coercion. Bound over to circuit court.

Tayseir Mahmoud Alqouran, 50, Charlevoix. Assault with a dangerous weapon. Bound over to circuit court.

Emily Ivory Hughes, 21, Ellsworth. Embezzlement-agent/trust over $1,000 but under $20,000. Bound over to circuit court.

Eric Michael Smith, 18, Elmira. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Tina Marie Brown, 32, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Eric Davis Francis, 39, Midland. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend and substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Russell Lee Hirdning, 22, Boyne City. Unlawful use of license plate. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Jeffrey Chad Clabby, 18, East Jordan. Littering-object in path vehicle. Sixteen hours of community service work in lieu of two days in jail; $150 in fines and costs.

Jose Luis Negrete Jr., 35, Charlevoix. Domestic Violence. Twelve months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for 10 days, 83 days held in abeyance, must attend anger management classes; $500 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Sandra Kay Jozwiak, 43, Vanderbilt. Embezzlement-person in relationship of trust with vulnerable adult-$20,000 or more (attempt). Eighteen months probation; sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 90 days; $720 in fines and costs.

Sheila Marie Burke, 40, Alanson. Controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 30 days; $720 in fines and costs.

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 17, Boyne City. Larceny in a building. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 64 days, serve 75 days; $695 in fines and costs.

Virginia Kay Murphy, 38, East Jordan. Uttering and publishing. Thirty-six months probation; sentenced to 12 months in jail with credit for 57 days, serve 180 days; $2,867.87 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Great Lakes Center for Public Policy, 204 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, by JoAnne Bier Beemon.

Lobenherz Design Group, 12211 Country Club Drive, Charlevoix, by Kathryn S. Lobenherz.

A & R Maint & Cleaning Services, 1424 Sequanota Road, East Jordan, by Audrey A. Nelson.

Jones Driving School, 914 Main Street, East Jordan, by Bradley A. Jones.

C.J. Mayhew Trucking, 413 S. Lake Street, East Jordan, by Casey J. Mayhew.

MG-Design, 618 Sherman Street, East Jordan, by Benjamin Paul Shaw.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

David Bruce Hague, 52, Boyne Falls and Jennifer Ann Arthur, 29, Boyne Falls

Lucas Daniel Pennington, 25, East Jordan and Joni Lynn Wood, 23, East Jordan

Jeremy Daniel Scott, 18, East Jordan and Jennifer Faye Bell, 20, East Jordan

Michael Patrick Turland, 25, Petersburg, Alaska and Becky Ann O'Rear, 24, Petersburg, Alaska

Brian Richard Koster, 23, Grand Rapids and Alyssa Joy Westenbroek, 24, Charlevoix

William Lee Davis, 32, Boyne Falls and Shelly Ann Thompson, 29, Boyne Falls

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Julie Marie Hasse vs. Timothy Clark Hasse

Lisa Ann Leist vs. Damien Scott Leist

Louis Drapeau vs. Kelly Drapeau

Betty Simon vs. Jon Simon

Richard Scott Brown vs. Kimberly Ann Beers

Terry Lee McKay vs. Shauna Lee McKay

Michael Orlarey vs. Debra Orlarey

Births

Anthony N. Rodriguez Jr., weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Gitchie Wabanimkee and Anthony Rodriguez of Charlevoix, on Sept. 28, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Fredrick Wabanimkee of Charlevoix, Lori McSawby of Charlevoix, Olivia Villarcal of Frankfort and Santiago Rodriguez of Texas.

Avary Machel Wilson, weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Denzil and Cheltzi Wilson of East Jordan, on Sept. 27, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Glen and Rhonda Thorman of East Jordan, Sue and Bill Rock of East Jordan, Debra Monley of Petoskey and Neal Wilson of East Jordan.

Haylie Luciana de la Rosa, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Jorge and JoAnna de la Rosa of East Jordan, on Sept. 25, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Rosalee and Kylie de la Rosa. Grandparents are Sheila and the late Mark Rake of East Jordan and Carlos and Ernestina de la Rosa of Stephenson.

Watch out for deer while driving Charlevoix's county roadways

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office would like to give a warning and notice to motorists in Charlevoix County to be alert when driving in the morning, evening and especially at night to deer crossing the highways.

The sheriff's office is averaging four car/deer accidents a day for motorists in Charlevoix County. All of these accidents are resulting in property damage to the vehicles involved and some accidents have resulted in personal injury to the driver or their passengers.

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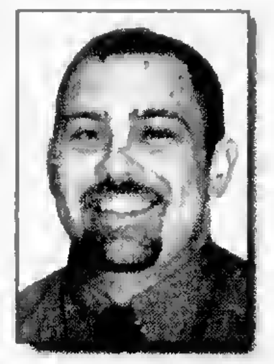

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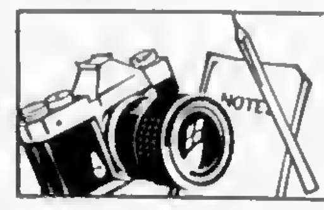

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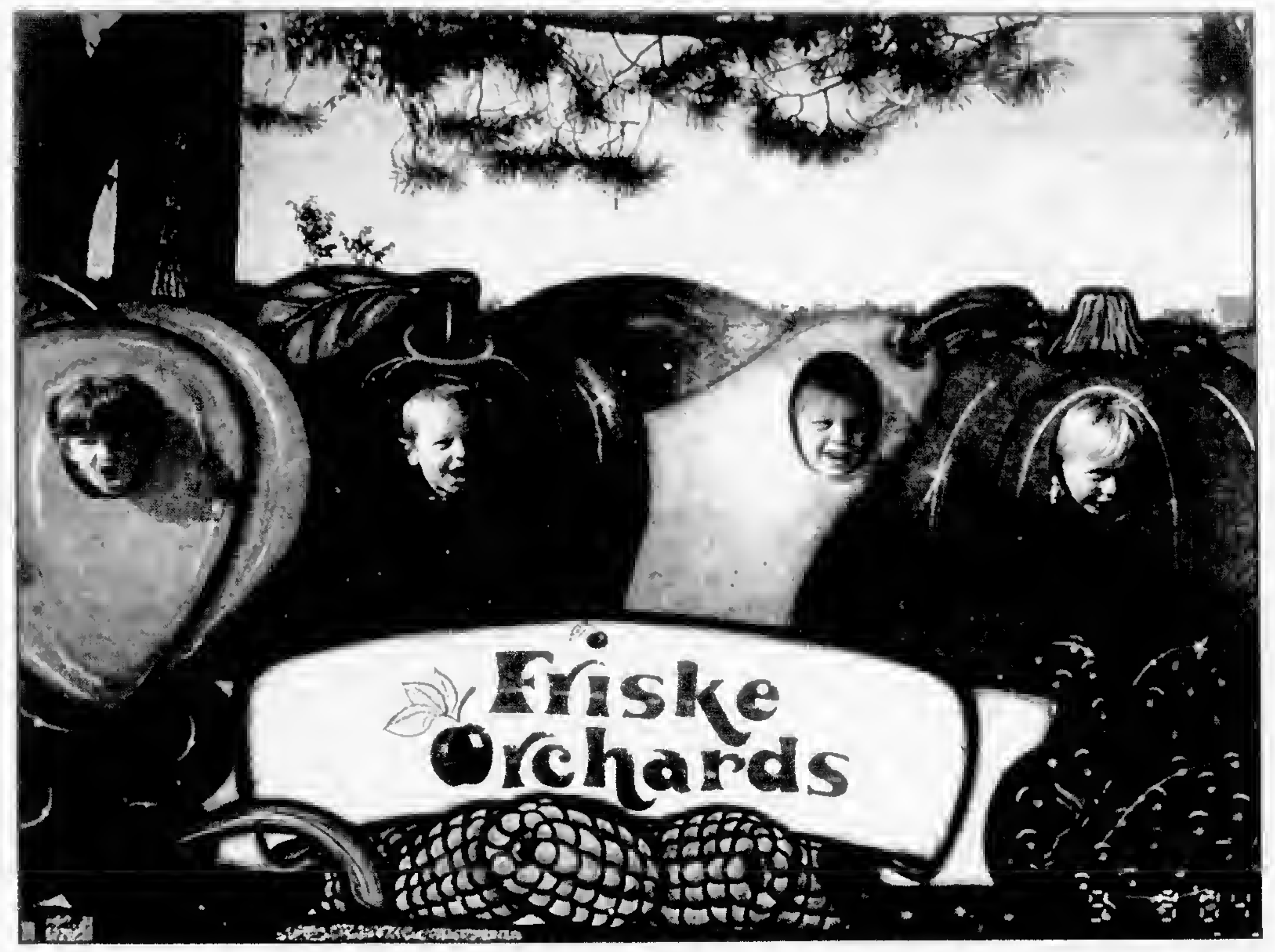

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Fruity fun

Recently, the kids of the Care-A-Lot House visited Friske Orchards on US-31 in Atwood for some fall fun. Here, (from left) Alexandria Snabes, Caleb Pittman, Raymond Cunningham and Mark White find out what it is like to be a fruit.

News department receives awards

The Charlevoix Courier has once again received several awards from the Michigan Press Association's Better Newspaper contest for its division.

"The Courier staff is very happy with the awards we have received. This shows we are providing the a top notch community like Charlevoix with a top notch product," Editor Jeremy McBain said. "We will continue in our quest to improve our product for our readers."

The awards received by the Courier for its weekly newspaper division were:

- Third place — Enterprise reporting. A series investigating the impact of a proposed Wal-Mart in Charlevoix written by McBain. The judges said it had several sources for the stories which gave both the good and bad of having a Wal-Mart in the community. "Very objective piece on an emotional issue," the judge wrote.
- Second place — Editorial pages. The judges said the Courier had a good mix of editorial, letters and columnists on its editorial pages that were all tied to local issues.
- Honorable mention — News picture. This was for a picture of several area firefighters battling a large grass fire on the south side of the county in April 2003. The judge said they liked it because it was not "your standard fire photo." In the photo, the firefighters were using shovels to smack down flames in the grass.
- Honorable mention — Sports writing. This was for a story on the Charlevoix High School's varsity basketball team's journey to the state finals written by Allen Telgenhof. The judge said it was "straight forward and easy to follow."

Taco Bell break-in reported

The Charlevoix City Police are looking for information on a break in that occurred Sept. 29 at the Marathon Station/Taco Bell on US-31 in Charlevoix.

According to police, sometime in the early morning of Sept. 29, when the business was closed, someone broke into the building and took an unknown amount of beer and cigarettes. A small wheel handcart with wire mesh sides was also missing.

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Questions loom over exotic pet ban

EDITORIAL

While it seemed like it was a good idea to ban dangerous and exotic animals from public streets in Charlevoix, some people against the plan have made some good points at a recent city council public hearing on the matter.

The city would like to ban any animal because of its size, vicious propensity or other characteristic; would constitute a danger to human life, property or domestic animals if not restrained or kept in a cage; or an ape, a monkey of any species, alligators, crocodiles and all snakes.

But, some people say this ban is unfair, particularly when it comes to constrictor snakes, and a person can easily agree with them.

At the public hearing, people against the plan pointed out dogs and cats are responsible for more attacks on humans than any of the animals this ordinance would ban.

According to one man, the CDC says every 40 seconds someone in the United States is hospitalized due to a dog bite. Yet, people can currently take their dogs out in public, to the park and in the midst of other people.

Even the Charlevoix County Animal Control Officer, Judy Whitley, is against this ordinance.

As she rightly points out, where do we draw the line? Next month, if someone doesn't like pitbulls, are we going to consider banning them from public? Or, what if someone is scared of the fish in the fish pond in East Park? Will we ban them?

Why are we letting the fears of a few people dictate our ordinances? Yes, many people are afraid of snakes. But, many people are also afraid of dogs.

This ordinance also does not take into account what its impact will be on some animals that are beloved by Charlevoix residents and brought to East Park, such as Laura the Elephant. Laura is brought to East Park during the Charlevoix Venetian Festival's Kids Day for the past few years — with the exception of last year, when she was at Castle Farms.

While many area children get a lot of joy from seeing and riding on this large creature, this ordinance could keep her out of Charlevoix for good.

Perhaps we are barking up the wrong tree with this ban.

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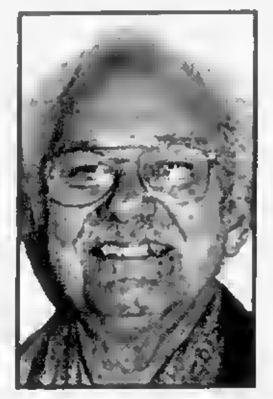
Writer salutes bacteria that surrounds us daily



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Until a Dutch merchant named Van Leeuwenhoek produced the first useful microscope, the idea that there might be creatures way too small for us to see was unimaginable.

About 1675 Van Leeuwenhoek was the first human to see what he called "animals a thousand times smaller than the smallest grain of sand." We now call what he saw bacteria, and they continue to surprise us.

The first bacteria to become well known among scientists and microscopists were those that caused human or animal diseases and we are still likely to think of germs or bacteria as being associated with ill health or disease. Twentieth century study has shown us that bacteria are far more important than we thought, and probably dominate the living world.

The study of fossils suggest that bacteria of many kinds were almost certainly the first sorts of living creatures on earth and that there were no other living things for more than a billion years of earth's early history. Bacteria of many kinds are still the most abundant forms of life on earth. Our interest in things we can see and things that are like us generally blinds us to this genuine fact.

When biologists attempt to quantify importance and dominance among living things they make use of measure called biomass. Biomass is the calculated weight of any group of organisms. There are certainly a lot of humans on earth and we weigh a great deal compared to most other organisms, but our total biomass is dwarfed by that of the forest trees that cover much of the land surface of the earth. And while individual bacterial cells are almost unimaginably small, their numbers are so enormous that they dominate the world's biomass. That means that the total weight of bacteria on earth is greater than all other living things combined.

The numbers of bacteria living in the mouth of one human are greater than the total number of humans who have ever lived on earth. The biomass of bacteria contained in and on one human body constitutes about ten percent of the total weight of the human. They live on our skin and in our digestive tract in numbers that are beyond describing. Nearly all of these bacteria do us no harm at all and many of them are essential for the normal functioning of our digestion. A totally bacteria free human would be a very sick human indeed.

Bacteria live everywhere there is any liquid water, and they can survive for centuries without any water at all. They live in nearly boiling water and in the crevices of icy glaciers. They live in places with no oxygen and in places dominated by what to us would be poisonous gases and chemicals. They cover the surface of every leaf and twig. There are about a half million bacteria per square inch of skin on a healthy human. They are abundant in the water of Lake Michigan and every other body of water on earth. They live without oxygen in the gut of ruminant animals like cows and deer and elephants, where they emit most of the methane gas that is to be found on earth. Bacteria that use light and make oxygen have produced most of the oxygen that supports all animal life on earth.

Water is present in most of the earth's bedrock down to many miles in depth, and where there is water there will be bacteria. Live bacteria in large numbers have been recovered from deep oil wells and from boreholes more than four miles into the earth's interior.

How important is bacteria? They are more important than all the rest of the life on earth. The earth would continue to work well without us and even without most of its animals. It would not work at all without bacteria.

Three cheers for the bacteria, the most important form of life on earth.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Support pool

Editor:

I have been a member of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool Stingrays Swim Team for three years. I like being on the swim team because it's great exercise, a fun environment and I have made new friends. Everyone on the swim team gets along great. Our coach, Betsy Granstra is a great encouragement to us making us a strong team.

Our family enjoys the pool for other reasons also. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are dollar nights, which are great for families, and the hot tub is always nice on cold winter nights. We also take advantage of the lap swims that are offered.

If you have never been at the

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Letters to the editor

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pool, I encourage you to give it a try. It's perfect for young and old alike.

Alicia Drost
Charlevoix

Keep dogs out of park

Editor:

I come from a dog raising family — Retrievers, Cockers, Weimaraners and others. Since I grew up at Neff Bros. Grocery, then located in downtown Charlevoix for over 30 years next to East Park, I will share what I remember.

In the 50s the majority of all pedigreed dogs in Charlevoix were hunting dogs.

These were not dogs one would take to Venetian or band concerts in East Park.

The shuffleboard man opened up in East Park every day in the summer at 10 a.m. and stayed open for his many customers until 10 or 11 at night until Labor Day.

During July and August, we used to eat our lunch in the back room of Neff Bros. and head for East Park Shuffleboard Courts.

I don't recall dogs ever being around the shuffleboard courts during our lunch hour or in the evenings.

The boaters were the only people who had dogs on the harbor, small dogs.

First, the boaters had to walk their dogs away from the park, keep them on their boat. Boaters were not allowed to tie dog leashes to the docks.

Later a small dog run was added at the bottom of the hill next to Neff Bros. to accommodate boater's dogs.

In the old days of resort Charlevoix, out of courtesy and respect, Charlevoix people did not bring any dog downtown to East Park unless they planned to sit in their car along Bridge Street to listen to the band concert.

No dogs during Venetian. I think the dogs in East Park started with the advent of the Charlevoix Art Fair.

When my deceased friend, Mary Haggard Richardson was raising Newfoundland dogs in the 70s or so, the only place the Newfoundlands were welcome was Mt. McSauba.

It appears from all the flack in the newspaper about East Park that a hunting and/or house dog nowadays is treated in public at many other peoples' expense.

Due to liability and increasing crowds, other than for boaters under City Rules, in 2004, East Park should be animal free as the 1950s. Thank you.

C. Marilyn Neff Gibbons
Charlevoix

Leave gates open

Editor:

I have been a city resident for 27 or 28 years. Each week I would cut my grass, and lay it in the street by the curb.

Every fall, I would rake my leaves and lay them by the curb, just like the city wanted me to do. The grass would sit for three or four weeks fermenting, and my leaves would all blow back on my grass.

I wanted to bag both grass and leaves, but the city would not pick up bagged grass or leaves.

I then suggested to a city employee that I could bag my grass and leaves and take it myself to the city refuse area and empty the bags; they said go right ahead.

I have been doing just that for the last 15 or so years, but not any more! I have lost my privilege of doing the city's job for them.

The gates are now kept locked. I bet if they all put their heads together, they might come up with an idea, like keeping the gates open two or three hours one day a week.

Bob Lenhart
Charlevoix

Dogs should not be in park

Editor:

From reading about the dogs downtown and in East Park, I believe the poor dogs cannot stand up for themselves, so I'll speak up for them.

Did one ever think about the dog paws being stepped on with all the people in attendance?

How about the crowd causing stress on the poor canine. Have you ever seen an owner offering their pet water when he is panting when it is so very hot? I guess not.

Dear masters — you would really be doing your dear pet a favor leaving him home in his tranquil surroundings.

Rita Orlowski
Charlevoix

Support STAR program

Editor:

I just received a letter from the Charlevoix Elementary School concerning the popular STAR reading mentor program which is being put "on hiatus" this year. There are over 20 people who have volunteered in this program and many of us are discouraged to hear we won't be able to participate.

We've worked on a one to one basis with second and third graders. Last year a few worked with first graders.

I wonder if we might still become involved in an informal program.

Such important skills as reading and spelling should not be neglected, and I think the community should be informed that there is no longer a STAR program at the school.

Virginia Scharschmidt
Charlevoix

City manager actions shocking

Editor:

Courtney Pace's article in the Sept. 15 issue concerning the prospects of a city sewer line to Ironton caught my eye and gave me concern.

Apparently the owners of Castle Farms asked an innocent question concerning whether one day such a sewer might be built.

This simple question prompted the city manager to cause a study to be made using sewer funds and further to observe to your reporter that the sewer line might be built based upon the Master Plan without asking the people to be served whether they wanted it.

What is there in that question which would prompt such a bizarre response? The answer seems to be several-fold.

In 1994 the townships were asked whether they wanted a sewer line and Eveline Township said no. However, the Master Plan calls for increased residential density in the future, as every plan anywhere does.

Further, Weisner admits having talked to a developer who is trying to impose an unwanted and unnecessary mobile home park upon Eveline Township.

A sewer line would be a gift to developers of enormous benefit.

Frankly, I find the comments of the city manager shocking. Why would the city of Charlevoix or the city manager seek to expand its sewer into Eveline Township? Surely it would only be in response to a request by the people of the township.

I can tell him that, based upon recent election returns in Eveline, if such a proposal were made it would be rejected overwhelmingly and, if Mr. Weisner were an elected official, he would be turned out of office.

The lessons we learned are that Charlevoix has a system under which the city manager can, or thinks he can, act contrary to the wishes of the elected officials of the city and the electorate being served. Any number of recent editions of your paper demonstrate this very point.

Further, we should be careful about those Master Plans. Because they have been prepared by "experts" doesn't make them right. To whom are these experts and city managers responsible? Surely not just developers.

Erwin Schulze
Eveline Township

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis – September 22, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on September 22, 2004. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the September 8, 2004, regular Board meeting as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #04-066, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #04-067, Revenue Sharing Constitutional Amendment.

Motion approved Resolution #04-068, Commission on Aging Grant Application, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #04-069, Amend Remonumentation Grant

Motion approved Resolution #04-070, Parks Master Plan.

Motion approved Resolution #04-071, Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant, authorizing Chairman Patrick to sign said application.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the November 10, 2004 Board meeting in Boyne City at 7:00 p.m.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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Wedding

Hahn — Campbell

Christina E Hahn, of Charlevoix and Kevin Campbell of Charlevoix were married Aug.14, 2004 at Michigan Beach in Charlevoix.

Christina is the daughter of the late William E. Hahn and Christa-Maria of Charlevoix.

The father of the bridegroom, Mayor Gabe Campbell of Charlevoix performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a satin halter top gown, embellished with hand painted flowers and a train, her hair was decorated with flowers and streamers matching her dress and bouquet.

She carried a bouquet of cream sweetheart roses, Stephanotis, freesias and gerbera daisies.

The brides maids where Christine Oleksy and Jamie Pevo.

Groomsmen where Tracey Meadows and Mike Suttons.

A friend of the family, Tom Oleksy gave the bride away.

Guests came from Pisa, Italy, Whidbey Island , Washington State, Texas and Arizona.

A reception was given at the Knights of Columbus.

After a honey moon to the Upper peninsula the couple are residing in Gaylord.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Cemex donates rock

CEMEX of Charlevoix recently donated 5,000 tons of limestone to be used in the process of paving the access to the primary taxiway and ramp area as a part of the rehabilitation of the northeast hangar area at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport. The limestone has a $5,000 value, which is being donated by CEMEX to the airport through MDC Contracting LLC commonly known as Manthei. On Sept. 23 those involved in the project came out to watch as the trucks delivered the limestone. Pictured (from left to right) are Mayor Gabe Campbell, City Manger Michael Wiesner, Manthei owner Mark Manthei, CEMEX Plant Manager for the Charlevoix Plant Bud McCormick and Airport Manager Karyn Brooks.

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- NMH has suffered over $11 million in Operating Loss in 2003 compared to a gain in 2002. NMH predicts an operating loss for 2004.
- The number of patient discharges, the number of outpatient visits, total inpatient days and occupancy rates have all fallen in 2003 from 2002 levels.
- The CEO Tom Mroczkowski was given more than a $100,000 raise in 2003.

Would you trust your medical care to NMH? Can NMH Trustees really believe that it is conducting "BUSINESS AS USUAL?" Hundreds of RNs have been on strike with over 2,400 years of nursing experience and yet the Trustees refuse to bargain a fair contract. If you believe that "BUSINESS AS USUAL" will only return when the striking RNs are back at work, please contact NMH at (231) 487-4000 and let them know.

(Advertisement paid for by the Striking Nurses of Teamsters Local 406)
501 W. Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI 49770

Mary Beth Kur to join law firm in Petoskey

Mary Beth Kur, Prosecuting Attorney for Charlevoix County since 1995 is joining with Frederick L. Schmoll, III and Webb F. Martin in a new law practice, Schmoll, Martin and Kur, a professional limited liability corporation.

Mary Beth Kur

"I've worked with Fred before when he was a partner in a firm I worked at when I first got out of law school," Kur said.

"He is a really, really good attorney."

Kur added, "I am looking forward to joining the private sector."

She said she will miss her staff at the prosecutor's office, but will not miss "vicious personal attacks I endured."

The practice is located at 445 Michigan Street in Petoskey and will specialize in civil litigation, trust and estate planning, criminal defense and divorce. Subspecialties include employment, law enforcement, municipal government, real estate, environmental, commercial, corporate, elder law and fiduciary risk management and consulting. The practice previously operated under the name of Schmoll Martin, PLLC at the Petoskey location.

Kur will be stepping down as the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney at year end. In the interim, she will continue to fulfill her responsibilities as prosecutor, limiting her private law practice and not participating in criminal defense matters or matters relating to Charlevoix County government.

Kur, a Charlevoix resident, has over 13 years experience as a trial lawyer and prosecutor in both Charlevoix and Genesee counties. Her municipal law experience includes representation of Charlevoix County as civil counsel from 1995 to 2004. She has appeared in numerous divorce cases involving children and litigated many complex criminal cases including homicide, narcotics and sexual assault cases.

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox recently named Kur a Special Assistant Attorney General (SAAG) to prosecute child support cases in Northern Michigan. She was appointed by the Governor of the State of Michigan in 2003 to serve on Michigan's Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. Kur is a member of the Charlevoix Lions Club and the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra.

Kur earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit School of Law and a Bachelors degree from the University of Michigan. She is admitted to practice in all Michigan courts and the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. She is a member of the Emmet-Charlevoix Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan.

The practice can be reached in Petoskey at 439-5914.

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Yummy

Students from Charlevoix's Children's House recently visited Kilwin's of Charlevoix to prepare for their Apple Festival booth. While there they dipped plastic spoons in chocolate then dipped them in assorted sprinkies. (Left) Danny Nesburg dipping his spoon. (Above) Aaliah Pearsall with her complete spoon.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PLAN OF FINANCING FOR EXEMPT FACILITY BONDS
FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. at 735 East Michigan Avenue, Conference Room 4B, in the City of Lansing, Michigan 48912, on the 26th day of October 2004, with respect to a plan of financing by the Authority, consisting of one or more series of bonds, to provide for (i) interim financing for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of multifamily rental housing for persons of low and moderate income and persons whose incomes do not exceed federal and state statutory requirements through the issuance of general and limited obligation notes or bonds of the Authority in an initial aggregate face amount not to exceed $107,415,000 and (ii) long-term financing for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of multifamily rental housing for persons of low and moderate income and persons whose incomes do not exceed federal and state statutory requirements through the issuance of general and limited obligation notes or bonds of the Authority in an initial aggregate face amount not to exceed $107,415,000. Note and bond proceeds may also be used to fund reserve funds and costs of issuance, if any. The name of each development, its location, initial owner, maximum aggregate face amount of obligations to be issued to finance each rental housing project and the approximate number of units are listed below.

Development:	**May Street Apartments**
Location:	A parcel located at 1007 May Street, City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County
Initial Owner:	Mercer Avenue Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership
Maximum Face Amount:	$1,135,000
Description:	24 units for family occupancy

This hearing will provide a reasonable opportunity for interested persons to express their views, both orally and in writing, on the proposed issuance of bonds.

The Authority will provide necessary reasonable accommodation upon 7 days' notice to the Authority. Individuals with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation to effectively participate in this public hearing should contact the Authority by writing or calling the following: Ted S. Rozeboom, Director of Legal Affairs, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, 735 East Michigan Avenue, 4th Floor, Lansing, Michigan 48912, (517) 373-8295 or TTY (800) 382-4568.

Dated: September 30, 2004

Ted S. Rozeboom, Director of Legal Affairs
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Obituaries

Katherine Elizabeth Donaldson: Jan. 4, 1934 - Sept. 15, 2004

Katherine Elizabeth (Gill) Donaldson passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004 at St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson, Ariz.

Katherine (Bette as she was called by her many friends) was born at Charlevoix Hospital on Jan. 4, 1934. She graduated Charlevoix High School in 1952, and married Richard Donaldson on Sept. 6, 1952. Katherine was active in many commercial businesses with her husband Richard, including Puff's Appliance Centers, Sid's Appliance Center in Arizona and several coin operated Laundromats in the Charlevoix and Petoskey Area.

Katherine and her husband were the first owners of the large "A" frame home on Thistle Downs in Charlevoix, where their boat "Red Keg" was docked. Katherine was a long time member of the Charlevoix Yacht Club and an avid boater on the Great Lakes during the summer months.

Katherine was a parishioner of Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix and St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Tucson. Katherine was very adept at sewing, needlework and knitting.

She was very involved with the Altar Society of St. Albans Church in Tucson and spent much of her time the past few years sewing and knitting personal clothing and blankets for the children of a local Indian reservation in Tucson and other needy children in Mexico.

Katherine is survived by her husband. Richard of Tucson,and Charlevoix during the summer months, her sons Robert of Long Beach, Calif., Rick (Karen) of the Detroit area, Jim (Ellie) of Tinley Park, Ill., Ed of Tucson; daughter, Sue, of Tucson, Ariz.; her mother, LaRue Gill of Grandview Medical Care Facility in East Jordan; sisters, Ann Puffpaff of Charlevoix and Sue Breidenstein of Boyne City. In addition she leaves 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Alfred (Bud) Gill.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday Oct. 17, at Christ Episcopal Church, at 200 State Street in Charlevoix.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix City Council debating exotic animal ban

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

> *"I have no problem with people owning snakes and having them on their own property."*
>
> **Sherm Chamberlain**, Charlevoix city council member

The Charlevoix City Council decided to table a proposed ordinance that would prohibit "dangerous animals" from any public place in the city Monday night.

Council decided to table the matter because they wanted to make additions to the proposed ordinance following a public hearing that night.

But, during the public hearing, several people from the community spoke out against the proposed ordinance, saying it is unfair.

According to the original wording of the ordinance, it would have prohibited "any animal because of its size, vicious propensity or other characteristic, would constitute a danger to human life, property or domestic animals if not restrained or kept in a cage or an ape, a monkey of any species which exceeds 20 pounds, alligators, crocodiles, a snake which has a poisonous bite or a snake which is a constrictor."

Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young said this ordinance would not keep a petting zoo out of East Park, but it might effect visits by Laura the Elephant during the Charlevoix Venctian Festival.

"It's an issue we need to address," he said about the elephant.

Nita Martin, a Charlevoix resident whose son owns two constrictor snakes, said her son's snakes are much less dangerous than many of the animals that are allowed in public in the city. She asked to compare how many complaints have been filed on people bringing pet snakes out in public verses barking dogs and feral cats.

Pat Gretsch, of Charlevoix, said he has handled snakes for many years and has never had a problem with them. He pointed out, according to the CDC, there were 277 deaths last year as a results of dog bites and no deaths by constrictor snakes last year in the United States.

"Every 40 seconds someone is hospitalized by a dog bite," he said.

Even Charlevoix County Animal Control Officer Judy Whitley chimed in, saying the ordinance is wrong.

She said she can understand wanting to prohibit poisonous snakes, alligators, but said boa constrictors do not go after humans.

She added the ordinance also does not address pet birds. Whitley said she has seen people walking around in East Park with a parrot on their shoulder.

"Have you seen what a parrot can do when a child reached up to it," she said. "Where do we draw the line on fear? Next month, someone may want pitbulls banned."

Jill Picha, Charlevoix resident, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

"I don't understand what the problem is here. I wouldn't want to run into a snake downtown. They are not domesticated like a dog or cat," she said.

And council seemed to feel the same way as Picha.

Council member Shirley Gibson said, "I am an animal lover....I think there should be a law against even the possession of exotic animals. I think they belong in the wild."

Council member Sherm Chamberlain also said he has a concern about people carrying snakes, especially in East Park.

"I have no problem with people owning snakes and having them on their own property," he said.

Council member Bill Haggard agreed, but he questioned the enforcement of such an ordinance, particularly the banning of apes over 20 pounds.

"Would we have a police officer weighing monkeys?" he said.

In the end, council decided to change the ordinance to remove the weight on monkeys, ban all snakes, include exotic birds in the ban and prohibit these animals in only the Central Business District and city parks.

The newly revisited ordinance will be brought back up at a another city council meeting for a final vote.

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Reverend Mary Willis 547-9122

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Charlevoix students catch the political bug

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

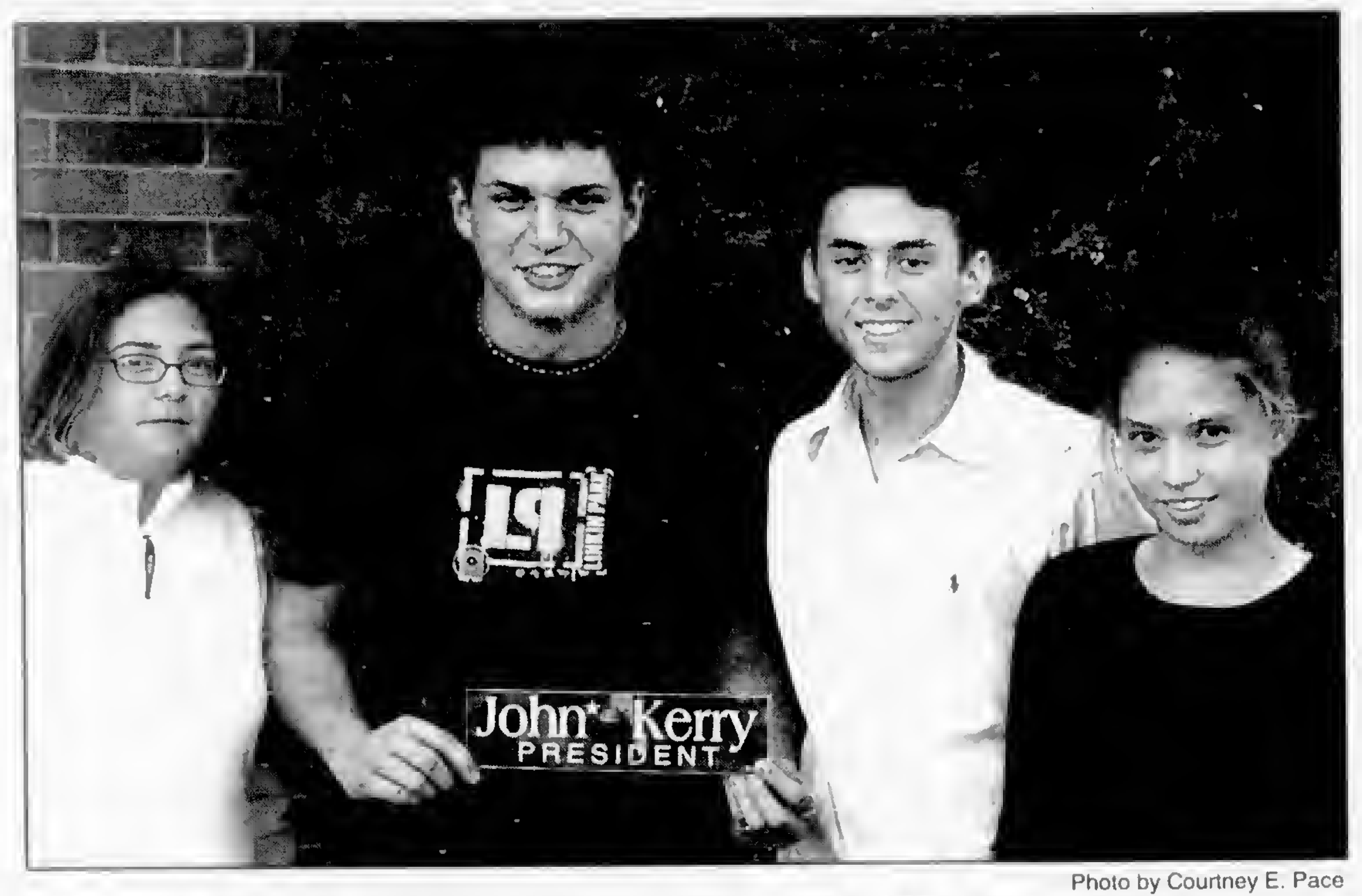

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Four Charlevoix High School seniors (left to right) Melissa Grosberg, 18, Josh Stevenson, 17, Alex Heffling, 18 and Anna Taylor, 17, have been donating their time to the Michigan Democratic Coordinated Campaign in an effort to become more involved.

Four Charlevoix High School seniors are taking part in the upcoming presidential election on Nov. 2 by volunteering their time to the Michigan Democratic Coordinated Campaign.

Melissa Grosberg, 18, Alex Heffling, 18, Josh Stevenson, 17 and Anna Taylor, 17, decided it was time to get involved and show their interest, even if some of them can't vote yet.

They became interested in the Michigan Democratic Coordinated Campaign when a representative came to the high school on Sept. 14 and spoke during their seminar class.

Stevenson said he wasn't present at the time because he was attending another meeting. However, he talked to his government teacher and called the representative himself to ask how he could get involved.

Since the four friends were the only ones from the high school that showed up and continued to volunteer, the representative put them in charge of the Charlevoix and East Jordan districts.

Staffing the phone bank every Tuesday and Friday evening is one aspect to their volunteer work. On Saturday, Oct. 2 the four engaged in some door-to-door work.

Grosberg said when they call, they let people know how important the issues are to them personally and not just to inform.

Heffling said right now the country is in a delicate state because, if Bush is re-elected, he will appoint members of the Republican Party to various positions opening up in Congress.

Grosberg agreed with Heffling and said if everything is dominantly Republican, then the checks and balance system is thrown off.

"If all are in the same political party, nothing is going to check and balance because they'll agree mutually," she said.

Taylor agreed.

"If the entire government is Republican, we're going to lose the conflict that keeps the government running," she said.

On any given day thereare no more than seven people who show up to staff the phones. While there are young people and older people, Stevenson said the middle age group doesn't seem to come at all. Grosberg said there is a lack of interest in politics from people her age. The problem to Grosberg is not that there aren't enough opportunities for young people to be involved in politics, but that they aren't promoted enough.

She said more students would be interested if they learned of opportunities before taking government class their senior year.

"I found out through the school, but I don't think anyone would roll with it unless we didn't feel strongly about the issues we're representing," she said, getting nods or approval from the others.

Grosberg said she has given a career in politics some thought, but thinks volunteer work is easier and will continue to be a part of that political realm.

Heffling said he doesn't necessarily have an interest in politics, but just thinks the issues at hand are important.

"We need someone that can repair our foreign policy," he said.

To Heffling, everyone should go out and experience what politics is all about. He said people need vote and not just let the opportunity pass them by.

Heffling said he won't be pursuing a future career in politics, but will continue to volunteer his time and effort to causes he believes in and finds important.

Stevenson, who contacted the representative himself, wanted to be involved and thinks other young people should do the same.

"I think everyone of every age should be involved," he said noting a lack of middle aged people volunteering their time.

As far as continuing his involvement in politics, Stevenson said he will volunteer as much as he can. He isn't closed to having a career in politics and may go that route should the opportunity present itself.

No matter what the future holds, Stevenson said he wants to stay focused on connecting to people because they need to vote.

"There's a problem with getting people to the polls at all," he said.

Taylor said she thinks more young people would be involved in politics if they knew about opportunities open to them. She said a lot of young people think you can't do anything about politics in Charlevoix.

After this, Taylor said she will probably continue her political volunteer work in the future.

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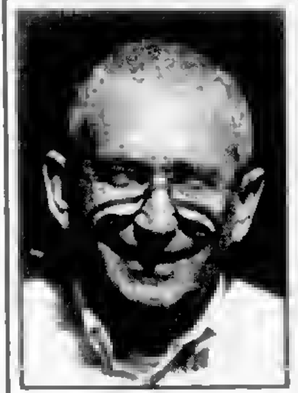
Mayoral candidates discuss park, marina plans

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

There are plans in the works to upgrade the Charlevoix marina and to expand East Park and mayoral candidates Gabe Campbell and Norman "Boogie" Carlson are discussing the issue and it's possible impact on Charlevoix.



Gabe Campbell

Norman Carlson

Incumbent Gabe Campbell said the marina and East Park upgrades are separate issues, with no funding available for the park.

However, he said he wants the grant for the marina project, but is concerned the people may find the docks project out farther into Round Lake than they originally thought.

He said the people of Charlevoix have been promised since last December that buoys would be placed in the harbor to designate exactly what the plan is.

"I'd like to see the marina fixed," he said. "I'm happy, but I want everyone to be happy."

Campbell said buoying the project is necessary.

Campbell said he wants to be fair to the people and hopes they will come forward now, before any construction begins, to voice their concerns over the project.

Some people have suggested fixing up the marina but leaving it as is instead of undergoing a major overhaul. They are saying it would be cheaper to redo the entire thing, while others think fixing what is there is the cheaper route.

"I think the first step is to buoy the lake then talk about it again," he said.

He said if all is fine then the plan can go forward, if not, things can be talked about and other considerations made.

"Round Lake is a resource and we want to protect it as much as we can," he said.

He said if people are upset, then changes are in order.

"I'm more interested in what the majority of town people want instead of something which they don't want," he said.

In regard to East Park, Campbell said the bandshell doesn't need to be moved. He said the bandshell is only used for six to eight weeks and it doesn't make sense to rebuild something that was built 12 years ago.

"Do we really need to get into a project of that scope," he said.

With the current location and style, Campbell thinks the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and Dan Barron, president of the Venetian Board, and others do a good job at bringing in quality bands to the park.

One reason there is a pull to build a new bandshell is to increase acoustics, but Campbell said he hasn't heard anyone complain about not being able to hear and enjoy the music.

Campbell said there is still some discussion to be had, but he's heard that residents on Belvedere Avenue are upset about the noise pollution they will receive if the bandshell is moved.

"A majority of people I've talked to don't want it to be torn down," he said.

Candidate Carlson said he was on council when they voted on the plans for the marina and East Park and he still thinks the community will benefit from the upgraded facilities.

"We have the most beautiful, natural harbor on the Great Lakes, but have the poorest facilities," he said.

Carlson said the concept of a new marina is important to Charlevoix since the city's number one industry is tourism. He said a

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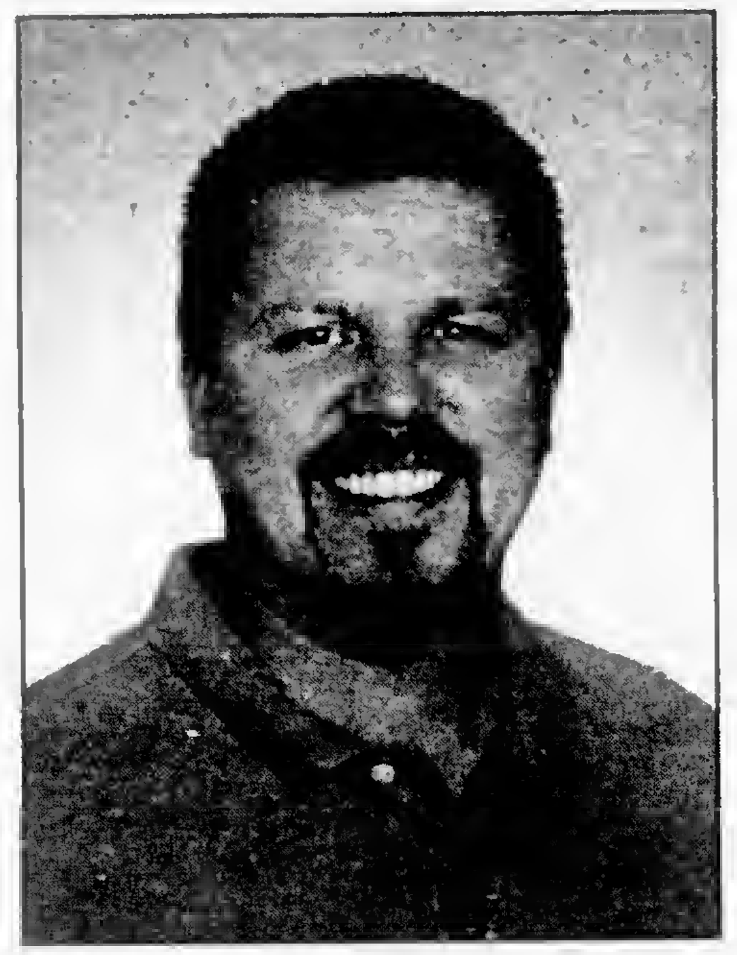

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great number of tourists during the summer arrive on boats.

"Boaters bring in a lot of money to the community," he said.

Carlson said boaters utilize the downtown area for all their needs because they don't have cars to go to places further out.

However, Carlson doesn't want everything to be done only for boaters.

Carlson said the plan will accommodate those who don't have boats, but want to enjoy downtown.

He said with wider docks people will be able to walk down the docks in a safer manner and have a better view corridor of Round Lake.

Also, by extending the length of the docks, people will be able to enjoy the lake more.

"More people enjoy what goes on downtown," he said concerning various festivals given throughout the year that could benefit from the marina and park projects.

Many people want buoys to be placed in the water in order to see exactly how far out the docks go. Carlson said the doesn't see a problem with putting out buoys and thinks it should be done before the plan is finalized.

Carlson said people shouldn't worry too much about the length of the docks since that can be changed.

He said things can be tweaked as needed in order to have a new marina, but keep people happy.

In regard to East Park, Carlson said the park and marina will become more accessible to senior citizens and handicapped individuals.

He said the current bandshell is pretty, but its acoustics and functionality were apparently not given consideration when it was built.

"A new bandshell would be nice," he said.

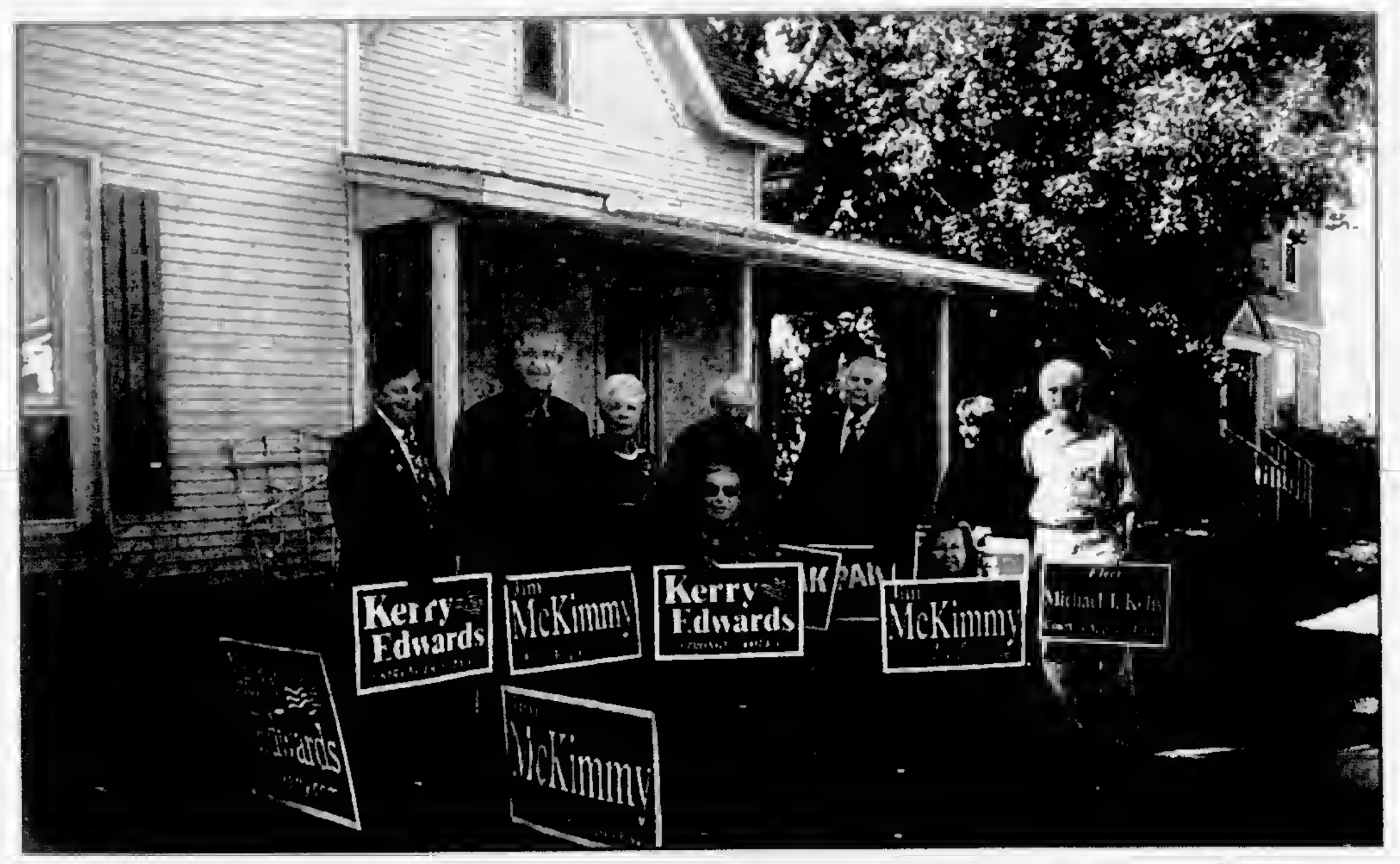
Overall, Carlson said building a new marina and upgrading the park will cost the same or less than trying to put a Band-Aid on the current design.

However, Carlson said if anyone has information that proves otherwise he'd be open to consider it.

Carlson said the Charlevoix Waterways Commission usually funds 50 percent of projects, but is funding 75 percent of the marina project.

The other 25 percent or $3.8 million is to come from the Downtown Development Authority fund.

"I feel, right now, that it's a good project," he said.



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Democrats open local office

The Charlevoix County Democrats opened a campaign headquarters in Charlevoix at 703 Bridge Street, Suite 1 on Sept. 30. Staffed by volunteers from the community, the headquarters is open from 3 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Candidate campaign literature, yard signs, bumper stickers, and buttons are available. The headquarters phone number is 237-0891. A grand opening will be held at a later date. Democratic candidates will be on hand at the grand opening to meet voters and answer questions. From left are: Bill Lovett (McKimmy Charelvoix Coordinator), Jim McKimmy, Rosemary Horton, Paul Richards (kneeling), Tom Dammann, Howard Horton, Connie Saltonstall (kneeling), Ann McIntyre, and David Nedwick.

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Charlevoix skate park opens new half-pipe

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Those who dare to defy gravity with their rollerblades, BMX Bikes or skateboards can test their skills on the new half-pipe at the Charlevoix Community Skatepark temporary location on Grant Street near the old middle school.

The structure was installed on Sept. 29.

The half-pipe was built by Scott Stebe of DS Stebe Construction, who donated all the labor required to construct the object. The surface of the half-pipe is made out of a weather-resistant material called Skatelite Pro.

Laura Stebe, treasurer for Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. said a half-pipe of this quality usually goes for $28,000, but it was able to built for under $7,000 through donations and volunteer efforts.

Funds for the half-pipe were generated through the Great Lakes Energy Grant received and through donations from Burt and Suzy Farbman and John and Patsy Ramsey.

Stebe said the half-pipe was also possible through the hard work of Vickie Daman, president of Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. and others who volunteered their time.

Stebe said the skate park will be receiving a skater's picnic table, which is lined with a surface conducive to performing tricks. Stebe said the table is being donated by the Charlevoix Lions Club and has a value of $1,700.

In exchange for the table, the youth who utilize the skate park are to paint the Christmas tree shed for the Charlevoix Lions Club. Stebe said this will show their support for the community.

Cameron Attee, 16, will be in charge of organizing those involved in the painting project.

The skate park will not only be getting a new structure for their facility, they will also be showing the community what they're all about during the Twenty-fifth Annual Apple Festival and Craft Show.

From Oct. 8 to Oct. 10, the Charlevoix Community Skatepark will be occupying a booth from which they will sell various items, including Bridge Walk T-shirts for $10.

Cynthia Parker, a board member of the Charlevoix Community Skatepark and fundraiser coordinator, said the booth was donated personally by Jacqueline Merta, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, and is not a chamber donation.

The homemade baked goods for sale are made by those involved with the skate park and all proceeds will go toward the park.

Parker said food donations from the Argonne Supper Club, Big Apple Bagels in Petoskey and Oleson's Farm Fresh Markets will also be available.

Parker said Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. will be putting on a 50/50 Raffle starting at Apple Fest and ending on Oct. 24. The winner of the raffle will receive 50 percent of the money raised by the raffle and other winners will be awarded with sweatshirts and various other items from Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc.

A silent auction will also start during the Apple Festival for an art piece done by Charlevoix artist and master sculptor William Doehring. The piece is a buffalo head that is painted uniquely, Parker said. All remaining proceeds will go toward the skate park.

The winners for the raffle and the silent auction will be announced on Oct. 24 during the skate park's end of year party.

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On Sept. 29, the Charlevoix Community Skatepark installed its latest piece, a half-pipe. The structure allows for numerous stunts by in-line skaters, BMX bike riders and skateboarders.

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By COURTNEY E. PACE
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With the Nov. 2 elections right around the corner, Charleviox City Council candidates are into issues facing the city such as the proposed marina plan and renovations to East Park.

First Ward Incumbent Bill Haggard said he thinks the most recent plan presented for the marina is looking good.

Major changes are a necessity in order to secure funding.

"A Band-Aid wouldn't get any funding," he said.

Michigan Waterways Commission is funding 75 percent or $6.8 million of the project, leaving the community to come up with 25 percent or $3.8 million.

He said a lot of people approved the plan the first time around, but are now discussing how far out the docks will go.

Haggard said this isn't something to worry about because the plan isn't set in stone and can be changed.

Haggard said buoys should be placed in Round Lake to allow the citizens of Charlevoix to see exactly how far out the docks are intended to go, which may be put in this fall.

"Charlevoix is one of the two busiest marinas there is," he said. "It's a win-win situation."

In regards to East Park, Haggard said the new plan aims to make the park more accessible for handicapped individuals and senior citizens.

Some people are concerned about the bandshell being moved and Haggard said he originally was in favor of leaving it where it is. Now, after looking over some plans, he said the proposed location is good because the area is not so steep and could be more usable to more people.

Candidate Rebecca Doan said she doesn't think any of the changes are necessary.

She questions the need to allocate $1 million just for something seasonal.

She said the city needs to upgrade what they already have and not expand on it.

"Rather, I'd like to see that money being allocated for new businesses with good-paying jobs to help the taxpayers," she said.

Doan said city council has asked the city to buoy the proposed layout and she agrees that it's necessary.

"Taxpayers can see how large of a project this will be in our tiny Round Lake," she said.

Doan said she hasn't seen the current plans for renovations to East Park, but doesn't think anything should be done, especially when taxpayer's money is involved.

"The taxpayers should always have a say to where their money is going," she said. "I believe anything that is a community owned property should be on the ballot if taxpayers money is to be used."

She said moving the bandshell is unnecessary because it isn't that old and would just be an example of careless spending by the city.

"Nothing should be done to the park," she said.

Doan said she likes the idea of a handicapped drop-off and said it wouldn't be out of the question to put in a sidewalk that would allow more access to the park.

Doan said if she is elected in November, she will strive to keep spending to a minimum.

Second Ward Incumbent Karen I. Campbell said the plan for the marina is nice, but costly.

"It's an elegant plan, but we can't afford it," she said.

She said buoys need to be placed in the water so people can see the proposed length of the docks. Campbell said people are going to have a fit when they see how far out it's going to go.

"Fix what needs to be fixed," she said.

Floating docks are something that could be done only if it's cheaper than rebuilding the current style of docks, Campbell said.

Campbell said the current bandshell was built by donations and many people in her ward are upset about the possibility of the bandshell being torn down and moved.

"Leave it where it is, leave the fish pond where it is," she said. "It'll cost more to tear down and rebuild."

Campbell said Charlevoix isn't Sydney, Australia, San Francisco or Los Angeles, so the bandshell is fine the way it is and meets the needs of the community.

"At the time they built it, it was the cat's meow," she said.

Campbell said if the economy

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was better and the city had more money then the plan could be done. However, with the current situation all should be left alone except for fixing needed items such as the bulkhead.

Candidate Alvin "Butch" Russell said East Park needs upgrading and so does the marina. However, he said the current plan could be downsized.

Fixing the breakerwall, Russell said, would probably cost the taxpayers the same amount of money they will have to put up to finance the current plan.

He said he'd like to see things done with as little amount of local taxpayer's dollars as possible.

"I'd rather see them use grant money," he said.

Russell said he doesn't see a problem with buoying the lake in order to let people see where things are proposed to be.

The park should be more handicapped friendly, Russell said, because he has been down in the park during Venetian and has seen people fall.

If money is available, he said he'd like to see the project finished all at once.

"I think the position on council and the mayor should be to spend less taxpayers money, but get the job done and get it done right," he said.

Third Ward Incumbent Sherman Chamberlain Jr. said plans for East Park and the marina are meeting a long-standing community goal.

"I think the improvements in East Park and the marina will be great for the community," he said.

He said this is the last public works project listed on the 1982 Master Plan, which will allow the park to become more accessible for handicapped individuals and senior citizens.

He said relocating the bandshell will allow for more foot traffic downtown and a better sound system.

"It is the heart and soul of the community," he said in regards to East Park.

He said the proposed dock layout for the marina will open up more viewing of the lake and could become the center for community actives because it extends farther out into the lake.

He said fishermen could fish in deeper waters and utilize stores in the downtown area.

Aside from allowing more commerce in the downtown area, Chamberlain supports the plan because it provides safer docks.

People are concerned about the length of the docks and Chamberlain said it wouldn't hurt to use buoys to show the proposed length.

Chamberlain said it would cost more to put a Band-Aid on the problems than it would to fix things all at once.

"Do it right then you don't have to do it for the next 50 to 60 years," he said.

Chamberlain said this project is the reason he is running for re-election and if elected he will be serving his final term.

Candidate Dave Scott was unavailable for comment by press time.

Pool asking for millage in November election

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Without the usual funding it received and government support, the Charlevoix Area Community Pool is going to the voters on Nov. 2.

The pool is asking for a .33 mill for 10 years for operational and maintenance purposes. This milleage proposal would cost an estimated $2 per month for an average home of $125,000.

This would help raise $160,656 for the Recreational Authority, which is composed of members from the City of Charlevoix and Charlevoix and Hayes townships.

The $160,656 will be divided up with $50,000 going to support dollar nights, which occurs from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; $35,000 for the contingency fund; and $75,000 for maintenance and operational costs.

In the past, a milleage proposal was voted down and the pool said they wouldn't come to the voters for money. Things have changed, however, since the pool is no longer going to receive the funding it once had, said Bruce MacArthur, a pool board member.

MacArthur said the pool usually received a $25,000 challenge grant from the Frey Foundation, which left the pool to raise $25,000 from government entities such as schools, townships and cities.

The Frey Foundation grant was supposed to last two years, but MacArthur said it was already extended once and won't be this year.

He said those involved with the pool were told that since they're operational they should receive govenment support.

MacArthur said the pool went to the city first, but the city refused to match the Frey Foundation grant. He said the city told the pool members that the issue should be brought to the people.

During the Sept. 20 City Council meeting, Tim Boyko, president of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool and member of the Recreational Authority, presented a slide show for council.

His presentation stated that many of the lifeguards, including Michelle Rowe and Keil Tilley, who were involved in a lifesaving rescue this summer, were trained at the community pool.

The pool also offers aquatic therapy and other services such as swim lessons. Boyko said in his presentation that the Charlevoix, Saint Mary's, Char-Em ISD, Beaver Island, Petoskey and Ellsworth school districts have contracted with the pool to provide swimming lessons.

For more information call the Charlevoix Community Pool at 547-0982.

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5 cups sliced, peeled apples
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1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Topping:
3/4 cup biscuit/baking mix
3 tablespoons sugar, divided
1/3 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Place apples in a 1½ qt. microwave-safe dish. Combine the sugar, flour and cinnamon; sprinkle over apples and toss to coat. Cover and microwave on high for 3-4 minutes or until apples are tender. Meanwhile, in a bowl, combine the biscuit mix, 2 tablespoons sugar and milk. Drop by tablespoons over hot apple mixture. Combine cinnamon and remaining sugar, sprinkle over topping. Microwave, uncovered, for 4-6 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Serve warm — with ice cream or whipped cream. GREAT and FAST!!!!

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Sour Cream Apple Pie

Crust:
1 1/2 cups flour
3 Tbsp. sugar
1/2 teas. salt
1/2 teas. cinnamon
1/4 pound (1 stick) sweet butter
3 to 4 Tbsp. apple cider or apple juice

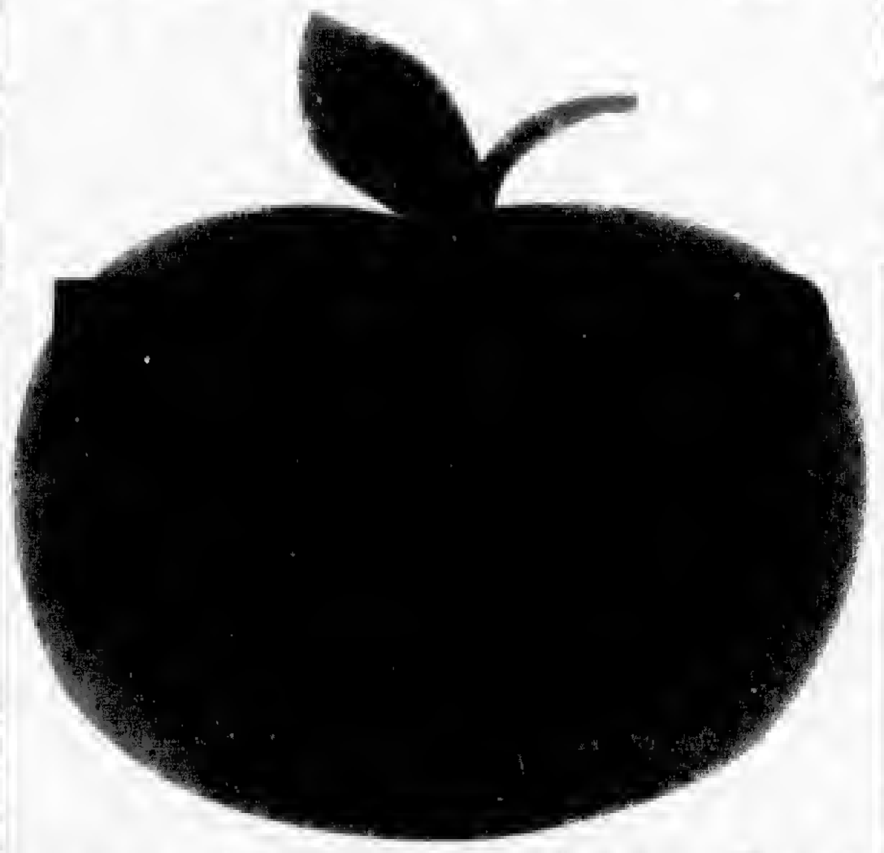
Filling:
6 to 8 tart apples
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 1/4 cups sour cream
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 teas. salt
2 teas. vanilla
1/4 cup flour

Topping:
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup white sugar
1 teas. cinnamon
Salt, a dash
1/2 cup flour
1 cup chopped walnuts
6 Tbsp. melted butter

Directions for Crust:
Sift flour, sugar, salt and cinnamon into bowl. Cut butter into dry ingredients with pastry cutter. Add just enough apple cider to hold dough together. Form dough into a ball. Flatten slightly and roll out to fit a 9 or 10" pie pan. Place crust in pie pan and trim crust 1/2" beyond edge of pan, and roll the edge under. Crimp edges.

Directions for Filling:
Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Peel and thinly slice apples. Mix egg, sour cream, sugar, salt, vanilla and flour; add to apples and toss until lightly coated. Spoon apples into pastry shell. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 350 degrees and continue baking until apples are tender, about 40 to 45 minutes.

Directions for Topping:
Mix together sugars, cinnamon, flour and salt. Add nuts and melted butter, and blend thoroughly. When pie has been in the oven for about 35 or 40 minutes, spread topping over it and continue baking until golden, about 10 to 15 minutes.



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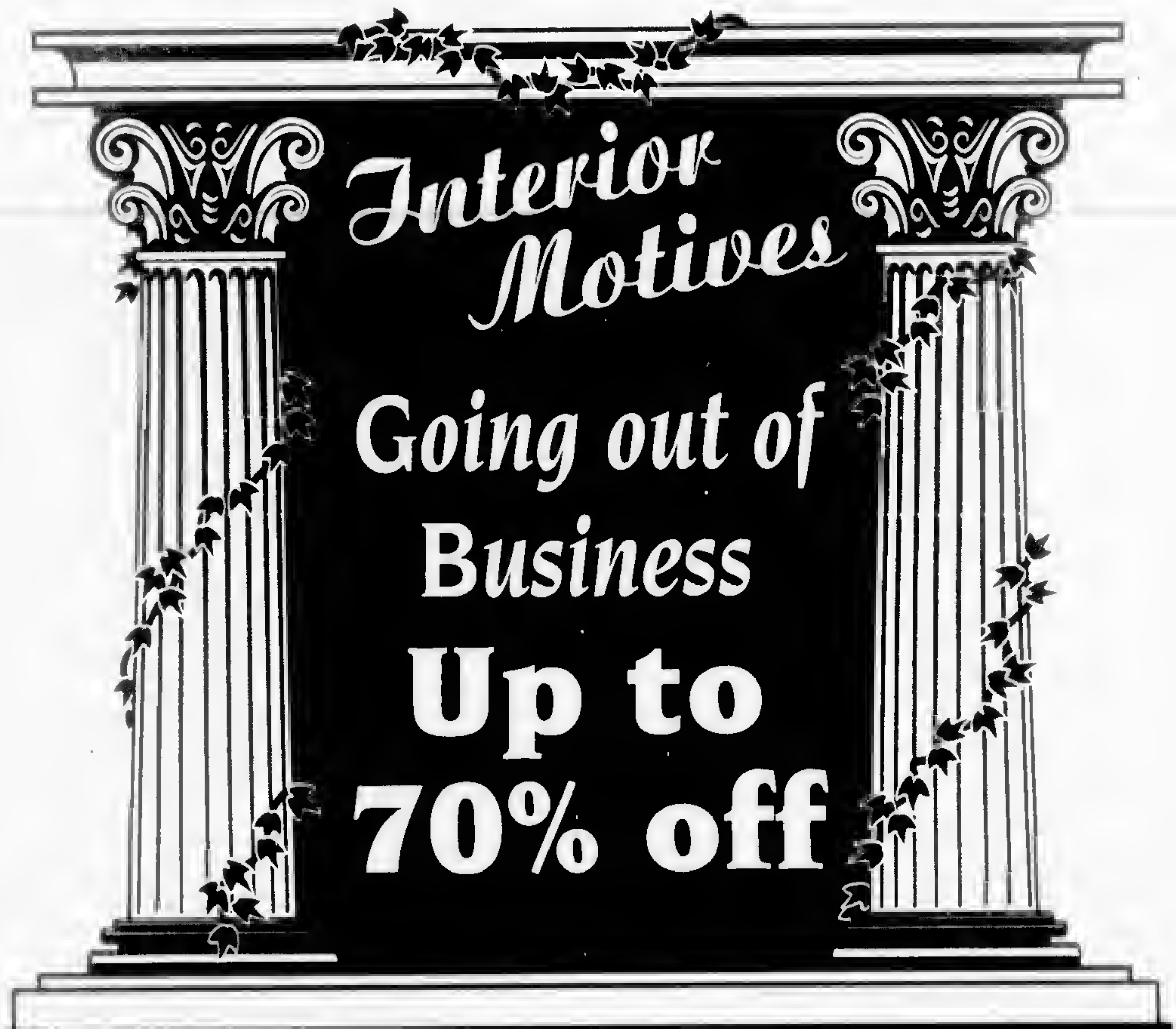

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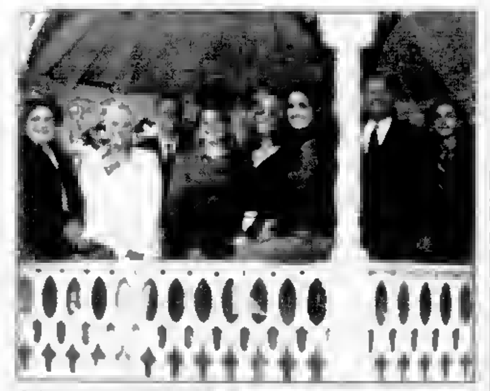
From the Kitchen of... Anne Roby

Low-Fat Dutch Apple Cake

2 cups all purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
4 medium apples (such as, granny smith, empire etc.)
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup fat substitute (any commercial fat substitute or applesauce)
1 1/2 cups of sugar (or 1 cup of sugar and 1/2 cup of honey)
1 cup finely chopped pecans
Confectioner's sugar

Grease (with low fat spray) and lightly flour a 9-inch baking tube pan. Stir together flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Peel, core and finely chop apples; set aside. In a large mixer bowl, stir together eggs and vanilla; beat on high speed of electric mixer for 2 min. or until light and fluffy. Gradually add the fat substitute or applesauce. Then beat in sugar. Add dry ingredients, apples and pecans. Beat after each addition to mix well. Turn batter into prepared pan. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 55 to 60 minutes, or until tests done. Place on a wire rack, cool for 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool completely on rack. Dust top with confectioner's sugar.



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1/2 c butter, softened
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1 c flour

8 oz pkg cream cheese, softened
1/4 c sugar
1 egg
1/2 tsp vanilla extract

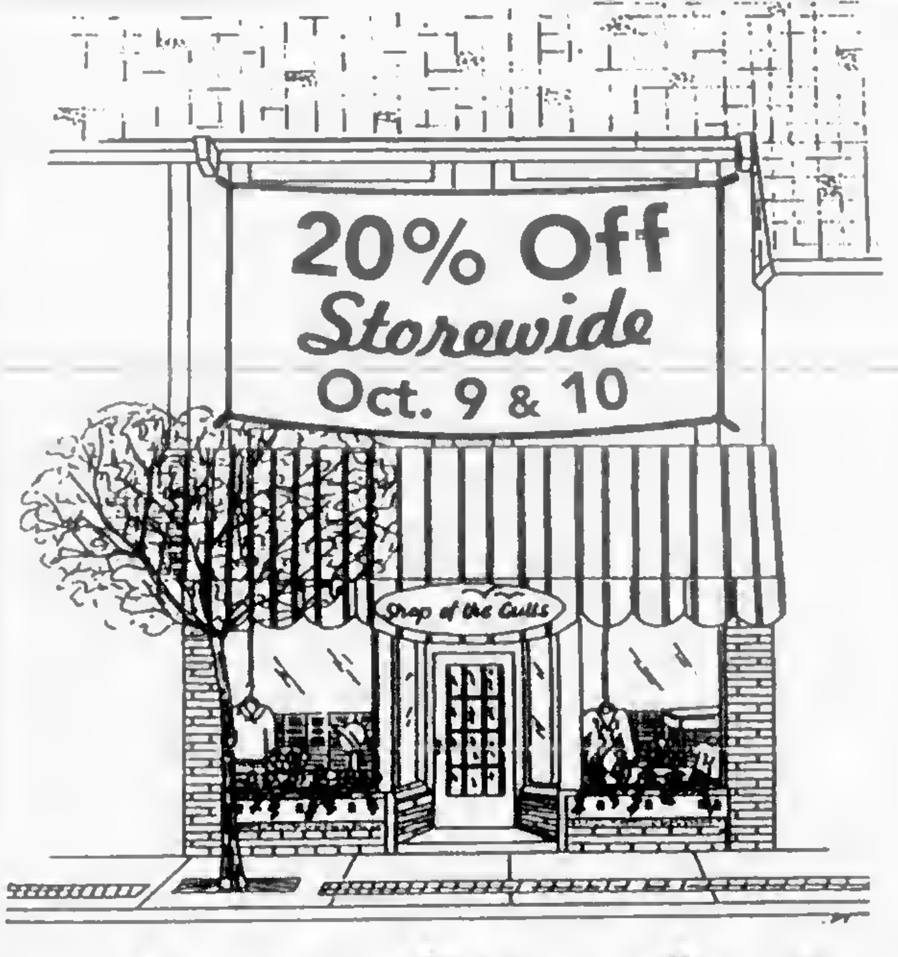
5-6 Jonathan apples, peeled and sliced

1/3 c sugar
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 c sliced almonds

Jar of caramel ice cream topping

Cream together butter and 1/3 c. sugar until light and fluffy. Blend in 1/4 tsp vanilla, add flour and mix well. Spread dough into a 9" square pan. Combine cream cheese and 1/4 c sugar; mix well. Blend in egg and 1/2 tsp vanilla. Pour on top of dough. Toss apples with remaining sugar and cinnamon. Spoon over cream cheese layer. Sprinkle with almonds.

Bake at 425 degrees for 10 min. Reduce temperature to 400 degrees and bake 25 min. longer. Allow to cool and cut into squares. Drizzle with caramel ice cream topping before serving.



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4 1/2 cups white sugar	

Combine all the above ingredients except nuts in a large saucepan. Bring to a rolling boil, reduce heat to simmer. Cook until apples are tender. Add nuts.

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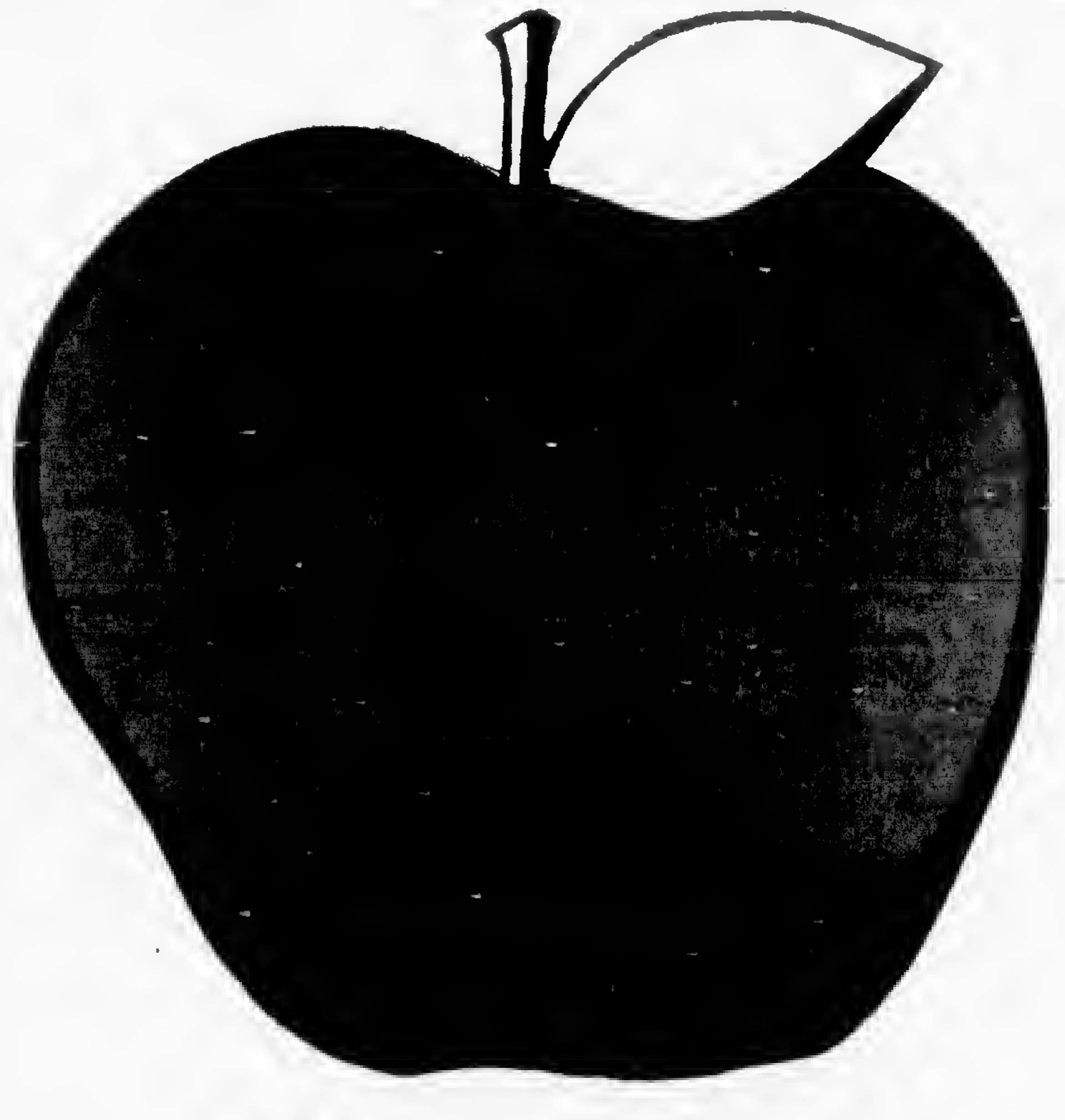

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Charlevoix native honored for saving lives

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Former Charlevoix resident and Jerome, Ariz. Police Chief Allen Muma, 42, is a highly decorated, globe-trotting officer who recently received the Medal of Valor from the state of Arizona for his heroic efforts during an accident on Mingus Mountain.

Former Jerome Mayor Jay Kinsella awarded Muma with the Medal of Valor during a Jerome Town Council meeting in June. Muma also received a letter of commendation from Arizona State Senator Ken Bennett.

"I continue to do this job as a law enforcement officer because I help the people," he said.

On the day of the accident, a northbound vehicle was driven off the road by an oncoming car. The vehicle rolled down the side of a mountain where it came to rest in some brush. However, the car was not stable.

In the *Verde Independent*, Muma said the situation was tender because the vehicle could have continued on down the mountain with him hanging halfway out of it. Despite this knowledge, Muma continued giving first aid to the driver until firefighters came to the scene.

Muma grew up in Charlevoix and is the son of Earl and Alice Muma of Charlevoix. He has spent 20 years in law enforcement and the last five years as the police chief of the Jerome Police Department.

"His dad and I are very proud of him," Alice Muma said.

Throughout his childhood, Muma always wanted to be outdoors and help people, Alice Muma said.

He also worked for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department as a young man, which is where he received his first Medal of Valor from the state of Michigan, a letter of commendation and a campaign ribbon in 1986.

Sheriff George T. Lasater presented Muma with the medal, which is the first Medal of Valor ever awarded by the sheriff's department. He also nominated Muma for a similar award from the National Sheriff's Association.

"I know he tried very hard," Lasater said. "His dad was a good mentor for him."

Earl Muma was a bailiff and the Emergency Services Director for the sheriff's department for almost 14 years, Muma said. He also served in the Air Force for 38 years, 15 of which he spent in active duty.

Muma himself went on to serve in the Air Force Reserves from 1982 to 1988.

Muma was a sheriff's marine officer and a deputy on Beaver Island when he assisted in a daring rescue that saved four men from drowning when he was only 24 years old.

An article by Fran Martin in the *Charlevoix Courier* states that the men had set out for Beaver Island when a storm blew in causing them to head back to Charlevoix.

"He was very enthusiastic about his profession and tried very hard to do the right things," Lasater said.

Lasater knew Charlevoix would hear from Muma in the future.

"I suspected we'd hear from him again for doing some outstanding things," he said.

Muma has received numerous awards throughout his career. He served as the Police Chief in Manton from 1989 to 1998.

During that time he received the Distinguished Service Medal in 1995 from former Governor John Engler and the Michigan Associate of Chiefs of Police for a serial rape case that had occurred over two years.

Muma said his department alone caught the rapist without any aid from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

For about a year he left law enforcement and worked for Reith-

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Allen Muma, on right, is honored in Jerome, Ariz.

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Muma shows real courage in his police actions

MUMA

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Riley as their project manager. He said they were a good company and the job was good and paid well, but he missed law enforcement.

"Life is not a pursuit of money, it is a pursuit of happiness or at least it should be," he said.

Happiness for Muma is helping other people. So, in 1999 he took the position of Police Chief in Jerome.

During his time in Jerome, he worked for the United Nations and served as a UN Police Advisor in East Timor, located between Indonesia and Australia in the Timor Sea, where he helped train the local police officers and investigators.

He was in the Bobonaro District of East Timor, which had the highest threat level. While there, he appeared on CNN and helped with debriefing and uncovering bodies after the massacre at Atambua.

"You appreciate life in America a lot more," he said concerning being in hostile situations in other countries.

In 2002, Muma was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for apprehending an armed and dangerous felon who was fleeing the scene after shooting and killing someone, which Muma said resulted in a two and a half hour standoff.

Muma's globe-trotting efforts are far from over as he is currently contemplating whether or not he will go to Iraq to help with the situation.

For Muma, law enforcement is about protecting the people he serves.

He said a great number of people in the world are sheep who do good and don't hurt others, while about two percent of people are wolves and do bad and hurt others.

But, he said, there is even a smaller percentage who are sheepdogs that watch and protect the sheep from harm.

Muma is passionate about helping those he serves and sticks to his ethical standards, which he has never violated.

He said he wants new officers to know that they are here to serve the people in the community they live in and not just flash a badge.

"It's a privilege and an honor to serve the community," he said. "We should be held to a higher standard."

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Allen Muma was honored for his bravery in helping save a person in this crash.

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Workers continue to dismantle Big Rock plant

BIG ROCK

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place it on the ground for further demolition and remediation.

Remediation is the process of taking the radioactivity out of an object. In the case of the stack, it has picked up some low level radioactive waste when the plant was in operation. However, workers will clean it up, making it free from radiation, and the stack pieces will then be shipped to a landfill in Waters.

In all, the stack will create 616,000 pounds of rubble for the landfill.

As of Monday, Petrosky said the actual process of taking down the stack has not started due to weather. Work crews can not be up in the work basket in high winds.

However, Big Rock is hoping to have the stack completely dismantled by the end of November.

But, this is just one of many projects the company undertakes at the site in its efforts to turn Big Rock into open space once again.

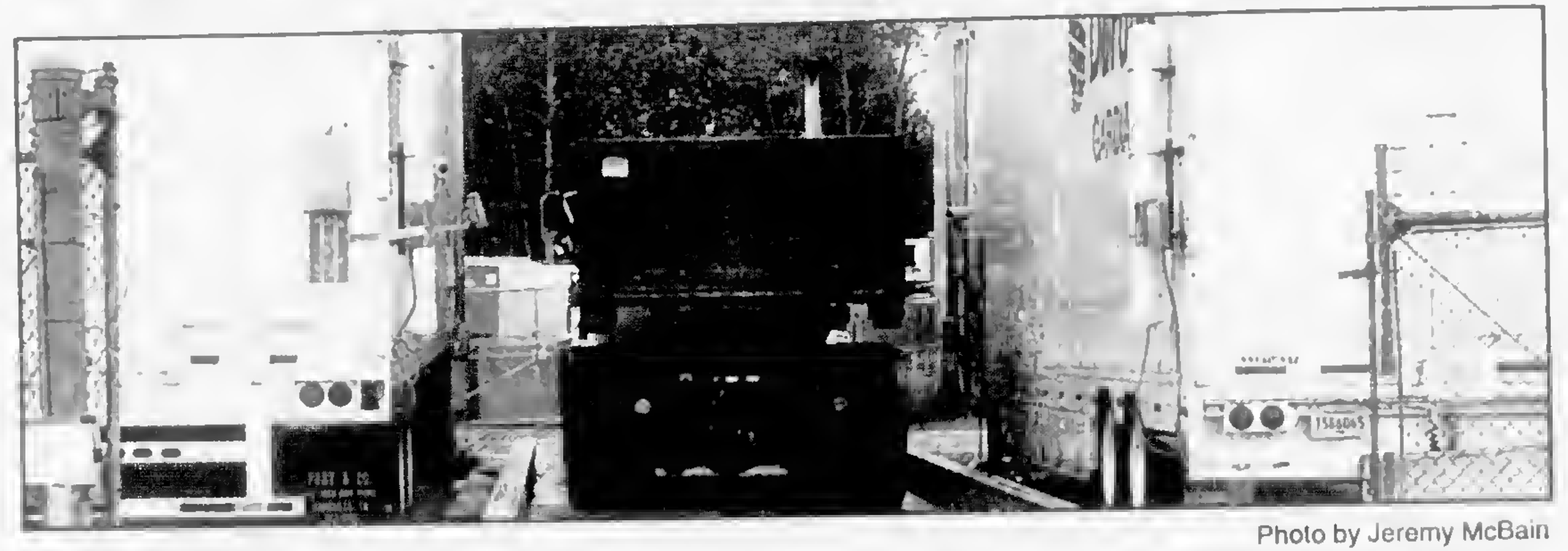
In addition to the stack, Big Rock has also removed the discharge channel familiar with boaters and fishermen on Lake Michigan. This channel used to pump warm water from the plant into Lake Michigan.

Because it was warm, it attracted many fish, which in turn attracted many sportsmen.

That channel has since been cleaned and filled. The "screen house" next to the channel, which regulated the water, has also been demolished. The rip cap, a line of rocks that jut out into the water alongside the discharge channel, remains to help control erosion of the beach.

Several other buildings visible to outsiders have also been demolished, Petrosky said, including the administration building. Next on the block are the service building and the turbine building, which are scheduled to come down this year.

The large circular dome at the plant is to come down next year.



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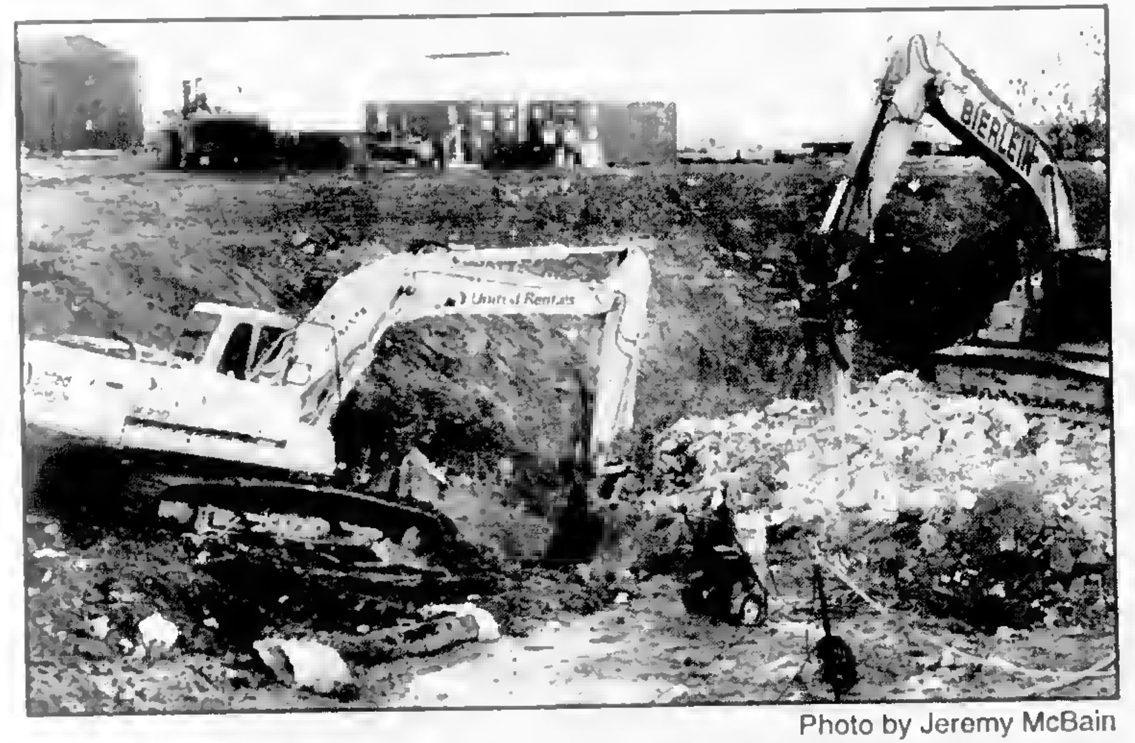
A truck hauling debris is checked for radioactive material at Big Rock between these two semi-trailers, which are outfitted with scanning equipment.



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Machinery breaks down the former screen house near the discharge channel at Big Rock.

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SPORTS

Islanders crush soccer competition

By FRANK SOLLE
Special to the Courier

The Beaver Islander soccer team blasted past the Munising Baptist Bobcats last weekend, winning 11-1 on Friday and 12-2 Saturday, in a pair of games shortened due to the 10-goal mercy rule.

Sophomore Saygan Croswhite led the Islanders with seven goals and three assists. Three of his goals came without any help as the talented ballhandler threaded his way past the Bobcat defenders time after time.

Juniors Brett Maudrie and Tony Bousquet each drilled four scoring kicks. Sophomore Jared Wojan and freshman Brenden Martin had two goals apiece. Scoring a goal each were senior Keith Szczepanski, junior John Runberg, and freshmen Eric Albin and Leaha Cary.

In a show of tremendous teamwork and unselfish play, the team combined for 18 assists on the 23 goals, as they controlled the tempo of play both days. Wojan finished with four assists while Croswhite and Bousquet each had three. Martin and Runberg contributed a pair of helpers, while Cary, Maudrie, John Albin, and Jimmy Gillespie each played a role in a goal apiece.

The games wrap up the Islanders home schedule. They were 6-0 on their turf, outscoring their three opponents 46-4.

As they head into their season finale at Mackinac Island on Oct. 15 and 16, the Islanders are 8-0 overall and in Northern Lights League action.

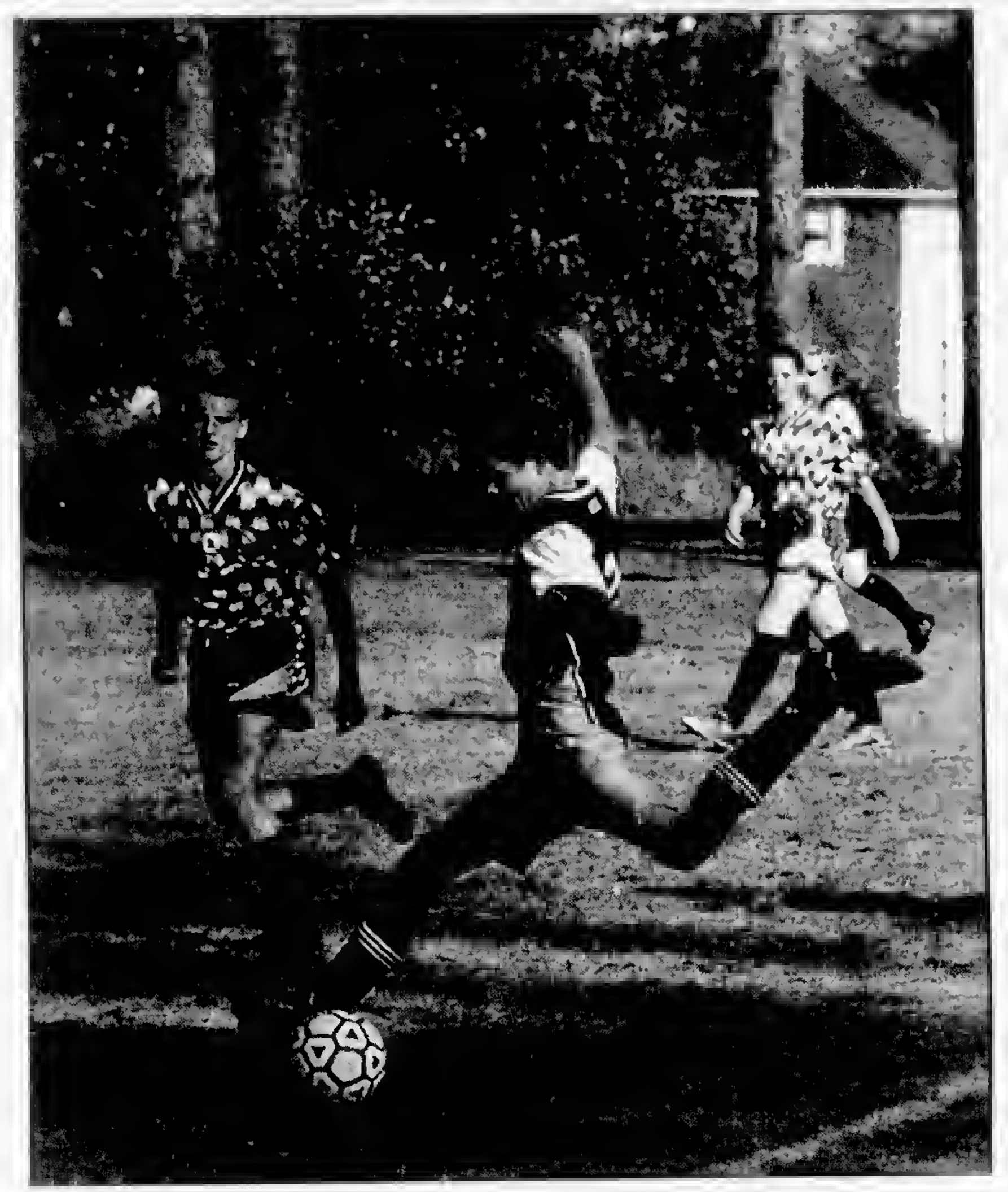

Photo by Frank Solle

Saygan Croswhite of Beaver Island gets ready to send in a shot against Munising Baptist.

Golf team takes third in Lake Michigan

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix High School varsity golf team finished in third in the Lake Michigan Conference at the championship match Sept. 29 at Antrim Dells.

Grayling won the day, making them the conference champion two years in a row. But the Rayders shot a 344 to earn a third place finish behind Traverse City St. Francis and Grayling. Plus, Chris Wyniawskyj and Kyle DeYoung were named to the second team, all conference, due to their scores in the match.

This finish allows the Rayders to move on to the regional tournament, Oct. 7, in Tawas City.

Individual scores for the championship were: Wyniawskyj with 84, Kris Bartling with 88, DeYoung with 80, Chris Golski with

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Cross country teams sweep Gladwin meet

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Both of Charlevoix's cross country teams took first place in the Cedar Bend Invitational Oct. 2 in Gladwin.

The boys' varsity team finished first out of 10 teams and the girls' team finished first out of nine teams.

Boys' coach Ken Plude said, "The boys had their best day of the year so far."

Girls' coach Mary Plude said, "We had another good team showing on this tough course. This is not an easy course to maintain contact with your teammates because it is on a hilly trail."

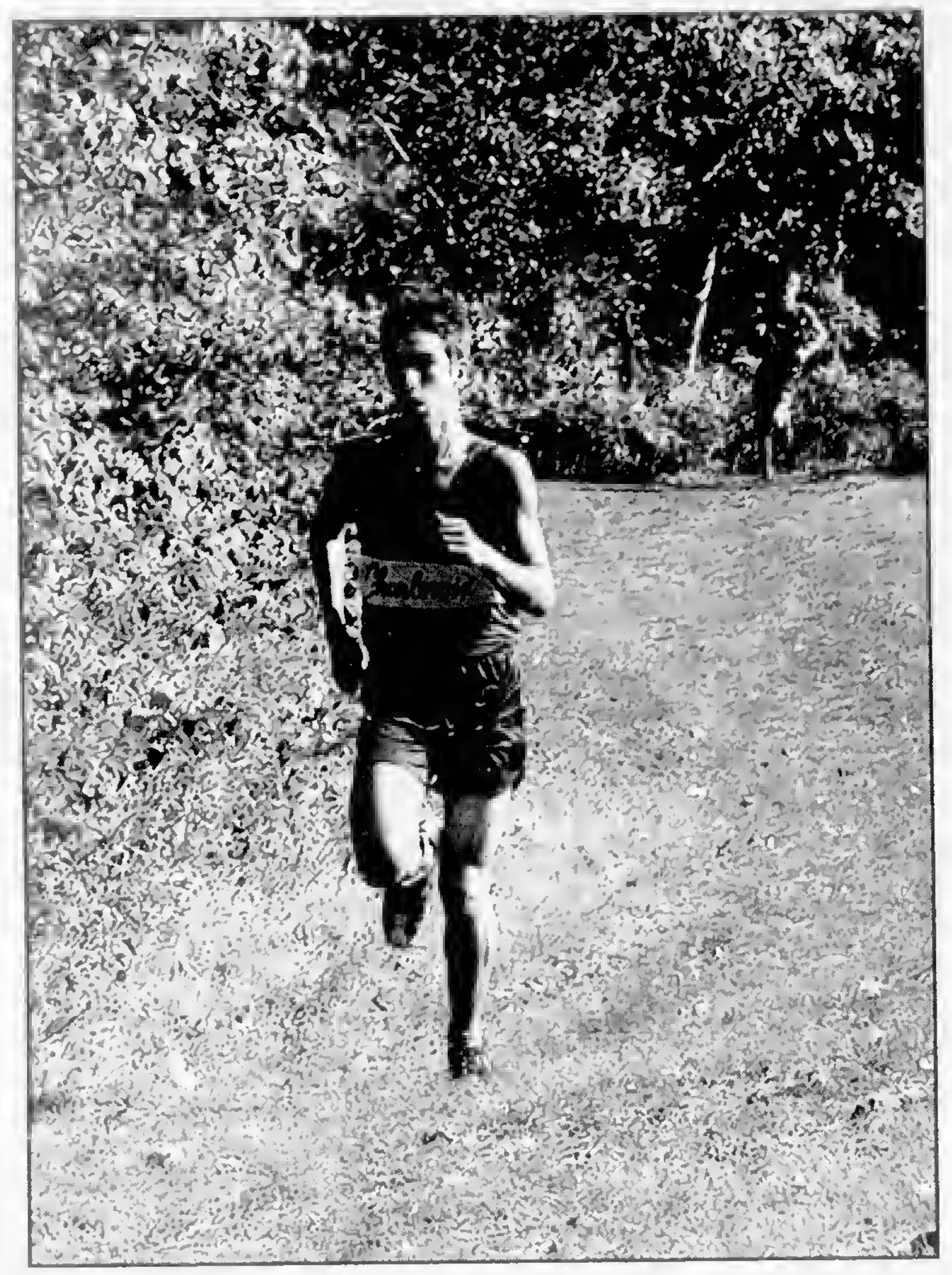
She added. "This is the first race we went into wanting to win it overall."

Medalists for the boys' varsity team were: Brandon Stevens in first place with a time of 17 minutes. 14 seconds; Scott Plude in third place with a time of 17 minutes. 28 seconds: Jacob Wimmer in seventh place, with a time of 17 minutes. 56 seconds; Jared Hunt in eighth place with a time of 18 minutes. 4 seconds; Isaac Matchett in tenth place, with a time of 18 minutes. 11 seconds: Tom Apelbacher in eleventh place, with a time of 18 minutes. 25 seconds.

Medalists for the boys' junior varsity were: Zach Scharenbroch in first place, with a time of 18 minutes. 32 seconds; Jacob Hunt in second place, with a time of 19 minutes. 21 seconds; Chuck Mason in third place, with a time of 19 minutes. 35 seconds; Nickolas Wimmer in fourth, with a time of 19 minutes. 38 seconds; Aaron Hagen in fifth, with a time of 19 minutes. 49 seconds; Sam Balasz in sixth with a time of 20 minutes, 27 seconds: Rob Shutler in seventh, with a time of 20 minutes, 28 seconds; Ted Dilworth in ninth with a time of 20 minutes, 53 seconds: Logan Nuttall in tenth, with a time of 21 minutes, 24 seconds.

Medalists for the girls' varsity team were: Lindi Edger in first, with a time of 20 minutes. 43 seconds; Emily Morgridge in fifth, with a time of 21 minutes, 28 seconds; Brittney Lamb in ninth, with a time of 22 minutes, 7 seconds; Theresa Martin in eleventh, with a time of 22 minutes, 20 seconds; Sonya Plude in thirteenth, with a time of 22 minutes, 35 seconds.

Medalists for the girls' junior varsity team were: Liz Madison in first, with a time of 24 minutes, 16 seconds; Christine Bradley in third, with a time of 24 minutes, 44 seconds; Lisa Kuebler in sixth, with a time of 25 minutes, 34 seconds; Jacky Heckendorn in eighth, with a time of 25 minutes, 41 seconds; Gaby Dhaseleer in ninth, with a time of 26 minutes, 26 seconds; Ellie Strong in tenth, with a time of 27 minutes, 17 seconds.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Brandon Stevens, overall winner of boys.

Rayders head into golf regional tournament

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96, Matt Novotny with 105 and Kenny Anderson with 92.

On Sept. 27, Charlevoix also took part in a Lake Michigan Conference match at the Mallard Golf Club. The team finished fifth in this match.

Individual results are: Wyniawskyj with 39, Bartling with 40, DeYoung with 40, Golski with 45, Stephen Parker with 45, Kevin Kusina with 48.

On Sept. 24, Charlevoix took part in another conference match at A-ga-ming Golf Course. The Rayders finished fifth in this match.

Individual results were: Wyniawskyj with 44, Bartling with 48, DeYoung with 47, Golski with 55, Kusina with 52 and Parker with

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Charlevoix football team continues winning

By B. JON GOHS
Football writer

Neither rain nor wind nor Blue Blazers would stop the Rayders from their appointed rounds as they went on to a 21-6 victory over Kalkaska Friday night.

The northern Michigan weather seemed to be back to it's old self Friday at Kipke field. And according to Coach Jess, it had some effect on the Rayders passing game..

"The rain hurt a us a little bit," Coach Jess said. "We didn't pass as much as we'd liked to, but the running game kicked in."

Crummy weather or no, the Rayders had the Blue Blazers' number.

"They ran the ball a lot and we knew they would," he said. "Kalkaska's passing game wasn't bad, but it only occurred in passing situations so we kind of expected it."

Some anticipated this game to be a battle for every yard. And the first half did not disappoint as Charlevoix scored their first TD in the second quarter closely followed by a Kalkaska TD making it 7-6 for the Rayders.

The game remained an even match until late in the second half when The Rayders intensified for their second TD of the game.

Kalkaska knew time was getting tight. They revved up to return the favor but the Rayders intercepted the pass. QB Cody Crain used the opportunity to blast Mitchell Klooster with a 45 yard TD pass for the Rayders third TD. A TD which gave Jeff Golovich the chance to nail his third extra point of the game.

Crain was back in his zone this week with his usual 59 percent of passes completed as he was 13 for 22 over 130 yards with one TD and an interception.

Ezra Baker lead defense with 12 tackles while Jeff Golovich and his enchanted foot followed with 11 tackles.

Receivers Mitchell Klooster and Ben Bergman had five catches for 89 yards with one TD, and seven catches for 41 yards respectively.

Russell Williams lead rushing as he had 16 carries for 85 yards for one TD and Ray Jones followed with nine carries for 27 yards with one TD.

And although there were no penalties levied against the Rayders this week, according to Coach Jess, they gave up a little too much yardage on their run plays.

But, all in all, he said, "We held them to six points which was good considering how much they (Kalkaska) had the ball."

With four conference wins in a row, the Rayders look next to the Rams of Harbor Springs. And despite their record of 0-6, Coach Jess said, "Harbor beat us last year. They are a tough team and we're going to have to play hard."

And Jess said, next week is Harbor Springs' homecoming so they will play even harder.

While visions of sheep may be dancing in the Rayders' heads, this week's emphasis will be on pass blocking, which according to Jess was sufficient, but could have been better.

He added, "We just weren't picking up on the blitzes."

Harbor Springs uses the same type of offense as Kalkaska which could give the Rayders a good idea of how to prepare for next week's game.

"They do a decent job of passing the ball so we have to stop the run especially and shut down their passing game when the time comes," Jess said.

According to Coach Jess, the Rayders are going to stick with their game plan as they try for 5-2 next week.

The Rayders have three conference games left beginning with the Rams of Harbor Springs at 7:00 p.m., Friday Oct. 8 at Harbor Springs.

Rayder girls' basketball team remains unbeaten

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

They keep making it look easy.

The unbeaten Charlevoix Rayders cruised to two more blowout wins last week, 69-40 over Traverse City St. Francis at home and 70-47 at Kalkaska.

A supposedly tough game against previously unbeaten St. Francis never materialized as Charlevoix sprinted out to a 10-0 lead to start the game and never looked back. With the win the Rayders took sole possession of first place in the Lake Michigan Conference.

"I thought the first half was the best half of basketball we've played all year," coach Keith Haske said. "I liked the way our kids responded. We knew it was a big game going in. It was probably the biggest crowd we've had all year and the kids just thrived on that."

He added, "If they are going to be in big games and thrive, that's a good thing."

The Rayders led 29-10 after the first quarter, 53-17 at the half and 67-29 after three quarters.

Grace Farrell led the charge with 14 points, eight rebounds and four steals. Shannon Dibble scored 12 points and Jaime Pettis had 11 in a balanced Charlevoix scoring effort.

Laura Nitchman scored 10 points, handed out four assists and swiped three steals. Madison Ramsey had four assists, four steals and two blocks.

"The team played a great game and our pressure took them out of what they wanted to do," Haske said. "The kids that came in off the bench didn't miss a beat."

At Kalkaska, the Rayders fought off a slow start, leading only 14-8 after one quarter but scored 31 points in the second stanza to lead 45-30 at the half.

Farrell had a double-double, scoring 23 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. Betsy Dennis had 13 points and Dibble had 11. Nitchman had six points and six steals.

"I was pleased with how we executed against their packed in zone," Haske said. "And Shannon Dibble came off the bench and gave us a lift in the second quarter."

Charlevoix (11-0 overall, 6-0 conference) was again ranked no. 3 in Class C by the Associated Press earlier this week.

Asked if he was concerned about the lack of a close game for the team, Haske said, "I worry but then you look at the other teams that are supposedly the best in the state and they are beating everyone by 40. You worry about it and you wish there was (a challenge) because you're never sure how they'll react at the end of a close game."

The Rayders hosted Boyne City on Tuesday, Oct. 5, but results were unavailable at press time.

Charlevoix Yacht Club gives fall series results

Winds were light for the three legs of the fifth Fall Series race of the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

Twenty-three boats participated in the Sept. 29 race. Racers were treated to a spectacular sunset over Lake Charlevoix as they finished. Race results provided by Mike Miller, committee chair.

- Jib and Main Fleet: 1 — SailLaVie (Williams) 7; 2 — Flash (Gordon) 5; 3 — Tireless (Carland)11; 4 — Apothecary (Ochs)17; 5 — FLASHer (Sherbarth)11.
- P-26 Fleet: 1 — Original Sin (Miller)10; 2 — Cygnus (Stewart)7; 3 — Artemis (Bowerman)11; 4 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney) 7.
- Spinnaker A Fleet: 1 — Swine Flew (Strawbridge)12; 2 — Stringthing (Thomas)5; 3 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra)11; 4 — Kamikazee (Funck)11; 5 — Hog Tide (Clagett)27; 6 — Whats Her Name (Robinson)29; 7 — M3 (Carey) 23.
- Spinnaker B Fleet: 1 — Padawan2 (Lamb) 5; 2 — Erector Set (Jensen)14; 3 — HoiPolloi (Attee)14; 4 — Northern Light (Orlow)12; 5 — Gotcha! (Dow)14; 6 — Windrunner (Pirie)17; 7 — BlasenIV (Jurrics) 26.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Young at Hearts League
September 30, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	12	4
Misfits	11	5
Past Timers	10	6
Sparetime	9	7
Irish Rollers	7	9
Twilighters	6	10
Has Beens	5	11
Alley Cats	4	12

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	514	185
Ralph Kitson	459	174
Eldon Potter	434	161
Bev Sladek	424	160
Nancy Bambach	439	159
Zettie Kitson	435	159

Church League • September 29, 2004

	W	L
R & C Roofing	144	56
Ferguson & Chamberlain	120	80
Paul Bunyan Lanes	116	84
Mark White Paint & Stain	100	100
Lutherans	98	102
State Farm Insurance	91	109
The Inner Circle	75	125
St. Mary's	56	144

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Tom Browe		218
Roger Crain	577	
Chad Odlum		215
Jim Rozema	567	205
Scott Kehrer	550	

Men's Senior League
September 27, 2004

	W	L
Team 6	9	3
J Arnold Painting "2"	8	4
B Vanloo & Sons	7	5
Central Drug Store	7	5
Kerr's Racing	7	5
J Arnold Painting "A"	4	8
Cemex Cement	3	9
Charlevoix Manufacturing	2	10

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	656	232
Brian Dixon	574	224
Mike Cummings	578	
Ron Chapman		222

Tuesday Night Ladies • Sept. 28, 2004

	W	L
Central Drug Store	12	4
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	11	5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	11	5
Twin Lakes Enterprise	9	7
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	7	9
Don's IGA	6	10
Grey Gables	5	11
Mark White Paint & Stain	3	13

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	567	243
Cathy Sullivan	568	215
Cindy Mansen	559	202

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
September 26, 2004

	W	L
Hill/Martinchek	7	1
Novotny	7	1
Golovich	7	1
Griffin/Novotny	5	3
Herboldsheimer	5	3
O'Leary	4	4
Bradley	4	4
Hart	3	5
Cunningham/Mikulski	2	6
Lasky	2	6
Titus	2	6
Team 12	0	8

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Matt Novotny	510	210
Butch Hart	478	190
Richard O'Leary	502	
Chris Mikulski		186
Kathy Hill	439	174
Cindy Novotny	448	163
Carrie Titus		143
Linda O'Leary	357	

Gutter Gals League • Sept. 30, 2004

	W	L
Burger King Charlevoix	49	31
Paul Bunyan Lanes	45	35
Argonne Supper Club	38	42
Express Yourself	28	52

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	521	236
Mary O'Brien	487	188
Diana Spiegl	460	166

Double Deckers Mixed League
September 19, 2004

	W	L
Blanchard/Crain	4	0
Stein	4	0
Novotny	4	0
Koffman	4	0
Russell A & J	3	1
Sladek	3	1
Russell C & R	3	1
Webb	2.5	1.5
Spencer	1.5	2.5
Ferguson	1	3
Bradley	1	3
Patton	1	3
Witthoeft	0	4
Hart	0	4
Nordman	0	4
Blanchard	0	4

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	520	178
Mike Webb		176
Gary Spencer	492	173
Joe Sladek	471	
Lynette Webb	500	182
Laural Sladek		182
Amy Russel	455	176
Carla Spencer	413	

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Charlevoix soccer team improving on the field

Monday saw the Rayders playing Elk Rapids at home and the score of Elk Rapids 5 Charlevoix 1 didn't show the caliber of the soccer played.

For Charlevoix, Curtis Petzak scored the lone goal with an assist by Sparky Nitchman.

"Our team is finally starting to judge themselves on the game they're playing rather than wins or losses," said Coach Block.

Thursday saw the Rayders away at Boyne City.

Scoring was Andrew Mailloux with an assist from Matt Teuscher, Sparky Nitchman with an assist from Mike DiMartino, Mik Papp with an assist from Andrew Tillotson.

Other goals were made from Ben Scheelk and Mike DiMartino making the score Charlevoix 5, Boyne City 2.

Later this week the Rayders played Forest Area's homecoming Saturday. The score was 3 to 1 Rayders with Sparky Nitchman scoring the hat trick.

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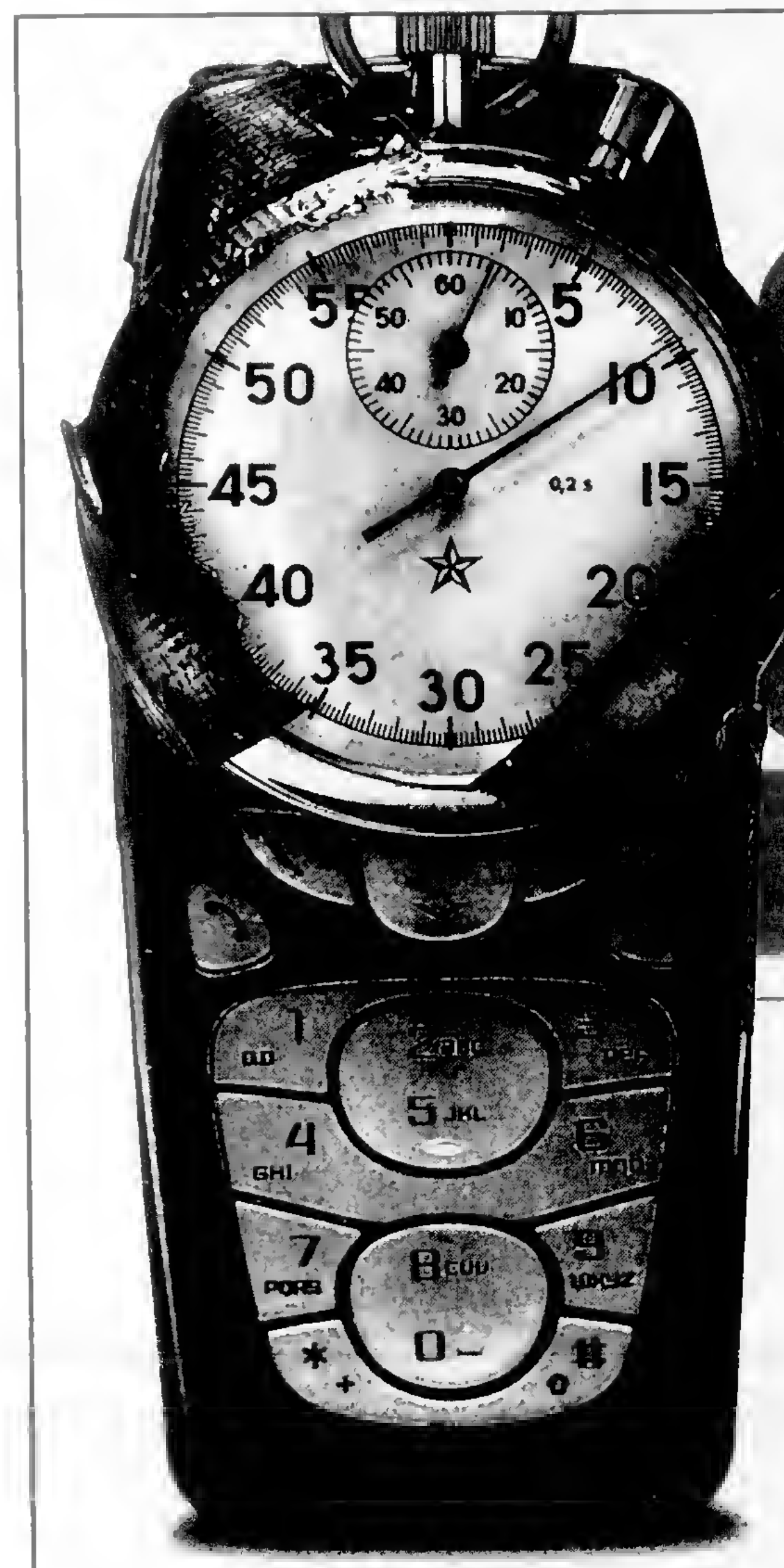
Bulb sale

Charlevoix Area Garden Club members (left to right) Anne Marie Barnes, Karen Stankevich and Karen Benning spent Oct. 1 bagging bulbs to prepare for their Bulb Sale, which will occur during the Apple Festival on Oct. 8, Oct. 9 and Oct. 10. The various bulbs for sale include varieties of daffodils, tulips, allium, crocus and hyacinths.



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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

WARDROP & WARDROP, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default has been made on the conditions of a mortgage made by **JEROME G PETRIW, JR.**, an unmarried man, and **SARAH L. GROH**, an unmarried woman. Mortgagors, to **THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC.**, Mortgagee, dated January 11, 2002, and recorded on February 6, 2002, in Liber 457 beginning on Page 201, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Four and 41/100 ($148,494.41) Dollars, including interest at 7.750% per annum. **No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.**

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Friday, October 22, 2004, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 7.750%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes, and includible attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, described as:
LOT 7, BLOCK "G", OF MILLER'S ADDITION TO SPRING HARBOR (NOW CITY OF BOYNE CITY), SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 419 GROVELAND STREET, BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN 49712-1142. TAX PARCEL NO. 15-051-147-077-00.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241 (1), in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgage can rescind the Sheriff's Sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower(s). In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus any applicable interest.

Dated: September 7, 2004

THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgagee
By: Brian L. Groen (P-56673)
Wardrop & Wardrop, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
300 Ottawa Avenue NW; Suite 150
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-1225

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by KENNETH M. DULINSKI and MARY J. DULINSKI, husband and wife, whose address is 4868 Eastwood Road, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49730 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with an office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated November 12, 1990 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan on November 12, 1990 in Liber 221 of Charlevoix County Records on Pages 414 through 417, inclusive, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of NINETY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN AND 26/100 ($91,317.26) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice Is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Building located at 301 State Street in the City of Charlevoix and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on **Friday October 22, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock** local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 9.0 percent interest on such Mortgage, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 14, T33N, R5W; thence West 666.08 feet along the North line of said Section 14 to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North section line West 200.00 feet; thence South 468.60 feet at right angles to the North line of said Section 14; thence East 200.00 feet; thence North 468.60 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, lying Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road. (Also commonly known as 4868 Eastwood Road, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49730; Tax Code No. 15-10-014-005-15.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact the local office of Rural Development, 7192 E. 34 Road, Cadillac, Michigan 49601, telephone (231)775-7681, ext. 4.

Dated: September 17, 2004

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
acting through the Farmers Home Administration
(now Rural Development),
United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee
Robert J. Zitta (P22749)
Attorney for Mortgagee
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Shawn T Mcleod and Shawn M Mcleod, husband and wife to Household Finance Corporation III, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated April 11, 2003 and recorded May 19, 2003 in Liber 540, Page 366, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents ($159,175.29) including interest 6.8% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mort-gaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court House, Charlevoix, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, October 22, 2004. Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a 5/8 in. rod at the North quarter corner of Section 2, Town 32 North, Range 6 West; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds East 1127.22 feet along the North line of said section to a point in the centerline of Division Street, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing South 89 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds East 200 feet along said section line and along the centerline of said street to a boat spike on the East eighth line of said section, as monumented; thence South 0 degrees, 01 minute 14 seconds West 33.00 feet along until eighth line to a 1/2 inch rod on the South line of said street; thence continuing South 0 degrees 01 minute 14 seconds West 402.60 feet along said eighth line to a 1/2 inch rod: thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds West 200 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 0 de-grees 01 minute 14 seconds East 402.60 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said South Street line; thence continuing North 0 degrees 01 minute 14 sec-onds East 33.00 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the North-east Quarter of Section 2, Town 32 North, Range 6 West. Commonly known as 808 Division St, Boyne City MI 49712 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

Household Finance Corporation III
Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
36150 Dequindre Rd. Ste 810
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(586) 303-3030
T.S.# 04-27215/ASAP#610334

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made July 02, 2002, by Louise P. Parsons, a married woman, as mortgagor, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on July 31, 2002, at Liber 479, Page 988, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $455,244.90 principal, $12,609.66 interest, and $2,250.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, November 5, 2004, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Unit 5 and Unit 6, CLUB AT LAKE POINTE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Eighth Amended Master Deed as recorded in Liber 407, Pages 464 through 541, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Plan No. 45, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 3.0% above the First Community Bank base lending rate, which is variable daily, and which total variable rate is presently 10.95% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums that may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: September 29, 2004

First Community Bank
Mortgagee
200 E. Main Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 2450, Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individual Code.

Trust of JOHN FREDERICK SHARROW, Deceased.

S.S. #364-12-6295

Date of birth: 10/16/1907

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, who lived at 406 Sheridan Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, died on March 13, 1996.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate of deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Louis J. Hollow, Successor Trustee of the John Frederick Sharrow Revocable Living Trust Dated June 15, 1978, as amended, or the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9941

Dated: September 28, 2004

Louis J. Hollow, Successor Trustee
1030 Marina Bluff
Charlevoix, MI 49720

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

TO ALL CREDITORS

The Settlor, Alene Anderson, who lived at 112 Hampton, Charlevoix, Michigan died on 02/29/2004. There is a personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued, Charlevoix County Probate File No. 04-010709-DE. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Estate of Alene Anderson, will be forever barred unless presented to James L. Anderson, Personal Representative, at his attorney's address below within 4 months after the date of publication. Notice is further given that the Estate will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the person(s) entitled to it.

Dated: September 28, 2004

By: John J. Rizzo III, Attorney for PR
Rizzo & Associates, PLC
310 W. Front St., Ste 310
Traverse City, MI 49684
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Coats for Kids

The Coats for Kids Program kicks off now through Oct. 29, and is sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet FIA. Their goal is to be sure that children are kept warm this winter. The drive is accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. They will also accept gently worn coats, hats, gloves and mittens in good condition. Please clean the worn items before donating. Donations can be made at Boyne City and Petoskey Glen's, and Charlevoix and Petoskey Kmart's.

Those in need can pick up coats at any of the following distribution points:

- Friends and Neighbors Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1404 S. Howard Street, Petoskey from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 326 North Park, Boyne City from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Thursday.
- Salvation Army at 712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey.

Meet the Greens

The Up North Green Party will host a public "Meet Your Local Green Candidates" evening at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at Charlevoix City Hall. Speakers include Up North Green Party candidates:

- Jo Anne Beemon, City of Charlevoix resident and incumbent Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner; running for second term as Drain Commissioner.
- Ellis Boal, Up North Green party co-chair, lawyer and Hayes Township resident; Charlevoix County Prosecutor.
- Joseph King, Charlevoix Township resident; Charlevoix Township Trustee
- David Newland, Bellaire resident and Bellaire School Board member; U.S. First Congressional District.

It will also be an opportunity to learn the Green Party values of ecological wisdom, social justice, grassroots democracy and non-violence. They are also inviting the public to a discussion of the Instant Runnoff Voting (IRV) an election system.

Rummage sale

Atwood Christian Reformed Church's Annual Rummage Sale is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday Oct. 8 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9. Collectibles, household goods, craft items, produce and baked goods will be offered. Atwood church is located on US-31, 10 miles south of Charlevoix. Proceeds will go toward refurbishing and remodeling the church.

Car wash

The City of Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighter's Association will be having a car wash 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, from at the City Fire Hall. Bring your vehicle through when you come downtown for Apple Fest.

Support group

Grief and Loss Support Group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one will meet at 7 p.m. Monday evenings starting Oct. 11, and ending Nov. 15. The group will meet at Charlevoix United Methodist Church at 104 State Street. If you want further information please call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at 487-4825.

Volleyball, basketball meeting

There is an organizational meeting for volleyball including coed, women's and men's and also adult men's basketball on Monday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. in the basement conference room of City Hall. Any questions call 547-3253.

MARSP meeting

MARSP, Charlevoix Chapter of Michigan Retired School Personnel, will meet at the former Boyne City Middle School, across from the library on Oct. 20. The hospitality club of the school will serve lunch at 12 p.m. Meet the candidates with your concerns. Have your questions on 3x5 cards for the two county and two state legislative candidates.

Bazaar

The Ellsworth Lioness is sponsoring the Twenty-fourth Annual Banks Township Community Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Banks Township Hall. For booth space information, please contact Joni at (231)544-6348 or wieland@torchlake.com.

Fall historical hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's fall hours are from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

DivorceCare

Community Reformed Church is offering DivorceCare for those people who are going through, have gone through, or considering divorce. Dinner and child care provided. Please call 547-9482 for more information.

Suicide Loss group

Survivors of Suicide Loss group is open to any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one through suicide. Group members will have the opportunity to connect with others, receive information on the grief process, and find direction and support in coping with suicide loss. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. The church is located at 1020 East Mitchell Street in Petoskey.

Photo courtesy of the Petoskey News-Review

Bravery demonstration

A trio of firefighters stage a mock rooftop rescue as part of a demonstration atop the Villager Pub in Charlevoix Saturday. The demonstration was part of a fund-raiser conducted by the Charlevoix Township and Charlevoix City fire departments for fellow firefighter Steve Paterka, who is recovering from a rare spinal infection that he contracted in April. The demonstration took place between two showings of the new firefighting movie "Ladder 49" at the Cinema III next door.

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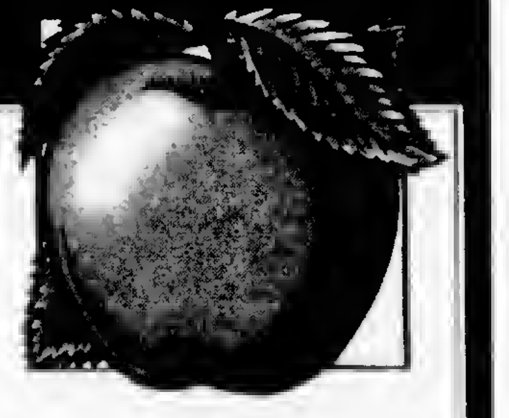

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Apple Festival filled with entertainment

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The local band Mojo and the Boogieman will perform at Apple Festival.

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Boyne City and East Jordan Chambers of Commerce, the Bridge Street Book Shop in Charlevoix or by calling 231-582-6774.

All proceeds will go toward the Humane Society's general operation.

Those who are interested in days gone by can view antique farming and agricultural equipment during the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers exhibit.

Several area restaurants will also be joining in on Apple Festival by serving several apple-themed dishes. Stafford's Weathervane is featuring a special apple menu for the entire month of October, which includes apple soups, entrees and desserts.

Village Inn Pizza will be serving an apple pizza and Whitneys of Charlevoix will be serving hot apple pie drinks served with a cinnamon stick and garnished with an apple.

Villager Pub will be featuring its Apple Festival delights, which include curry chicken apple soup, hot apple dumpling with ice cream and hot cider.

And entertainment will be provided by local blues band Mojo and the Boogieman as a finale for the Saturday activities. Music should start later in the afternoon and end in early evening.

For more information contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org or e-mail them at info@charlevoix.org.

Attorney: Mayor did not violate city charter

MAYOR

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Young's opinion, he cannot tell city employees to do certain jobs, but "if I have strong feelings on something, I not only have a right to (speak out) but an obligation to do that."

He added, "If the charter said I wasn't allowed to speak, it would be in violation of the First Amendment."

Campbell said he feels vindicated by Young's opinion and is happy with Wiesner's apology.

"I think he will be more careful on what he does (in the future)," he said.

In a Sept. 13 memo to city council, the mayor and all city employees, Wiesner said city charter prohibits the mayor from speaking to the media about his concerns with city employees. Wiesner was particularly upset with a paragraph in a Sept. 1 edition of the Courier that read, "Campbell also said he doesn't have anything against city administration, but some people could work harder. 'I could see some doing their job a little better or taking up a different job,' he said."

However, Campbell gave the memo to Young and asked him if he could say whether this was a violation of the city charter or not, as Wiesner claimed.

In a memo dated Sept. 28, Young concluded, "....the city charter was not designed to limit a candidate's ability to express generalized views on city administration when those views are expressed in the context of political expressions. Moreover, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States would not permit such a limitation."

Wiesner said city employees had told him they were upset with the paragraph and it was hurting their morale.

"I am still concerned about morale and generalized statements made," he said during Monday's meeting.

Charlevoix City Council Member Sherm Chamberlain also claimed the mayor made generalized statements and he also heard that city staff were wondering if they were being criticized.

But, Campbell responded he clearly said he was upset with "city administration" — meaning Wiesner — and his comments were not directed at city employees.

Saginaw man arrested for making obscene phone calls

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office has arrested an 18-year old Saginaw County man for making obscene telephone calls to Charlevoix County homes.

A search warrant was used to seize his Verizon cellular telephone records, which documents that he made 34 calls on Sept. 10 and six more calls on Sept. 18 to Beaver Island residences and businesses.

The victims reported the calls to the Beaver Island Sheriff's Substation on Sept.18.

Some victims received several of the sexually explicit threatening calls. The suspect's family owns property on the Island however he was at his home in Saginaw County when he made the long distance calls.

Jonathan Joseph Alloway has been lodged in the Charlevoix County Jail and bond has been set at $2,000 cash or surety by a 90th District Court Magistrate.

Alloway is currently on probation in Saginaw County for similar crimes.

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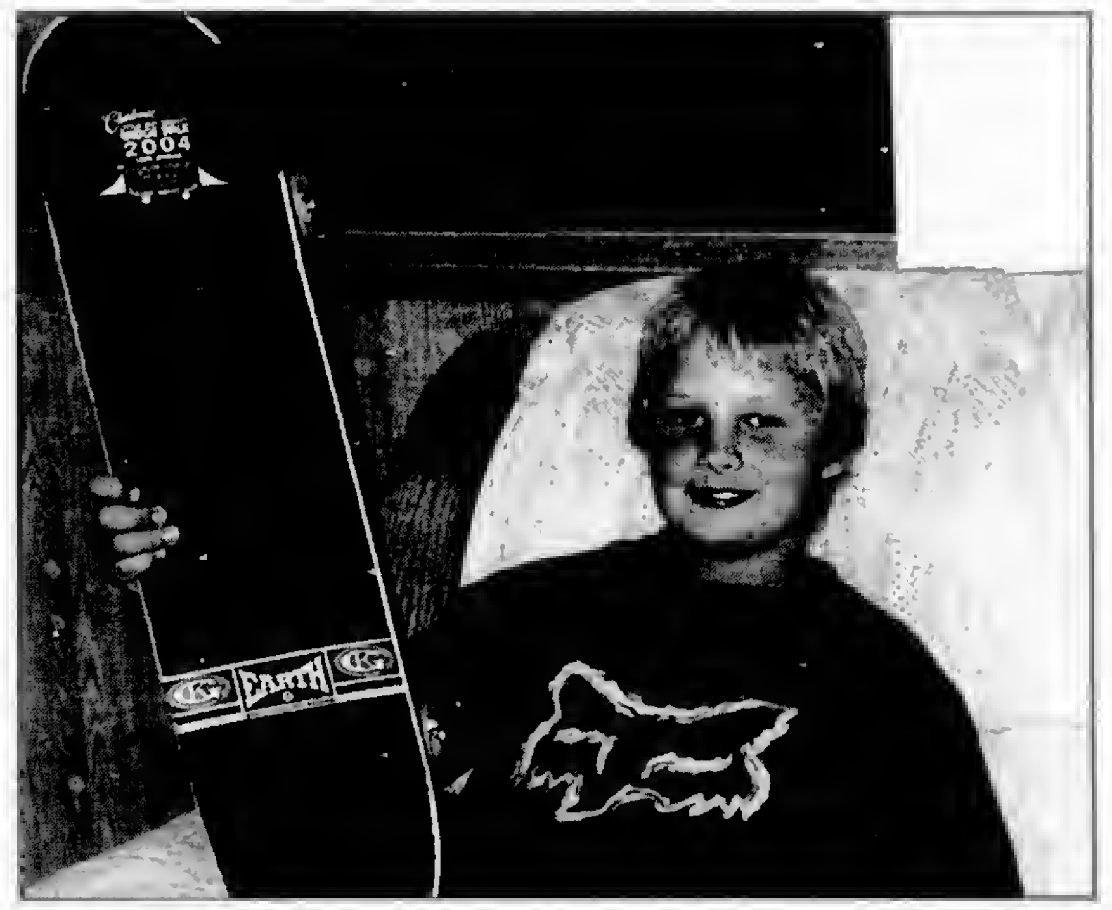
Scout Sale

Popcorn Sales have begun for the Local Cub Scouts. All during the month of October, Cub Scouts will be taking orders for your favorite kind of popcorn. Popcorn sales are the only fundraiser in which Cub Scouts participate. Sales go to operate the local Scout program in your area for an entire year. See any local Cub Scout to place your order. For the first time, the Pack 11, Charlevoix Cub Scouts will be selling popcorn for immediate purchase at the Charlevoix Applefest, this Saturday, Oct, 9, 2004. Here, Nicholas Snabes of Charlevoix Cub Scouts Den 1, Pack 11, prepares his sign for Popcorn Sales at this Saturday's Applefest.



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Skateboard winner

Charlevoix resident Jordan Farmer won the "Planet Earth" skateboard donated by Latitude 45 in Petoskey during the Charlevoix Community Skatepark's raffle. Farmer is the son of Dwayne and Laura Farmer. The drawing was held on Sept. 18 after the film "Penniless" premiered at Charlevoix Cinema III, which featured Charlevoix resident Chris Couture.

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No appeal

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Author

A part-time Charlevoix resident has written his reaction to the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks [illegible] book, [illegible]

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Election stories, Charlevoix sports and [illegible]

Mayoral hopefuls to meet the public

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With elections drawing near, the library is offering the public the opportunity to meet some of the candidates and hear what they have to say about current issues.

The evening will kick off at 7 p.m. on Oct. 20 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Kay Heise, president of Charlevoix Friends of the Library, said the evening will progress with questions done in the manner of the League of Women Voters. Candidates will have prepared questions, but will also take questions submitted by the audience.

"The *Charlevoix Courier* is helpful, but it's always a good idea to meet people face to face and listen to a give and take between citizens and the candidates who will represent us," she said.

This is not the first time the library has hosted a meeting of candidates running for positions, for there have been those running for the school board.

"Since the Friends of the Library organized in the fall of '99, it was always a priority to have

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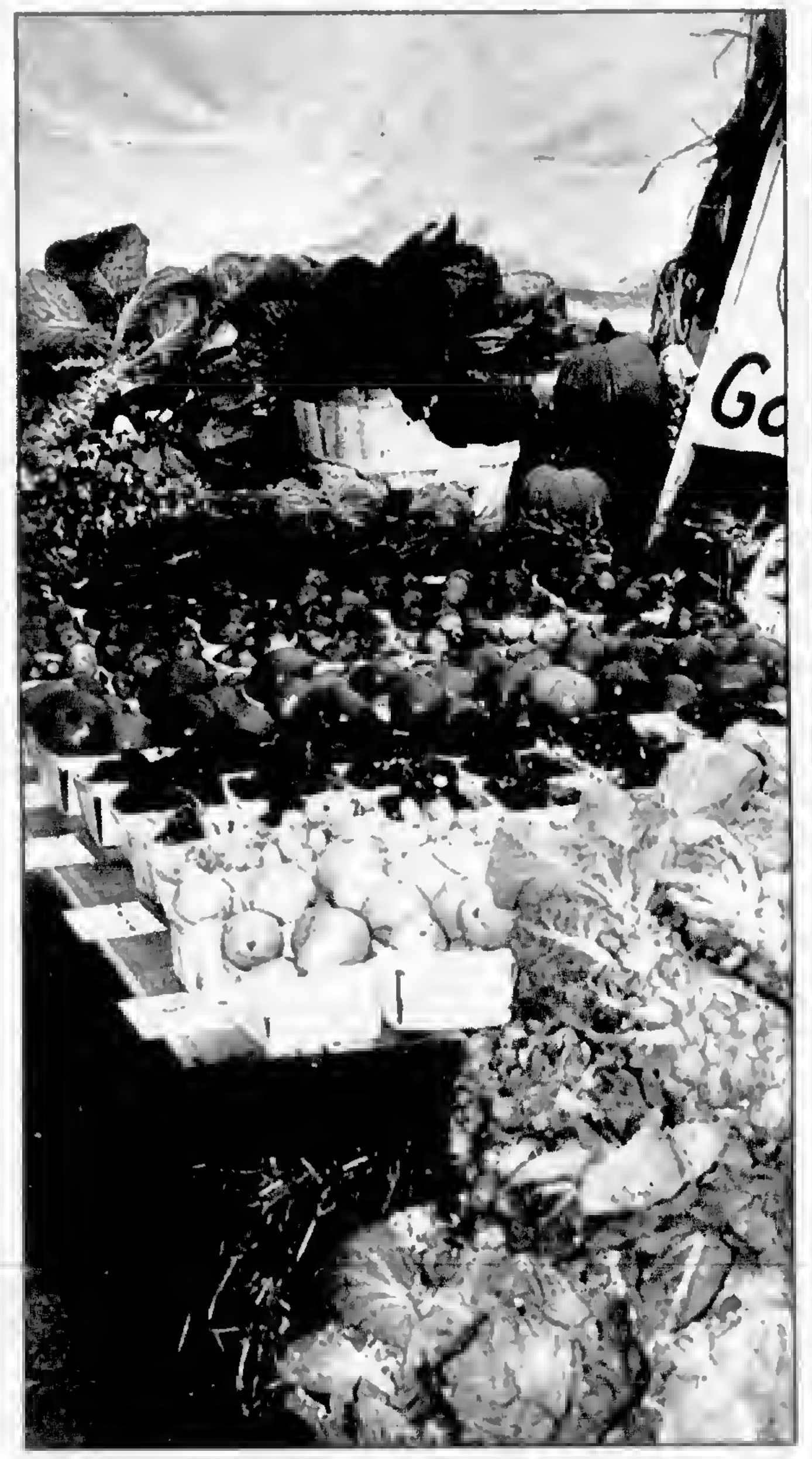
Apple-ing to all



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Charlevoix's annual Apple Festival last weekend brought several people to town all enjoying the many different activities at the festival. (Left) Marvin's Gardens Center Trees & Shrubs put their best wares on display during the festival. The bright colors and organized display drew attention. (Above) A.J. Witthoeft of Mojo and the Boogieman broke all barriers by taking his bass playing skills into the audience. He stood among the gathered crowd and let the music flow.

Northwest administrator let go

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Northwest Academy of Charlevoix is currently looking for a new administrator as former interim administrator Jonathan Winkjer was released from his position.

The decision came after Winkjer said he had challenged the school board on what the proper role of a school board is. After that, he said the trouble began.

"I'm most upset about what the school board has done to the school," he said.

Winkjer has been involved with Northwest Academy for seven years. His career in education started by being brought on board as the computer systems management person, which evolved into his teaching computers and language arts.

This year Winkjer was teaching social studies and government along with maintaining the computer position and being interim administrator. He was interim administrator from Aug. 28 to Sept. 26.

The school board also let go former full-time math teacher and current substitute Steve Bennett.

The school board is comprised of President John Hagen, Vice President and Finance Chair John Friedly and Secretary/Treasurer Jane Schwartzfisher.

There are supposed to be five members, but Hagen said Friedly and Schwartzfisher recently joined and the board is currently taking applications for the other two positions.

Hagen said Winkjer was let go because he wasn't meeting the qualifications set forth by sponsor school Saginaw Valley State University.

The two requirements by Saginaw Valley State University are that all teachers and administrators have full teaching certification and are enrolled in a degree program that would lead to certification as an administrator.

The other requirement is for teachers and says they need to be fully certified in their subject or have a temporary certification and can show they are enrolled in a pro-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Jason Michael Cook, 18, Elmira. Minor in possession of alcohol, third or subsequent offense. Six months probation; fines and costs totaling $1,000.

August James Baker, 20, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended-revoked-denied-allow. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Robert Charles Harcrow, 25, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended-revoked-denied-allow. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Dustin Wade Marr, 21, East Jordan. Possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 320 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 318 days.

Matthew Wade Webster, 46, Dearborn. Safe breaking and two counts of breaking and entering a building with intent. Bound over to circuit court.

Matthew Louis Marchesano, 24, Beaver Island. Larceny by conversion under $200. Twelve months probation; 30 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $4,072 in fines and costs.

Dominic David-Gordan Gibson, 32, East Jordan. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 77 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Jesse Alexander O'Brien, 18, Austin, Texas. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

Jessica Marie Campbell, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Ray L. Hankins, 37, Ellsworth. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Penny Sue Potter, 41, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended, first offense. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Gene Thomas Foley, 17, Charlevoix. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Alan David Shanks, 21, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Andrew William Kenwabikise, 23, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended-revoked-denied, second or subsequent offense. Sentenced to three days in jail with credit for three days; $500 in fines and costs.

Ronald Dennis Schaaf II, 35, Flint. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Two years probation; 365 days in jail with credit for 32 days, serve 90 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 213 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,770 in fines and costs.

James Leroy Hankins, 42, Boyne Falls. Operating while license suspended-revoked-denied-allow, second offense. Sentenced to 20 days in jail, serve 20 days; $1,200 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

James Alan Adair II, 25, Cadillac. Assault-aggravated. Sentenced to five days in jail with credit for two days, serve three days.

James Alan Adair II, 25, Cadillac. Three counts of probation violation-assaulting/resisting/obstructing. Sentenced to five days in jail with credit for two days, serve three days.

David James Wilson, 20, Boyne City. Controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to six months in jail with credit for 13 days, serve four months; $1,170 in fines and costs.

Cain Eugene Smith, 26, Gaylord. Uttering and publishing. Sentenced to a minimum of two years to a maximum of 14 years in jail; $420 in fines and costs.

Albert Kelli Nahinu, 34, Boyne City. Two counts of police officer-assaulting, resisting, obstructing. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 24 months in jail with a credit of 43 days; $180 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Metal Roofing Specialist by J.R., 12800 Clover Lane, Charlevoix, by Jeffrey Rizzo.

Kelowna Contracting and Development, 438 North Street, Boyne City, by Mark Albert Goethals.

Fun Travels, 941 Deer Lake Road, Boyne City, by Teresa L. Roberge.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

James Harrison Czarnecki, 21, East Jordan and Ryanne Catherine McClung, 19, East Jordan

Jason Craig Hazel, 23, East Jordan and Jodi Lee Marley, 24, East Jordan

Arthur Lee Cosier, 65, Boyne City and Patricia Edith Hayden, 70, Boyne City

Robert Alan Stewart, 40, Boyne City and Christine Ann Judd, 37, Boyne City

Ronald Jay Roberts, 28, East Jordan and Jody Louise Rebec, 28, East Jordan

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Melvin Moyer vs. Linda Moyer

Births

Brant Nathan Hall, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Ann Hall and Dave Prevo of Ellsworth, on Oct. 6, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His brother is Lucus Coy and sister is Cheyenne Elizabeth. Grandparents are Tari Hall of Boyne City and Skip and Jackie Hall of Boyne City and Lloyd and Rene Prevo of East Jordan.

Maia Elizabeth Romeyn, weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Ryan and Andrea Romeyn of East Jordan, on Oct. 3, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His brother is Winter Jay and Isaiah Christopher. Grandparents are Don and Carol Romeyn from Zeeland and Dave and Barb Gosma from Muskegon.

Ella Riley Book, weighing 7 pounds, was born to Brittney and Ryan Book of Kalkaska, on Oct. 5, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her brother is Ethan and sister is Laurel.

Katelynn Renee O'Keefe, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to John and Melissa O'Keefe of Petoskey, on Sept. 30, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her sister is Ashley and brothers are Josh and Andrew. Grandparents are Gary and Diane Anderson of Harbor Springs and Ray and Kathi Brewer of Arlington, Texas.

Isabella Cecilia Hosler, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Rebecca A. M. Hosler of Charlevoix and Solomon Coker of Gambia, Africa on Oct. 4, 2004. Grandparents are Mark C. and Annette M. Hosler of Charlevoix, and Jeri Coker from Gambia, Africa and Masasireh Jette of Africa.

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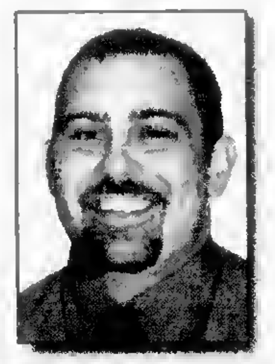

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No appeal on assisted living decision

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Since no one has appealed a circuit court decision allowing the construction of an assisted living facility on the city's north side, the project is quickly moving forward.

According to, Ed Engstrom, the attorney for Sunnybank Retirement Community — the assisted living facility being constructed on Petoskey Avenue, near Meech Street, the order allowing the facility became final on Sept. 21. That was the deadline for any appeals.

Ruth Bellissimo, co-owner of Sunnybank, said, "Hopefully we will start building this year. But, we may have to wait until spring. It depends on how fast we can get everything in place."

The proposed development is a single-story building spanning 36,000 square feet, which will cover about one acre of land. The building will be constructed in the shape of an "X" with wings containing 54 units, of which 32 will be efficiency and 22 that will be one-bedroom apartments.

In February 2004, Engstrom filed a lawsuit against the city of Charlevoix on behalf of Sunnybank owners Diane Gillette and Bellisimo.

Engstrom said he based his suit on a constitutional issue. He said the city's zoning ordinance is invalid because it excludes assisted living facilities, like Sunnybank. This was based on a Nov. 17, 2003 Charlevoix city council decision not to set a public hearing to discuss amending the ordinance to allow assisted living facilities in the R-1 and R-2 single family residential districts. Many people who live on the north side, near the proposed site, had pushed for this action.

Sunnybank wanted to locate its facility in an R-2 zoned district. It came to the planning commission with this request in 2003.

However, when they were turned down because of the ordinance, Engstrom approached the planning commission in December 2003 with a new idea. He claimed that professional offices are allowed in the R-2. Because professional office is not defined in the ordinance, what is allowed in the professional office district, including nursing homes, are allowed in the R-2.

Central to this argument was his claim that nursing homes are akin to assisted living facilities.

At that time, the planning commission made the controversial majority vote to set a public hearing to listen to the special use permit request based on this rationale. However, the Charlevoix City Council had made an earlier vote to not to set a public hearing to discuss amending the ordinance to allow assisted living facilities in the R-1 and R-2 single family residential districts.

City manager Mike Wiesner appealed the planning commission's decision to have a public hearing and in late January the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) ruled that Engstrom's line of thinking did not follow the intent of the zoning ordinance. Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young also warned the planning commission against their actions at the time.

This move prompted Charlevoix City Mayor Gabe Campbell to fire several of the planning commissioners, who in turn fought their dismissal and hired an attorney. Most ended up staying on the commission after the decision was made to sent the matter to the ZBA and not have a public hearing at the planning commission.

Regardless the ZBA's decision meant the city council and the ZBA were saying assisted living does not fit into the single family residential district.

Engstrom's lawsuit argued its not just that the facility isn't accommodated in the single family residential district, the city has excluded this type of facility across the board.

He said his exclusionary zoning case is strong because according to state statute a municipality can't exclude a use when it is proven to be needed.

But, Charlevoix Planner Gerry Harsch, in a previous interview, said assisted living could conceivably be allowed in the R-4, multiple dwelling residential district, but not practically.

"For all practical purposes, there is no district within our zoning ordinance which is available to accommodate this project," Harsch said.

During the build up to the court trail, the city filed a consent order with the Sunnybank Developers in an attempt to settle the matter. But, the case went to court anyway and Charlevoix Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas ruled in favor of Sunnybank.

Since the lawsuit was filed in Feburary 2004, attorney fees related to it have cost the city around $13,000.

According to City Attorney Jim Young, that money is not covered by insurance because Sunnybank was not requesting damages and only wanted a court order allowing the construction of the assisted living facility.

If Sunnybank had requested damages as part of its lawsuit, then insurance would have covered the cost.

Charlevoix man injured when jack fails

A 50-year-old Charlevoix man was injured Oct. 6 at his home.

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating an accident where Mark Dupuis, from Charlevoix, was working under his vehicle at his residence on Country Club Drive North in Charlevoix Township.

The jack he was using malfunctioned and the vehicle fell on top of him pinning him under the vehicle.

The Charlevoix City Fire/Rescue extracted Dupuis from under the vehicle. He was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by the Charlevoix EMS and is in serious condition.

Charlevoix Township Fire Department assisted at the scene in the extrication.

The accident remains under investigation at this time.

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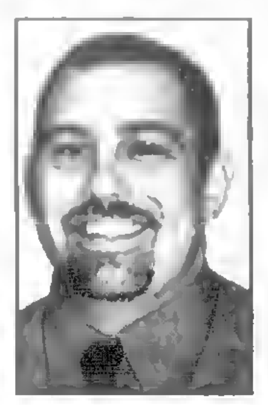

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

I've been thinking a lot about politics lately. It could be because of all the political ads that are being thrown at me on television and in the newspapers, but I am not sure.

Most of my column this week deals with politics.

Civility

I have noticed a complete lack of civility in this year's elections. People are angry and people are pushing for their candidate and people are willing to say and do anything it seems to get their point across — thus indicating the further erosion of intelligent political discourse in this country.

This year I have noticed a big push with attack ads being put out in the media by candidates. And I am not talking about just the national races, I am talking about local races as well. Perhaps the insanity of the national races are infiltrating our local races.

Whatever happened to welcoming the challenge of a contest for an elected seat? Whatever happened to respecting your opponent, yet politely disagreeing with him or her? Whatever happened to telling the public what you propose to do in your ads, not spending your time and money twisting the record of your opponent?

I hear this comment many times, "I don't think I am going to vote this year, they are all idiots." Or, "Why vote? They are all the same sleazy politician."

Please, bring back respectability to politics. I believe negative and attack style advertisements do nothing but erode our democracy by creating a cynical public that doesn't even bother to vote.

Personal property

Recently I received a telephone call from a concerned reader who wanted to let me know about an incident they had happen to them. It seems they support John Kerry as president and have a sticker announcing that on their vehicle. But, it also seems that some people just can't respect other people's opinion or other people's personal property.

You see, this person walked outside one day to find a man getting ready to put a sticker supporting George W. Bush over the Kerry sticker on their vehicle. The man had several stickers supporting Bush in his hands and seemed to be doing this to every vehicle he saw supporting Kerry.

When asked why, he told the reader that the reader should not be supporting Kerry.

Huh? Just because you support a different candidate than your fellow citizen does not give you the right to damage their property. This kind of thinking baffles me. The sad thing is it is not the first time I have heard of such a thing happening in our little town.

I have heard tales of people being called "unpatriotic" for supporting certain candidates, being told they are "not good Christians" for their politics and being told they should be fired from their jobs for the political views they have.

The United States is not a country of one political party folks. We have to accept the fact that our process works the best when there are several political parties in power, all trying to come to consensus on laws, thus creating the best laws and policy possible for our country.

No one is unpatriotic for their political views. In fact, I believe having any political view is your patriotic right, one that our forefathers fought for in the Revolutionary War.

No one is violating their religious beliefs with their politics. A person's politics and religion are equal in nature: they are both a set of very personal beliefs. If you believe your religious beliefs and your politics do not violate one another then so be it. No one has the right to push their politics on you by questioning something as personal as your religion.

No one should ever be fired for their political views. That is like firing someone for their religion. How dare you suggest that something as personal as a person's politics means they can not perform their job.

I say, get out there and support whatever candidate you want for whatever elected seat you want. Don't let others tell you what to believe or how you should vote. Just be active and vote.

First amendment

Some people have asked me why I have not written an editorial on City Manager Mike Wiesner telling city council that it is against city charter to tell the media if they are upset with city administration — I guess I am now.

This was a violation of the First Amendment and it was wrong for Wiesner to say such a thing.

But, Wiesner knows this, especially after being told so by City Attorney Jim Young, and he has apologized to the mayor.

If a man can admit when he is wrong, apologize and learn from it, then it is not hard to look past the mistake and move on.

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Edwards was clear

Editor:

The choices in this election have become clear. The contrast between Senator John Edwards and Vice President Cheney, last Tuesday night, was a contrast between Senator Edwards' honest assessment of where we are and what we can do to improve our country and the Vice President's tired mumblings in defense of policies that have created the chaos in Iraq, the loss of jobs here at home, phony Medicare reforms and a floundering economy.

In Tuesday night's debate, the vice president repeated old and discredited reasons for invading Iraq and unintelligible excuses for the growing domestic mess at home.

He had no answers for the issues of our declining economy, increased unemployment, rising health care costs or the inadequate funding for their own No Child Left Behind Act.

Senator Edwards actually presented real plans, not only for dealing with the situation in Iraq, but for true Medicare reform, for making it easier for people to buy vital medications at reasonable costs, for a tax reform that really would help middle class and working people not the super rich, and for increasing security at home.

This administration is attempting to frighten people into voting for them.

It has been four years of bumbling on major issues while giving insider contracts to their cronies and outrageous tax cuts to their benefactors. It truly is time for a change.

Sara Gay Dammann
Charlevoix

Bush a great leader

Editor:

I have read letters to the editor in this newspaper stating the war in Iraq is a wasteless diversion. This is difficult to accept when history is considered.

Remember during the 90s al Qaeda attacked the World Trade Center, embassies in Africa, barracks in Saudi Arabia and the U.S.S. Cole with no U.S. response to these terrorist attacks and attendant loss of life. No wonder al Qaeda believed 9/11 was a realistic target. I often wonder if earlier responses would have deterred 9/11.

We now know other countries such as France had a financial motive to keep Saddam in power and provided him protection at the United Nations. Without President Bush's strong leadership

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Election letters

Letters in regard to the Nov. 2 general election must be submitted to the Charlevoix Courier office by 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 18 for the Oct. 20 edition of the Courier.

No new election letters will be accepted after this date for publication in the Oct. 26 edition of the Courier. If there are too many letters for the Oct. 18 edition, the overflow letters will be published in the Oct. 26 edition of the Courier.

Letters Policy

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest.

The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters.

Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not exceed 450 words.

The deadline for letters is 5 p.m. the Friday before publication.

An address and daytime phone number must accompany the letter for verification purposes. The city were the author lives is the only part published.

Send letters to: Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI, 49720, fax to (231) 547-4992 or e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com

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Saddam would still be in power using his wealth to support terrorist enemies of the U.S. The Iraq War is vital to the future security of our country. And we know John Kerry would not have acted without French support.

My grandchildren will be safer because President Bush acted in the best interest of the United States. I am grateful for his leadership.

E.F. Gambrell
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

During the week of Sept. 6, my wife and I (along with another couple) had the pleasure of visiting your fine city. It occurred to us that a friend of ours had a summer home on Lake Charlevoix and we wanted to stop by and say "hello." Not knowing where their address was located, we went to the chamber of commerce office. After a great deal of effort, including enlisting the help of your local Post Office, they were able to get me the directions I needed.

Violet, of the chamber staff, went far beyond what one would expect to help with our search. A raffle ticket to support the chamber's activities was just a small expression of our appreciation.

Then, to our great surprise, came the phone call saying we had won the Chrysler Sebring Convertible!

When I returned on Sept. 20 to pick up the car, I was again given the "Royal" treatment - not only by the chamber staff, but, also, by Greg Henderson of a local car dealership.

You may be assured that we will be returning to enjoy the beauty and hospitality of your city. You are to be commended on the quality of your staff and of the local businesses that promote Charlevoix.

You can look to us as unofficial, non-resident good will ambassadors of your fine community.

Donald F. Lang
Oak Brook, IL

Support pool

Editor:

When Mothers for the Pool first met about 16 years ago, we went around the room and asked if any of us ever had a near-drowning experience or knew someone who drowned. All but one of us once had a close call. One had a friend who drowned. Later, we learned that a toddler can drown in only a few seconds which convinced us that we had to make sure that children learned how to swim and to be safe around the water. In fact, our logo shows a child being helped to swim by an adult.

Now children in the area are being taught swim skills and having fun as well. What has surprised us is how much the pool time is needed for therapy by men and women suffering from ailments such as arthritis or injuries. We're happy that Dollar Nights have been such fun for Charlevoix area families.

I could go on about the many benefits that our community pool has provided. Please help us keep Dollar Nights and support the millage for the pool on Nov. 2.

Patty Sitzema
Charlevoix

Thank you Charlevoix

Editor:

This weekend marks Homecoming in more ways than one. Charlevoix High School Class of '69 celebrates its thirty-fifth reunion — and a member of that class celebrates a personal "homecoming" too. My husband, Steve Paterka, returns home on Oct. 14 following a six-month hospital and rehabilitation therapy stay at Munson Medical Center and Boulder Park Terrace. Though he's still in a wheelchair, Steve's physical recovery improves daily, and we have high hopes he'll someday walk again.

There's a new movie playing at Cinema III — "Ladder 49." It's the story of Baltimore firefighters trying to save one of their own caught in a blazing inferno. Our very own Charlevoix firefighters (both city and township departments) have been awesome in their efforts to help a fellow firefighter and his family. Steve, a charter member (30 years) of the Charlevoix Township Fire Department, serves as captain for that department. Both city and township joined together in fund-raising efforts for Steve last Saturday. Their demonstration of the city's aerial truck and ladder and rescue efforts off the Villager Pub's roof was amazing!

The men and women of our fire department are our nation's heroes and our family's personal heroes as well. They've been there with us every step of the way through Steve's illness and recovery. No words can describe how we feel about these two fire departments that banded together through these past six months in a continuing show of brotherhood for a fellow firefighter. We will never forget their loving support.

Special thanks to Bill Supernaw of Cinema III, for organizing and hosting last weekend's event, and to Terry Left for providing a convenient "roof rescue" locale. Our family is grateful for the donations received — not only from proceeds of the movie, but to the many anonymous individuals who made personal contributions. We don't know who you are, but God certainly does. It is my hope and prayer that He blesses each and every one of you for your generosity. Again, many thanks to the people of Charlevoix. You are certainly living up to your name of "Charlevoix The Beautiful"!

Kathleen Paterka
Charlevoix

Blood drive a success

Editor:

The American Red Cross had a blood drive in Charlevoix on Sept. 16.

I am most grateful, once again, to the Community Reformed Church for the use of their wonderful facility. I'm also thankful to a local Realtor for allowing my Red Cross volunteers to use the phones in their offices to remind donors of the blood drive.

Thanks to Ed Whitley's city water and electric staff for displaying the banners and the Charlevoix Lions Club for providing their service of set-up and take down of Red Cross equipment.

The steady flow of donors during the afternoon allowed each to accomplish their mission of giving a pint of life-saving blood in about an hour. They were then treated to hot fudge brownie sundaes and a mouth-watering variety of bars, cookies, cheesecake, peanut butter pie, fruits and cheeses. Thank you to my great volunteers for their time and their happy personalities which they shared with everyone they came in contact with. They really made the blood drives enjoyable.

The American Red Cross collected 96 pints of blood on Sept. 16 and hope to collect even more at the next community bloodmobile on Nov. 18. There will also be a blood drive for Type O blood from 1 to 5:45 p.m. on Nov. 11 at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Ellen Schuiling
Coordinator
Red Cross

Due to popular demand we have brought back our 5:30 Friday evening step aerobic class and have added a 4:00 p.m. Yoga class in addition to the Mon. evening and Wed. morning Yoga classes already offered (plus 16 other classes).

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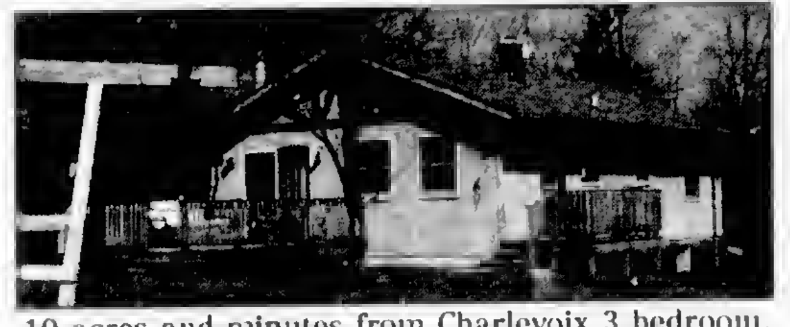

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Wedding

Casciani — Speigl

Crystal Casciani, of Mount Pleasant, and Stephen R. Speigl, of Mount Pleasant, were married June 26, 2004 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Crystal is the daughter of Paul Casciani of Charlevoix and Susan Casciani of Charlevoix. Stephen is the son of Steve and Reta Speigl of Charlevoix.

The Rev. Geri Litchfield performed the double ring rites in the courtyard of the castle with 250 guests in attendance.

The bride wore a strapless, white, satin, a-line gown with beaded crystal bodice. The veil was elbow length, with Swarovski crystals and Sutache edge. Her tiara was made of rhinestones. The bride's bouquet was made of mauve lilies, larkspur, liathus, astroemeria, sweetheart roses, caspia, green ivy and plumosa.

The maid of honor was Danielle Martin. Bridesmaids were Sarah Jones, Jayna Johnson and Jenny Whitney. They wore lavender, Georgette, spaghetti strap, a-line, empire waisted dresses. Their flowers were a bouquet of larkspur, liathus, lilies, astroemeria, caspia, plumosa and green ivy.

Maranda McPeherson was the flower girl.

Derek Willis was the ring bearer.

The best man was Ben Speigl, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Ryan Willis, Matt Goodrich and Chad Fish.

Ushers were Zach Bajos, Adam Foltz and John Hiemstra.

A reception was given at Castle Farms.

The couple went on a wedding trip to the east coast and spent a week sightseeing.

They are making Mount Pleasant their home, until the bride graduates from college.

Crystal is attending Central Michigan University and will graduate in December with a degree in child development, with an early childhood concentration. Steve will begin the conservation officer academy in October and will graduate in March.

Speaker to give talk on abortion at St. Mary's

Dr. Daniel Pepin, Instructor of Human Biology at North Central Michigan College and Professor of Anatomy and Physiology at Edison College in Naples, Florida, will present *"Life Before Birth"* at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24 at St. Mary's Family Center.

According to Dr. Pepin, "The vast majority of the American public does not know the facts about abortion, has no coherent position on the issue and simply wishes the problem to go away. My goal is to educate as many people as possible on the issues of pro-life and to uncover the truths, or should I say 'untruths,' about pro-abortion."

Dr. Pepin has created a presentation using intrauterine photographs and a chronological description of key events in a developing child from conception to birth. The presentation will explore the question of "when life begins" and enable discussion of abortion.

All members of the community are welcome to attend this presentation. Due to the content, it is not suitable for young children.

St. Mary's parish will be offering day care services for those who wish to attend. They ask that a minimum donation of $1.00 per child be given to defray the cost of the day care provider.

For more information concerning this event, call Patty Furtaw at St. Mary's Parish at 547-6438.

Security checks offered

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is once again reminding citizens of Charlevoix County who are going to be absent from their homes for a period of time, this office has a program to check on these homes in their absence.

In order to participate in this program, the homeowner must contact this office at 547-4461 to request a security check form. If a citizen has applied for this program in the past, the request form must be re-submitted each year. Please note, this program does not take the place of private security programs — just adds to the coverage and works along with these private organizations.

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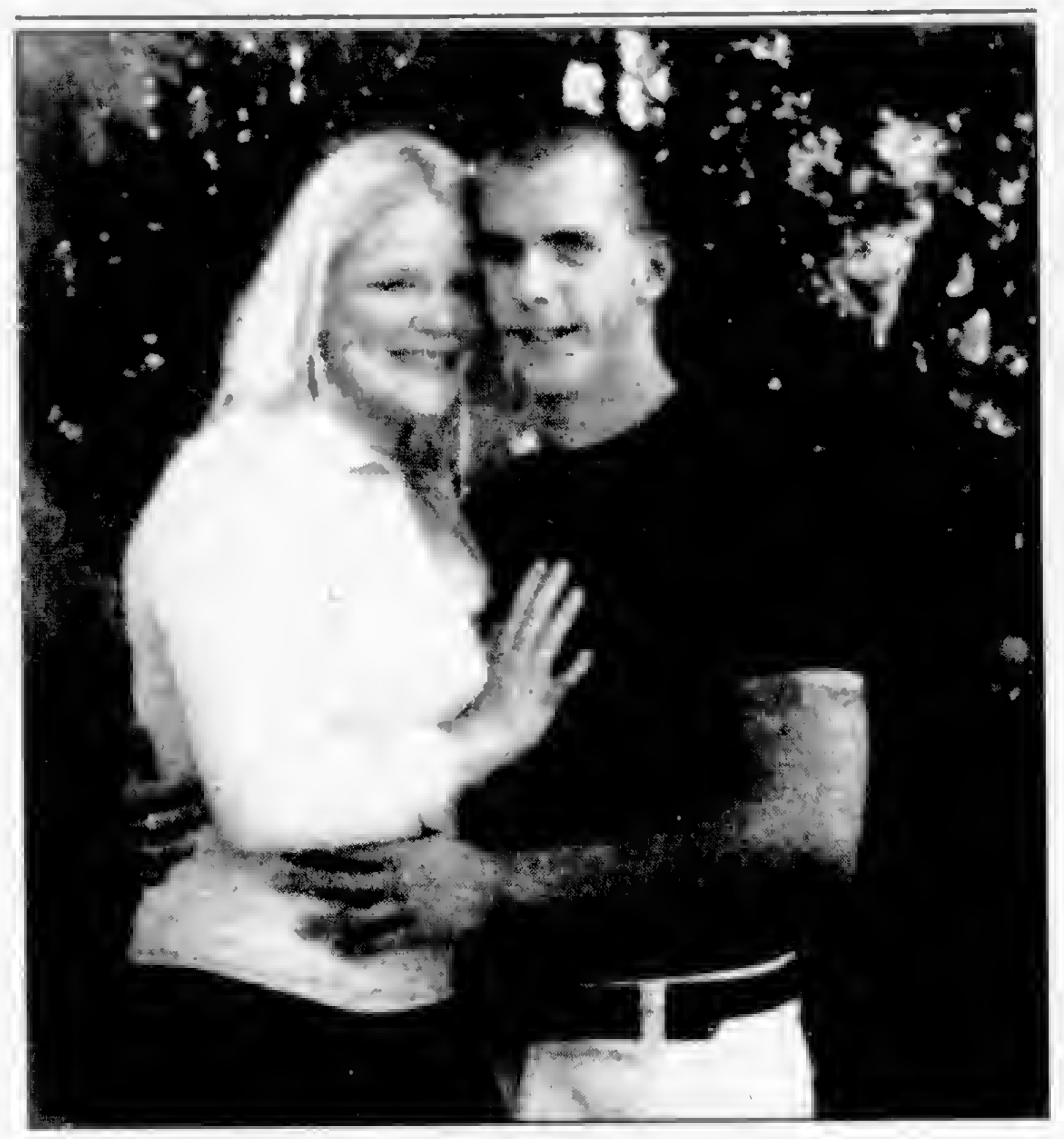

Benjamin — Buckner

Tricia Marie Benjamin, of Charlevoix, and Jeffrey Scott Buckner, of Charlevoix, are engaged to be married.

Tricia is the daughter of Ted and Kathy Kehrer of Charlevoix. Jeffrey is the son of Dale and Darlene Buckner of Charlevoix.

A wedding is being planned for Sept. 9, 2006 at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is currently employed at Grandvue Medical Care Facility and attending North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, with plans to become a nurse.

The groom-to-be is a Charlevoix High School graduate and is currently employed at Manthei Development Company.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Homecoming court

The 2004 Charlevoix High School Homecoming Court is front row (from left to right) Jacky Heckendorn, 17, Sammy Jo Keie, 17, Madison McKenzie, 17, Theresa Martin, 16, and Betsey Dennis, 17. Back row (from the left to right) is Mitchell Klooster, 18, Tom Aepelbacher, 18, Ben Bergmann, 18, Andrew Mailloux, 17, and Cody Crain, 17.

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Obituaries

Jean K. Fiedorek: June 23, 1923 - Oct. 8, 2004

Jean K. Fiedorek, 81, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A celebration of Jean's life was given at the Knight's of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix on Sunday, Oct. 10. Burial will take place at Undine Cemetery in Hayes Township.

Jean was born June 23, 1923, in Kalamazoo, the daughter of Cornelius and Nellie (Burstra) DeMink. She graduated from Kalamazoo Central in 1941 and was employed by Michigan Bell Telephone as an operator supervisor.

Jean married Stanley P. Fiedorek on Aug. 24, 1946, in Kalamazoo. They moved to Charlevoix in 1960, where they owned and operated Paul Bunyan Lanes. Jean retired in 1988.

Jean was an advocate and supporter of various women's organizations including the Women's Resource Center in northern Michigan. She is survived by her husband, Stanley P. of Charlevoix; children, Lynn D. Klug (Robert Petersen) of Folson, Calif., Kay E. (Bruce C.) Wasilewski of Charlevoix, Paul S. Fiedorek (Joy Canning) of Pacifica, Calif., John C. Fiedorek (Stacey L. Gasior) of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Daniel G. Klug, Rebekah N. Klug, Melissa S., John P., and Christopher Fiedorek; brother, Robert (Gracia) DeMink of Kalamazoo.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Women's Resource Center, 423 Porter St., Petoskey, MI, 49770; or to the Arthritis Foundation, 17117 W. 9 Mile, Suite 950, Southfield, MI 48075. The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Nancy Lee Ikens Olson: Sept. 15, 1934 - Oct. 4, 2004

Nancy Lee Ikens Olson, 70, fought the good fight and moved on to be with her Lord on Monday, Oct. 4, 2004 at her home in South Arm Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

Funeral services were on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004 at the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church in East Jordan. Evangelist Billie Morgan and Elder Lacey Stephan of the Community of Christ Church officiated, with interment following at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

She was born on Sept. 15, 1934 in Petoskey, the daughter of Harold and Lucille (Belding) Ikens. Nancy was raised by her mother and stepfather, Orlin Cunningham. She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1952. On July 27, 1952 in Charlevoix, she married Gerald "Jerry" Olson. Nancy had worked as an insurance agent for Korthase Insurance Company in East Jordan for 29 years and retired in 1998.

When the kids were young, she was very active in the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs in East Jordan for many years. She was also a member of the East Jordan Lioness Club and was active in the Lioness Club district organization. Nancy was named East Jordan "Mother of the Year" in 2003. She was also a longstanding member and Elder of the Community of Christ Church in East Jordan.

Nancy Lee Ikens Olson was a very giving person who took full advantage of her time on this earth to love and minister to everyone she could.

She leaves behind her husband, Gerald "Jerry" Olson; four children, Nancy (Dennis) DeNise of Boyne City, Allan (Vicki) Olson of East Jordan, Cynthia (Neil) Bennett of East Jordan and Terrence (Laura) Olson of Murray, Ky; 19 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; two sisters, Shirley (Robert) Mathers of Boyne City and Sandra (Ronald) Sniegowski of Ludington; two brothers, David (Mary Lou) Ikens of Roger City and Richard (Illeen) Ikens; and her stepmother, Marjorie Ikens of Vanderbilt.

She is preceded in death by her father, Harold Ikens; mother, Lucille Cunningham; stepfather, Orlin Cunningham; and three brothers, Ron Cunningham, Orlin "Butch" Cunningham and Curtis Ikens.

Memorials may be given to the Community of Christ Church in East Jordan.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Green meet

The local Green Party candidates had an informational night on Oct. 7 where they answered questions and discussed issues. The candidates are (from left to right) Ellis Boal, for Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney; Joseph King, for Charlevoix Township Trustee; JoAnne Beemon, incumbent for Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner; and David Newland for US House Michigan First Congressional District.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
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Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson .... 547-2654 or -5168

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Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
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St. Mary's to host Northern Lights fund-raiser

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

St. Mary School will be hosting it's Ninth Annual Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction from 5:30 p.m. to midnight on Oct. 16.

Janet Troppman, principal of St. Mary School, said 191 people attended the event last year raising a net of $43,000. Troppman said the goal is to meet that amount or hopefully surpass it this year.

The event is open to everyone and will include both a live and silent auction, various raffles and a children's art gallery. Food will be catered and will include a garden salad and a combination plate of chicken pomodoro, top sirloin filet with a special wine sauce, seasoned vegetables, whipped potatoes and a choice of various breads and a variety of specialty cakes. There will also be dancing.

"We have a great floor and lots of space," she said.

While people chat and enjoy the evening, they will also be raising money for the operational budget of the school and ultimately helping the children.

The silent auction includes items themed to home, sports and gardening, but also electronics such as a flat-screen computer monitor, gift certificates for dinners to local restaurants and hair salons and memberships to local gyms. There will also be numerous items for children such as a 20 inch boy's Trek bicycle with gear shifts that has a retail value of $240.

The live auction includes a Detroit Red Wing's Jersey signed by goaltender Dominic Hasek and a dinner for six couples catered by the Grey Gables Inn at the house of Dr. and Mrs. Frederic Van Duyne, who's home is one of the original houses on Michigan Avenue and has been there for 100 years.

Other live auction items include Mackinac Island packages for Mission Point Resort and a two-night weekend getaway at the Grand Hotel, a balloon ride for two in Traverse City, a cultured pearl necklace and earrings, a motorized scooter, a Pepsi pop machine and tickets to visit the Mackinac Bridge Tower.

There will also be the chance to bid on a wine-tasting party for 30 at the Rowe Inn Restaurant in Ellsworth, a trip to Drummond Island in the Upper Peninsula, hand-painted secretary furniture and an original painting by local artist Sue Bolt.

There will be several raffles and people are welcome to ask for a certain number they feel may bring them luck.

The Scholarship Card Raffle features only 52 cards that are available for $50 a card and there is no limit on the number of cards that can be purchased. The owner of the card that matches the one drawn wins the $2,125 scholarship, which Troppman said covers a child's tuition for one year.

Cards can be purchased for one's own family or another family can be nominated for the scholarship. The funds were donated by Rita Orlowski and Jay and Kris Balasz.

The "Women's Corner" will feature a trip for four to Toronto for a three-night stay at the Sheridan Center, which is in the heart of local restaurants, stores and theatres.

The package also includes transportation by train, a gourmet basket of goodies from Esperance in Charlevoix, manicures for four, fru-fru baskets featuring spa items and extra funding for a dinner out on the town or a trip to the theatre.

Tickets cost $10 each and only 300 will be sold. The trip has a value of $1,100.

For the men, the "Men's Corner" will feature a four-day Canadian outdoor adventure package for four that includes lodging at Tamawa Cottages on Lake Kabenung in Ontario, a motor boat for fishing, a guide to show where the best fishing is, a quality rod and reel combination and a basket of gourmet foods.

Transportation is not provided. Tickets cost $10 each and only 300 will be sold. The trip was put together by the school and has a value of $1,000.

Another trip available is a Chocolate Lover's Ski Weekend. The trip includes a one-night stay at Cedar River Valley of Shanty Creek Resort and Club in Bellaire.

There will be dinner for four at Murphy's Lamplight Inn, a blanket and a book to log the skiing adventure. Winners will stay in a one-year old, two-bedroom top of the line condominium and can bring whoever they want to as there is no limit.

The package also includes 10 lift tickets for either Schuss Mountain, which has more aggressive runs or the more family-oriented Shanty Creek Mountain.

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Grandparents day

Charlevoix Elementary School students brought their special grand persons to school Oct. 8. (Above) Jacob Szczepanski, 5, and his grandmother, Karen Manial, decide what they want to eat during Grandfriend Day at Charlevoix Elementary School. (Left) Christine Bathrick helps her grandson, Justin Perkins, 6, cut out shapes and create an art project.

Funds to help school

ST. MARY

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bar for $10. There are only 200 available. If the one purchased has an insert that says the owner is one of 10 finalists, that person moves onto the next round. During this round, finalists will chose a container holding Hershey Kisses. Silver wrapped Hershey Kisses eliminate finalists, while only the gold Hershey Kisses denote a winner.

The children's art gallery will be on display during a preview of auction items from 5 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 15 and during the gala event on Oct. 16.

The pieces were created by students ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade.

Many of the pieces will be up for bidding during the silent auction, but Troppman said three pieces will be selected for the live auction.

During the preview of auction items, there will also be a children's raffle. Children can write their name on a raffle ticket and can have a chance to win one of several prizes including an acoustic guitar and a big wheel truck they can ride in. The public is invited and admission is free.

At the gala event, there will be a Canadian beer corner featuring every type of Canadian beer and an open bar will be available from 5:30 to 7 p.m. then it will become a cash bar throughout the evening.

Dinner begins at 7 p.m. accompanied by a short slide show of students at St. Mary School, which the event will support.

The live auction begins at 8:30 p.m. and silent bids can be placed throughout the evening.

Bids are currently being taken and sealed bids will be accepted on live auction items. Raffle tickets are also on sale and can be purchased at St. Mary School.

Tickets are $60 per person for the evening. Tickets for just the auction and dancing are $30 per person.

To make a reservation and for more information call St. Mary School at 547-9441.

Be on the lookout for deer on roads

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office would like to give a warning and notice to motorists in Charlevoix County to be alert when driving in the morning, evening and especially at night to deer crossing the highways.

The sheriff's office is averaging four car/deer accidents a day for motorists in Charlevoix County. All of these accidents are resulting in property damage to the vehicles involved and some accidents have resulted in personal injury to the driver or their passengers.

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Kelly Wood hired as new all-day kindergarten teacher

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix Elementary School welcomes a new face for a new class.

Kelly Wood

Kelly Wood, 26, will be joining the faculty at the elementary school as she begins her career.

Wood will be teaching the newly created all-day kindergarten section.

Wood received her degree from Central Michigan University and did all her studying at the Traverse City campus.

Wood grew up in Belleville near Ann Arbor and has lived in Charlevoix for the past eight years when she moved up here with her family upon graduating from high school.

This is her first year teaching, which is a natural career path for her.

"I've always wanted to be a teacher," she said. "I have a passion for kids and want to be with them. It's what I've always wanted to do."

The lower grades such as preschool, kindergarten and first grade have always appealed to Wood, who said she likes to prepare children socially, academically and emotionally for what lies ahead of them once they leave her class.

"I just want to have the kindergartners in my room fully prepared for first grade," she said.

Wood is looking forward to meeting all the students and helping them create and learn.

"I'm just excited about the kids," she said. "I'm just so excited to be with the kids."

Principal Richard Swenor said a lot of qualified people applied, but Wood stood out because of the way she and the children responded to one another.

"She did an exceptional job with the kids," he said.

Swenor said Wood's lesson kept the children's attention and was well-organized and fun.

"One thing we want teachers to do is to make the kids feel successful," he said. "We want kids to enjoy school."

That enjoyment for learning is something Swenor said the elementary school staff strives to infuse in all the students. Wood will add to that knowledge base.

"She brings just another educational mind and talent to our team," he said.

New all-day kindergarten class

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Due to large enrollment numbers before school started, the Charlevoix Elementary School will now be featuring a fourth all-day kindergarten class.

Swenor said there has been less enrollment in the beginning classes such as pre-school and kindergarten throughout the state.

"We're pleased that we did get an increase this year," he said.

That increase, however, created a total enrollment of 107 kindergarten students including beginkindergarten students, which resulted in larger class sizes.

Before the new class was created there were about 24 students per all-day kindergarten class and now there will be only about 18 students.

Research has been done concerning kindergartners through second and third graders, Swenor said, that shows that age is the most important time to have a smaller class size.

"We realized the educational impact of that," he said.

The new kindergarten section will allow students and teachers to share that valuable one-on-one learning experience.

"The teacher will be able to meet the needs of the individual kids," he said.

Working closely with students and with the class on a whole creates a lot of benefits, Swenor said.

"It gives each child more individual attention," he said.

Area skate park raffle, silent auction extended

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark raffle and silent auction for Indian River artist and master sculptor William Doehring's painted buffalo skulls will be extended until the skate park's end of year bash on Oct. 24.

The raffle is for the "Warrior" buffalo skull and the silent auction of for two skulls called "Seeker" and "Thunder."

Winners who live out of the area will have their skulls shipped to them.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the skate park from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and on from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and after noon on Sunday.

Cynthia Parker, fundraiser coordinator for the Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc., will have raffle tickets available and silent auction forms. The forms can also be obtained from Doehring by e-mailing him at wmdoehring@aol.com.

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A fire can spread through your home rapidly. In fact, you may have as little as two minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. In addition to maintaining smoke alarms, it's vital that families develop a basic home fire escape plan so each family member knows what to do when a smoke alarm sounds. Involve everyone in the household in putting together the plan.

The City of Charlevoix Fire Department invites you to attend its first annual "Fire Prevention Open House," from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23. Come to the City of Charlevoix Fire Department located at 210 State Street.

New scam reported

Sheriff George T. Lasater advises that a new credit card scam has surfaced.

Citizens of Charlevoix County were contacted by a telemarketer advising the Charlevoix County citizen he was representing "JAG" a federal agency.

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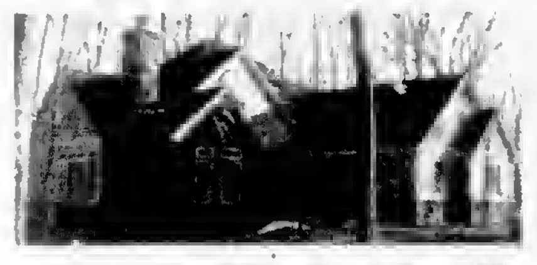

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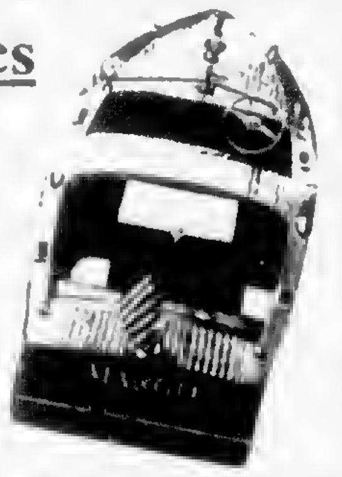

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Time out for play

BASES Teen Center had a Day of Play on Oct. 8 in order to qualify for a grant through Nickelodeon and to give positive role models. Steven Kokx, 14, Mike Maier, 16, Cody Harshman, 15, and Dustin Peterman, 15, play cards during BASES Teen Center's Day of Play.

Get a piece of school's history

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

For many people the old Charlevoix Middle School on Grant Street represents the history of Charlevoix and times past.

Valerie Meyerson, director of the Charlevoix Public Library, said those who wish to take a piece of that history home with them can.

"Well, we just felt like people are very nostalgic about the building," she said.

Meyerson said that along with the nostalgic factor, allowing people to take items will help the environment because the items will get reused instead of being thrown away.

The public is invited to take whatever they may want such as desks and chairs, basketball backboards and various other items before the environmental clean-up occurs.

Meyerson said a company is currently removing built-in items like molding and the public is invited to remove items they may want before the asbestos abatement occurs next week.

> *"Well, we just felt like people are very nostalgic about the building."*
>
> **Valerie Meyerson**, Library director

The abatement is necessary in order to clean up the school before the project can move forward.

"We can't do any work because of it," she said.

The abatement process will take about four to six weeks to complete, and then after that the demo is starting and the new design will take shape.

So, the library is inviting people to take what they want and is only asking for donations that will go toward the capital campaign. Those who wish to take items must schedule an appointment with the library and remove the items themselves.

Appointments will be taken through Oct. 16 and can be made by calling the library at 547-2651 and asking for Julie Burgess.

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Council discussing ban on dogs in park

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix City Council moved one step closer to banning dogs in East Park when they decided to go forward with a plan to write up a rough ordinance on the matter at their Oct. 4 meeting.

Council told city staff to write up an ordinance that prohibits dogs from East Park, between Antrim Street and Clinton Streets, but still provides some accommodation for boaters who have dogs.

Charlevoix Mayor Gabe Campbell said, "We have a responsibility to people who want to go sit in the park and don't want to get hit. I think we should have an ordinance."

However, he and the council agreed there needed to be a dog run for the pets boaters in the city marina bring with them. Council member Bob Timms suggested putting one behind the band shell, while council member Sherm Chamberlain pointed out this issue can also be addressed when East Park is renovated.

This decision came after a public hearing, where most who spoke were in favor of some sort of dog ban in East Park. However, many of them were cautious about such a ban for the whole year.

Megan Potter, of Charlevoix, said she likes to take her dog to East Park when there are very few people. She said she sees no problem with banning dogs from the park during the busy summer months and festivals.

Charlevoix County Animal Enforcement Officer Judy Whitley also spoke out in favor of a dog ban in East Park. While she acknowledged there are some good dog owners that know how to control their pets and do not bring them into the park when it is crowded, she said many dog owners are not as responsible as that.

"I could sit here for a half-hour and tell you why dogs should not be in East Park," she said. "It is not a good situation. It stresses me out to see them down there."

Whitley said she has seen dog owners put their pets into all sorts of stressful situations in Charlevoix. For example, Whitley said she watched someone at the carnival in downtown Charlevoix during Venetian Festival with a Chihuahua, who was almost getting stepped on and was shaking in fear.

Whitley also said, while many dog owners pick up the droppings of their pet, this may not be good enough.

"Sometimes you don't get all of it. I don't want to be sitting in that or their urine," she said.

Diane Wojan, a dog breeder, also spoke in favor of a ban. She said the problem is irresponsible dog owners and owners that just want to show off their pets.

But, at least one dog owner disagrees with this possible ordinance.

Joan Wagner, a dog breeder, said she walks her dogs occasionally in the city. While she does not bring her pet to the park during festivals, she said she has never had a problem with her dogs in the city.

Furthermore, she questioned how many official complaints — such as actual dog bites — have been made. Council answered people had complained informally.

Wagner said, "I could walk down and complain about somebody's kid. That doesn't make it an official act to be brought up to council."

The council will be addressing an actual ordinance on the dog ban at a future meeting.

City council siding with Saltonstall, library

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix City Council unanimously voted Oct. 4 in favor of a resolution siding with a plan to sell the current Charlevoix Public Library and use the funds to pay off part of the new library's debt.

Council made this vote after being petitioned to do so by Charlevoix resident and Friend of the Library, Connie Saltonstall. Saltonstall told the council that Charlevoix Community Schools wants to take the current library and use it as an administration building. She argued that the building should be sold, with the proceeds going to the new library, and that the school district has no right to take the building in the first place.

"There is no need for the school district to be there," she said. "There is simply no rational for it."

Saltonstall said her family donated the land the current library sits on. But, the donation came with the stipulation that if it ever were no longer used for a library or educational purposes, then the land's ownership would revert back to the Saltonstall family.

She said the land and building currently belongs to the library, so the library should benefit from its sale by using money gained from it to pay off the new building.

Saltonstall added her family will not sign off on the land if the school wants to use it as an administration building.

Charlevoix City Council Member Sherm Chamberlain agreed with Saltonstall.

"Morally I think that they should sell it, with the money going to the library," he said.

Charlevoix Mayor Gabe Campbell added, "I think what, you (Saltonstall) are doing is right."

But Charlevoix School's superintendent John Sturock said the building will be used for educational purposes, as was outlined in the clause. He said it will be used as the administration building for the school district, a training center for the district and many have other educational uses.

Furthermore, according to school attorney Gordon VanWieren, Jr., back when the library and the schools were splitting in 1997, there was a reverter clause over the library written. This reverter clause says the library's ownership reverts back to the school district when it is no longer being used for a library.

But, due to a mistake in paperwork, that reverter clause was never filed with deed. However, both the school and the library's attorney have said that clause should have been filed with the original 1997 deed.

Sturock argues that the school district can say the library belongs to them because of this reverter clause that was suppose to be filed. Therefore, if the school district then owns the library, Sturock claims school code forbids the district from giving it away.

"I think it is a legal issue," he said. "The law is the law."

The council's resolution just means the city agrees with Saltonstall and the Charlevoix Public Library on this issue. Council can not force the school district to comply with it.

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Monday, October 4, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion denied to approve a bid from Traverse Outdoor for landscaping at the Airport.
- Motion adopted to accept the bid from JDE Equipment for the purchase of a loader for the street department.
- Adopted Resolution 2001-10-01, in support of the plan for the Board of Trustees of the Charlevoix Public Library to sell the current library after the new library is open, using the funds from the sale to pay down the debt of the new facility.
- Motion adopted to postpone adoption of the dangerous animal ordinance pending changes from the Attorney.
- Motion adopted to put buoys out into Round Lake delineating where the docks for the proposed marina reconstruction will go.

Council adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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- Written by Donald Lang.

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Firm welcomes new attorney

Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof & Snyder, P.C. welcomes attorney Katrina Martin. Katrina was born on Beaver Island and graduated from Western Michigan University, magna cum laude, and from California Western School of Law in San Diego. After returning to Michigan, she clerked for the Honorable Lita M. Popke of the Third Circuit Court in Detroit. Katrina also practiced with the firm of Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer and Weiss, P.C. in Detroit. She is happy to be back in northern Michigan and looks forward to practicing law here. Katrina intends to focus on family law, construction law, business law and real estate law.

Community Events

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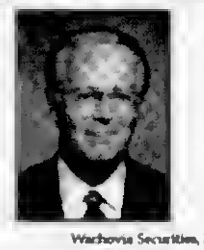
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Football team spoils Harbor Springs homecoming

By B. JON GOHS
Football writer

It was supposed to be Harbor Springs' homecoming, but the Rayders sent them packing as Charlevoix pounded their way to a 26-6 victory over the Rams.

While both teams were scoreless during the first half, it was the plague of mistakes including an interception and some fumbles by his team, which had Coach Jess upset.

"I hope we have it out of our system before this game coming up Friday," he said.

The second half of Friday's game was a different story altogether, as the Rayders made TD after TD in a drive which dominated the third and fourth quarters.

The series of scores began with a five yard pass from QB Cody Crain to Ben Bergmann, followed by Russell Williams' 12 yard run and a 40 yard pass from Crain to sophomore Brad Cyr, who debuted with a bang in Friday nights game.

And though Ray Jones spent most of the game concentrating on defense due to the fact that his hand is in a cast, he managed to score the Rayders fourth and final TD with a nine yard run.

Charlevoix's defense gave up only one TD to Harbor Springs in the last couple minutes of the game.

"They (Harbor Springs) have a good team with some good size kids," Jess said.

"They played real good in the first half."

But, he added, "They did what we expected. They ran the ball a lot and occasionally passed — but not often."

With another task completed the Rayders are 5-2 due in no small part to hard work by both offense and defense.

QB Cody Crain's passing percentage was up 4 percent this week to 63 percent as he was 19 of 30 for 212 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

Perennial rushing leader Russell Williams carried 16 times for 84 yards with one TD.

Receivers Mitchell Klooster and Ben Bergmann had six catches for 80 yards and six catches for 33 yards with two extra points and one TD respectively.

Bergman kicked for Jeff Golovich who is on the injured list this week with a sprained ankle. But, Jess said, Golovich should be able to play in next weeks game.

Eddie Waldron caught five passes for 55 yards and one interception, while Chris Waha also caught an interception.

"The offensive line had a really good second half," Jess said. "They opened up some big holes for the running backs."

If the Rayders can keep the momentum of a five game winning streak going they will do something they haven't done in several years.

"If we win we make the playoffs," Jess said.

The Rayders are in a position which would make many teams sweat, but according to Coach Jess, there is no more pressure on next weeks game than any other.

"I'm just excited to play the game," he said. "This is what we've been waiting for."

The Rayders next big game is against the Grayling Vikings whose only loss is to the tenacious Traverse City St. Francis, winners of last years playoffs.

"It's kind of been back and forth. Last year Grayling beat us," Jess said. "They are a tough team with a good program."

And, he added, "They are going to throw the ball as much as we do, which is rare. So this is going to be a good game to watch."

Grayling's offense is similar to the Rayders which makes them a dangerous opponent.

Jess said, "Grayling has a good run game, but their strength is definitely their wide receivers."

Regardless of how next weeks game turns out, Coach Jess said, by winning more games than they have lost, the Rayders guaranteed themselves a winning season. A season which not only tops last year's record of 1-8, but the records of several seasons before that.

This week the Rayders will hone the skills which have carried them thus far.

Coach Jess said, "We're going to work on defending the pass and we're still going to have to be able to stuff up the run."

The Rayders attempt to secure a slot in the playoffs against Grayling at 7 p.m., Friday Oct. 15 at home on Kipke field.

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Cross country team going strong in meets

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix High School cross country teams continue to shine in area meets.

On Oct. 9, the teams took part in the Ogemaw Heights invitational. The boys' team took first out of six teams and the girls' took second in the division.

Furthermore, the boys' team was second in the overall meet, only to Petoskey, and beat the coach's poll favorite, Hemlock.

"They beat them without the number one and number five runners, who were sick at the time and did not compete," coach Ken Plude said. "It was a great team effort by all."

Girls' coach Mary Plude said, "The girls' grouping was tight from two through seven, but further hack than we wanted."

Top runners for the boys' team were: Jared Hunt in ninth, with a time of 17 minutes, 57 seconds; Tom Aepelbacher in twenty-first with a time of 18 minutes, 43 seconds; Isaec Matchett in sixteenth, with a time of 18 minutes, 31 seconds; Jacob Wimmer in fifth, with a time of 17 minutes, 44 seconds; Scott Plude in eighth, with a time of 17 minutes, 56 seconds; Jacob Hunt in twenty-third, with a time of 18 minutes, 58 seconds and Nick Wimmer in thirty-third, with a time of 19 minutes, 37 seconds.

Top runners for the girls were: Lindi Edger in sixth, with a time of 20 minutes, 53 seconds; Emily Morgridge in eighteenth, with a time of 21 minutes, 53 seconds; Theresa Martin in twenty-first, with a time of 22 minutes, 29 seconds; Alina Dhaseleer in twenty-second, with a time of 22 minutes, 30 seconds; Emily Westenbroek in twenty-fourth, with a time of 22 minutes, 36 seconds; Brittney Lamb in twenty-seventh, with a time of 22 minutes, 44 seconds and Mia Matchett in twenty-eight, with a time of 22 minutes, 45 seconds.

Rayders continue to roll over competition

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

"It just keeps going," Keith Haske observed.

It does indeed. Eleven straight wins to start the season.

The coach of the Charlevoix Rayders girls' basketball squad was describing the dream season that his team is having, their latest success a 71-45 victory over Boyne City.

"It's been a lot of fun," Haske said. "The kids have been just great."

Charlevoix (11-0 overall, 7-0 Lake Michigan Conference) continues to be ranked as the third-best team in Class C by the Associated Press, behind only fellow unbeatens Pewamo-Westphalia and Detroit DePorres.

The Rayders used their usual formula against the Ramblers, a strong start and a coast to the finish.

Charlevoix led 20-9 after the first quarter and 33-13 at the half en route to the win.

Grace Farrell had 15 points, 10 rebounds and four assists to pace the Rayders. Betsy Dennis added 12 points.

Shannon Dibble and Laura Nitchman each had eight points. Nitchman also had four assists and four steals. Kari Way contributed six rebounds and two steals to the cause.

"Our bench has been playing great," Haske said. "That's been a real key for us."

The only problem the Rayders have faced thus far seems to be the lack of competition.

"It feels like we've hit a bit of a lull," Haske said. "But I'm not sure why it feels that way since we're still playing well. With the tournament a month away and the (tournament) draw in a couple of weeks, we'll start focusing more I'm sure."

Charlevoix began the second time around the conference by hosting Elk Rapids on Tuesday, Oct. 12. Results will appear in next week's Courier. The Rayders play at East Jordan on Thursday, Oct. 14.

Golf team ends season with fourth place finish

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix High School varsity golf team's season came to a close Oct. 7, with a fourth place finish in the regional tournament at Tawas.

Fifteen teams competed to take the top three spots and advance to the state finals to be at Eastern Michigan University.

But, Charlevoix's score of 354, put them in fourth place, taking them out of the state run.

"The team is very disappointed, as well as myself," said coach Jim Glynn.

"We had a good season and I am proud of the boys. A third place finish in the conference and a fourth place at the regionals is respectable."

Grayling took first place in the tournament with 304 and Glynn feels they have a strong chance to take the state. Tawas was second with 328 and Manistee was third with 346.

Glynn said there were some bright spots in the tournament.

He said Kyle DeYoung shot an 83, which is only four shots off going to the state as an individual.

Also, sophomore Kris Bartling shot an 86, putting him fourteenth overall out of 75 golfers.

Other individual results were: Chris Wyniawskyj in thirteenth place with an 85; Chris Golski in fifty-fourth, with a 54 and Kevin Kusina in one-hundredth, with a 51.

"We are already looking forward to next season in hopes of improving a great deal," Glynn said.

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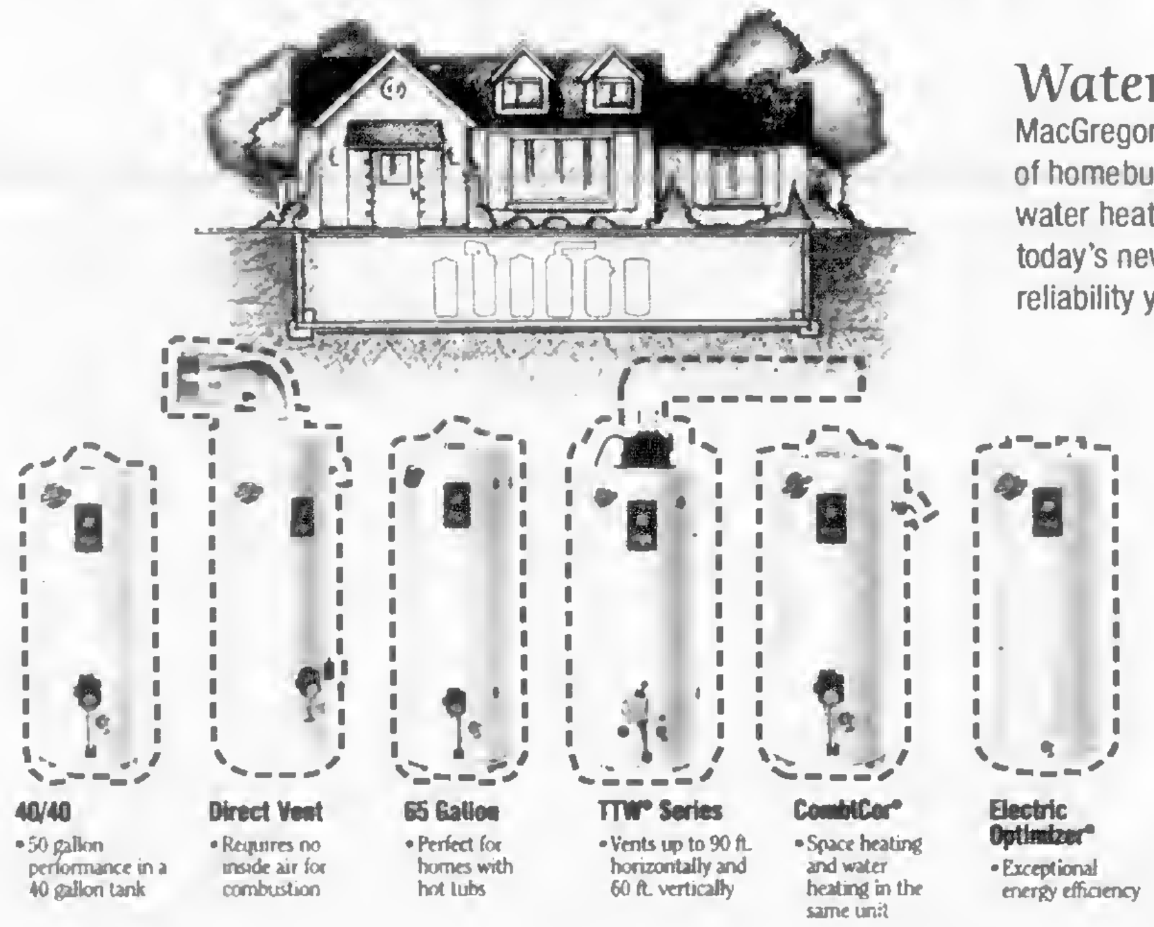
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Author writes response to Sept. 11 attacks

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

"Common Sense Rediscovered: Lessons From the Terrorist Attack On America" asks people to start thinking about the future of the country and what we as a people can do to make a change.

Professor Dale M. Herder, a part-time resident of Charlevoix, felt a sense of duty after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and decided what needed to be said needed to be said in a non-politically correct manner.

"After asserting that American ideals still are the best hope for mankind, 'Common Sense Rediscovered' asks tough questions about America's perceived arrogance and diminished status as a global role model," Herder wrote in his book cover.

Herder said he started working on a manuscript in 1997 when he retired from teaching about some things that were concerning him about America.

His thesis was "termites in the cellar," which focused on the problems in the foundation of the country.

Things weren't meshing and Herder sat on the manuscript, hut when the terrorist attacks occurred, he opened it hack up and began to make some changes.

Herder, a retired Navy Commander who served for 30 years, including five years as an enlisted man in the U.S. Naval Reserve, three years in active duty at sea as a commissioned naval officer and 22 years in the reserve service as a commission naval officer, said he initially wanted to throw on his uniform and serve.

However, since he was retired from the Navy, he knew there wasn't a big chance the Navy would take him back, so he used his other life as an American historian and writing professor to pen his book.

He was spurred into action because of his concern as an American for the future of the United States and the attacks on Sept. 11 marked the time to pull together what he had been working on and getting it out.

Herder said his book is geared toward the general audience and the thinking reader.

"The purpose is to share ideas and hopefully make a difference," he said.

The hook is hased on Thomas Paine's 46 page pamphlet, "Common Sense," which was distrihuted in 1776.

Herder said he intended the hook to not only be a sequel to Paine's pamphlet but is also patterned upon it.

Herder said the parallels between 1776 and 2004 are very similar. The moment is pregnant and critical for change, Herder said, just like it was for the American colonists. Also, both years mark a crisis situation people had to face.

Herder said the future of the United States and that of the west is at stake.

"I think we could lose it if we remain seated when we should be getting up and acting," he said.

Herder is no stranger to Charlevoix as he and his wife, Diane M. Herder have summered in Charlevoix and kept their boat at Irish Boat Shop for 20 years.

Herder said they are looking toward moving up to Charlevoix in the future." he said.

Herder said ideas are the currency of a free society and if we shut them down or allow them to be shut down, as a society we could miss the opportunity of the moment and if we do, it will be lost forever.

"What is being said in Common Sense Rediscovered might be the voice of many Americans who also love this country and want to make it hetter by thinking ahout our values and acting accordingly," he said.

The book is priced to be affordable to all hecause Herder said his intent is not to make a profit, hut to share ideas with others like Paine did in 1776.

"'Common Sense Rediscovered" can be found at the Charlevoix Public Library, at various lihraries in the Lansing area and was just picked up nationally hy Barnes and Nobel.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Dale Herder shown here with his book, "Common Sense Rediscovered" near the Charlevoix City Marina.

School district enrollment numbers are up

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The numbers are up, but will the current enrollment level in Charlevoix Public Schools continue?

Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent John Sturock said the increase in enrollment is good for the district because revenues are based on student numbers.

Due to the higher enrollment, Sturock said, the increase in revenue enabled the school to stay within budget and hire a new teacher to oversee the new kindergarten section.

Sturock said the budget is created the June prior to the next school year and an effort is made to anticipate anything that could happen during the year.

The budget is based on 1,360 students and there are currently 1,372 students. Sturock said the addition of twelve students brought $94,644 in revenue.

Sturock said this is the first year the school district has had an increase in enrollment. Prior to this year, the district was losing approximately 20 kids per year.

Sturock said part of the issue is that the basic foundation grant is not necessarily a guarantee and the state could come hack and grant less money if the revenues aren't there. This is what occurred during the past two years when enrollment was approximately 78 students per class.

Enrollment is now at approximately 100 students per class and Sturock said the current numbers are hack up to what they were three to four years ago.

"This is good because it's the first time we've been on the positive side in the past two years," he said.

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	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	512	190
Art Ruis	474	174
Bill Zimmerman		170
Ken Schoenheit		170
Babs Sharrow	436	169
Mary Lakes	431	151
Dolly Coen	403	150

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	W	L
R & C Roofing	170	80
Paul Bunyan Lanes	150	100
Ferguson & Chamberlain	144	106
Mark White Paint & Stain	134	116
Lutherans	122	128
State Farm Insurance	107	143
The Inner Circle	101	149
St. Mary's	72	178

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Scott Kehrer	228	555
Ron Grulke	623	225
John Fiedorek	564	
Bill Gengle		218

Men's Senior League
October 4, 2004

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	11	5
J Arnold Painting "2"	10	6
Central Drug Store	9	7
Team 6	9	7
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Cemex Cement	7	9
Ken's Racing	7	9
Charlevoix Manufacturing	2	14

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	Series	Game
Ron Chapman	593	233
Brian Dixon	569	231
Chris Putman		215
Ron Grulke	588	

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	W	L
Central Drug Store	15	5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	12	8
Twin Lakes Enterprise	12	8
Paul Bunyan Lanes	12	8
Don's IGA	9	11
Grey Gables	8	12
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	8	12
Mark White Paint & Stain	4	16

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	Series	Game
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Leanna Mosoryak	588	204
Cindy Mansen	545	
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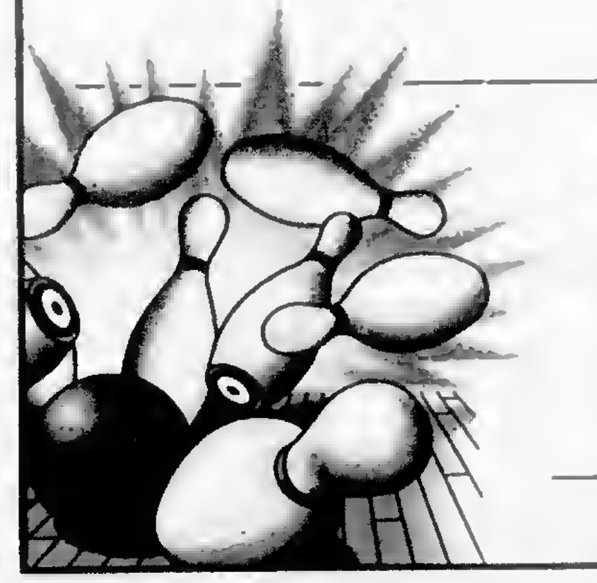

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Council hopefuls debate assisted living

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Sometimes things change and it may or may not be for the better as this week city council candidates look into the issue of assisted living.

Charlevoix recently went to court over a planned assisted living facility on the north side. A circuit court judge ruled that the facility could be built. During the build up to this court case, city council voted to not allow a public hearing on the matter, but the planning commission planned one anyway.

This lead to the firing of several planning commission members, who retained their seats after sending the matter to the Zoning Board of Appeals, as was suggested by the city manager, and eliminating the planned public hearing. But, the Zoning Board of Appeals ruled the planned assisted living facility did not fall within the ordinance for its proposed area — on the north side, in a residential area. Therefore, Sunnybank filed suit in circuit court.

First Ward Incumbent Bill Haggard said he thinks there is a need for assisted living in Charlevoix because everyone is getting older and he himself may need the availability of an assisted living facility in the future.

The concept is rather new, Haggard said, since it wasn't in Charlevoix's zoning ordinance. That is changing, however, as the planning commission is working on where to place assisted living in the ordinance.

"It's going to be interesting to see what the planning commission comes up with," he said.

Haggard said the entire situation could have been handled out of court.

"If we would have had a public hearing, we would have saved a lot of money and a lot of grief," he said.

Haggard said the pros and cons weren't allowed to be discussed because there wasn't a public hearing.

However, he said the proposed location is fine because an assisted living facility is a for-profit business, but is a place where people live and not just a professional office, which is for-profit and allowed in that zone.

To calm fears arising out of what would happen if the facility failed, Haggard said a reverter clause could be put into the ordinance that would state the property would revert back to residential or it's former natural state.

Candidate Rebecca Doan said the whole situation could have been handled out of court.

"It should have been sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals for interpretation for where assisted living belongs inside the city and should not have been sent to court," she said.

Doan said she has always been in favor of assisted living and it's just unfortunate that assisted living is what was proposed.

"The fight was not about assisted living, the fight was about a commercial enterprise inside a residential zone," she said.

Doan said the proposed facility is a higher density than allowed in a multi-family zone and a special permit would be needed to build whether the facility was assisted living or an apartment complex.

She said the proposed facility is too large for the multi-family zone even if it were just apartments.

"I think assisted living is a wonderful concept," she said. "I think it's a wonderful alternative for our aging population, it's just the placement."

Second Ward Incumbent Karen I. Campbell said assisted living is needed in the area, but not necessarily directly in Charlevoix.

Campbell said the entire situation could have been handled out of court, but the city caters to developers.

"It just drives me crazy because they're so in love with those developers," she said.

Campbell said there is a need for more property to build houses on and some of that residential property is now taken up with a commercial enterprise.

The city council and some citizens, Campbell said, didn't want the facility where it is located now.

Campbell said the argument wasn't about assisted living, but about having a commercial enterprise in a residential district, which could in turn be used as a precedent for future commercial building in residential areas.

Campbell said there will be noise factors that come into play with the delivering of food, linens and other services such as garbage pickup.

"It's not my favorite subject," she said. "I didn't agree with it."

Candidate Alvin "Butch" Russell did not return phone calls by press time.

Third Ward Incumbent Sherman Chamberlain Jr. said there is a need for assisted living in the community and the issue should have been handled out of court.

Chamberlain said he had to abstain from voting on any decisions regarding the issue going to court or not going to court because Charlevoix resident and Realtor Ed Amick, who owned the property, was a client of his.

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Assisted living facility hot topic for council

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In his personal opinion, Chamberlain said there should have been some negotiations on the property and location and the number one mistake made was not having a public hearing.

Chamberlain said the mayor and several council members were too busy trying to please the residents near the facility that they didn't fully research the issue, which would have given them the answer.

"What this court case proved is the fact that council members should base decisions on facts and not conjecture, because when you get into the city's Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance it points you to the correct answer," he said.

The Master Plan from 1982, Chamberlain said, states a need for senior housing in the community and calls for the proposed property to be medium density housing.

"To sit there and limit that property to low density housing wouldn't be consistant with the Master Plan."

Not everyone can be pleased in an issue like this, Chamberlain said, but by not allowing the assisted living facility, the city would not have addressed a community need.

Chamberlain said the issue is something the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals can find a place for in order to avoid future battles and wasting more money.

"I would prefer to spend that money on productive things and not lawyers," he said. "I'm tired of paying lawyers."

Candidate Dave Scott said he thinks there is a need for an assisted living facility in Charlevoix, but he doesn't agree with everything involved in bringing it here.

Scott said as the baby boomer group ages, there will be a need to take care of them as a community. However, the entire situation could have been handled out of court.

"But people do have the right to sue if they're unhappy with the decisions the city makes," he said.

The real reason behind the issue wasn't about whether or not the people of Charlevoix wanted an assisted living facility, Scott said, but whether or not the site chosen was appropriate.

"Property owners have a right to see that their district remains a residential community," he said.

For Scott, the issue has two parts that are equally important.

For one, he said he understands why the property owners and developers would want relief through the court system. But what he doesn't understand is why the planning commissioners took it upon themselves to engage in legal actions against the city and then turn around and ask the city to pay for it. The planning commissioners were reimbursed for an attorney they hired to fight their firing by the mayor.

Scott said the commissioners had every right to hire an attorney and as individuals sue the city, but they should have asked for approval in advance.

"It's like someone asking for approval for something after they already spent the money," he said.

Scott said the other mistake that occurred was when the city council, not Mayor Gabe Campbell, voted in approval to pay the legal fees of the planning commissioners.

"Taxpayers paid for that," he said.

The other part of the issue that Scott has concern for is whether or not the city put up an effective defense in that case.

Scott said the only witness called by the city was City Planner Gerry Harsch, who testified against the city.

"It almost appeared as for some reason we wanted to lose," Scott said.

Scott said the court case may weaken future decisions, but doesn't know whether or not it will be used as precedent to allow someone else to come in and build in an area not zoned for the intended use.

"It's never a good thing when city decisions are reversed by a court," he said.

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Mayoral candidates discuss assisted living

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Gabe Campbell

Norman Carlson

With the Nov. 2 elections drawing near, mayoral candidates Gabe Campbell and Norman "Boogie" Carlson look closely at issues such as assisted living.

Charlevoix recently went to court over a planned assisted living facility on the north side. A circuit court judge ruled that the facility could be built. During the build up to this court case, city council voted to not allow a public hearing on the matter, but the planning commission planned one anyway.

This lead to the firing of several planning commission members, who retained their seats after sending the matter to the Zoning Board of Appeals, as was suggested by the city manager, and eliminating the planned public hearing. But, the Zoning Board of Appeals ruled the planned assisted living facility did not fall within the ordinance for its proposed area — on the north side, in a residential area. Therefore, Sunnybank filed suit in circuit court.

Incumbent Campbell said he thinks there is a need for assisted living in the area, but not necessarily in the city.

During the court proceedings, Campbell said the developers stated that the facility was going to be open to the elderly in Boyne City, East Jordan and the surrounding townships and thus it could have been placed elsewhere.

"I have nothing against assisted living here," he said. "But I think putting it with an outlet to a highway for elderly people is a disaster."

However, since it's already here, Campbell said the focus should be on making it work for where it is.

"As far as I'm concerned, they're building it so we might as well support it," he said.

Campbell said he has been getting blamed for the money spent on the court proceedings when it was the city council that voted on it. The mayor doesn't vote unless there is a tie.

"I think the whole situation could have been handled if the administration handled it better," he said.

Campbell said there were other locations available on the south side of town at the intersection of M-66 and US-31 and also where the proposed Wal-Mart was going to be. The R-1 and R-2 areas are meant for housing, Campbell said, and not commercial entities.

"I think they started from the get go putting it where they wanted it and the reason was not for the need of assisted living," he said. "The reason was for selling the property."

Campbell said the developers went overboard when they said that assisted living is not a commercial enterprise.

"I don't mind people disagreeing with me, but I get really upset when they think they can tell me anything and I'll believe it," he said.

Campbell said he is also very offended that the key witness against the city was City Planner Gerry Harsch, who testified in favor of the developers.

Despite the outcome, Campbell said 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas is a fair person and he has nothing but admiration for him.

"But it's done," he said. "Now it's our job to do what we can to make it work."

Candidate Carlson said there is a need for assisted living and to have a facility close to the city would be nice.

Carlson said he hates to think of his parents living farther away and not in the immediate location should they ever need assisted living.

The entire situation could have been handled out of court, Carlson said.

"I think if they would have listened to the advice of the City Attorney (Jim Young) at the public hearing, we would have avoided the thousands of dollars that were spent on attorney fees," he said.

Carlson said he hopes the case won't set a precedent and he respects Judge Pajtas' decision.

"It was unfortunate we didn't have an ordinance to help direct the location of elderly housing," he said.

Carlson said the people who were against the facility weren't against assisted living, but didn't want a commercial entity in their backyard.

"There's a need for it in our community," he said. "But where it goes is a question for the planning commission and the courts."

Carlson said it's unfortunate for those people who didn't want the facility in their neighborhood, but he's glad to see there will be an assisted living facility for the elderly in the community.

Carlson said he wanted to see assisted living in the community, but didn't care where it was placed.

"It's unfortunate the way things turned out the way they did for the people in the neighborhood that were against having elderly housing next door," he said. "But hopefully, we'll learn from the past and not let history repeat itself by adopting an ordinance that would help direct the location of elderly housing in the future."

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Flu vaccine shortage announced in area

A shortage of flu vaccine has many people in northern Michigan wondering if they will get their flu shot this season.

"Some local physicians' offices and health clinics have received their orders for flu vaccine," said Patricia Fralick, director of Family Health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. "We're suggesting people only call their physician to schedule an appointment for a flu shot if they fall into one of the 'high risk' categories for contracting the flu or developing complications from the flu. Unless you are considered 'high risk,' please do not call your physician for a flu shot. We have to save flu vaccine for the people who need it most. Healthy adults have to skip a flu shot this year.

Since it announced the worldwide flu vaccine shortage earlier this week, the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & Prevention issued new recommendations on who should be vaccinated against the flu. Only people who fall in a "high-risk" category for contracting the flu or developing complications from the flu will receive a flu shot.

According to the CDC, the priority groups for vaccination are:

- All children 6 months to 23 months old
- Adults age 65 and older
- Anyone age 2 to 64 with an underlying chronic medical condition
- All women who will be pregnant during the flu season
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- Children 6 months to 18 years old on chronic aspirin therapy
- Healthcare workers with direct patient care
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than 6 months old.

There are just two manufacturers of flu vaccine in the world, each producing about half of the supply needed. Many hospitals, health centers and pharmacies learned this week that their orders for flu vaccines will not be filled due to production problems from one supplier, Chiron Corporation, in England.

The flu vaccine that is available is from Aventis Pasteur, the other flu vaccine supplier.

Influenza, commonly called "the flu," is caused by the influenza virus which infects the nose, throat and lungs. Unlike many other viral respiratory infections, such as the common cold, the flu causes severe illness and life-threatening complications in many people.

Symptoms of the flu include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. Children can have additional symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, but these symptoms are uncommon in adults.

With the flu vaccine shortage, it is more important than ever to practice good health habits to avoid getting the flu. Just covering your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing and cleaning your hands often can stop the spread of flu, according the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & Prevention.

"The flu spreads quickly when people who are infected cough or sneeze, sending germs through the air and on the mouth or nose of someone nearby," said Fralick. "Sometimes the flu is spread when people touch flu germs left on a surface like a desk and then touch their eyes, mouth, or nose before they wash their hands. Some viruses and bacteria can live up to two hours on surfaces like cafeteria tables and door knobs."

Good health habits to prevent the flu and other diseases are to:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- Stay home when you are sick. Stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will prevent others from catching your illness.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not into your hands.
- Clean your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. When soap and water is unavailable, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers will kill the germs on your hands.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities. For additional information about flu vaccines or the flu vaccine shortage, visit www.nwhealth.org or www.cdc.gov.

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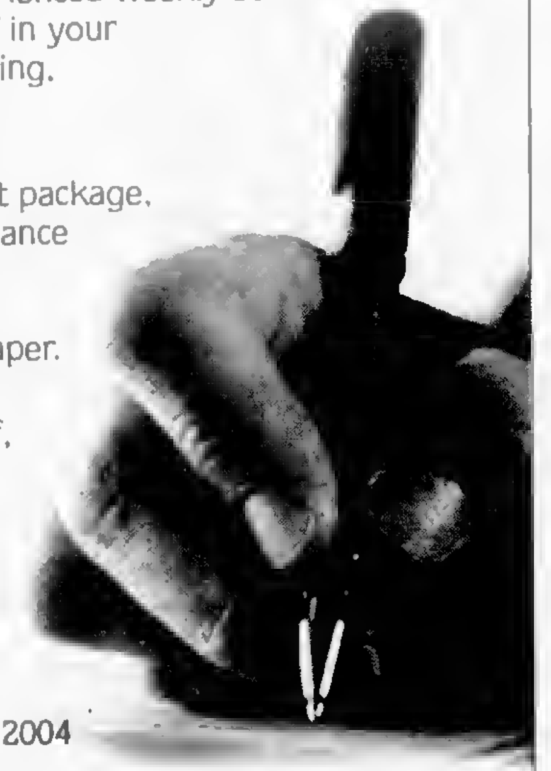

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(9-22-4-087)

GARAGE & RUMMAGE SALE 100

RUMMAGE SALE-American Legion Charlevoix, 106 East Garfield Ave., 9 to 3 on 10/16. Miscellaneous items, dishes and refrigerators.

(10-13-1-100)

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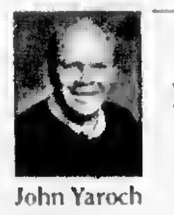

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RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by KENNETH M. DULINSKI and MARY J. DULINSKI, husband and wife, whose address is 4868 Eastwood Road, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49730 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with an office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated November 12, 1990 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan on November 12, 1990 in Liber 221 of Charlevoix County Records on Pages 414 through 417, inclusive, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of NINETY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN AND 26/100 ($91,317.26) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice Is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Building located at 301 State Street in the City of Charlevoix and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on **Friday October 22, 2004 at 11:00 o'clock** local time, in the forenoon of seid day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so es aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 9.0 percent interest on such Mortgage, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 14, T33N, R5W; thence West 666.08 feet along the North line of said Section 14 to the point of beginning; thence continuing elong said North section line West 200.00 feet; thence South 468.60 feet et right angles to the North line of said Section 14; thence East 200.00 feet; thence North 468.60 feet to the point of beginning; being e part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, lying Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road. (Also commonly known as 4868 Eastwood Roed, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49730; Tax Code No. 15-10-014-005-15.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the dete of sale unless the property is abandoned in which cese the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact the local office of Rural Development, 7192 E. 34 Road, Cadillac, Michigan 49601, telephone (231)775-7681, ext. 4.

Dated: September 17, 2004

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
acting through the Farmers Home Administration
(now Rural Development),
United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee
Robert J. Zitta (P22749)
Attorney for Mortgagee
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grend Heven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is e debt collector ettempting to collect a debt. Any information obtelned will be used for this purpose. If you ere in the Military, pleese contect our office et the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditlons of a certeln mortgege mede by: Shawn T Mcleod end Shewn M Mcleod, husband and wife to Household Finance Corporetion III, e Delewere Corporetion Mortgegee, deted April 11, 2003 end recorded May 19, 2003 in Liber 540, Pege 366, Charlevoix County Records, Mlchigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due et the dete hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousend One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents ($159,175.29) Including interest 6.8% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such cese made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sele of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court House, Charlevoix, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, October 22, 2004. Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a 5/8 in. rod at the North quarter corner of Section 2, Town 32 North, Range 6 West; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds East 1127.22 feet elong the North line of said section to a point in the centerline of Division Street, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing South 89 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds East 200 feet along said section line and along the centerline of said street to a boat spike on the East eighth line of said section, as monumented; thence South 0 degrees, 01 minute 14 seconds West 33.00 feet along until eighth line to a 1/2 inch rod on the South line of said street; thence continuing South 0 degrees 01 minute 14 seconds West 402.60 feet along seid eighth line to e 1/2 inch rod: thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds West 200 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 0 de-grees 01 minute 14 seconds East 402.60 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said South Street line; thence continuing North 0 degrees 01 minute 14 seconds Eest 33.00 feet to the point of beginning; being a pert of the Northeest Quarter of Section 2, Town 32 North, Renge 6 West. Commonly known as 808 Division St., Boyne City MI 49712 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined ebendoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

Household Finance Corporation III
Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
36150 Dequindre Rd. Ste 810
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(586) 303-3030
T.S.# 04-27215/ASAP#610334

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made July 02, 2002, by Louise P. Parsons, a married woman, as mortgagor, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on July 31, 2002, at Liber 479, Page 988, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $455,244.90 principal, $12,609.66 interest, and $2,250.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, November 5, 2004, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Unit 5 and Unit 6, CLUB AT LAKE POINTE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Eighth Amended Mester Deed as recorded in Liber 407, Pages 464 through 541, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Plen No. 45, together with rights in generel common elements end limited common elements es set forth in the ebove Master Deed and emendments thereto, end as described In Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, es emended.

This sele Is for the purpose of satisfylng the emounts due and unpald on the mortgege, with annual Interest at the rete of 3.0% above the First Community Bank base lendlng rete, which is variable delly, end which totel variable rate Is presently. 10.95% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums that mey be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: September 29, 2004

First Community Bank
Mortgagee
200 E. Main Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Young Americans workshop

The Young Americans workshop is coming to Boyne City High School on Oct. 14, 15, and 16 for students in grades 4-12. There are approximately 300 openings available. Classes offered during workshop are television-theater-stage, vocal techniques, sound and recording techniques, musical theater, stage movement, vocal ensemble and performance workshops.

The Young Americans is a company of 38 performers and six staff, presenting a three day workshop in voice, dance and all aspects of the performing. They will present a full two hour concert show that will include the hundreds of young people who sign up. Their main purpose to encourage music in schools, train young people in performance and to strengthen character. Registration is $75 per student. For families with more than one participant, additional siblings will be $55. For additional information contact Kathy Hodgkiss at (231) 582-6222 or kathy@boynechamber.com.

Volleyball meeting

There is an organizational meeting for volleyball including coed, women's and men's and also adult men's basketball at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, in the basement conference room of City Hall. Any questions call 547-3253.

MARSP to meet

MARSP, Charlevoix Chapter of Michigan Retired School Personnel, will meet at the former Boyne City Middle School, across from the library on Oct. 20. The hospitality club of the school will serve lunch at 12 p.m. Meet the candidates with your concerns. Have your questions on three by five cards for the two county and two state legislative candidates.

Snowmobile trail set up

Charlevoix Snowmobile Club trail set up day is at 8 a.m. on Oct. 23 (Sunday if raining). Meet at Way Transportation Co. located on US-31 South of Charlevoix. They are looking for help to work the trail between Charlevoix and East Jordan, so if you are a snowmobiler come and help set up the trail. Call 547-1901 for details or questions.

Visit Daggett

Come one, come all to the Camp Daggett Community Appreciation Event. Camp Daggett is a year-round facility and welcome you to visit anytime between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23. This is an opportunity for you to see what Camp Daggett has to offer or just enjoy a day in the great outdoors. Tour its state of the art Adventure Center, take a guided historical tour and learn about Camp Daggett's heritage or just relax and take a hike on the trails and explore the woodlands that surround them. Please visit it at www.campdaggett.com for more information or give it a call at (231) 347-9742.

Bazaar

The Ellsworth Lioness is sponsoring the Twenty-fourth Annual Banks Township Community Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Banks Township Hall. For booth space information, please contact Joni at (231)544-6348 or wieland@torchlake.com.

Skate park hours

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park hours are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and from noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays. Kids will be able to skate after school as long as the weather holds.

Divorce group

Community Reformed Church is offering DivorceCare for those people who are going through, have gone through, or considering divorce. Dinner and child care provided. Please call 547-9482 for more information.

Suicide loss group

Survivors of Suicide Loss group is open to any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one through suicide. Group members will have the opportunity to connect with others, receive information on the grief process, and find direction and support in coping with suicide loss. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. The church is located at 1020 East Mitchell Street in Petoskey.

Coats for Kids

The Coats for Kids Program kicked off and is sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet FIA. Their goal is to be sure that children are kept warm this winter. The drive is accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. They will also accept gently worn coats, hats, gloves and mittens in good condition. Please clean the worn items before donating. Donations can be made at Boyne City and Petoskey Glen's, and Charlevoix and Petoskey Kmart's.

Those in need can pick up coats at any of the following distribution points:

- Friends and Neighbors Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1404 S. Howard Street, Petoskey from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 326 North Park, Boyne City from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Thursday.
- Salvation Army at 712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

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Board claims Winkjer didn't meet qualifications

WINKJER

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gram that would lead to full certification by the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

Saginaw Valley State University also stated that federal law through No Child Left Behind and the Michigan Department of Education are enforcing the certification and qualification of teachers and administrators.

Winkjer said Saginaw Valley State University had no problem with him as interim administrator or as a teacher due to the "crisis" nature the school was in, and wants to know when they created these requirements and if the other 12 schools they sponsor are to uphold them as well.

Winkjer's certification had been expired for a year, but instead of rushing out and enrolling in a program for a degree he didn't truly desire, Winkjer said he waited until a program in educational technology opened.

The school board was aware of this, Winkjer said, and was OK with him teaching and administrating until he could officially be accepted into the Michigan State University program in October.

Hagen said the board was aware of this, but couldn't keep him on board because he wasn't certified and the school risked the loss of federal funding.

"He did not fit the requirements so he needed to be let go," Hagen said.

Winkjer said there aren't any requirements for administrators under No Child Left Behind and the school wouldn't have lost funding.

Jonathan Winkjer

"The idea of losing federal funding is a convenient excuse as far as I am concerned and it's not the best for the school," Winkjer said.

Hagen said the board was mislead by Winkjer's application and didn't know his certification had expired until recently when they did their own research.

Hagen said the board didn't agree with the way Winkjer had filled out his application and said it lacked a notary signature.

"He presented himself, along with the staff, that he'd be willing and able to be administrator of the school," Hagen said.

Winkjer said a Charter school doesn't have a union, but the staff worked well together and collectively decided he should take over as interim administrator until a person could be found to fill the position permanently.

"Perhaps the board didn't like the feeling that there was some kind of organization," he said.

Winkjer said he never thought the position was permanent and since the school was in a chaotic state at the beginning of the year, he said it seemed like a good idea to promote from within.

His dismissal seems personal to him.

"There must be some reason because it doesn't seem best suited for the students and the school in general," Winkjer said.

He said his only concern is for the students and parents who need to be more involved.

"If something is to be gained from this turmoil,it is that they need to be more involved," he said.

Hagen said the school board was following the guidelines set forth by No Child Left Behind and the requirements from Saginaw Valley State University.

"I believe the school board was handling it the best they could," he said.

Winkjer said he is currently looking to finish his master's in education and continuing his teaching position at North Central Michigan College as a computer technology instructor, which he has done for six or seven years. He is also going to continue with his computer network freelance work.

Forum to let public meet those running

FORUM

Continued from page 1

the library as the center of community activities and meetings and one priority is to hold a forum for candidates," she said.

After all is said and done, Heise said people will have heard first hand what the candidates have to say and what questions other citizens may have.

"I hope they will have a better idea of who they intend to vote for," she said.

The public can meet mayoral incumbent Gabe Campbell and mayoral candidate Norman "Boogie" Carlson. In attendance will also be Kevin Elsenheimer, the Republican candidate for the 105th District, and Jim McKimmy, the Democratic candidate for the 105th District.

All of the candidates for City Council have been invited to come and introduce themselves and state why they are running, but won't be involved in the questioning.

Mediating the event will be Toni Felter along with Anne Marie Conway, Charlevoix High School government teacher, and Conway's government class who will be assisting the Friends of the Library.

For more information call the library at 547-2651.

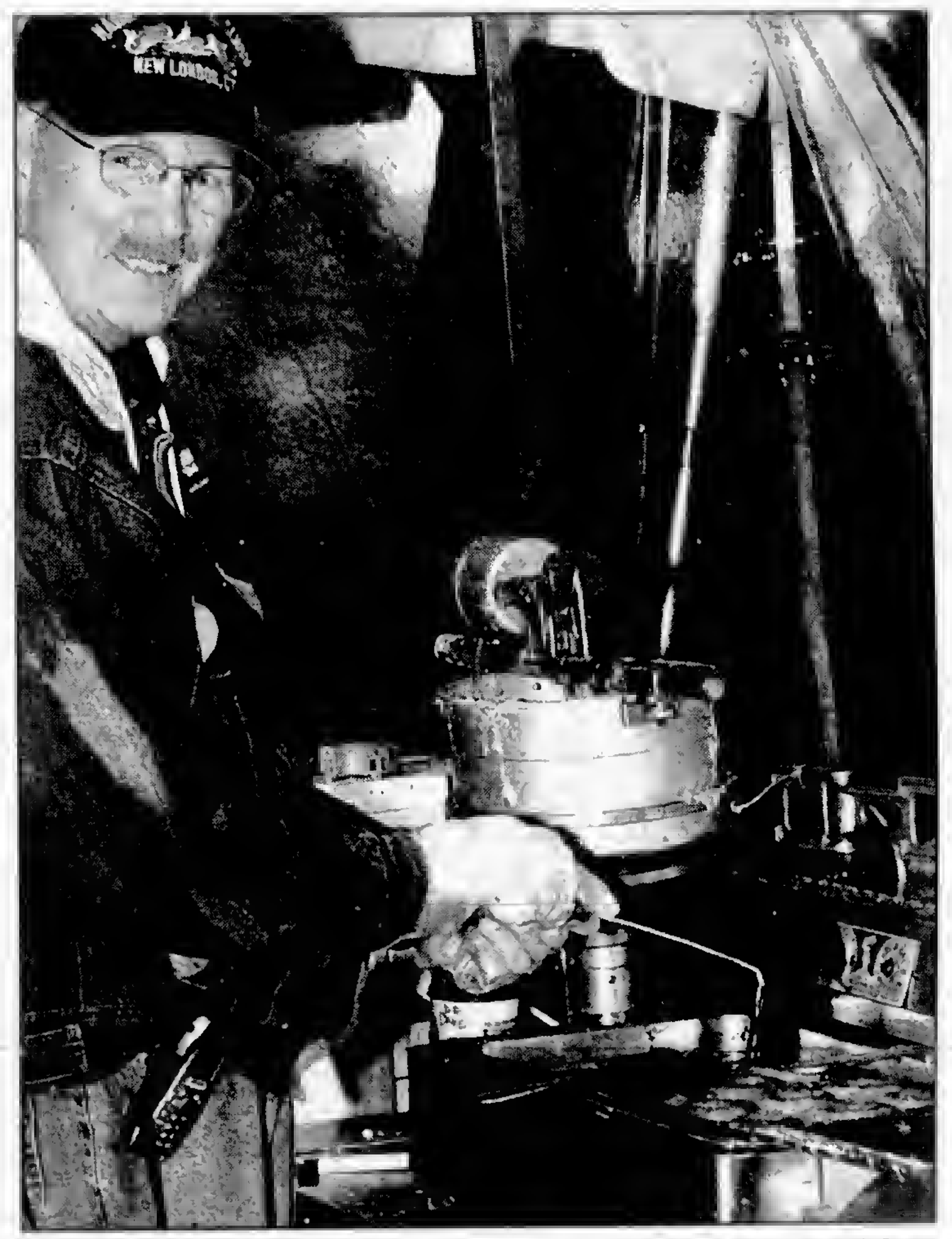

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Apple doughnut

David Wilcox of Friske Orchards and Farm Market makes homemade doughnuts for patrons during the Apple Festival at the Friske Orchards' booth. The orchard is a staple at the festival and is known for its many apple products, including these fresh doughnuts.

Official Notice

North Country Community Mental Health Board will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, October 21st at 4:30 p.m. at One MacDonald Drive, 1st floor, Conference Room, Petoskey, MI. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

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This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Thursday, October 7, 2004 - 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All council members except Bill Bellows were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to approve the bid from Biotech Agronomics for the cleaning of the digesters at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Council adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
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Cooperation Between City Boards →	Mayor Campbell hastily announces his firing of five Planning Commissioners after they support public hearing regarding Senior housing. →	Since his rash decision lacked merit, the Mayor fails to conclude required legal procedure to remove the five Planning Commissioners that he had claimed to "fire." All five Planning Commissioners continued to serve their term of office.

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Inside...

Royalty of the fall

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While Charlevoix football fans, parents, teachers and community members watched, Charlevoix High School crowned a new homecoming king and queen during half-time of the game Friday night. (Left) Tom Aepelbacher was crowned king and Madison McKenzie was named queen of homecoming during the very wet halftime show.

Candidate for city council faces several large tax liens

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

A city council candidate who has made fiscal responsibility a part of his campaign is having financial problems of his own.

According to documents given to the *Charlevoix Courier*, Charlevoix City Council candidate Dave Scott has several state and federal liens out against his company Third Coast Communications, also called Michigan Talk Radio Network, totaling over $200,000.

According to the information, which was federal and state lien paperwork, Scott's company has been behind on its withholding tax since December 2002. Scott said this new company has been having some financial troubles, but he is taking care of it.

"Like many other businesses, the Michigan Talk Radio Network was hurt by Sept. 11. Advertising took a hit and as a new company it had a more profound impact on us than others in our business. It was unexpected, yet we are recovering, with more revenue, advertisers and listeners. I am working diligently to resolve these matters and believe we have a bright future," he said in a written statement.

The paperwork was given to the *Charlevoix Courier* by Charlevoix resident John Winn. Winn said he received the paperwork in an unsigned envelope through the mail and does not know who it came from. The only other thing with the paperwork was a note telling Winn to "do with it what (he) pleases."

Winn pointed out lien information is a part of the public record.

Scott said, what happened was, the company was completing its federal tax paperwork wrong and did not realize it. By the time he did, he discovered the company owed over $200,000 to the federal government in withholding taxes.

He said he has already started paying this debt to the Internal Revenue Service.

"I just sent a check out to the IRS today. We are working on these things," he said. "We are making great progress."

This is not the first time Scott has been behind on his taxes. Scott said he was also behind on his company's city taxes for a period, but he took care of the matter, just as he will take care of this.

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi confirmed Scott's company did owe some city taxes, but he is caught up to date.

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Charlevoix grad living, traveling her dream

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With her adventurous nature and global connections, former Charlevoix resident Rebecca Chamberlain-Creanga is traveling to an unrecognized region to continue her research.

Chamberlain-Creanga, 27, will be going to a region within the Republic of Moldova. She said the region, known as Transdniestria, is not recognized by any country in the world.

Rebecca Chamberlain-Creanga

Going into an area without guaranteed protection or established diplomatic links makes Chamberlain-Creanga nervous.

"The situation being that it's a tense place," she said.

Chamberlain-Creanga has diplomatic links, but said the United States Embassy advises not to go to the region and can't guarantee her safety.

"It's a region known not to abide by human right's standards," she said.

Chamberlain-Creanga will be researching at a cement factory that has women as 40 percent of its workers for her doctorate work in anthropology. She said Transdniestria still thinks of itself as a part of the Soviet Union in terms of identity. Her focus is on ethnicity and industry and she will be investigating what entity people identify with and how industry was used to create that identity.

She speaks decent Romanian, is currently learning Russian and can still speak Serbian-Croatian from when she went there as a part of her independent studies. However, she is nervous about having to work with two languages: Romanian and Russian.

Transdniestria thinks of itself as its own country, but this sovereign territory of Moldova still has a Russian presence, which Chamberlain-Creanga said is left over from when the Soviet Union was in power.

The Russian troops had signed an agreement with NATO stating they would leave by 2003, but they're still there. Chamberlain-Creanga said Russia wants to include this region as a balance of power against NATO, and Romania,

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Betty Lou Kewagshken, 67, Traverse City. Allowing unlicensed minor to drive. Sentenced to three days in jail with credit for three days. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Peter Romagnoli II, 20, Charlevoix. Minor transporting/possessing alcohol motor vehicle passenger. Sixty hours of community service work; must attend substance abuse classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Ryan Patrick Latcham, 20, Grosse Pointe Farms. Minor in possession of alcohol, first offense. Six months probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 79 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $700 in fines and costs.

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 17, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property under $200. Sentenced to 50 days in jail with credit for 50 days. Fines and costs totaling $180.

Steven Matthew Sulz, 22, East Jordan. Failure to stop/identify property damage accident. Fines and costs totaling $300.

George William Biclat Jr., 22, Grayling. Controlled substance possession of marijuana. Nine months probation; must attend substance abuse classes; $500 in fines and costs.

Craig Edward Lengel, 38, Commerce Township. Domestic violence. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 91 days.

Jon Duane Ramsey, 30, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, second offense and open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. One year probation; 360 days in jail with credit for 30 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 300 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,380 in fines and costs.

Berthold Christian Treiber, 39, Grand Rapids. Impaired driving. Twelve months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $960 in fines and costs.

Kara Rae Alward, 27, Ellsworth. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $965 in fines and costs.

David Lawrence Copp, 39, South Lyon. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 70 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,110 in fines and costs.

Steven Allen Evans, 33, Boyne Falls. Domestic violence. Twelve months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 87 days held in abeyance; $950 in fines and costs.

Crystal Lynne Walker, 21, Flint. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs of $100 suspended.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

T.J.'s Maintenace/Handyman, 9557 Main Street, Ellsworth, by Jim Bishaw.

Built in Design, 06115 Zenith Heights Road, Boyne City, by Nancy Blandford.

J & E Landscape and Maintenance, 166 Rogers Road, Boyne City, by John Hess and Erika Kristoffer.

Cretia's Candle Creations, 10660 Burgess Road, Charlevoix, by Loucretia Laisure.

Boogie Boh's Records, P.O. Box 361, Charlevoix, by Robert R. Bergmann.

Up North Cleaning, 3133 Howard Road, Boyne Falls, by Michella A. Conrad.

Design Solutions, 214 Newman Street, Charlevoix, by Karla Kay Kenney.

Births

Trenton Jalelle Rembert, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Christina Crumbaugh of Boyne City and Tremaine Rembert of Grand Rapids, on Oct. 5, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Tim and Debbie Crumbaugh of Boyne City and Mandy Ragland of Boyne City and Lissa Rembert of Grand Rapids.

Gavin Smith Heiermann, weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Terri and Todd Heiermann of Boyne City, on Oct. 7, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Carole Adams of Boyne City; Rodger "Mike" Smith of Boyne City, Bill Heiermann of Boyne City and Merle Hilderbrant of Boyne City.

Ryan Gabriel Lopez, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces, was born to Carlos and Janeth Lopez of Charlevoix, on Oct. 13, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Carlos and Cindy Lopez of Charlevoix.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
October 12	58	37	—
October 13	58	39	—
October 14	60	42	—
October 15	51	47	.14
October 16	53	46	.83
October 17	47	39	.63
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Rainy knighting

New homecoming queen Madison McKenzie knights members of the Charlevoix High School varsity football team during the halftime of Friday's game. This is an annual tradition.

Correction

In the Oct. 13 edition of the *Charlevoix Courier*, in the article about the administrator being let go from Northwest Academy, it was stated that Steve Bennett was also let go. Bennett was not fired, but was temporarily suspended because the school board said they needed to see his certification papers before he could continue as a substitute. Bennett was not made aware of this before he was temporarily suspended. After he turned in the paperwork, Bennett said School Board President John Hagen told him he could return to work. Bennett said he wouldn't continue working without a verbal apology from the board and chose to leave Northwest Academy.

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LaBlance honored by Crooked Tree Arts Center

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Marina LaBlance, music educator at Charlevoix Elementary School, recently received an eddi Award for her dedication to the arts and education during the Fourth Annual eddi Awards on Sept. 17.

LaBlance has been teaching for 32 years and believes strongly in the benefit of the arts in a child's education and development.

"I believe the arts touch and change our lives opening our hearts and minds to all kinds of possibilities," she said in part of her acceptance of the award.

LaBlance and the other nine participants, were recognized for their role in promoting the arts in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

The awards are in honor of the late eddi Wrigley-Offield, who dedicated her life to the arts in northern Michigan.

The event took place in the Ross Stoakes Theatre at the Crooked Tree Arts Center, and it's the first time the awards occurred at the Center.

"It was quite an honor," she said. "It just makes me feel that what I do is worthy and that it is important for the children."

During her acceptance speech, LaBlance quoted Elliot Eisner, a leader in arts education and a professor of Education and Art at Stanford University.

Quoting Eisner, LaBlance said, "A school's mission is wider than learning how to make a living, it is a place where students can learn how to make a life. Those who would send schools back to the basics set their standards much too low. The logic of language, the structures of mathematics, the conclusions of science give us distinct perspective, but they do not exhaust what we know, what we can imagine, or what we can feel. The arts are among the important ways we remake ourselves."

LaBlance said it's her passion for what she does and her love for the children that has kept her teaching music for all these years. Being a music educator isn't just a job, she said, but it is a part of who she is.

She takes her passion for music and knowledge of various forms in order to set the framework for the education of her students.

"My job is to give my children a little bit of experience to all kinds of music," she said.

Music and art at the elementary level is important, LaBlance said, because that is where children are exposed to all forms of art and music that are out there in the world and it helps to create an interest in the arts.

Statistics show that children who are exposed to music, especially classical music, at a younger age score higher on tests and have a better self image and self esteem than those who aren't, LaBlance said.

LaBlance said Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was not only a musical genius, but a mathematical one as well.

Mozart's Effect, which involves how music can help a person in health, education and well-being, documents how instrumental classical music can be in a child's development.

"Statistics show how if children are exposed at an early age that develops a part of the brain that normally wouldn't ever develop," she said.

LaBlance teaches kindergarten through fourth grade. She said she truly believes that art and music bring together the whole child and enables them to connect what they learn in other academic areas because music involves math, geometry, science and reading.

"A lot of the time people think it's a frill or an extra thing, but really it's an intricate part of the curriculum," LaBlance said.

Creating an interest in the arts through music helps make the children feel good about themselves and music, LaBlance said.

LaBlance said she knows that not every child that comes through her classroom will go on to be vocalists or concert pianists professionally, but they will hopefully gain an appreciation for the arts and music.

"The interest starts at the elementary school," she said. "It's all created down here. So, it's very, very important."

LaBlance thanks the Crooked Tree Arts Council for their leadership role in the community and for National City Bank of Petoskey for their sponsorship.

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Marina LaBlance, music educator at Charlevoix Elementary School, was the recipient of this year's Art in Education Award during the eddi Awards on Sept. 17.

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The life of a journalist means pulling up roots

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

Yep, the rumors are correct. I am leaving.

You probably saw the advertisements that have been running in the Courier lately, asking people interested in being a weekly newspaper editor to submit their résumés to the *Charlevoix Courier*. Or, maybe you heard one of the many various rumors floating around town about me departing.

The bottom line is, I am leaving. But not for a little while yet.

You see, recently, my boss, Ken Winter, made an offer to me that I could not refuse. Ken, in addition to being the newsroom mentor to me — he goes by the name publisher, but this is my nickname for him — is also the editor of the *Petoskey News-Review*. It seems that that newspaper had a job opening for a special sections editor and reporter and he felt I was perfect for the position. He also felt it would be a great change for me — a valuable employee who he believes does a fantastic job as a reporter.

I had told Ken a while back that I was interested in moving on in my career. At the time, I had been the editor of the Courier for three years. Now, two years later, that chance to move on has come.

So, after five years of being the editor of the *Charlevoix Courier*, I will be moving on up to Petoskey to take a a new job as their special sections editor. I will miss my job as editor of the *Charlevoix Courier*, but that is a topic for a future column when it is actually my last week.

I know, I know....I have heard the rumors. I have heard I am being forced out for "pushing the wrong people." Or I am being "silenced." Every one of those rumors are completely false.

But, if people want to believe it, go on ahead. At least I told you my version of the story. You just can't convince some people that their beliefs and the facts are a little off. Heck, some people believe there are still weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

I am not being forced to do anything. I have been interested in moving on to a daily newspaper for a few years. Ken had a job opening at the daily newspaper that the company that owns the Courier also owns and asked me if I wanted it. I said yes. I could have said no with no repercussions.

In fact, I am still going to be covering some areas of Charlevoix and will be the back-up editor for the Courier when the new editor goes on vacation or if the company is between editors.

Sure this is coming at a time when the community is getting ready to make a choice in what is turning out to be a very competitive local, state and national election — especially local. And sure I have been taking a few hits lately — most notably when the city manager called me biased in a public memo to city council because I published a story about how some on council did not have a very good opinion of him. But, this has nothing at all to do with me moving on.

And you will notice I am still going to be around here for the election as I am not leaving for a little while yet. We still have to find a replacement for me — even if I think replacing me is an impossible task — and then I have to train this new person. Then I have to start my training in my new job. It will be an exciting time.

So I still have a lot of work to do here at the Courier before I leave. Just cleaning my desk will be a huge task, not to mention my files. I shudder when I think of all the documents and notes I have accumulated over five years.

It is just time for me to make a change in my career. Journalists are strange creatures like that. We need new challenges, new scenery and new adventures to stay sane. That is just what I am going to get with this promotion.

But, I will let you know when I am leaving as I am not going to go without saying good-bye. I just wanted to take a moment to quell the rumor mill.

I am sure the mill will be churning out something else next week. Maybe in these new rumors it will come out that I was actually an alien that had to go back to his home planet and the government was forcing me to write this column.

A side note — next week we will go over the Charlevoix City Council and mayoral candidates in this editorial space. That is if my government captors let me out in time for that issue.

May the force be with you.

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Vote Beemon

Editor:

What better legacy to leave our children than clean water and a healthy environment?

I know of no one more dedicated to that idea than JoAnne Beemon. She has taken her job as Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner seriously, and has worked diligently to protect our natural environment. It is a worthy goal which many people agree with.

But, apparently, not the county commissioners. They value the job — the only elected position specifically designed to protect the environment — at $1 per year plus per diems.

No wonder greenbelts and wetlands — critical components of the ecological filtering system — are disappearing, and with them, the quality of our water.

I support JoAnne's bid for reelection as Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner, and urge others to do so.

The State Drain Code says the drain commissioner must receive an "annual salary," plus expenses, "to be paid as other county officers are paid."

I ask the county commissioners to please state publicly in the local papers, whether or not you intend on raising the salary of drain commissioner to meet state law. Please respond before Oct. 27, which is the cut-off date for adjusting the salary.

It is time to bring the office of Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner into the Twenty-first Century — where it rightfully and respectfully belongs.

Jinny Heick

Boyne City

Writer wants vote

Editor:

My name is JoAnne Bier Beemon. I am running for Drain Commissioner of Charlevoix County.

My top priority is protecting water quality and the public through responsible development and education. Pushing limits and cutting corners may be good for short term profits and revenues, but it is expensive to natural resources, our economy and our quality of life. Best management practices protect the land, our fisheries and keep our beaches clean.

Excess water created by human development is a liability 99.9 percent of the time. Costs of private development should not be born by neighboring property owners or by road commissions with limited resources or by the degradation of our lakes and streams. Every builder and developer is responsible for containing any excess runoff created by their development on their own site. While a lower elevation property owner must accept surface storm water in its natural flow, the upper estate may not increase or concentrate the flow of water.

The quality of our lives is rooted in the quality of our water. We must move away from discharge of stormwater and wastewater to our streams, rivers and lakes. Our economy and property values are dependent on healthy natural resources. I am committed to protecting water

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

CLIP AND SAVE

Election letters

Letters in regards to the Nov. 2 general election must have been submitted to the Charlevoix Courier office by 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 18 for the Oct. 20 edition of the Courier.

No new election letters will be accepted after this date for publication in the Oct. 26 edition of the Courier. If there are too many letters for the Oct. 18 edition, the overflow letters will be published in the Oct. 26 edition of the Courier.

Letters Policy

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The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

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Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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quality and promoting responsible growth through education (Only Rain to the Drain!), fair rules and standards and an up-to-date Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner's office.

Your vote on Nov. 2 will allow me to continue the good work of protecting the public and the streams, rivers and lakes of Charlevoix County. Thank you.

JoAnne Bier Beemon

Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

Just a small note of appreciation for the many years of outstanding service to our community by city electrical supervisor Ed Whitley. As Ed retires soon, the city will be losing one of its greatest assets. Tireless, helpful and always positive, Ed has solved our problems and implemented significant improvements to our electrical and water infrastructure. Ed has provided leadership but also takes his turn climbing the pole, quite often in nasty weather and more often than not, in the dark or on a weekend. It has been comforting for our residents to know that under Ed's watch, power is has always been restored.

One of the ones who make Charlevoix special, he will be difficult to replace. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him in his new endeavors.

Thomas Ford Conlan

General Manager

Belvedere Club and Belvedere Golf Club

Vote for pool

Editor:

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool is a true community resource, because its activities advance the health, safety and welfare of the community.

The pool board is asking for modest tax, because the current sources of income (gifts, grants, fees) aren't keeping up with the cost of maintaining the pool's 80-plus hours per week level of activity. In addition to wages, energy and chemical costs, there are needed improvements and repairs as the building ages.

While gift giving has remained strong, some matching grants are expiring, and the pool board has wanted to keep fees affordable.

A number of years ago, when the plan for a community pool was first brought forward, Charlevoix voters were asked to approve a large millage to construct and maintain a full-sized pool. This ballot initiative was defeated.

Adopting a can-do attitude, the pool board then said we will build a somewhat smaller pool and get it up and running without using tax money. This has been done.

Now, the hour for deciding the future direction of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool has arrived. Vote yes for the pool. Vote yes and keep the community programs running.

Steve Hansen

Board secretary

Charlevoix Area Community Pool

Is prosecutor in office?

Editor:

Who's running our Charlevoix Prosecuting office?

After reading your current article regarding Mary Beth Kur joining a new law firm in Petoskey, I would like to know who is in charge of the current prosecuting position in Charlevoix? My understanding is that this position is effective until Jan. 1, 2005 when the newly elected prosecuting attorney will be sworn in to take office. If she is currently receiving a salary of $85,000 a year is she not responsible to act in this position full-time until the end of the year and/or until the new prosecuting attorney takes office?

I am certain that the newly elected prosecuting attorney will be available on a full-time basis which this position requires. Perhaps that is why she is proposing to reduce the salary from $85,000 per year to a recommendation of $55,000. Could it be possible that we are only receiving her services part-time as she is working in another office in Petoskey?

A concerned tax paying citizen of Charlevoix County.

Theresa Hecker

Boyne Falls

Vote for pool

Editor:

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool is a tremendous resource for our whole area.

Our family has benefited from the aqua therapy for both Bob and Noreen. Our son Matt enjoyed swimming with his class when he attended CharEm Community Based Program. Matt and his brother Paul both have been swimming weekly for the past two years in preparation for Special Olympics, with great success.

My husband I have volunteered to assist CharEm classes and seen the sheer delight on the faces of children with multiple impairments as they move more freely in the water.

We encourage those citizens who can vote on the mileage to vote yes. As residents of Banks Township we will "vote" with a check for several times the amount we would be assessed if we lived in Charlevoix Township.

Please support this valuable resource

The Jolliffe Family

Bob, Noreen, Paul and Matt

Charlevoix

Get rid of cowboy

Editor:

The federal government needs a reality check! Our president still thinks that the nuclear threat will come from ICBMs (Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles) when everyone else knows it will come from a backpack with a dirty bomb.

So the solution, is that he spends billions ($60 billion and still counting) deploying Regan's "Star Wars" defense system which has failed eight out of 10 times. He then brags about rejecting the International Criminal Court, the Kyoto Accords and the treaty banning land mines. We can do better without this arrogant cowboy in the White House.

Paul Richards

Charlevoix

Vote Beemon

Editor:

We are writing to ask Charlevoix County voters to vote for JoAnne Beemon for County Drain Commissioner.

JoAnne has shown her dedication to protecting the waters of Charlevoix County. She is a very hard worker who donates many hours of her time educating herself on the best practices of water and drain management.

She assures that the best environmental practices mandated by law are included in development plans.

JoAnne is very knowledgeable about the Drain Commissioner's legislated responsibilities.

The duties and powers of the drain commissioner are clearly defined in Drain Code Act 40 (1956) , Lake Improvement Act - Part 309 of Act 451(1994) , Inland Lake Level Act - part 307 of Act 451(1994), Land Division Act 591(1996), Erosion and Sedimentation Control - Part 91 of Act 451(1994), the Clean Water Act - Phase II and several more acts.

She is very concerned about the pollution of Round Lake, Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan by the pollutants in surface water runoff which go into our lakes and streams. JoAnne is a valuable asset to Charlevoix County. She deserves our votes on Nov. 2.

Jim and JoEllen Rudolph

Hayes Township

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING HELD
OCTOBER 20, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Glass with board members Martin, Williams, Rajewski and Center present.

Minutes of the Sept. 13th regular meeting approved.

The financial report was given by Treas. Williams.

Motion carried to pay MDC payment #3 for Pine Point Sewer project. Motion carried to approve retroactive extension of Charter Communications nonexclusive franchise.

Motion carried to rename the portion of Park Ave. situated between the intersections of Eastwood St. and Spring St. laying with the Boulder Park Subdivision, Park Ave. West.

Motion carried to renew fire protection agreement with Consumers Energy Big Rock Point.

Motion carried to allow Clerk to pay bills presented and appropriated. Motion carried to increase costs of water hookups to $1750 for 1½ in., $2000 for 2 in., $3000 for 3 in.

Next regular meeting to be held November 8, 2004.

Carol Martin, Charlevoix Township Clerk

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COMMUNITY

Politics, football mix in parade

WE Agree On A Rayder victory

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Charlevoix's streets were crowded with floats made by high school students Friday during the annual Homecoming Parade. Each class made their own float for the festivities. (Right) The Senior Class of 2005 topped off their float by showing that the disputing Presidential candidates, George Bush and John Kerry, can agree on at least one thing: A Rayder Victory!

Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Tribe gives out grants

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians recently gave $11,384.58 to the Charlevoix Public Library, $30,000 to the Charlevoix Public School's Title Seven Program and $10,000 to the Charlevoix Senior Center. This money was given as part of the tribe's twice a year 2 percent gaming revenue allocations to local units of government.

Corley causes donation

Jerry L. Corley, a retiree living in Charlevoix, performed more than 500 hours of volunteer service over the past year with Top of Michigan Trails Council. Because of this, the organization he worked with was awarded $225 for preliminary engineering work for a Boyne City/Charlevoix trail by Consumers Power.

Vogelheim is a resident assistant

Danielle Vogelheim, a Hope College junior from Charlevoix, is serving as a resident assistant at the college this year. Resident assistants are full time Hope students who serve their peers as liaisons to the college's residence life program.

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Oh Baby Come to the Fair!

Charlevoix Area Hospital
14700 Lake Shore Drive Charlevoix 231.547.4024

COMMUNITY

Anniversary

Joseph and Betty Martinchek

Joseph Martinchek and Betty (James) Martinchek are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary Oct. 30 at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Fellowship Hall.

The Martincheks were married Oct. 31, 1954 at Ellsworth Pilgrim Holiness by the Rev. Diller.

They have lived in the area throughout their lives. Joseph is retired from the Charlevoix County Road Commission after 34 years and farms with his sons. Betty is a housewife.

They have four children: Dehra (Dennis) Downing, David Martinchek, Brian (Holly) Martinchek and Brenda (John) Morgan, all of Charlevoix. They also have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The party is being hosted by their children. No presents please.

Fashion will help raise cancer research money

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation will host a fashion show and luncheon to support its new Circle of Strength Cancer Resource Program.

The fashion show, which includes a lunch of chicken Caesar salad, rolls, sherbet and cookies, will take place from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. The cost for this event is $15.

Come see what's new for fall in fashion and accessories from local shops including Trademark, Momentum, The Clothing Company, J. Phillips, Uniforms Unlimited and Shop of the Gulls all of Charlevoix, Total Woman and Country Casuals of Petoskey, Village Peddler and Frivolous Sals both from Harbor Springs, as well as Mary's of Boyne and the EJ Shoppe. Cancer survivors from our community will model the majority of the fashions in the show.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Circle of Strength Cancer Resource Program.

This is a new program of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation that's purpose is to provide resources, education, support and training. The Charlevoix Public Library, in partnership with the foundation, will offer assistance in performing Internet medical research. The goal of this program is to provide much needed assistance to individuals and families who are coping with a cancer diagnosis.

Tickets are available by calling the Circle of Strength office at 547-8950, Trademark in Charlevoix and Mary's of Boyne in Boyne City. Seating is limited.

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Obituaries

David W. Bussler, Sr.: Aug. 21, 1922 - Oct. 10, 2004

David W. Bussler, Sr., of Williamsburg, Mass., formerly of Ellsworth, East Jordan and Charlevoix, died peacefully Sunday morning, Oct. 10, 2004 at the home of his son, following a day's foliage tour in Vermont and Thanksgiving dinner with his children and grandchildren.

He died exactly five months after his wife Christine Johanna Bussler.

He was born Aug. 21, 1922 in Charlevoix, the son of Earl and Hattie (Drogt) Bussler.

On Oct. 16, 1943, he married Christine Johanna Hennip in Flint. They made their home in Ellsworth, East Jordan, Wyoming, and Charlevoix before moving to Williamsburg, Mass.

Mr. Bussler worked for many years as a heavy equipment operator in road construction. He also built garages at various locations as well as a house on Grand Traverse Bay. He built the stairway at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church where he was a member. He enjoyed travel, visiting friends and playing cards.

Surviving are his children Larry (Christie) Bussler of Greenfield, Mass., David (Anne) Bussler Jr. of Haydenville, Mass., and Gloria VanAartson of Middleville; brothers Thomas Russell of Cadillac, William Russell of Boyne City, and Guy (Irene) Russell of East Jordan; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law Ella Hoffman of Charlevoix; nieces and nephews.

The family is planning a memorial service to be held in Ellsworth in July, 2005.

Local arrangements were made by Hastings Funeral Home.

Northern Lights shine

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

St. Mary School's Dinner Dance Auction attracted quite a crowd on Oct. 16. With the hallways decorated and marked, people easily navigated through the abundance of items available through both the silent and live auctions. (Above) Checking in on how well their handmade apparel is doing are Cassidy Stebe, Jenna Troppman and Patrick Kenwabikise. Several items made by students of St. Mary School were available during the silent auction. (Left) People ate, danced and placed bids on several items available through the silent auction. There were live auction items as well.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church....547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer....536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher....547-9446

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05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green....547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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Pastor:
Todd Thompson ....547-2654 or -5168

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Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Father Jim Gunn...............547-6322

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205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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202 W. Hurlbut

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FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Reverend Mary Willis.... 547-9122

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Pastor: Mike Mitchell....237-0800

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Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen....347-3899

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Students creating arboretum

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One teacher is taking a class project and turning it into something the entire community can use.

Tim Volovsek, chemistry and physics teacher at Charlevoix High School, is currently working on an arboretum that will house species of grass and trees that are native to Michigan.

"It's a valuable educational tool that will economically impact our school district," he said.

Volovsek, along with his Science and Life class, are making this idea a reality, but the arboretum will be open for community use as well as that of other classes.

The arboretum has a trail half a mile long and intersects some of the cross country trails. Volovsek said it is between two and five acres.

The Science and Life students did the research and discovered what trees, shrubs and grasses are already present and what they will need to complete the arboretum.

Volovsek said the idea is to group different species together and label them so people can not only walk through and enjoy the beauty, but also learn how to differentiate what grows in Michigan.

Volovsek said the project is economically sound because it is getting help through volunteerism and donations, such as a grant written by his Science and Life class, who will also be incharge of maintaining the arboretum.

Volovsek said the first phase of laying out walk ways and putting up signs to designate what is already there can be completed by the end of school next June.

"Hopefully it will be usable next summer," he said.

George DeBoe, 17, a student in Volovsek's Science in Life class helped lay the cedar bark on Oct. 12. He said the project allows students to learn by hands on experience and not just through pictures in a book.

Cindy Brooks, teacher's aide, said about 40-45 students are involved in the project.

"Make this a community thing, not just a student thing," she said.

Zandra Gardner, 16, said she thinks it adds a really cool new atmosphere for people to enjoy.

"It give kids who need to be hands on a change to learn better," she said. "Instead of being cooped up in a classroom you can be outside."

Grant Newcomb, 17, agrees.

"I think it's good because it'll bring people out here and have a nice nature walk," he said.

Charissa Kniseley, 17, said it's a good addition that will make the school look better.

"It's a really good learning experience for the students working on it," she said in regards to all the research the students did to make the project a reality.

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Students in Tim Volovsek's Science and Life class helped lay some cedar bark along the path that will become a part of the arboretum the class is creating.

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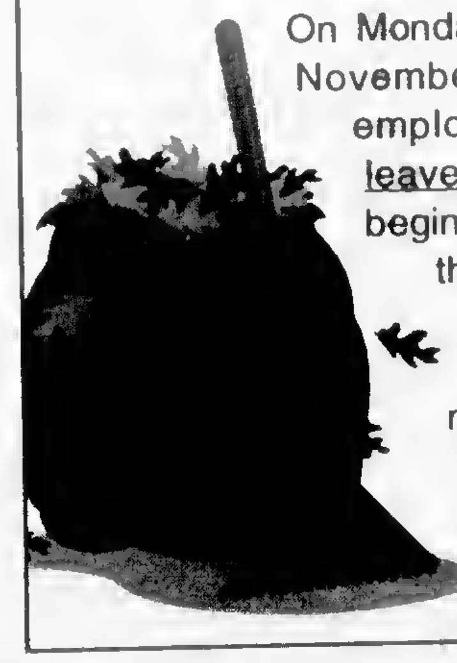

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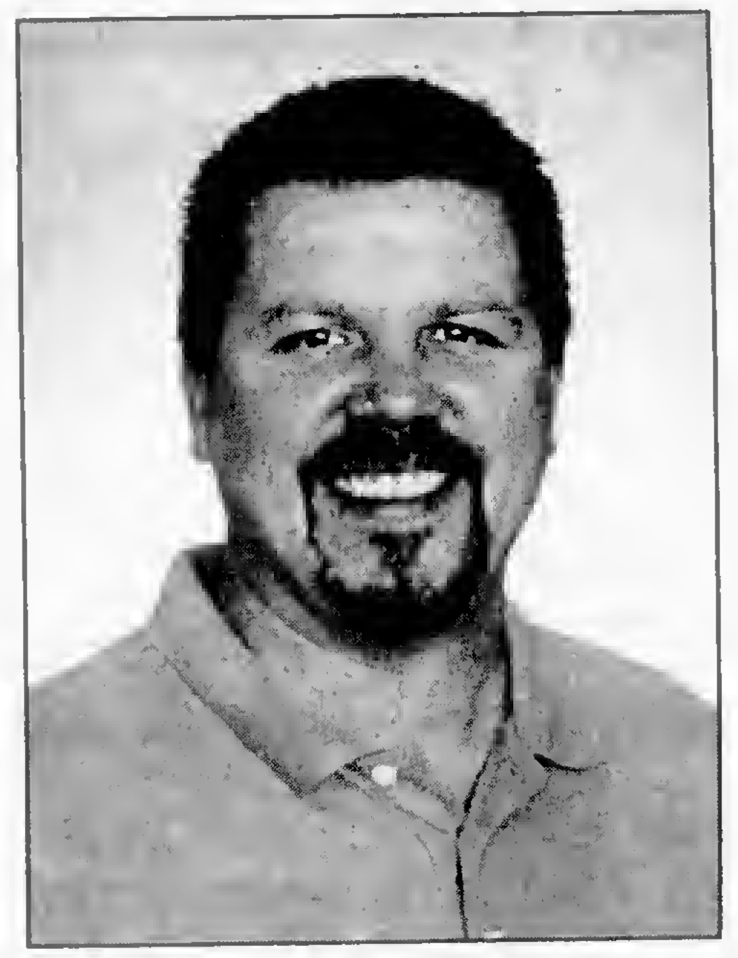

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Charlevoix High's homecoming party

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(Above left) Kayla Schneider shows her Rayder spirit by participating in Clash Day on Oct. 14. (Above right) During the Charlevoix High School Homecoming Pep Assembly, the Varsity and Junior Varsity football teams competed against one another in the Snowball Toss. The Varsity team won. (Below left) The Class of 1969 joined the fun at the homecoming parade. (Below right) Jacky Heckendorn dressed up for Clash Day.

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(Above) As a part of the Charlevoix homecoming tradition, several students purchased during the service auction had to wear what their buyers had in store. Others were participating in the Clash Day fashion as a part of spirit week on Oct. 14. Pictured (from left to right) front row are: Sammy Jo Keie (homecoming queen nominee) and Sonya Plude. Second row are: Michael Greyerbiehl, Amy Drew, Michelle Fritsch, Amanda Towsley, Alex Heffling, Tom Aepelbacher (homecoming king nominee), Jaime Pettis, Sierra Whisler and Chris Golski. (Below) During the seniors' lip sync, which won the contest, several guys dressed up and performed to Gretchen Wilson's "Redneck Woman." Pictured (from left to right) are Nate Dube, Taylor Martin, Jake Teuscher, Ben Bergmann, Will Kautz, Jared Hunt, Cody Crain and Jaimen Waha.

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Mother concerned about bus stop safety

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With the weather changing and winter drawing near, are children in danger when walking home from school on a road without sidewalks?

Charlevoix resident Stephanie Brown brought her concern for her son's safety when coming home from school and for other children who walk along busy roads such as Marion Center and Loeb roads to the attention of the school board during the Oct. 11 meeting.

"I'd like the board to review the policy for the safety of the children," she said during the meeting.

Brown said her son is currently walking approximately one-tenth of a mile when he is dropped off at the bus stop after school. She said the distance isn't that far, but a child could be hurt or killed since there isn't a safe place for them to walk on Marion Center Road specifically.

School board policy states that a student in elementary school may be required to walk up to a half of a mile to a bus stop and a middle and high school students may be required to walk up to one mile.

Brown said during the meeting that her concern isn't over the distance, but the environment her son is walking in.

She said the coming winter causes the snow to bank along the edges of the road leaving less space for children to walk since there aren't any sidewalks.

Brown said she doesn't want special attention to be given to her child, but rather would like to see the school board revise their policy to ensure the students aren't put in harm's way.

Her son is currently picked up at the end of the driveway before school, but not dropped back off there afterward. Brown said she was told by Transportation Supervisor Gordon C. Russell that the bus runs on a tight schedule and it would take too long to drop him off after school.

Russell, who has been the transportation supervisor for 18 years, said he upholds the policies set forth by the school board and knows that no child is walking a half of a mile or a mile to get to the bus stop.

He said in order to pick that particular child up in the morning, it requires the driver to go a little over one-fourth of a mile to turn around because the child's driveway is too small.

Russell said the Charlevoix School District isn't doing anything different from other districts in regards to bussing.

"We do the best we can and try to serve the majority of people that need us," he said.

There haven't been any accidents, Russell said, but there is always that danger. He said the danger is just as real for those students who walk in town.

"We're not purposefully trying to put children in harm's way," he said.

Russell said he looked at the particular bus stop in question and, along with Superintendent John Sturock, decided the distance wasn't unreasonable when compared to other places in the district.

"Do the best to please as many as you can," he said. "You would like to please everyone but sometimes you can't."

Russell said the bus picks up the student in the morning because it's dark out, but drops him off at the bus stop in the afternoon because it's light out and he's going straight home.

However, Liz Neblett, spokesperson for NHTSA, said while school buses are probably the safest mode of transportation, the danger lies in getting to and from the school bus.

According to information from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis of the National Highway Traffic Study Association, more student pedestrians are killed during daylight hours when coming home from school. It states that 38 percent of the fatalities occurred between the hours of 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The information also states that an average of 22 school-age pedestrians (younger than 19 years old) die each year in school-bus related crashes, with six as school bus occupants and 16 as pedestrians.

From 1993-2003 an average of 27 school-age pedestrians were killed, with a total of 26 students in 2003.

The NCSA also states that 191 school-age children have been killed since 1993 in school-bus related crashes.

The NCSA defines a school transportation-related crash as "a crash which involves, either directly or indirectly, a school bus body vehicle, or a non-school bus functioning as a school bus, transporting children to or from school or school related activities."

School Board President Dennis Halverson, said there haven't been any problems in the past and this is the first time he can recall a specific issue like this being brought up.

During the meeting, Halverson said the school board doesn't have enough experience as Russell to examine individual bus stops. He said he doesn't want to overstep department heads.

"I would be really reluctant to override his direction on things like this," he said.

Halverson said Russell has safety as his number one issue and thinks the current operation is consistent with how that street has been operated before.

"We rely heavily on the transportation department doing the best they can," he said.

Halverson said the whole operation of the school buses is a fluid function because the needs change and new houses are built in areas that were once not serviced by the busses.

Halverson said there are occasionally violators who drive around a stopped school bus, but usually people respect the school bus and stop.

Republican unity

Charlevoix County Republicans recently gathered to support Kevin Elsenheimer for 105th District State Representative. In a show of unity, Republican candidates who competed for the 105th District House seat in the Aug. 3 primary election reiterated their support for Elsenheimer. From left to right are outgoing 105th District Representative Ken Bradstreet, Craig Ryan, Bonnie Nothoff, Elsenheimer, John Ramsey, Jack Apol and 37th District State Senator Jason Allen.

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Do the council candidates want a change?

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

As the Nov. 2 elections draw near, City Council candidates take a close look at what is going on in the city and whether or not a change is needed at City Hall.

First Ward incumbent Bill Haggard said he thinks City Hall is fairly good.

"I don't know what changes I'd want to make right now," he said.

Haggard said one thing that could be improved upon is the timeliness in which City Council is informed on issues affecting the city.

"I don't see what you could really change," he said.

Haggard said attitude works both ways and if all members of City Hall and City Council and anyone else involved work together in a polite manner, more things could be accomplished.

As far as he is concerned, Haggard said the city runs efficiently.

"I don't see a need for a drastic change," he said.

As long as everyone works together, Haggard said things can be accomplished more easily than when everyone is butting heads.

Candidate Rebecca Doan wouldn't comment on whether or not a change was needed at City Hall due to personal reasons, but said a change is needed in communication.

"What I'd like to see is department heads bring a monthly statement before council," she said.

The statement doesn't have to be long. She said the statement can be one page as long as it states a general review of accountabilities and the goals that are to be accomplished that month.

As far as City Hall goes, the statements are what Doan would like to see in order to keep the City Council up-to-date monthly.

Second Ward incumbent Karen I. Campbell said her constituents are not happy with the current makeup of the administration at City Hall.

Campbell said the current administration is pushing certain candidates in order to prevent council from being able to cast the four votes needed to remove the administration.

"I think they're hoping it can go the other way and they can stay there their whole lives," she said.

If a change is made and people are removed, Campbell said there would be a need to hire new people for all the administrative positions.

"The town people don't want them in there," she said. "Think they run the town and let developers do what they want."

Campbell said at least that's what it looks like with condominiums going up all the time.

"What's the sense in having a lake if you can't see it?" she said.

Hopefully, she said, the new people would be recruited from town and promoted from within and not brought in from the outside.

Candidate Alvin "Butch" Russell said he is satisfied with the current makeup of City Hall and doesn't see a need for a change in personnel..

"When I was there I had no problem with personnel," he said. "I think they all did a great job."

Russell was on City Council from 1987 to 1998 and then served as mayor from 1998 to 2002 and in all that time he said he always thought things ran efficiently.

"I didn't see any problems when I was in office," he said.

With the new facility, Russell said things should run even more efficiently.

Third Ward incumbent Sherman Chamberlain Jr. said a change is needed in relationships, not people.

"I don't think there should be a change, but I think City Council should be more active in developing a relationship with the department heads," he said.

Chamberlain said the city manager should bring all department heads to the first meeting of the year. That way, City Council could coordinate the goals they set with both the city manager and the department heads.

"By having a closer relationship with the department heads, we can communicate better with our constituents," he said.

A change in personnel will come through the natural progression of retirement and Chamberlain said the next person to take over for current City Manager Michael Wiesner will be hired to address the city's changing needs.

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Chamberlain said when Wiesner was hired in the early 80s, he was brought on board to take care of the infrastructure problems afflicting the city.

The ideas presented in the 1982 Master Plan were implemented by Wiesner, and Chamberlain said he has done a good job doing what the people of Charlevoix want according to the Master Plan.

"We're fortunate to have a stable staff at City Hall," he said.

Over time, Chamberlain said things have been running smoothly, but he

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What type of change do council hopefuls want

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hasn't been happy recently with the Wastewater Treatment Plant and CCMS check. However, instances such as this are not a reason to change employees.

"I'm not one to judge employees based on one action," he said. "I look at total commitment to the city."

Candidate Dave Scott said there are some problems at City Hall, but the change that needs to be made is in the City Council.

He said the problems the city is facing are ultimately the responsibility of the City Council.

"I think the current City Council has not done an effective job of oversight," he said.

Scott said it's through the City Council the public can have a real direct effect upon because they answer to the people who voted them in.

"The big change is that we need to follow the City Charter," he said.

Following the Charter, Scott said, would mean that the city manager answers to the City Council, who in turn answers to the voters.

However, the city is currently being run backward, Scott said, because City Manager Michael Wiesner seems to run things and he's not accountable to the voters.

Scott said it doesn't mean Wiesner is a bad person, it just means that the City Council isn't doing their job and should be more actively involved in what is going on in the city and understand what is happening at City Hall.

"It's easy when we're having problems with sewage, checks and no-bid contracts to make it personal and assign personal blame," he said. "But if you're looking to lay blame, look at the makeup of the current City Council."

He said they rubber-stamp everything, especially Chamberlain.

"This guy approved every single funding request in the city for the last year-and-a-half," he said.

He said the number one issue most people have is that when they call City Hall with a complaint, nothing gets done.

"If you have a beef with the city, you should be able to go to City Hall and fill out a complaint form and have someone respond to it," he said. "Here in Charlevoix, I had the door slammed in my face."

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Helen Open raises funds

Above, The Helen Open organizers give a $10,000 check to Hospice of Northwest Michigan outside of the Townhouse Bar. The golf open in in honor of former Townhouse owner Helen Welslik. They are (from left) Chairperson Rochelle Whippo, Owner Ron Welslik and from Hospice, Margaret Lasater and Pat Johnson. (Below) The open's, which was in August, winning team were composed of (from left) Luke LaBlance, Tom Bickersteth, Whippo, Marty Joy and Tom Meggison.

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Is change in city business in the future for next mayor?

By **COURTNEY E. PACE**
Staff Writer

With the elections closer than ever, the heat is on for candidates to show the public what they think of issues facing the city.

Mayoral candidates Gabe Campbell and Norman "Boogie" Carlson look into the issue of whether or not there needs to be a change at City Hall in light of the mistakes made recently.

Gabe Campbell

Norman Carlson

Incumbent Campbell said he thinks there should be a change, but that change could be in personnel, attitude or the way business is conducted.

"I don't like being kept in the dark," he said.

In order for City Council to be kept up to date on situations affecting the city, Campbell said he wants to see a monthly report issued from all the city department heads.

Campbell said City Manager Michael Wiesner doesn't like to inform City Council immediately, but prefers to wait until he has all the facts.

The City Council is elected by the people and has a right to know what's going on, Campbell said.

"I don't think we've been efficient that way," he said. "I don't think it's the staff's fault, I think it's the administration's fault for letting it happen."

Campbell said he wants an administration that openly informs the City Council on everything going on in the city.

When the Department of Environmental Quality found the previous plan for the marina not completely acceptable, Campbell said Wiesner knew for about three to four months that the DEQ was upset before he released the information to the City Council.

Campbell said Wiesner will say he has told the council everything, but really only picks out a few things to tell.

"I don't think we can operate the way we're operating," he said.

Campbell said if developers come in and want to use the city staff's time, they should pay for that time.

Also, when they come into town, Campbell said they should work step-by-step with City Council.

"I try and make it a point to tell people the truth because if you don't you're always in trouble," he said.

Campbell said he has nothing against Wiesner personally, but thinks the way things are done needs to change.

"I think he or whoever replaces him would get a lot more cooperation if he were up front and honest," he said.

Selective enforcement is something Campbell thinks is happening throughout the city. He said if something is going to be enforced or not enforced, it should be consistent all the time and with everyone, such as the yard signs stuck on city property.

"It seems to depend on whose signs they are whether or not they're removed," he said.

Overall, Campbell said the type of change that occurs depends on whether or not people can change.

"Hopefully, we can just work things for the benefit of everybody," he said.

Candidate Carlson said he thinks there is a need for a change in mayor, because he said Campbell doesn't seem to ever get along with the administration and department heads.

As far as City Hall is involved, Carlson said he thinks they did a good job in handling the Wastewater Treatment Plant

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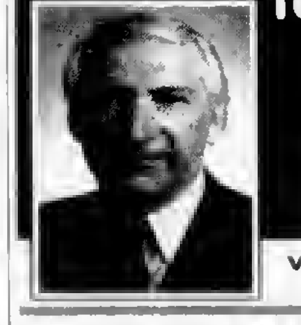

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Mayoral candidates discuss change in the city

MAYORAL

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situation because they let go of the department head who supervised during the time reports were falsified.

"I think they did the right thing in handling that," he said.

In regard to the CCMS check, Carlson said he doesn't know for sure since there are so many different versions being said about what really happened, but based on past records of department heads he thinks they have done a good job.

Carlson said the proper channel to take would be for the City Council to direct the mayor to have a review.

"People should be accountable for what they're responsible for," he said.

However, Carlson said one can't clean house without talking to everyone involved and hearing all sides.

Carlson said as a businessman, he doesn't fire someone for making a mistake without talking to them and hearing what happened from all sides.

For the most part Carlson thinks the city has done a good job at running things, but said there is a problem with following the proper channels.

"The change that needs to be done is for people to open up communication, discuss more and work together," he said. "The only way we can get anything done in a productive manner is to work together."

Carlson said everyone includes the City Council, the mayor, the city manager and constituents.

The city manager has staff meetings every week, Carlson said, and he doesn't see why if someone from the council or the mayor couldn't sit in on it if they wanted to know what was going on.

"I don't think anyone's being kept in the dark," he said.

Carlson said the lines of communication aren't what they should be and the working relationship between everyone probably isn't where it should be.

"I just think we need to communicate more, follow procedure properly and things should work out in the end," he said.

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Car hits Ironton gate

A 79-year-old Boyne City man was injured in an accident around 7:30 a.m., Oct. 11 at the Ironton Ferry.

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Charles Fredrick Davis' white 1996 Lincoln struck the traffic gate on the east end of the Ironton Ferry.

The arm of the gate that raises to allow traffic to proceed was severed from the post and traffic across the ferry was halted for a couple of hours.

The accident occurred at dawn while there was a thick fog. The vehicle was seriously damaged, the airbag was activated and Davis complained of pain in his chest.

Davis was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by the East Jordan Ambulance. He was wearing his seatbelt.

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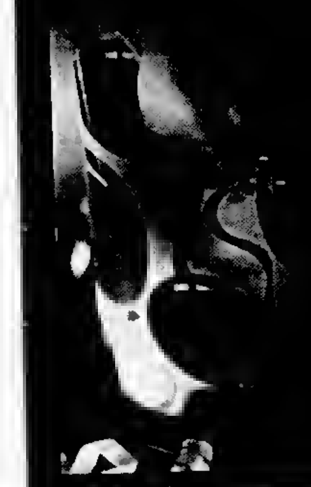

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Students setting up native fish aquarium

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix Middle School teacher is recreating the lake ecosystem in her classroom as a way to teach her students how the environment works.

Gretchen Rice is enhancing the learning environment of her students by allowing them to visually see the aquatic environment that lies in the shallow depths, around 30 feet, of Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan.

It will also provide a way to teach them about how to take care of the environment and establish a respect for it.

Rice's father, Chris Siegmund, provided the aquarium for the classroom.

"It's something we're doing to expand their horizons," he said.

Siegmund has been dealing with fresh and salt water aquariums all his life and will assist Rice as a guest speaker to share his knowledge with the students.

He said it will enable the students to understand how nutrients are taken into the water, used by fish and disposed of. It will also visually show them how an environment can cleanse itself.

This aquarium is designed to mimic what is found in the lakes in Michigan and only native fish will be added, such as perch, walleye and small mouth bass.

Siegmund said they are currently going through the application process for a scientific collector's permit from the Department of Environmental Quality.

"With that permit we can possess fish under the legal weight limit to put in the aquarium," he said.

Siegmund said the DNR sends pamphlets for teaching, which Rice may incorporate into her lesson plan. The permit should be granted in the next few weeks.

Siegmund's friend, Tom Foley, helped install the aquarium. He said the aquarium is not only a learning tool, but is also something calming and peaceful for the classroom.

Rice said she had the aquarium placed near her reading room, providing a wall of sorts from the rest of the classroom. She said it will allow her students to read and enjoy nature and not the other sounds in the classroom.

Rice said she has taken her class to Michigan Beach before to search for rocks to put in the aquarium. She said they are learning the process of how to prepare an aquarium for fish, but also how the fish interact with their aquatic environment.

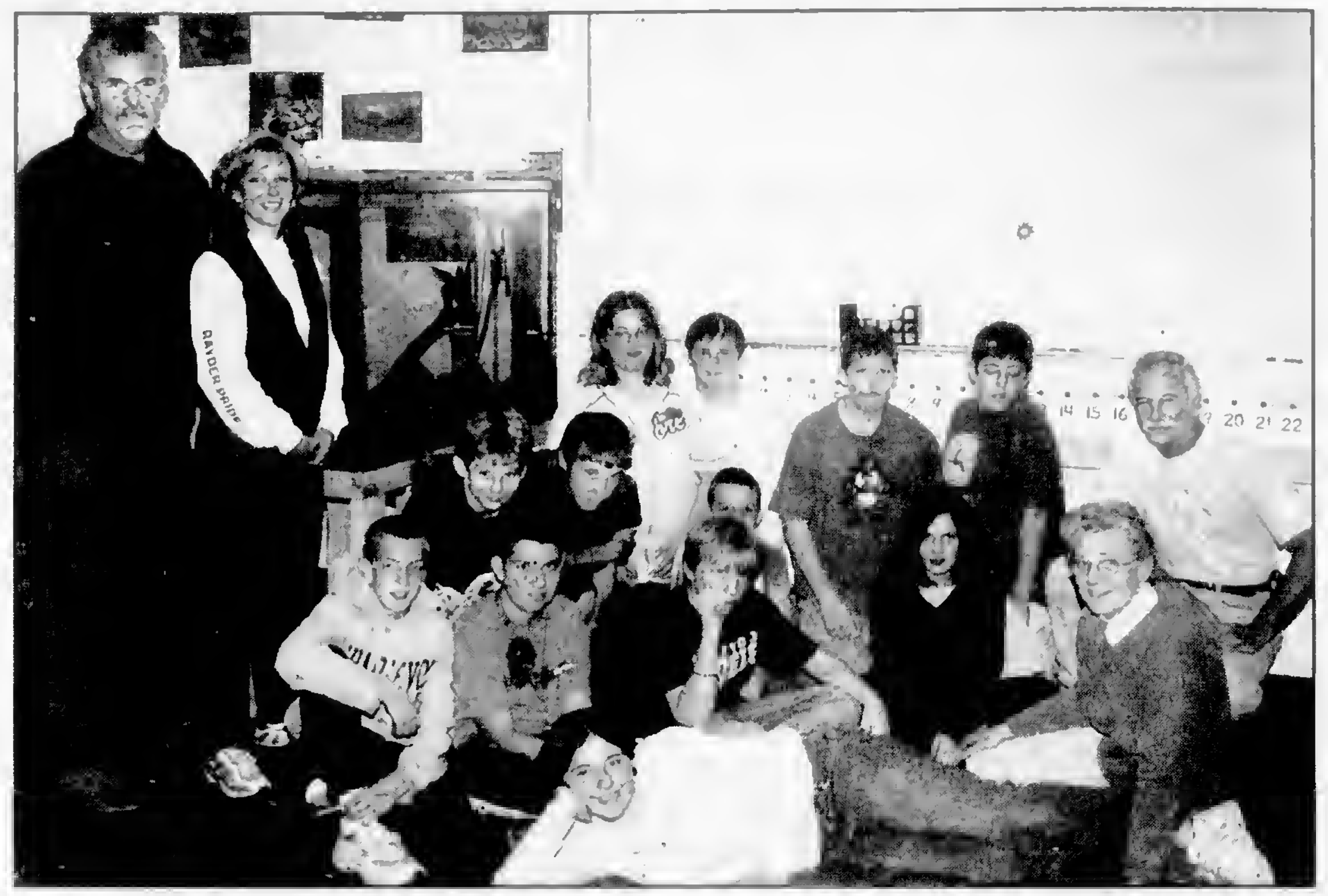
Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Gretchen Rice, Charlevoix Middle School teacher, will be exposing her students to the workings of the aquatic world with a new 100 gallon tank her father, Chris Siegmund, installed with the help of Tom Foley. Pictured (from left to right) seated is: Meghan Golovich. Second row are: Steven Gelderblom, Logan Smith, Chris Clubb, Kayla Dhaseleer and Judy Clock. Third row are: Tom Foley, Gretchen Rice, Dalton Herrick, Mark Lewis, Ryan Summers and Chris Siegmund. Fourth Row are: Jessica Lewis, Michael Whisler, Hunter Johnstone, Harlin Mcmanus.

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Beemon, Seelye run for drain commissioner

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

. Incumbent JoAnne Beemon will be facing off against challenger Marc Seelye for Charlevoix County's Drain Commissioner seat in the Nov. 2 general election.

Beemon, a member of the Green Party, will be going for her second term as the drain commissioner.

JoAnne Beemon

"I think that for the first time in a real long time, people are more aware storm water is an important issue," she said about her first term. "They are real conscious that whatever they put in the drains runs into the lakes and rivers."

Marc Seelye

During this first term, Beemon advocated people watching what they put in the drains and she put out flyers informing the citizens that the drains ran into the area lakes and streams.

As for her new term, Beemon said her first goal will be to get developers to understand that they will be held accountable to keep their stormwater on their own site. She said there needs to be more control over runoff from developments, saying those who live at a lower elevation should not have to put up with increased water from a higher development.

"It really is a sort of trespass," she said.

Beemon said state statute supports this already, but it needs to be enforced more.

"Right now we are at a state where it really becomes obvious that we are not enforcing the rules of the state and it is starting to cause problems. I can take you to site after site where water is a problem," she said.

With the county not enforcing this, the problem becomes that of the estates that are at a lower elevation than the one throwing off water, because then they have to hire an attorney to solve the problem.

"People don't want to have to sue their neighbor," she said.

Therefore it is very important that the county take care of the situation before it becomes a problem, she said.

Beemon also said we need to get all of the drains in the county mapped with the help of GIS mapping. This will enable developers to know where drains are at and how water flows on a site, which will help them in planning for construction on a piece of property.

She said she has heard of cases where developers filled in historical drains on their property, not knowing they were there. Then they had trouble with water.

Beemon also said she wants to work more closely with the townships and the state — to highlight the special needs of northern areas — and wants to work toward establishing more county drains.

"We are going to have to establish county drains because the problems we have created in the past are so enormous. We will continue to have problems, such as flooded basements," she said.

Beemon has lived in Charlevoix since 1972. She has a husband, Richard, and five children, Shaan, Carrie, Sally, Maggie and Helen.

In addition to being the drain commissioner, she is a substitute teacher, director of the Children's Choir and is director of the Charlevoix Land Conservancy.

ELECTION 2004

Marc Seelye is running as a republican for the drain commissioner seat.

Seelye said he wants to help protect the county's environment.

"I will be working to uphold the stormwater ordinance and make improvements on that," he said. "There will be changes that we will need to make as we go along."

He said he is going to take a more active roll in the county, especially if we get to a situation where all storm waters must be treated before it is released — a rule that is reportedly going to be a reality soon.

Seelye said stormwater can be treated in many different ways, such as an infiltration pond or a sewage treatment facility.

Currently the storm water is not treated in Charlevoix, although some newer construction sites connected to newer storm drains are treating it.

Seelye said he is in his third year as the county's soil erosion officer and said he can be both the soil erosion officer and drain commissioner legally and practically. Before being the soil erosion officer, he was in construction for 20 years.

While in construction, he said he had to deal with a number of drainage issues, thus adding more experience with the issue to his resume.

Seelye has been a resident of Boyne City and Charlevoix County for 40 years. He is married to Cindy and has three children, Melissa, Nolan and Tess.

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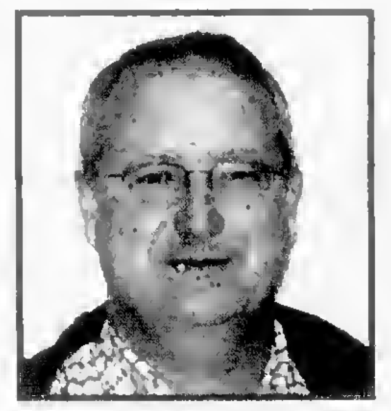

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The Crooked Tree Arts Center will host a "meet the artist" reception to introduce the unique work of Igor Zaytsev, a Petoskey resident who painted his way from Kiev, the Ukraine, to northern Michigan over the past three years from 5-7 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 25.

More than 30 pieces of work, some of them very large oils, on canvas, adorn the walls of the hallways leading to the music rooms and visual arts studios on the lower level of the Center.

Zaytsev's work will soon be on display in his own gallery scheduled to open in downtown Petoskey early in 2005.

The exhibition is available for public viewing during regular Arts Center hours (9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturdays) from Oct. 25 through the first two weeks of December. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located downtown Petoskey at 461 E. Mitchell Street. For more information, please call the Arts Center at 347-4337.

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CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP

Shall the previously voted increase in the 15-mill tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Charlevoix Township be **renewed** at (2) mills ($2.00 per $1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2005 through 2010 inclusive, for the purpose of providing Capital Improvements, Ambulance Service, Water System Improvements, Sewer Development, Road Work, Fire Protection, and other operating costs; and shall the township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated $305,741.73?

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP

This proposal will permit the Recreational Authority to levy up to 1/3 of a mill for the purpose of providing funds for operating, maintaining, and improving the Charlevoix Area Community Pool for ten (10) years, 2004 through 2013, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the territory of the Authority (the City of Charlevoix, Township of Hayes, and Township of Charlevoix), all within the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to thirty-three and 1/3 cents ($.33) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1/3 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the territory of the Authority for ten (10) years, 2004 through 2013 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating, maintaining, and improving the Charlevoix Area Community Pool? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1/3 mill would raise an estimated $160,656 for the Authority when first levied in 2004.

EVELINE TOWNSHIP
BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER MILLAGE

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 0.35 mills for the purpose of providing funds for planning, coordinating, evaluating ond providing services to older persons, including the construction of a senior citizen center.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to 0.35 cents ($0.35) per thousand dollars ($1,000)(0.35 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for three (3) years, 2004 through 2006, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for planning, coordinating, evaluating and providing services to older persons, including the construction of a senior citizen center? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 0.35 mills would raise an estimated $66,168 for the township when first levied in 2004. This millage shall be levied only if approved by the electorate in all of the following municipalities within Charlevoix County: Bay Township, City of Boyne City, Boyne Valley Township, Evangeline Township, Eveline Township, Melrose Township, and Wilson Township.

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MARION TOWNSHIP
ZONING REFERENDUM

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PEAINE TOWNSHIP
OPERATING MILLAGE

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 4 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the general operation of the Township. The electors previously approved two millage propositions totaling 4 mills to raise funds for the general operation of the Township, both of which expire in 2004. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced these millages to a combined 3.7848 mills. This ballot proposal combines the previously approved two millages into one millage renews the existing 3.7848 mills and restores the .2152 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed, on taxable property in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to four dollars ($4.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (4 mills) on the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2005 through 2008 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the general operation of the township? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 4 mills would raise an estimated $195,894 for the township when first levied in 2005.

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP
PROPOSAL A

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 3.25 mills for the purpose of providing funds for general operations of the township in the years 2005-2009, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of St. James, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to three dollars twenty-five cents ($3.25) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (3.25 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for five (5) years, 2005 through 2009 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for general operations of the township? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 3.25 mills would raise an estimated $116,415 for the township when first levied in 2005.

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP
PROPOSAL B

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 1 mill for the purpose of providing funds for airport operations and maintenance in the yeors 2005-2009, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of St. James, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to one dollar ($1.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for five (5) years, 2005 through 2009 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for airport operations and maintenance? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1 mill would raise an estimated $35,820 for the township when first levied in 2005.

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP
PROPOSAL C

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 1.75 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and maintenance of the landfill and transfer station within the township in the years 2005-2009, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of St. James, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to one dollar seventy-five cents ($1.75) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1.75 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for five (5) years, 2005 through 2009 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and maintenance of the landfill and transfer station? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1.75 mill would raise an estimated $62,685 for the township when first levied in 2005.

SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 2 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the construction and maintenance of roads in the township in the years 2005-2008, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of South Arm, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to two dollars ($2.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (2 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2005 through 2008 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 2 mills would raise an estimated $139,571 for the township when first levied in 2005.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

This proposal will permit the Recreational Authority to levy up to 1/3 of a mill for the purpose of providing funds for operating, maintaining, and improving the Charlevoix Area Community Pool for ten (10) years, 2004 through 2013, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the territory of the Authority (the City of Charlevoix, Township of Hayes, and Township of Charlevoix), all within the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to thirty-three and 1/3 cents ($.33) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1/3 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the territory of the Authority for ten (10) years, 2004 through 2013 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating, maintaining, and improving the Charlevoix Area Community Pool? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1/3 mill would raise an estimated $160,656 for the Authority when first levied in 2004.

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Fire safety

Charlevoix firefighters visited the elementary school last week to give students their annual demonstration in fire safety. The students learn about staying safe when there is a fire in the fire house, a demonstration unit. (Above) Shift Commander Joseph Schwartzfisher and Firefighter Jeff Riley prepare the kindergarten students for what they will encounter when they make their way through the smoke house. (Left) Kindergarten students drop to the floor as they were instructed to do when the smoke entered the bedroom of the smoke house.

Pool hosts lifeguard classes

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will be offering a Lifeguard Certification Class.

The class will meet from 5:30-9 p.m. Mondays, starting Oct. 25. The class will run for five weeks. In addition the class will meet from 3-6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6 and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7. Students must be able to swim 500 yards continuously, submerge 7 feet and tread water for 2 minutes.

Students must be 15 years of age by Oct. 25, 2004.

This certification course (materials included) is $150. Contact the pool for registration information at 231-547-0982. Class space is limited.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will also be offering Junior Lifeguarding Class.

This class will introduce students to: CPR, First Aid and Basic Water Safety Skills.

This class is open for any student 10 years of age and older. This class will meet from 5:30-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 4-6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, from 6-8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8 and from 6-8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 15.

There is a $10 fee for this class.

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Local Rotary Club to host bluegrass concert Oct. 22

The Charlevoix Rotary Club will be bringing a little bluegrass to Charlevoix, in addition to helping out the high school students.

At 7:30 p.m., Oct. 22, the internationally renowned bluegrass band Mountain Heart, and bluegrass bands from Charlevoix and Fife Lake, will be performing at Charlevoix High School.

The $25 tickets are being sold at Eye Health of Charlevoix, the Bridge Street Book Shop.

You can also get tickets by calling Linda Atkins at 547-4165 or Treasure Eggers at 547-1327.

All seats are reserved by buying a ticket.

Money received from the tickets will go to the Charlevoix Rotary Club's Strive program for high school students and help buy the high school band new uniforms.

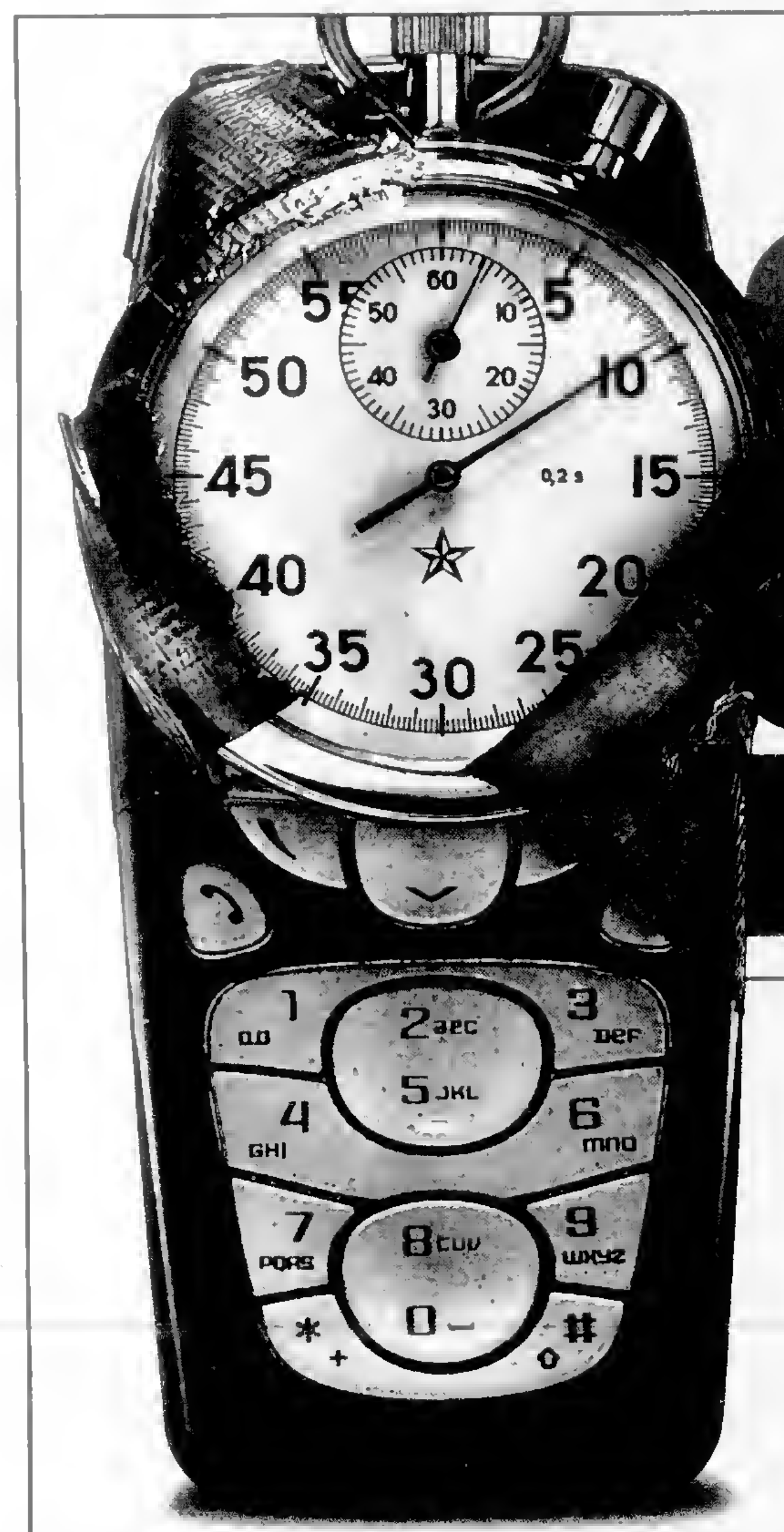
According to a press release on Mountain Heart, the band has been awarded Emerging Artist of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association.

They also earned a International Bluegrass Music Association nomination for Vocal; Group of the year in 2001 and have received the rare standing ovation at the Grand Ole Opry.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Musical show

Members of the Charlevoix High School marching band performed during the halftime of Friday's homecoming football game. The theme was Pirates of the Caribbean.



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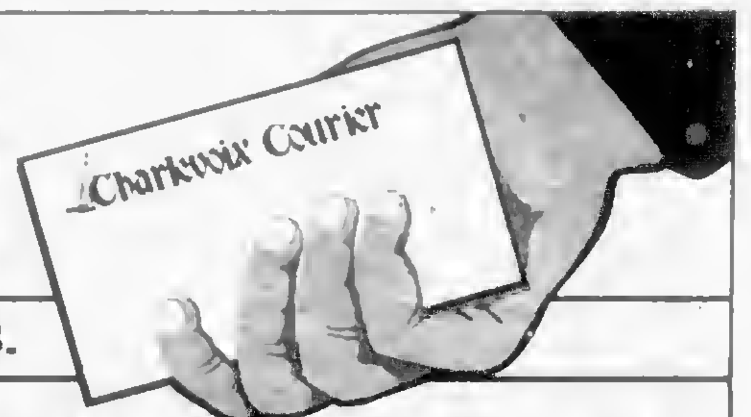

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Hospital's Holly Daze committee announces goals

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Holly Daze Committee has announced this year's fund-raising goals.

"This year, in keeping with the foundation's desire for this to be 'A Year for Women's Health,' funds raised from our twelfth annual Holly Daze event will support the foundation's goal to purchase a Computer Aided Detection Mammography System, fund the expansion of Boyne Rehabilitation Center in Boyne City and underwrite our Community Out-Reach programs," event coordinator Patti Barraw said.

Computer Aided Detection or CAD mammography is the newest breast screening technology which provides a high-tech second review of the mammogram that increases the likelihood of finding breast cancer in its earliest, most treatable stages. Studies show that the addition of the CAD review can result in earlier detection of up to 23.4 percent of breast cancers.

The Boyne Rehabilitation Center originally opened in the spring of 1994 with two full time physical therapists. Since that time the facility has relocated to a stand-alone building and expanded its scope of services. The center has grown to include four physical therapists, two occupational therapists, one certified athletic trainer, a physical therapy assistant, secretary and a part-time speech therapist.

Patient demand generated by the new Healthy Woman Program, along with growth in existing patient service areas, has created a service problem that can only be improved by expanding the facilities.

"Our Holly Daze Celebration Dinner with live and silent auctions will take place on December 1, at the Charlevoix Country Club," said Barraw. "We already have wonderful things donated and anticipate this being our most popular auction yet. The focus this year is on one-of-a-kind packages and unusual items ideal for gift giving."

For more information regarding Holly Daze or to make a donation, call (231) 547-8685.

Charlevoix Area Hospital to have annual Baby Fair

There'll be lots of healthy fun in store when Charlevoix Area Hospital holds its annual baby fair next week.

The popular event will be Thursday, Oct. 28 in the lower level of the hospital. There is no charge and parents, babies, preschoolers and parents-to-be are invited to attend.

More than 30 businesses, vendors and community resources will be on hand to introduce their programs and services for babies and young children. Included in the mix are health and safety tips, childcare and early childhood development options, and age-appropriate toys and games.

Information and registration for the hospital's prenatal, Safety/CPR, and breastfeeding classes and our new twins group will be available. Guided tours of the birthing center will also be offered.

Parents and youngsters are encouraged to dress in Halloween costume and participate in our costume contest, which will be judged by our physicians. Jodell Danbert will be offering a professional photo sitting of your child for a small fee and will mail the photos to your home. Many door prizes are anticipated this year including a Pump-N-Style breast pump valued at $300.

More information about the baby fair is available by calling the Charlevoix Area Hospital Birthing Center at 547-8669.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Spirited tug of war

Charlevoix High School students had a pep rally before the homecoming game against Grayling Friday. While the football team lost, students still had a good time. Here, all class levels took part in a tug-of-war that left the seniors victorious when they battled the junior class (pictured) and later the freshmen class.

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Football team loses to Grayling in rainy game

By B. JON GOHS
Football writer

Strong will, heavy rain and a nod from Odin may have helped the Vikings as they floated to a 21-7 victory over Charlevoix.

According to Coach Jess, the poor weather definitely had a negative impact on the Rayders' performance.

"It rained the whole game," he said. "We turned the ball over six times, so the wet weather had something to do with that."

And as well as the Vikings played, the Rayders had a big hand in their own demise.

"Grayling is a good team," Jess said. "You can't turn the ball over six times and beat a good team."

The rash of turnovers included three fumbles and three interceptions, two of which went through receiver's hand's only to be picked off.

Despite their loss, Coach Jess thought his defense played well.

"The defense kept us in the game really," he said. "We turned the ball over the first four times we had it."

And, Jess added, "We could have easily been down a lot of points, but the defense prevented it from happening."

While Grayling scored a TD in the first, second and third quarters, the Rayders didn't score their TD until early in the fourth quarter. It was a long drive ending with an eight yard TD pass from Cody Crain to Ben Bergman.

Aside from his TD, Bergman also lead receiving with eight catches for 91 yards while Mitchell Klooster had six catches for 49 yards.

Jeff Golovich was back in the game this week to kick an extra point, but he also had a blocked punt and a fumble recovery.

QB Cody Crain was 16 of 32 for 160 yards with three interceptions and one TD. Crain's passing percentage was down 13 percent this week. from 63 to 50 percent.

Rayders defense was lead by Ezra baker with 19 tackles, Jake Teuscher with 13 tackles and Jaimen Waha with 11 tackles.

And Michael Wojan and Crain both caught an interception.

Grayling didn't pull any surprises on Coach Jess and the Rayders, but they did play hard.

Jess said, "They have a good passing game, but they were able to run the ball quite a bit on us."

A good run game which, in addition to countless mistakes by the Rayders,ensured Grayling a win.

And though it is never easy to recover from a loss, the Rayders must shake it off and get back to

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Photo by Jeremy McBain

A Rayder runs for open holes during a kickoff return during Friday's game.

Girls' basketball team still unbeaten, Haske's 300th win

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders rolled to two more wins last week, defeating Elk Rapids 68-14 and East Jordan, 69-38.

The win over East Jordan was Coach Keith Haske's three-hundredth victory as a varsity coach, combining boys and girls basketball.

Haske is 287-126 as a boys coach (137-42 at Charlevoix) and undefeated in his 13 games as a girls coach.

The Rayders cruised to a 28-2 first quarter lead against the Elks before upping the advantage to 49-5 at the half.

Shannon Dibble paced Charlevoix with 17 points. Grace Farrell scored 13 points, corralled six rebounds and pilfered six steals.

Laura Nitchman added 12 points. Betsy Dennis scored nine.

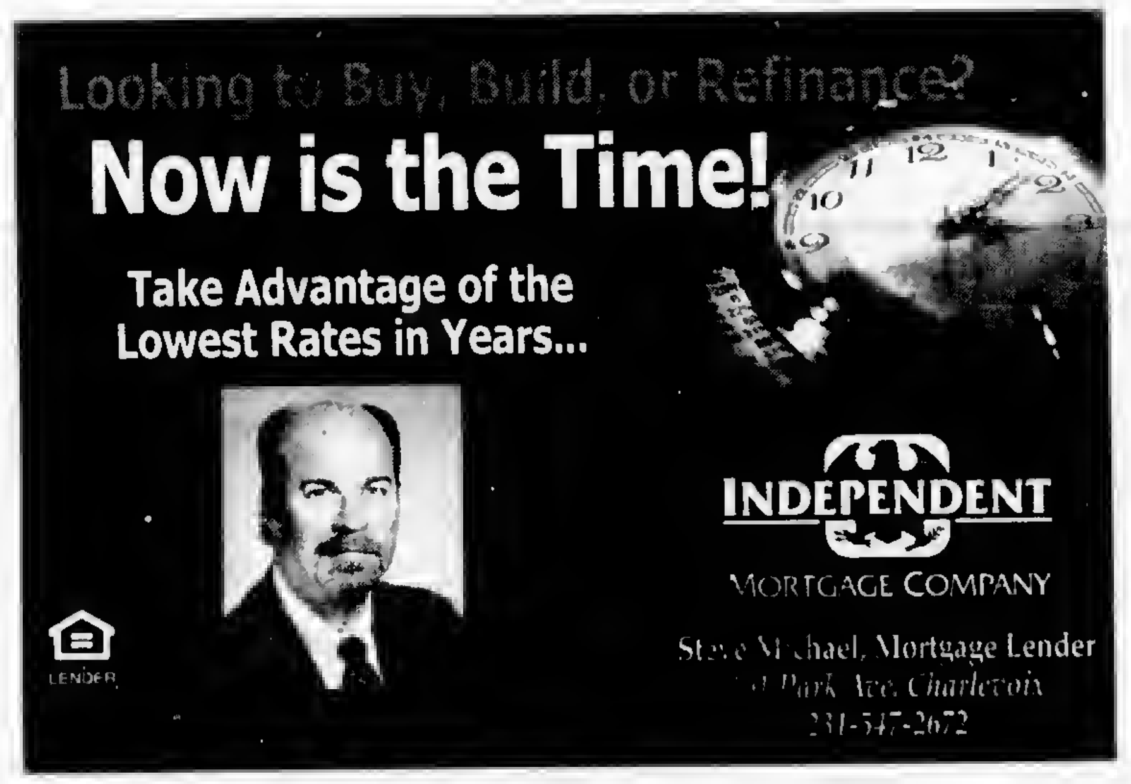
Kari Way led the rebounders with nine. Madison Ramsey had five assists. Sarah Cross had six steals.

It was more of the same as Charlevoix played at East Jordan. The Rayders led 30-7 after the first stanza, 45-18 at halftime and 57-29 after three periods.

Nitchman scored 14 points, had five assists and four steals. Farrell had 10 points and eight rebounds.

Jaime Pettis scored nine while Way and Cross each had eight. Way also swiped four steals.

The Rayders are 13-0 overall and 9-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference.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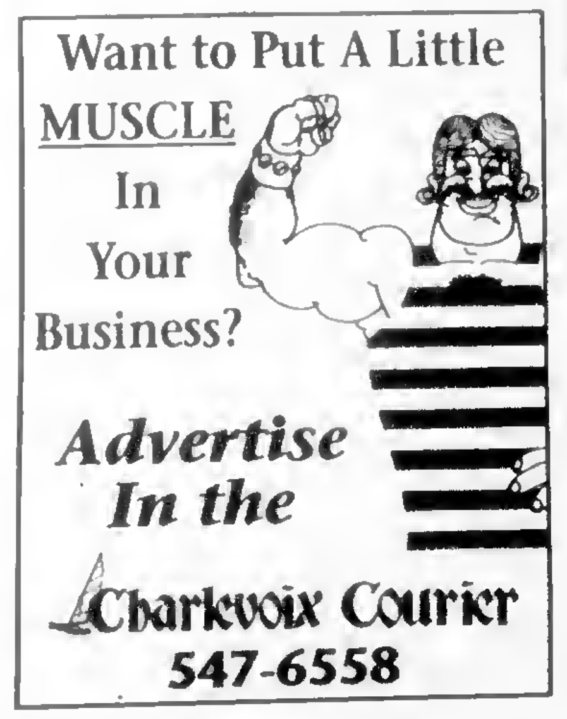
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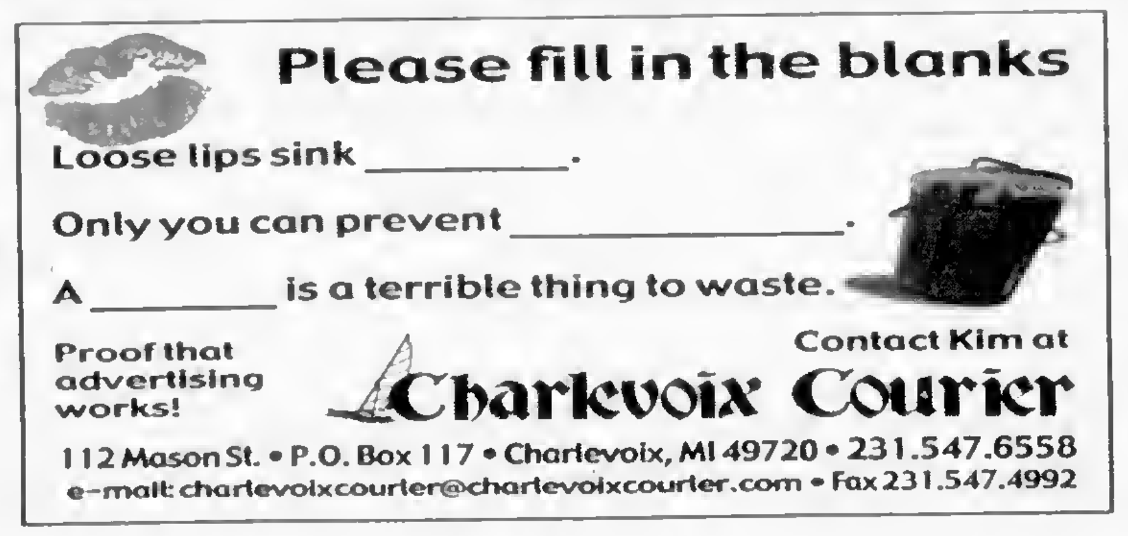
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Charlevoix Pool swim team beats Kalkaska

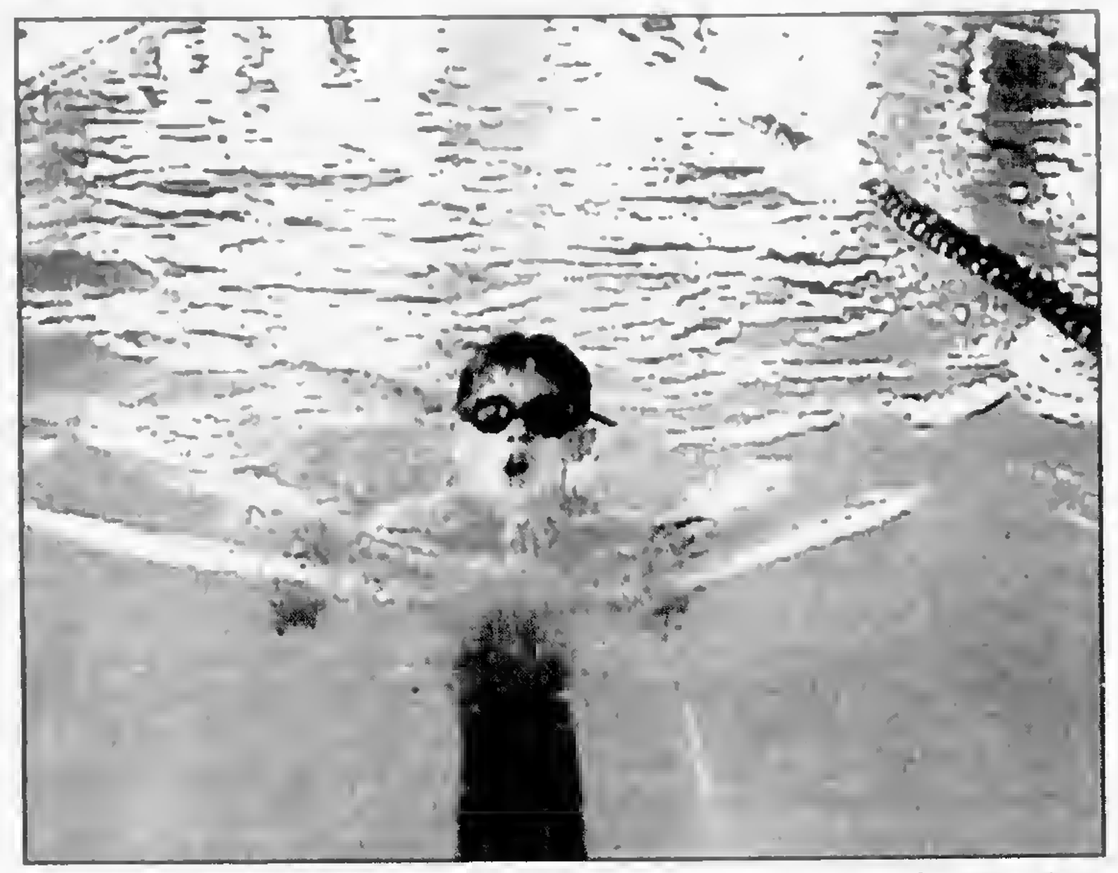
On Saturday, October 9, 2004 the Charlevoix Stingrays hosted the Kalkaska Cruisers at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool for an Applefest Swim Meet.

The Stingrays swimmers scored 951.5 points to swim past the Cruisers who scored 934.5 points.

Swimming for the Charlevoix Stingrays:

- 6 and under. Katherine Edwards (5) — first, 20 Freestyle; second, 20 Backstroke. Jessica Edwards (6) — second, 20 Freestyle, first 20 Backstroke
- 8 and under. Joshua Pemberton (7) — first, 20 Freestyle; second, 40 Freestyle; first, 20 Backstroke; second, Free Relay. Eli Ellison (8) — second, 20 Freestyle; first, 40 Freestyle; second, Free Relay; second, Medley Relay. Jonathan Norton (7) — third, 20 Freestyle; second, 20 Backstroke; first, 20 Breaststroke; second, Free Relay. Mark Smith (8) — fifth, 20 Freestyle; fourth, 20 Backstroke; second, Free Relay.
- 9 and 10. Evan McCormick (9) — first, 80 IM; third, 40 Freestyle; first, 40 Breaststroke; second, Medley Relay. Ailey McCormick (9) — third, 40 Freestyle; second, 40 Breaststroke; second, Medley Relay. Kathryn Sanchez (9) — first, 40 Freestyle; first, 80 Freestyle; first, 40 Backstroke; second, Medley Relay.
- 11 and 12. Aidan McCormick (12) — first 40 Free; first 40 Backstroke; first, 40 Breastroke; first, Medley Relay.
- 13 and 14. Chrystal Schemanski (13) — first, 200 Freestyle; first, 100 IM; first, 80 Butterfly; first, Medley Relay. Alicia Drost (14) — third, 100 IM; first, 80 Backstroke; first, 100 Breaststroke; second, Medley Relay. Jonathan Boyko (14) — first, 100 IM; first, 80 Freestyle; first, 100 Breaststroke; second, Medley Relay. Ashley DeVries (14) — first, 40 Freestyle; second, 80 Freestyle; third, 80 Backstroke; second, Medley Relay. Aaron Malewitz (14) — first, 40 Freestyle; first, 80 Butterfly; first, 80 Backstroke; first, Medley Relay.
- 15-18. Peter Londgren (16) — first, 80 IM; second, 40 Freestyle; second, 80 Breaststroke; second, Medley Relay. Daniel Sanchez (15) — first, 40 Freestyle; first, 80 Freestyle; first, 80 Breaststroke; first, Medley Relay.

Any swimmer who can swim the length of the pool is encouraged to come out to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool and be a part of the Charlevoix Stingrays Swim Team. Swimmers range in age from 5-18 years of age. Contact the Charlevoix Area Community Pool for more information 547-0982.



Courtesy photo

Aidan McCormick swims for victory in the pool's recent meet against Kalkaska.

Charlevoix's streak ends in homecoming game

FOOTBALL

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work if they hope to compete in next week's game against the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators.

"We know we have a good team waiting for us," Jess said. "I'm sure the kids will be up and ready to play because it's always a tough game."

And ready the Rayders will have to be as they face quite possibly the toughest team in the Lake Michigan Conference.

"They beat us the last few years," he added.

Armed with a tough running game and the ability to change strategies on the fly, the Gladiators could be the Rayders toughest opponent yet.

"Sometimes they're 'wing-t' but they're a running team," he said. "They don't throw the ball very much."

But, Coach Jess added, there is a positive side to playing a team which doesn't often pass.

"We're usually able to throw the ball against them quite a bit," he said.

And, according to Coach Jess, another saving grace going into next weeks game is that the Gladiators aren't quite as mobile as the Rayders.

Still, the toughest thing about playing the Gladiators will be to keep them immobilized.

"We've got to shut down their running attack," he said. "We can't give up any running plays."

And, he added, "Our receivers will have to make plays on offense."

Offense is the most important thing the Rayders should focus on this week.

"We're going to be working on our offensive line blocking," he said. "They (Gladiators) do a lot of shifting with their defensive line."

And that is something the Rayders will need to be aware of if they want to make the appropriate reads needed to stop Traverse City.

The last time the Rayders made the playoffs was in 2000. If they make it next week, it will be the third time in the school's history.

The Rayders battle the Gladiators at 7 p.m., Saturday Oct. 23 in Traverse City.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Young at Hearts League
October 14, 2004

	W	L
Misfits	17	7
Past Timers	16	8
Half & Half	15	9
Twilighters	11	13
Sparetime	10	14
Alley Cats	10	14
Irish Rollers	9	15
Has Beens	8	16

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	532	204
Ralph Kitson		188
Al Bergmann	474	178
Ken Schoenheit	460	
Shirley Flower	454	176
Nancy Bambach		151
Beverly Smith	413	
Liz Meadows		151
Babs Sharrow	402	

Church League • October 13, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	180	120
R & C Roofing	178	122
Mark White Paint & Stain	166	134
Ferguson & Chamberlain	162	138
Lutherans	154	146
State Farm Insurance	149	151
The Inner Circle	121	179
St. Mary's	90	210

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Scott Kehrer		265
Larry Potter	607	
Ken Schoenheit	605	226
Bob Williams		221
John Fiedorek	594	

Men's Senior League
October 11, 2004

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	15	5
J Arnold Painting "A"	11	9
J Arnold Painting "2"	11	9
Cemex Cement	10	10
Central Drug Store	10	10
Kerr's Racing	10	10
Team 6	10	10
Charlevoix Manufacturing	2	18

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Brian Dixon	582	224
Eric Williams		223
Chris Putman	571	221
Jon Kiernan	566	

Tuesday Night Ladies • Oct. 12, 2004

	W	L
Central Drug Store	18	6
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	15	9
Twin Lakes Enterprise	13	11
Paul Bunyan Lanes	13	11
Grey Gables	11	13
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	11	13
Don's IGA	10	14
Mark White Paint & Stain	5	19

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Doreen Burns	550	243
Leanna Mosoryak	562	212
Diana Speigl		218
Jane Holm	537	

Gutter Gals League • October 14, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	73	47
Burger King Charlevoix	71	49
Argonne Supper Club	56	64
Express Yourself	40	80

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

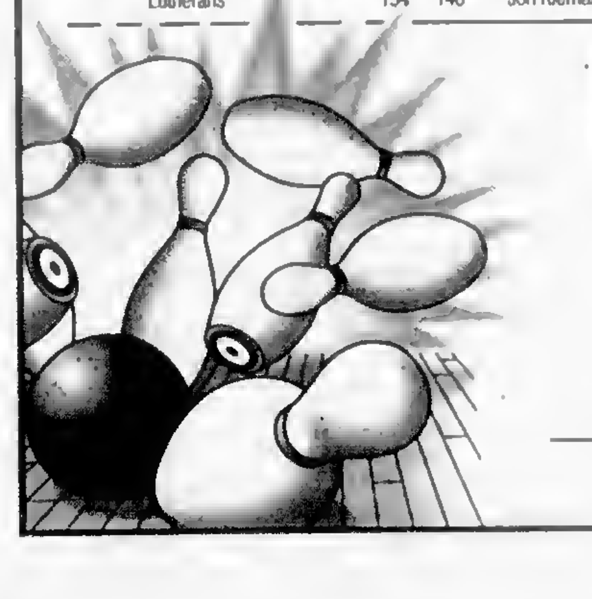
	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	545	196
Jane Holm	492	178
Mary O'Brien	470	161

Double Deckers Mixed League
October 3, 2004

	W	L
Russell A & J	7	1
Webb	6.5	1.5
Sladek	6	2
Bradley	5	3
Ferguson	5	3
Novotny	5	3
Stein	4	4
Blanchard/Crain	4	4
Koffman	4	4
Witthoeft	4	4
Russell C & R	3	5
Blanchard	3	5
Hart	3	5
Spencer	2.5	5.5
Patton	1	7
Nordman	1	7

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Scott Blanchard	570	224
Del Hart		207
Roger Crain	544	199
Mike Webb	524	
Amy Russel	521	201
Lynette Webb	500	189
Laural Sladek		182
Deb Blanchard	503	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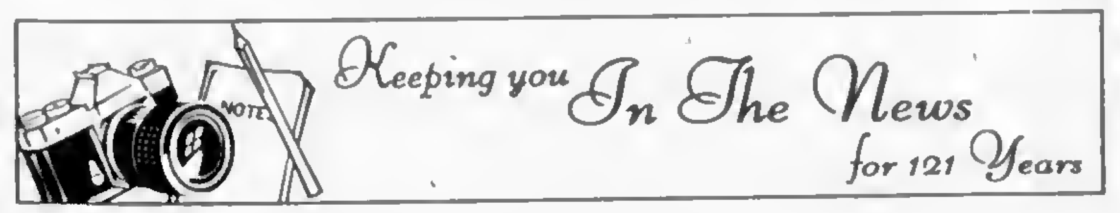
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Chamberlain-Creanga studies and helps out

TRAVEL

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Moldova and Ukraine all have a stake in what is happening to this section of land.

In the recent past, ethnic Romanian schools in Moldova were teaching the native Romanian language, but the Russians did not agree. Chamberlain-Creanga said that although the Russians are a minority in that region, they hold the powerful positions and have forced the people to write in Russian and not Romanian.

"Civil unrest broke out," she said.

The Russians forcefully went into schools and shut them down in an effort to keep the native language from being taught.

Despite the unstable situation, Chamberlain-Creanga and her husband, Ovidiu Creanga, 28, will leave in three weeks to spend about 12 months in Transdniestria.

Chamberlain-Creanga grew up in Charlevoix and graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1995. She said her adventurous spirit, natural inclination to explore, and knowledge she gained from reading about other places in the world have helped lead her to such a globe-trotting life.

Chamberlain-Creanga was active in cross country and track during high school, which she said helped her learn how to set goals and achieve them.

"Especially, it taught me to be a visionary," she said. "To set a goal, envision it and achieve it."

She said the discipline she learned while running in high school enabled her to balance studies and running in college.

Chamberlain-Creanga said her father, Sherman Chamberlain Jr., has taught her many things that have carried over into what she is doing now. She said he has also helped her deal with being in an academic and political field, which can be a cut throat world at times. But, Chamberlain-Creanga said politics are about public service and not oneself.

"Remember, it's about people and service to others and not getting caught up in the power of politics, academics and being a scholar," she said.

Chamberlain-Creanga was the Ambassadorial Scholar through the Charlevoix Chapter of Rotary International from 2000-2001 and received the British Marshall Scholarship in 2000 to be applied for 2001-2004.

She received her bachelor's in international relations from Wheaton College in Massachusetts.

Chamberlain-Creanga has two master's, one in Southeast European Studies and the other in anthropology. She is currently studying in the London School of Economics at the University of London.

Her studies and research have taken her to Croatia for one year where she did independent research and to Bosnia where she spoke through Rotary International.

Chamberlain-Creanga uses a research method she calls participant observation, which entails gathering a lot of information through watching and listening to people and through various conversations. She will continue this method while in Transdniestria.

Creanga will be accompanying her and continuing some of his doctorate work concerning organizing his second International Theological Symposium, which helps facilitate a platform between Western and Eastern theologians. He studies in the Kings College at the University of London.

Chamberlain-Creanga said there has been so much conflict over there and that Creanga's efforts are to bring together people of various Christian backgrounds and possibly some from Judaism theology.

Chamberlain-Creanga will be there for primarily research, but she will also participate in the community by volunteering her time for children.

Chamberlain-Creanga and Creanga may form youth track and soccer teams as a way to make international connections for the youth in Transdniestria by trying to connect the children with Moldova and the United States.

Chamberlain-Creanga said she and Creanga have worked with children before in similar capacities by having a track and field day for the gypsy children they worked with in Romania.

In November 2001 Chamberlain-Creanga said they presented information about the program to Queen Elizabeth II, who is a patron of the University of London. They also met Prince Charles.

Chamberlain-Creanga said her advice for everyone, especially students, is to follow one's dreams even if things get hard and don't seem to be working out.

"There's such a world out there and if you have a dream you should go for it as long as you can," she said. "A dream is a gift."

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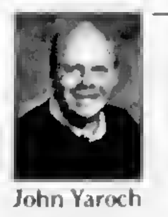

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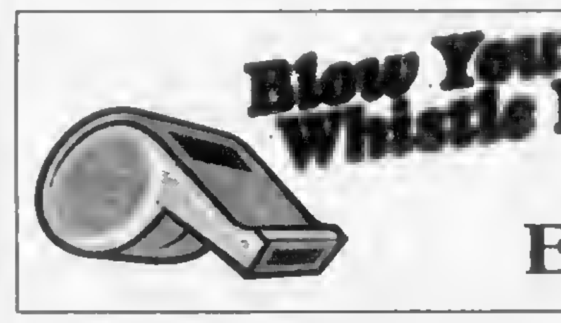

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made July 02, 2002, by Louise P. Parsons, a married woman, as mortgagor, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on July 31, 2002, at Liber 479, Page 988, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $455,244.90 principal, $12,609.66 interest, and $2,250.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, November 5, 2004, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

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This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 3.0% above the First Community Bank base lending rate, which is variable daily, and which total variable rate is presently 10.95% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums that may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: September 29, 2004

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Coats for Kids

The Coats for Kids Program kicked off and is sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet FIA. Their goal is to be sure that children are kept warm this winter. The drive is accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. They will also accept gently worn coats, hats, gloves and mittens in good condition. Please clean the worn items before donating. Donations can be made at Boyne City and Petoskey Glen's, and Charlevoix and Petoskey Kmart's.

Those in need can pick up coats at any of the following distribution points:

- Friends and Neighbors Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1404 S. Howard Street, Petoskey from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 326 North Park, Boyne City from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Salvation Army at 712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey.

Food pantry

The Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Conservation district to meet

The 56th Annual Meeting of the Charlevoix Conservation District will start at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 21, at the Boyne City Schools Administration Building (former Middle School), 321 S. Park St., in Boyne City. Tickets are $5. If you are interested contact the Conservation District Office at 582-6193.

Missionary visit

The Charlevoix Assembly of God will be hosting Brian Thomas, missionary to Eastern Europe and The Balkans, at the Church's 10:30 a.m. service on Oct. 24, located at 05291 M-66 North.

The public is cordially invited to hear about this mission field and the people of Serbia and Montenegro.

Pool open house

Charlevoix Area Community Pool invites you to a fun evening from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26. Light refreshments will be served. The community is invited to view the PowerPoint presentation, swim at no charge and learn about the many programs and events the pool offers residents throughout the area. They are also inviting voters in the areas of the City of Charlevoix and Charlevoix and Hayes townships to use this evening to discover this facility.

Handling the Holidays

Handling the Holidays, a program open to anyone who feels a need for help to get through the holidays starts at 7 p.m., Nov. 3, in the lower level of the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Hospice of Northwest Michigan and Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice, is offering this program that will give suggestions on getting through the holidays for those who have experienced a loss whether past or present. There is no charge.

Hospice spiritual advisor, Pastor Carl Litchfield, will present the Griever's Holiday Bill of Rights and COPE - a simple plan for handling some of the stresses associated with the holidays. If you have questions please call the hospice office (231) 536-2842 or Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice 547-6092.

Spaghetti dinner

The seventh annual Charlevoix Historical Society Spaghetti Dinner is from 5 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the Villager Pub located at 427 Bridge Street. The annual fund-raiser is an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner with society members working as hosts and waitstaff.

Whitefish and burritos are also on the menu. Door prizes will be awarded. All tips go toward support of the Historical Society.

Memorial service

Hospice of Northwest Michigan will host a memorial service to remember patients it has served this past year at 4 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street. They have partnered with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice to encourage anyone who has experienced a death to attend this service in honor of those loved ones.

If you have any questions please contact Margaret at 536-2842 or Lynda at 547-6092.

Story hour

Charlevoix Public Library offers story hour every Thursday morning. Beginning at 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. Lapsit for children 0-3, followed by traditional story hour 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for children 3 to 5. Call 547-2651 for more information. Library hours are Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Trail set up

Charlevoix Snowmobile Club trail set up day is at 8 a.m. on Oct. 23 (Sunday if raining). Meet at Way Transportation Company, located on US-31 South of Charlevoix. They are looking for help to work the trail between Charlevoix and East Jordan, so if you are a snowmobiler come and help set up the trail. Call 547-1901 for details or questions.

Skate park hours

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park hours are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and from noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays. Kids will be able to skate after school as long as the weather holds.

Survivors of Suicide Loss group

Survivors of Suicide Loss group is open to any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one through suicide. Group members will have the opportunity to connect with others, receive information on the grief process, and find direction and support in coping with suicide loss. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. The church is located at 1020 East Mitchell Street in Petoskey.

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Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

The 1940s were anxious years with the war and rationing.

I wasn't too absorbed with the far away happenings as a child at that time. I do remember the concern that the Japanese might fly over our shores, but my world was pretty much wrapped up in small town security: I remember so many of the families who lived here at that time. Many of them were poor, but everyone got by, and we really knew and cared for our neighbors.

In 1940 Robert and Emma Dell lived just two houses down from mine, at 203 W. Hurlbut. Their daughter was Edna Mary. Emma used to baby sit for us, and would tell us stories and sing old songs. Her grandson, Dwight, lived with them at one time, and played with our neighborhood kids. Gordon and Marian Dennis lived on the corner of Meech and Division. He worked for the Post Office. They had one son, Charles, at that time. Gertrude Dick lived at 211 Antrim. She was my third grade teacher, and I remember her as being a good teacher, but very strict. Curtis and Elizabeth Dixon lived at 605 Norwood Road. Their children were Mary, Louise, Raymond and Thomas. Maurice Dixon, and his wife Dorothy, lived at the corner of Division and Michigan. He was a driver for the Charlevoix Coal and Ice Co. Dorothy worked at the Charlevoix State Savings Bank for years.

Bruce Donaldson was a repairman, and he and his wife, Florence, lived at 402 W. Garfield. Their children were Richard, Thomas, Charles and Ann. Eva Doyles' home was at 110 Wood Street. Her children were James, Ilo, Marilyn and Evelyn. Albin Durance and his sister, Frances, and sister-in-law, Mary, resided at the family farm on Mercer Boulevard. Albin farmed the land, and Frances also worked in the summer, raising strawberries. Frances was also a school teacher, and lived to be 103 years old. She had a sharp memory and never had to use glasses to read. Percy Durance and his wife, Doris, lived with their daughter, Donna, at 213 W. Hurlbut. Percy worked for the postal department. Del and Grace Dutcher lived at 205 Antrim. He was a carpenter and their daughter, Daisy, lived there also. She was a clerk. I remember them well, as they were next door neighbors of my Grandma and Grandpa Ikens at the jail. They had a wonderful yellow transparent apple tree in their side yard. I loved eating the apples that fell to the ground in early summer. Their son, Harold, and wife, Jessie, and children, Joyce and David, lived at 405 Antrim. Harold was a butcher at Martin Block's store downtown.

James Earl, and wife, Edith, were neighbors at 208 W. Hurlbut. Their daughter, Bessie Fox, and children, Cassie May and Albert, lived with them. Guy and Anna Eccleston lived at 200 Alice with their children, James, John and Sarah. Guy was a clerk at the Charlevoix Insurance Agency. Their older son, Bill, was a student at the time. Albert Edwards and his wife, Charlotte, lived at 102 Wood Street with their children, Ruth and Elaine. He owned Edwards Florist with his brothers Arthur and Percy. Their business was located at 1002 May Street. It was a large greenhouse and truck garden. Arthur and Rena Edwards lived at 225 Stover Road. Their boys were Richard and Louis. Edward Edwards and wife, Ethelyn, and daughter, Margery, lived at 512 Belvedere. He was a warden at the Belvedere Club. Percy and Ruby Edwards lived at 1301 Bridge Street. They had a daughter, Helen.

Charles Emrey was the owner of Emrey's Men's store at 223 Bridge. His wife was Enid. They made their home at 202 Michigan Avenue. Arthur Emmons was a clerk at Kroger Grocery and Baking Company and lived on Rural Route One. Karl Erber and wife, Margaret, lived at 314 Meech with their two sons, John and Thomas. He was the manager of Northern Auto Company. Later he bought the business and named it Erber Auto. He also owned Erber Oil Co. Andrew Essenberg and wife, Minnie, and children, Rolland, Ruth, and Andrew Jr., lived at 106 Clinton. He was a salesman for Brown Motors. Leslie Everts, wife, Emily, and daughter, Donna, lived at 114 W. Lincoln. He was a salesman. In later years, he worked for the city, and one of several men who kept the city cemetery in beautiful shape. Arthur Fagan owned Fagan's Recreation at 325 Bridge. Ron Fairbanks owned Charlevoix Home Bakery at 808 Bridge. He and his wife, Grace, lived at 207 E. Lincoln with their sons, Charles and Bruce. His brother, Leo, was also a baker, and their mother, Agnes worked at the bakery also. June, their sister, was a clerk and lived with Leo and their mother, Agnes, at 808 Bridge.

Hershell Fales and wife, Nettie, lived at 110 Robinson with their son, Howard. In later years, they ran a five and dime on the corner of Bridge and Upright, where the office of Jay Balasz is now located. Richard Farmer and wife, Catherine, and children, Donna and Daniel, lived at 102 Robinson. He was a trucker and hauled sand and black dirt. Ray Faulkner was a postal carrier, and he and his wife, Sadie, lived at 300 Nettleton. John L. (Lawrence) Feindt was an engineer for the Beaver Island Boat, Mary Margaret. Floyd Fessenden owned the drug store, F.J. Fessenden and Son, with his son, Bill. Floyd and his wife Mame lived at 318 Mason. Bill and his wife, Eileen, lived with their children, Thomas and Kathleen, at 105 Petoskey Avenue. Kate later married Vanc Smith, a principal in the Charlevoix Schools, and a classmate of mine. Arthur Fitch lived at 404 Michigan Avenue with his wife, Pearl. Katherine Fitch, their daughter, owned the Polly Kay clothing shop on Bridge Street with Polly Haggard Shadko. Lillis Flanders was Charlevoix County Treasurer, and she and her mother, Laura, lived at 301 Mason Street. James Flynn was the manager of the Lakeview Inn, and later owned it. It was located on the piece of property where the Oleson complex is now. He sold the property to Olesons in 1963. He then became caretaker of the rental house owned by Anne Harsha, next to the Congregational Church on State Street. He also worked for the city in the summertime, taking care of the shuffleboards at the Lake Michigan beach. In 1978, when Dale approached Anne Harsha about buying the house for the Historical Society, she asked Dale what he would do about Jim, who lived in one of the apartments. Dale told Anne that Jim could live there the rest of his life at the same rent he was currently paying. Jim went to see Anne, who was in the hospital, and he told her not to sell it to the society, but to give it to them, which she did. Jim and Dale had been friends for years. Jim lived in the apartment for 10 years before he died, and his boys, Jim and John, gave Dale Jim's prized 65 Ford with only 18,000 miles on it. We have it today.

We certainly have had some great people who have lived here, and it is a joy to remember them.

Official Notice

North Country Community Mental Health Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Meeting will meet October 27, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Second Floor, One MacDonald Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770. NCCMH is an equal opportunity employer/program. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon notification or request. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities. For questions please call Sara Bogard at (231) 347-7890.

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Scott says he is getting caught up on tax bill

SCOTT

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"I am working on the bad guys and he is not on my list," Brandi said.

Scott has made fiscal responsibility a part of this campaign in his bid for a seat on the Charlevoix City Council. He is challenging incumbent Sherman Chamberlain in this quest.

However, he said this financial matter with his company does not disqualify him from the race.

"I think everybody should give back to the community by being on city council," he said. "If people don't want me on city council fighting against no-bid contracts because I am not the richest guy in town, then that is a decision they have to make."

He said when he decided to enter the election he knew he was vulnerable on this issue, but still wanted to run.

His opponent, Chamberlain, said he has heard of the tax issue with Scott's company.

"My personal opinion is to spend the taxpayer's money you have to be a responsible taxpayer," he said.

Scott has been a regular critic of the way government runs in Charlevoix, particularly when it comes to the airport. He began taking an interest in city politics when he noticed the airport's management contract was not being bid out.

Scott argued that it should, but the city did not take this suggestion. Because of this and other issues he had with the city, he decided to run for council against Chamberlain.

Scott said these documents were given to the *Charlevoix Courier* as a way of trying to intimidate him and smear him in public.

Scott said in a written statement, "With the election only days away they attack me personally by dropping off my personal financial information at the newspaper. That's just dirty politics and I think the people of Charlevoix recognize that."

Chamberlain said he was not behind giving the information to the newspaper.

Winn said he has not contributed to Chamberlain's campaign, but has donated to the campaign of Norman Carlson. Chamberlain is not accepting any campaign donations.

A check of all the other city council candidates and mayoral candidates did not turn up any other federal or state liens to date.

However, current council member and also a candidate Bill Haggard had a federal lein on his property in 1994, over some taxes his company, Haggard's Plumbing and Heating, owed. That bill was paid within a year and he no longer has a lein against him.

Haggard said he does not think it affected his abilities as a council member.

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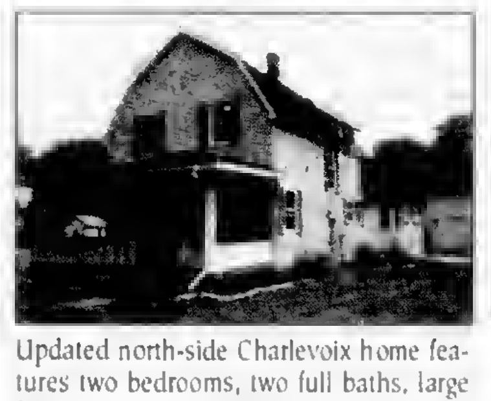

Updated north-side Charlevoix home features two bedrooms, two full baths, large family room with masonry fireplace and two-car attached garage. Price includes adjacent vacant lot. Large 2-story wood frame barn has lots of potential.

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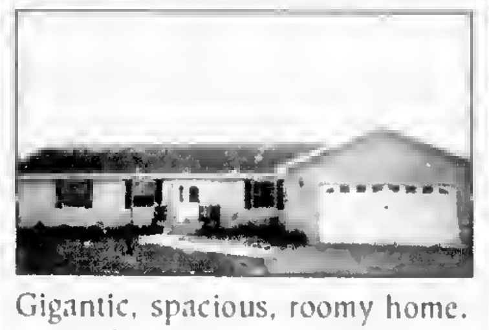

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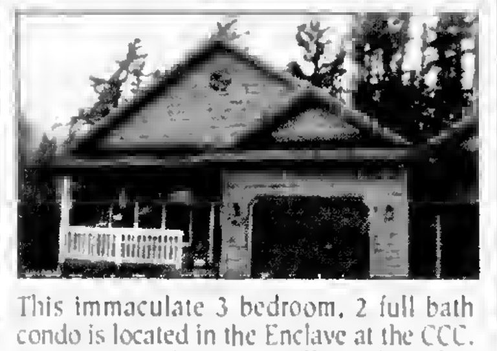

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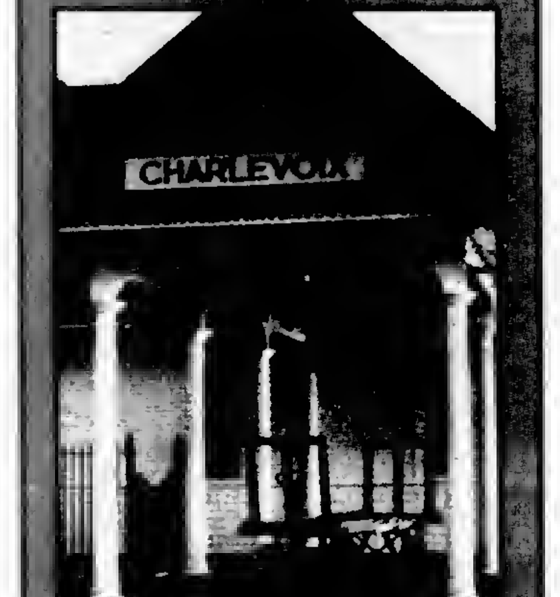

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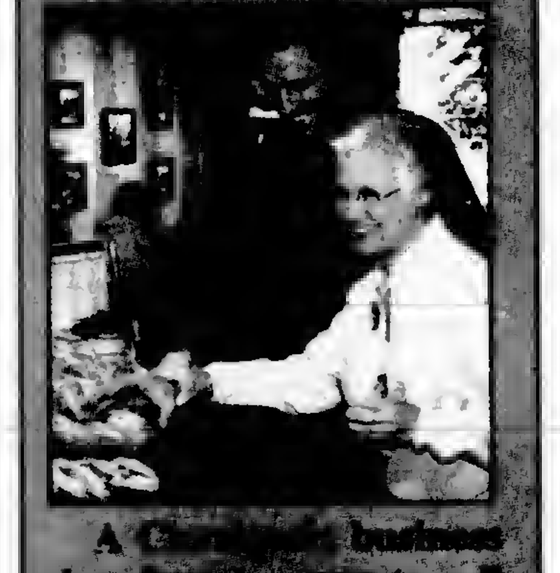

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Make your choice Nov. 2

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix voters heading to the polls Nov. 2 to take part in the general election will face a multitude of choices, from president of the United States to local city council races and a few propositions.

The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Vote at your township hall or, if you are a city resident, at city hall on State Street.

The Michigan ballot will contain:

- President of the United States (pick one) — George E. Bush, Republican; John F. Kerry, Democrat; David Cobb, Green; Michael Anthony Peroutka, U.S. Taxpayers; Michael Badnarik, Libertarian; Walter Brown, Natural Law; Ralph Nader, independent.
- First District Representative in Congress (pick one) — Don Hooper, Republican; Bart Stupak, Democrat; David J. Newland, Green; John W. Loosemore, Libertarian.
- 105th District State Represenatative (pick one) — Kevin A. Elsenheimer, Republican; Jim McKimmy, Democrat.
- Member of the State Board of Education (pick two) — Nancy Danhof, Republican; Robert M. Smart, Republican; Marianne Yared McGuire, Democrat; Herbert S. Moyer, Democrat; Peter Ponzetti, Green; Gail M. Graeser, U.S. Taxpayers; Stephanie Poortenga, U.S. Taxpayers; Scotty Boman, Libertarian; Ernie Whiteside, Libertarian; Colette McLogan, Natural Law.
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- Member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors (pick two) — Susan Licata Haroutunian, Republican; Paul C. Hillegonds, Republican; Tina Abbott, Democrat: Annetta Miller, Democrat; Margaret Guttschall, Green; Phillip A. Adams, U.S. Taxpayers; Jerry Jankiewicz, Libertarian; Thomas W. Jones, Libertarian; Kathleen Oakford, Natural Law.
- Charlevoix Prosecuting Attorney (pick one) — John Jarema, Republican; Ellis Boal, Green.
- Charlevoix County Sheriff (pick one) — George T. Lasater, Republican.
- Charlevoix County Clerk (pick one) — Jane E. Brannon, Republican.
- Charlevoix County Treasurer (pick one) — Marilyn Cousineau, Republican.
- Charlevoix County Register of Deeds (pick one) — Charlene Novotny, Republican.
- Charlevoix Drain Commissioner (pick one) — Marc Seelye, Republican; JoAnne Bier Beemon, Green.
- Charlevoix County Surveyor

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Halloween happenings

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

On Oct. 29, the United States Coast Guard will transform the ACACIA into a haunted ship full of terror. These monsters are only a sample of what will lie beyond the ship's entrance way. Modeling sample Halloween costumes are (from left to right): Seaman Samuel Guzman, Petty Officer 3rd Class (BM3) Brian Klinger, Petty Officer 3rd Class (MK3) Shaun Wilson and Seaman Jeff Catanzarite.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Halloween is almost here and in order to get the town in the spooky spirit, the United States Coast Guard will uphold their yearly tradition and transform the ACACIA into a haunted ghost ship.

Ensign Mike Grochowski said this year the public can expect a scarier and different ghost ship than the one last year.

"It's a lot of fun for us to put on and a good way to get involved with the community," he said.

Without giving away any surprises to be found inside, Grochowski said Coast Guard members got together and decided on what to do this year. Given the nature of ships, which Grochowski said can be pretty scary on their own, those who are brave enough to enter the ship will find many surprises lurking inside.

"It'll be good," he said.

Grochowski said the course takes between 15 and 20 minutes to complete and is open to everyone.

The ghost ship will be available from 6 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 29. Admission is any non-perishable food item that will be given to the Charlevoix County Food Shelf.

Trick-or-treating is a Halloween tradition and this year's hours will be from 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 31.

Candidates meet with the public at forum

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

On Oct. 20 the citizens of Charlevoix were able to meet and listen to what mayoral candidates, City Council candidates and 105th District candidates had to say during the Meet the Candidates event at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Mayoral candidates Gabe Campbell and Norman "Boogie" Carlson answered several questions at the meet.

The first question asked regarded what the candidates envisioned for the city of Charlevoix in five years.

Carlson said he thought the city was heading in a positive direction. He said the number one industry is tourism and by helping that thrive the city needs to also control growth.

Campbell said he sees the future looking how it does right now. He said there will be times change is needed, but it should be done for the better and not just to be bigger.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Ryanne Catherine McClung, 19, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Jeremy Lee Hopkins, 20, Boyne Falls. Minor transporting/possessing alcohol motor vehicle driver. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Allen Stanley Habel Jr., 22, Petoskey. Tampering with evidence; controlled substance-delivering/manufacturing marijuana, second offense; operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Bound over to circuit court.

Jeffrey Lee Hosler, 35, East Jordan. Larceny from a motor vehicle. Bound over to circuit court.

Gordon Elden Wolgamott, 42, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Marsh Wahanimkee Miller, 27, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Two years probation; 365 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 90 days, 271 days held in abeyance; $1,000 in fines and costs.

James Lynn Proctor II, 44, Boyne City. Sex offender fail to comply with reporting. Fines and costs totaling $700.

Daniel Martin Ritchie, 42, Charlevoix. Attempted computers using to commit crime. Six months probation; 93 days in jail, serve 15 days, will be on electronic monitor, 77 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Marsha Fae Cravens, 45, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 67 days held in abeyance; $1,100 in fines and costs.

Mike Edward Reffner, 19, Charlevoix. Unlawful use of license plate; operating unregistered vehicle; motor vehicle operator without security. Fines and costs totaling $725.

Grant Eli Parish, 40, Gaylord. Check-non-sufficient funds under $100. Six months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for five days, 87 days held in abeyance; $375.42 in fines and costs.

James Thomas Trosper, 21, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

J. Niswander And Sons Home Improvement, 04354 M-66 North, Charlevoix, by Jack B. Niswander.

The Daily Sweep, 09110 Old US-31, Charlevoix, by Connie M. Wallad.

Rainy Day Creations, 1002 State Street, Charlevoix, by Tina Russell and Doretta Anderson.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Levin makes a visit

Michigan Senator Carl Levin visited the Charlevoix County Democratic Headquarters on Oct. 18 to talk with people and answer any questions they may have.

Addition

A story on the anniversary of Joseph and Betty Martinchek on page 7 of last week's edition should have included the time of their party as 3 to 6 p.m.

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Several Charlevoix students attend Cheney rally

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Several Charlevoix High School students recently attended Vice President Dick Cheney's Traverse City visit and two got to shake his hand.

Cheney visited Howe Arena on Oct. 20 and Brittni Whittaker, Sierra Whisler, Jacky Heckendorn, Chuck Mason, Will Kautz, Taylor Martin and Chris Golski said the experience was once in a lifetime.

Whittaker, 17, said she went because she wanted to see the vice president and to re-establish where she stood on things.

"It was really neat," she said.

Whittaker was one who got to shake Cheney's hand. She, Whisler and Golski volunteered their time to make 100 phone calls telling people to vote for President George W. Bush.

She said they were then allowed to get in the very front row, but Whisler got separated. No one was in front of them except for the Secret Service, she said.

"It was an experience I'll never forget," she said. "I got to shake his hand. That doesn't happen often."

She said it was neat to see a sitting vice president because he would become president should something happen to Bush.

"He's done so much for the country," she said. "He's the most influential vice president."

Whisler, 17, said she helped make phone calls, but was unable to get up front due to being separated from Whittaker and Golski.

She said she went to see Cheney because she didn't get to go see Bush when he came to Traverse City this summer.

"I didn't want to miss this opportunity," she said.

She said she doesn't care if someone is Republican or Democrat, but Cheney is an awesome speaker.

"It was tremendous," she said.

She said it's important for people her age to know about politics.

"You need to get into politics so you can show your opinion when it comes time to vote," she said.

Whisler said there were a few things she had issues with that Cheney said, but overall enjoyed his speech.

Heckendorn, 17, said she went because it was an opportunity she didn't want to pass up.

"It was the first time I've ever seen a politician of that stature and position," she said. "It's something I'll never forget."

She said it's important for people her age to attend such events because government touches everyone's lives.

"It got me more inspired to get involved with politics," she said.

Mason, 16, said he went to gather more information before he made a final decision of who he thought should be president.

"I like Dick Cheney a lot and I needed a little reinforcement in the Bush/Cheney campaign," he said.

The speech gave him just that, and Mason said it was amazing to see Cheney because he has such a mystic curtain around him.

"It definitely boosts our interest in politics," he said of young people seeing a political figure in person.

Kautz, 17, said the chance to see a sitting vice president is one of the reasons he made the trip.

"To hear someone with that intelligence and someone that has that much experience," he said.

He said seeing a person in real-life is great because one can be influenced by their parents, but there's nothing like a first-hand experience.

Martin, 18, said he wasn't going to go because he was sick, but went for the whole experience.

"You don't usually get that experience in this part of the state," he said.

He said young people should attend such events in order to get involved.

"I walked away from it pumped up and ready to vote," he said.

Martin said he shares many of the same views that Cheney presented.

Martin said when he votes for Bush on Nov. 2, he's voting for the people around him such as Cheney.

Golski, 17, said he decided at the beginning of his senior year that he would take advantage of any opportunity that came his way while he had a relatively small amount of pressure on him.

He saw Cheney's visit as his opportunity.

To see a sitting vice president was neat for Golski.

"Obviously he's so important and influential in our national government," he said.

Golski said seeing Cheney is more valuable than seeing past political figures because he is in the present.

Golski got to shake Cheney's hand and said the experience was neat.

"It was pretty exciting," he said.

He said people behind him were trying to jump over him to get to touch Cheney. Golski said it was as though he was a god-like figure.

"I shook hands with one of the most influential men in the world," he said.

Golski said it's important to take advantage of any opportunity of this magnitude. He said he would be more than happy to listen to any powerful figure that came up here.

"I think it's a big deal when any powerful figure like that comes up here because it shows that we're important to them and what we think does matter," he said.

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These Charlevoix High School students traveled to Traverse City last week to attend a rally with Vice President Dick Cheney.

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Editor's pros and cons of the city candidates

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

After months of campaigning, we are at that wonderful time where we finally get to make our picks in this year's election on Nov. 2.

The election was hot and heavy this year, with many people running for many different positions in federal, state, county and local government. While it is fantastic to see so many new faces, the only regret I have over this year is how nasty some of the races got.

The problem for me this year was trying to filter out the basics on what I thought was good and had about each of the candidates. Many others have told me they are having this problem too.

With that in mind, I have decided to forgo any editorial endorsements this year. Instead, I am going to give you what I think are the pros and cons to each of the candidates.

To determine this, I met with each of the city council candidates and asked them a series of questions for about an hour.

In the race for Charlevoix City Mayor, we have incumbent Gabe Campbell facing off against Norman "Boogie" Carlson.

Here is what I like about Campbell: he is very dedicated to giving the regular people of Charlevoix a voice in city government. I love how he tries to let as many people as he can talk at meetings and how he really seems to listen to them and their concerns — even so far as to suggest council actions on some. Too often, government officials seem to act as though the actual concerns of the voters don't really matter in the big picture. Campbell doesn't act that way.

Here is a strike against Campbell: he sometimes makes rash decisions. Take for example the firing of the planning commissioners a few years back. Sure, those planning commissioners were probably acting foolishly for trying to have a public hearing on a matter they should send to the Zoning Board of Appeals, but firing them for it was a little overboard. That matter could have been handled in a better way — even Campbell admits to that.

Here is what I like about Carlson: he seems to really want to create an air of cooperation in the city. In his interview with me, he said he wants council, city administration and the community to work together to build a wonderful city. I think it would be nice to see the administration working with council and hope Carlson can do that.

Here is a strike against Carlson: he has a problem understanding openness in government. It is not that he wants to hide things, he just — like many part-time politicians — doesn't really understand what should be open to the public and what shouldn't. The problem is, in the past he has erred on the side of making it closed to the public. Take for example when the city was looking for a new fire chief. Carlson was concerned that the meetings of a committee formed to look for a new chief would be open — not knowing state law says they must be open. He shouldn't be concerned that a meeting is open. He should be concerned when a meeting is not open to the public.

Now council. We have Rebecca Doan challenging incumbent Bill Haggard, incumbent Sherm Chamberlain being challenged by Dave Scott and former mayor Alvin "Butch" Russell challenging incumbent Karen Campbell.

For Doan, I like her stand on the city taking care of what it has before adding more to it. I think the city has been on a spending spree in the past and would like to see it become a little more frugal — at least until our state figures out its budget.

I am concerned about her stand on the marina and East Park — she thinks they should be left alone. That project should already be under construction and we should be concerned why it is not.

For Haggard, I like the experience he brings to council. He is a life-long resident of the area and business owner. He adds input that is valuable and seems fair in his decisions.

A strike against Haggard, I believe, is his support of demolishing the current band shell. While I believe we should already be working on the marina and East Park, I was always concerned about the plans to demolish the band shell. That band shell was built in the 90s and had a a big push from the community to make it possible.

For Chamberlain, his positive is his preparedness when it comes to city council business. At every city council meeting, Chamberlain is ready for each subject and has intelligent questions to ask.

A strike against him is his many abstentions from voting. Because Chamberlain's business is so busy — he co-owns a surveying company that deals with many projects that come before the city council — he must abstain from voting in many instances. Sure, he should abstain ethically, but I am concerned if voters of his ward are getting a good representation.

Challenger Scott's positive is his passion to work for the people. He is dedicated to listening to the voters and giving them a voice on the city council. He wants nothing more than a responsive and open local government that the people can be proud of. I trust he can achieve this goal.

His strike is the problems with his business. As last week's Courier pointed out, he has some big liens against his business due to back taxes. In his defense, this seemed to be a problem caused by a mistake in bookkeeping and he is working on paying those taxes. I just worry that it will get in the way of his duties on city council if it gets any worse.

Now for Russell. Russell never responded to my requests for a meeting. So, I cannot say much about him. I will say I am concerned by this lack of response and if it means the citizens of his ward will get the same.

Incumbent Karen Campbell's positive is her commitment to the character of Charlevoix. She wants this community to remain Charlevoix the Beautiful and will fight to keep it that way. I like how she keeps the wishes of her constituents and this desire to protect Charlevoix in mind when it comes to development in the city.

Karen Campbell's strike is that her husband, Gabe, is running for mayor. It concerns me when a husband and wife are serving on the same political board. But, Karen said she will disagree with her husband at times.

Good luck to all the candidates in this year's election. And when elected, remember to be fair, be honest and keep it open.

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Letters to the editor

We are in a nuclear race

Editor:

When will the public wake up to the fact that we are currently in the midst of a nuclear arms race?

Although the United States already has thousands of nuclear weapons, we are seeking more tax dollars to develop new types of nuclear weapons. There are some who believe that such weapons are "usable," completely failing to understand the awesome nature of such weapons. This problem, however, does not just reside with the United States. Indeed, previously non-nuclear states, such as North Korea, have now acquired or are seeking to acquire nuclear weapons.

In June 2000, the Washington National Cathedral sponsored a gathering of Christian, Jewish and Muslim religious leaders together with 18 retired professional military leaders who issued a joint call appealing to people of faith across the country and across religions to mobilize to end our capacity for nuclear self-destruction.

Out of this has come the "Urgent Call to End the Nuclear Danger," presented by The Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy. I attended the west Michigan annual conference of the United Methodist Church in June when we voted to endorse the call.

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The Center's focus is on reducing, then disarming nuclear arsenals declaring that "...long-term reliance on nuclear weapons in the arsenals of the nuclear powers, and the ever-present danger of their acquisition by others, is morally untenable and militarily unjustifiable."

The Urgent Call asks both the United States and Russia to fulfill their commitments under the Non-proliferation Treaty and to move together with the other nuclear powers, step by carefully inspected and verified step, toward the abolition of all nuclear weapons.

The United States is urged to take several steps to achieve this goal. Among them: Renounce the use of nuclear weapons, permanently end the development, testing and production of nuclear warheads, ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and take nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert in concert with Russia and other nuclear powers in order to reduce the risk of accidental or unauthorized use.

I quote part of the rationale for the churches' involvement in this vital issue: "As a people called to a faith in a loving and life-giving God we must defend the sanctity of creation and so stand against the continued proliferation of these weapons of mass destruction."

It is my hope that all churches in our area will begin now to act upon this grave moral issue.

Molly Tate
Charlevoix

Do we want dense housing?

Editor:

To land owners and people of Marion Township:

Do we want dense housing? Do we want all of our agricultural land cut up into 100 foot lots? When voting this Nov. 2 think about development coming in the township and taking 40 acres and cut it up into 59 lots. This is putting in fifty-nine wells and fifty-nine septic tanks and drainfields.

When you put this kind of housing in, are all the wells in the development and joining land wells going to be good for the next 100 years? Or do we end up in five to ten years, paying for water and sewage to be put in. Are we looking down the road for five to ten years, when we should be looking ahead for the next hundred years? If we end up putting water and sewage, do we the land owners pay or do the development people pay? If the township pays, this means that we all pay!

Thank you for your time.

Allan Towsley
Charlevoix

(Editor's note: This letter was submitted before the Oct. 18 deadline on election letters, but left out of last week's letters page inadvertently.)

Thank you

Editor:

On behalf of Hospice of the Northwest Michigan (formerly Charlevoix County Hospice, Inc.) Board of Directors and volunteers I want to thank Rochelle Whippo and Kelly Scholey who arranged the fourth annual Helen Open in memory of that very special lady, Helen Weislik.

We were the recipients of the funds raised at this event. We are very appreciative of the extremely generous donation of $10,000. We do not charge for our services — volunteer, bereavement and community outreach — and this money will be put to good use helping those in our communities. I know how much work was put into this activity — those who worked, those who participated and those who donated.

I know that Helen is smiling down on all of you, and joins us in saying, "Thank you!"

Patricia A. Johnson
Administrator/Volunteer
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New guidelines for mammograms established

Officials from the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency announced recently that new eligibility guidelines for breast and cervical cancer screening, including a mammogram, allows women ages 40 – 49 who meet certain income requirements can get free screenings.

"We are delighted the state's revised guidelines include women in their 40s," said Carol Paxton, Director of Health Promotion Services.

"This means we can again offer free breast and cervical cancer screening to eligible women according to recommendations of the American Cancer Society."

The American Cancer Society recommends women age 40 and older have a screening mammogram every year, and should continue to do so for as long as they are in good health.

Women who meet age and income eligibility requirements may participate in the WomanCare breast and cervical cancer screening program, including a mammogram. Income eligibility is based on annual family income according to federal guidelines.

For example, women ages 40 and older from a family of two, with an income below $31,225, are eligible to participate at no cost to them.

Clients who participate in the WomanCare breast and cervical cancer screening program receive education and information, clinical breast exam, mammography screening by referral to a local clinic or hospital, pelvic exam and pap test and follow-up diagnostic services.

"We always send test results to our clients' health care provider," Paxton said.

"We keep them informed."

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.

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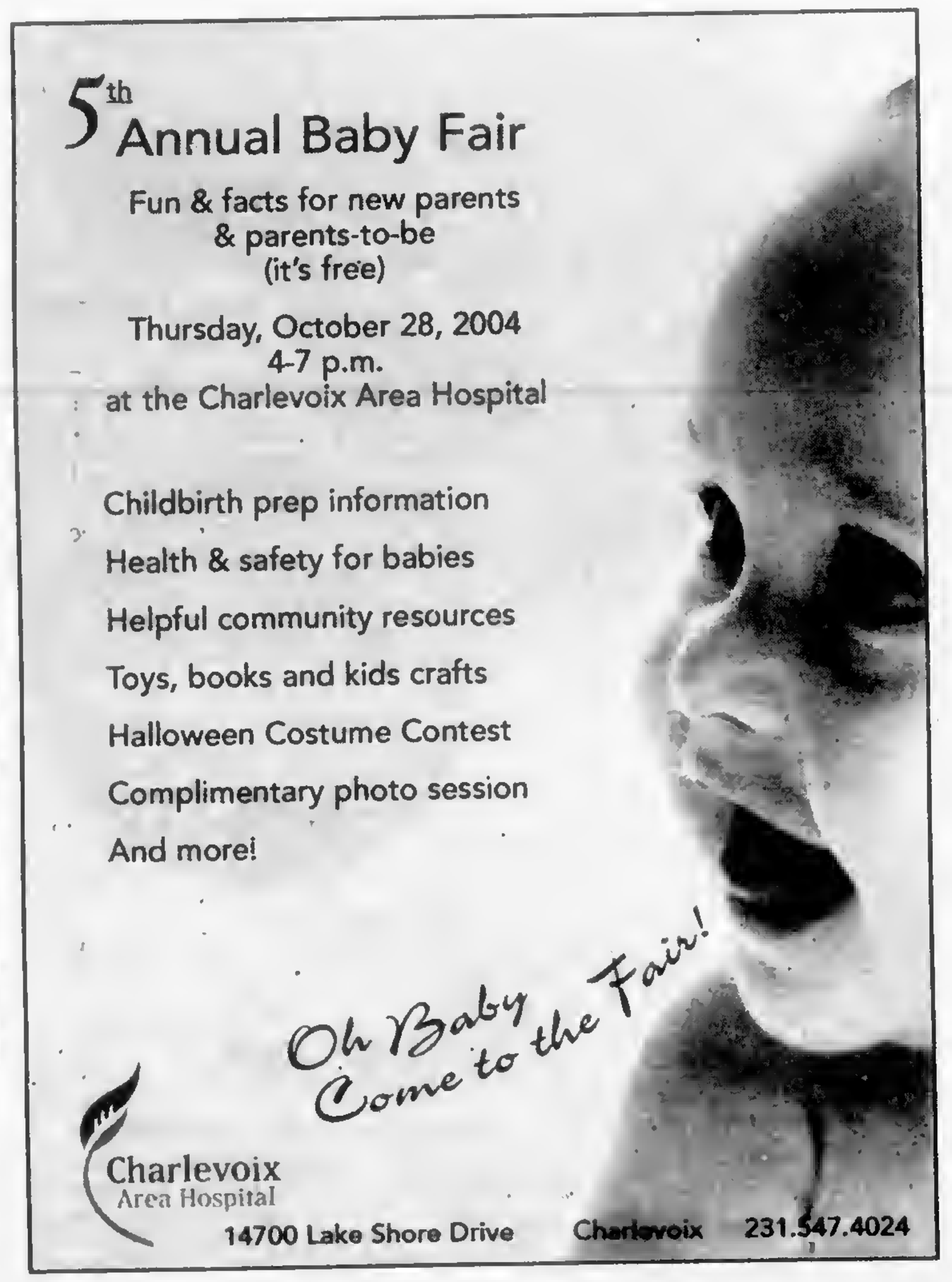

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Engagement

Pfister — Pointner

Aimee Pfister, of Ventura, Calif. and Brayton Pointner of Ventura, Calif. are engaged to be married.

Aimee is the daughter of Kristine and Barry Pfister of Sunrise, Fla. Brayton is the son of Connie Saltonstall of Charlevoix and LaJolla, Calif. and Tom and Denise Pointner of Jacksonville, Fla.

A wedding is being planned for Feb. 12, 2005 at the Sea Lodge Hotel in La Jolla, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Charlevoix High School and ISSA Santa Barbara, Calif. She is a personal trainer and fitness therapist at Advantage Physical Therapy in Ventura, Calif.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Serra High School in Sand Diego, Calif. and the University of California in Santa Barbara, Calif. He is a dive master for Peace Scuba Diving in Ventura, Calif.

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New manager

Sally Tilley, of Charlevoix, has been promoted to branch manager at the Charlevoix Secretary of State office. Tilley has worked in the department for 24 years, serving in branch offices in the Detroit area and northern Michigan. She has worked in the past year as a support manager, filling managerial vacancies at many area offices.

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"The truth is that Bush does not speak for me or for many other moderate Republicans on a very broad cross-section of issues.

"As a result, when I cast my ballot Nov. 2, I will be voting for John Kerry for President." (excerpted with permission of Governor William Milliken)

The following prominent Republicans, business, and military leaders agree:

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Appointment is needed for flu shot

All across the country, people are waiting in long lines to receive a flu shot and the agencies working together to have an upcoming community flu clinic want everyone to know only people with an appointment will get their flu shot on Oct. 28 at Petoskey Middle School.

"Even if you do have an appointment at the flu clinic, please do not come early. No one will be admitted to the flu clinic until 15 minutes before start time at 4:00 p.m.," said Patricia Fralick, director of Family Health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the lead agency for the community flu clinic.

"We would hate for anyone to wait around for a long time only to find that we are out of flu vaccine."

Fralick says only people in a high priority category for developing the flu will be vaccinated. She also reminds pregnant women to bring a note from their doctor authorizing a flu shot.

People from high priority categories who have not yet received a flu shot should call their physician to try to schedule an appointment. Many doctors in the area received their flu vaccine orders. If they can't get an appointment through their doctor, people from high priority categories can call the health department at (800) 432-4121 during regular business hours to be added to a flu vaccine waiting list.

Since it announced the worldwide flu vaccine shortage earlier this month, US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention issued new priority groups for vaccination, which are:

- All children 6 months to 23 months old
- Adults age 65 and older
- Anyone age 2 to 64 with an underlying chronic medical condition
- All women who will be pregnant during the flu season
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- Children 6 months to 18 years old on chronic aspirin therapy
- Healthcare workers with direct patient care
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than 6 months old.

Influenza, commonly called "the flu," is caused by the influenza virus which infects the nose, throat and lungs. Unlike many other viral respiratory infections, such as the common cold, the flu causes severe illness and life-threatening complications in many people.

Symptoms of the flu include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. Children can have additional symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, but these symptoms are uncommon in adults.

With the flu vaccine shortage, it is more important than ever to practice good health habits to avoid getting the flu. Just covering your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing and cleaning your hands often can stop the spread of flu, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention.

Good health habits to prevent the flu and other diseases are to:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
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Obituaries

Louise Bacot: May 3, 1922 - Oct. 14, 2004

Louise Bacot, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Born May 3, 1922, in East Lansing, to Robert Telford and Lillian Gladys (Moody) Beedle, she was raised in Nashville, graduating from Kellog High School in 1940 and Mercy School of Nursing, Detroit, 1943.

Nursing was her passion. As a 1Lt nurse in the United States Army she served during World War II from 1943-1946 stationed in London England. During the next 40 years she continued her nursing career in both Petoskey and Charlevoix, retiring from Charlevoix Area Hospital in 1985.

A member of St. Mary's Church, the Altar Society and the Charlevoix Hospital Guild, she also served five years as a hospital volunteer.

Louise married John A. (Jack) Bacot June 23, 1954, in Traverse City. He preceded her in death, as did brothers, Bobby and Harold Beedle, and great-grandson, Kolten Jack Ely Taylor.

Those who will dearly miss her are daughter, Susan Larice (James) Weston; granddaughters, Joda Elyzabeth (Kalvin) Taylor, Amy Anne (Scott) Sinkler, Kristin Joy (Robert) Powers; great grandchildren, Cody Michael Livesay; Kalvin Alan, Kaleb James and Kadrienne Susan-Louise Taylor, Amelia Alyse, Arica Laryse, Alyzabeth Joy and Abagail Alayne Sinkler, Robert Patrick and Jacob Dayton Powers, all of Kalkaska; sister, Jean (Ed) Tablish, of Yellville, Ark,; brother, Harry (Julie) Gilmore of Clarkston; and her beloved "adopted" family the McDonough's: Ron, MaryLou, Shawn, Judy, Kelly, Kathy, Lisa and their families.

Louise irreversibly touched lives with her many acts of kindness. She hand-sewed and gave away more than 150 Christmas socks, made jams, pickles and fudge and blessed so many with her bouquets of home-grown roses.

She loved gardening in the summer and cross-stitching in the winter. Se was an avid and faithful fan of the Tigers and the Lions. She will be greatly missed!

Visitation took place Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix and funeral services were given at Saint Mary's Catholic Church on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Memorial contributions by be directed to either Charlevoix Area Hospital or to Saint Mary's Catholic Church.

Merle VandenBerg: Aug. 11, 1923 - Oct. 19, 2004

Merle VandenBerg went to be with the Lord on Oct. 19, 2004.

He was born in Holland on Aug. 11, 1923, the youngest son of Henry and Cornelia VandenBerg.

Merle was a graduate of Holland High School and Hope College. He was a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps during World War II serving in the Pacific area.

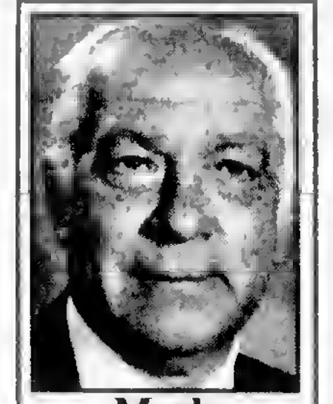
During his career as a teacher, he taught school in Hartford, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. He retired from the Grand Rapids Public School System in 1987.

He was first married to Lois Milnarik and they had two daughters, Sue and Mary.

Merle married Nancy (Nan) Randall Phillips in 1977. They retired in 1987 to Charlevoix where they were substitute teachers for Charlevoix Public Schools for over 10 years.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason in Findlay, Ohio, and an active member of Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix, where he held several offices including treasurer, president and lieutenant governor. He was also instrumental in starting the Key Club at Charlevoix High School and a new Kiwanis Club in Boyne City. Merle was a member of the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix where he served as deacon, church moderator and many other offices. Recently, he and Nan moved to Panama City Beach, Fla.

In addition to his wife Nan, Merle is survived by two daughters, Sue (Ron) Van Eyk and Mary (Paul) Richmond of Kalamazoo; two brothers, Kenneth VandenBerg of Delray Beach, Fla., and Robert (Ursula) VandenBerg of North Fort Myers, Fla.; step-children, Andy (Eve) Phillips of Panama City Beach, Fla., Randy Phillips, and Barbara Phillips of Grand Rapids; seven grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three step-great grandchildren, and many wonderful nieces and extended family.


Merle VandenBerg

Arrangements were made by Notier, Ver Lee, Langeland Funeral Chapel in Holland for a private interment at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Holland.

A memorial service was given at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004.

Memorials may be given to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix, the American Lung Association or Hospice.

Courtesy photo

Locks of Love donation

Erin Buckner, of Charlevoix, recently gave a lock of her hair to the cancer charity Locks of Love. Buckner is a student at Michigan Technological University. She is the daughter of Deb Buckner of Charlevoix.

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Church	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton	

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11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	Wednesday 12:15 p.m.
Father Jim Gunn	**547-6322**

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Neil Turner	**547-2875**

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Church Office	**547-9482**

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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Phone	**588-7805**

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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**
Parsonage	**547-3852**

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M-66 (across from Post Office)

Worship & Children's Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Children's Worship & Adult Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis	**547-4121**

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Wednesday Dinner & Program	6:00 p.m.
Reverend Mary Willis	**547-9122**

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Mike Mitchell	**237-0800**

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07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Geri Litchfield	**582-9262**

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
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Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

PETOSKEY SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Greg Timmins	**231-238-0052**

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carrol (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

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Saturday Night Mass	5:30 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
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To the qualified electors of______________________City/Township notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, for the purpose of nominating or election candidates for the following offices:

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List of all polling place locations:

______________________Township/City Clerk

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP

Shall the previously voted increase in the 15-mill tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Charlevoix Township be **renewed** at (2) mills ($2.00 per $1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2005 through 2010 inclusive, for the purpose of providing Capital Improvements, Ambulance Service, Water System Improvements, Sewer Development, Road Work, Fire Protection, and other operating costs; and shall the township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated $305,741.73?

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP

This proposal will permit the Recreational Authority to levy up to 1/3 of a mill for the purpose of providing funds for operating, maintaining, and improving the Charlevoix Area Community Pool for ten (10) years, 2004 through 2013, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the territory of the Authority (the City of Charlevoix, Township of Hayes, and Township of Charlevoix), all within the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to thirty-three and 1/3 cents ($.33) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1/3 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the territory of the Authority for ten (10) years, 2004 through 2013 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating, maintaining, and improving the Charlevoix Area Community Pool? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1/3 mill would raise an estimated $160,656 for the Authority when first levied in 2004.

EVELINE TOWNSHIP
BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER MILLAGE

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 0.35 mills for the purpose of providing funds for planning, coordinating, evaluating and providing services to older persons, including the construction of a senior citizen center.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to 0.35 cents ($0.35) per thousand dollars ($1,000)(0.35 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for three (3) years, 2004 through 2006, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for planning, coordinating, evaluating and providing services to older persons, including the construction of a senior citizen center? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 0.35 mills would raise an estimated $66,168 for the township when first levied in 2004. This millage shall be levied only if approved by the electorate in all of the following municipalities within Charlevoix County: Bay Township, City of Boyne City, Boyne Valley Township, Evangeline Township, Eveline Township, Melrose Township, and Wilson Township.

HAYES TOWNSHIP

This proposal will permit the Recreational Authority to levy up to 1/3 of a mill for the purpose of providing funds for operating, maintaining, and improving the Charlevoix Area Community Pool for ten (10) years, 2004 through 2013, inclusive.

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MARION TOWNSHIP
ZONING REFERENDUM

Shall the ordinance passed by the Marion Township Board at its meeting held June 21, 2004, to change the zoning classification from Agricultural (A) to Residential-1 (R-1) on the following described parcel be approved?

Current address:
05163 Loeb Rod
A portion of Property Tax No.
15-009-002-063-00

Said parcel being located in the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/2 of Section 2 of Marion Township, containing approximately 36 acres.

PEAINE TOWNSHIP
OPERATING MILLAGE

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 4 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the general operation of the Township. The electors previously approved two millage propositions totaling 4 mills to raise funds for the general operation of the Township, both of which expire in 2004. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced these millages to a combined 3.7848 mills. This ballot proposal combines the previously approved two millages into one millage renews the existing 3.7848 mills and restores the .2152 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes, which may be imposed, on taxable property in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to four dollars ($4.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (4 mills) on the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2005 through 2008 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the general operation of the township? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 4 mills would raise an estimated $195,894 for the township when first levied in 2005.

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP
PROPOSAL A

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 3.25 mills for the purpose of providing funds for general operations of the township in the years 2005-2009, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of St. James, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to three dollars twenty-five cents ($3.25) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (3.25 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for five (5) years, 2005 through 2009 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for general operations of the township? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 3.25 mills would raise an estimated $116,415 for the township when first levied in 2005.

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP
PROPOSAL B

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 1 mill for the purpose of providing funds for airport operations and maintenance in the years 2005-2009, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of St. James, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to one dollar ($1.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for five (5) years, 2005 through 2009 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for airport operations and maintenance? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1 mill would raise an estimated $35,820 for the township when first levied in 2005.

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP
PROPOSAL C

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 1.75 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and maintenance of the landfill and transfer station within the township in the years 2005-2009, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of St. James, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to one dollar seventy-five cents ($1.75) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (1.75 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for five (5) years, 2005 through 2009 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and maintenance of the landfill and transfer station? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1.75 mill would raise an estimated $62,685 for the township when first levied in 2005.

SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to 2 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the construction and maintenance of roads in the township in the years 2005-2008, inclusive.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of South Arm, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan be increased by up to two dollars ($2.00) per thousand dollars ($1,000) (2 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2005 through 2008 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road construction and maintenance? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 2 mills would raise an estimated $139,571 for the township when first levied in 2005.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

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Council candidates discuss city's future

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

City Council candidates are looking into the future and what it has in store for Charlevoix.

First Ward incumbent Bill Haggard said there are several things that are in store for the city in the future. For one, he said the city should try to stay within the budget, especially since the city will be losing some revenue sharing from the state.

Also, Haggard said he wants the city to progress with the infrastructure.

One project that will occur in the future is the new marina. Haggard said the city needs to get the money for it and then go forth with the project. However, if money isn't available to complete it in a year, Haggard said it can be accomplished over two or three years in order to keep it within the budget.

"It's going to be a little tough, but it can be done I'm sure," he said.

When the new city council is elected, Haggard said the first step they should take would be to make sure they're all on the same page and whether or not they can work well together.

Then, with the council intact, he said they can look toward the future of the city in areas like infrastructure to make sure things run smoothly.

Haggard said the city also needs to keep up with the electric, which is running pretty well and is currently self-sustaining.

"We're way ahead of the game right now," he said.

Since some people who are currently department heads will be coming up for retirement, Haggard said the council should make sure those important people are properly replaced.

Candidate Rebecca Doan said the future should involve bringing more businesses into town.

"What I'd like to see is all the store fronts filled," she said.

In order to bring businesses into town, Doan said she thinks the city could offer more tax incentives.

"Hopefully, they'll bring in good jobs for the people," Doan said of future business opportunities.

Doan said East Park and the marina should stay the same, but become more accessible for handicapped individuals and senior citizens. This could be achieved by having another sidewalk cut through the park and leading toward the pavilion and by creating a drop-off space, she said.

The marina, Doan said, should be kept as is and be well-maintained.

Doan said she doesn't want to see apartments and condominiums crammed in together in order to help pay the tax revenue.

"We only have so much tax revenue," she said. "Let's work within our budget."

Doan wants to keep the character Charlevoix is known for alive.

"We already are on the right path," she said. "I'd like to see Charlevoix as it is — A small town, a beautiful town."

Doan said if the budget is there, some long-term goals she envisions for the community are a sidewalk on Park Avenue along Michigan Beach Park and getting things underway with the snowboarding hill at Mt. McSauba without another study.

When the elections are over, Doan said if she is elected she'd agree to a meeting that would enable everyone to get on the same page.

"As long as everyone treats everyone respectively and everyone knows their role, everything should run smoothly," she said. "I always take the high road."

Second Ward incumbent Karen I. Campbell said the focus shouldn't necessarily be on the future, but instead should be on the past and putting current issues to rest.

However, a need for new industry in the city is something she said can hopefully be fulfilled in the future.

"We do need industry here," she said.

If more industry comes to the city, she said that could open up jobs that would in turn enable people to afford to purchase many of the houses that are currently up for sale.

Campbell said there are other things the future holds for the city including finishing the current airport project and creating a sidewalk along Michigan Beach Park.

The sidewalk would extend from Grant Street toward the hospital along Park Avenue in order to allow pedestrians a safe walking path, she said.

Candidate Alvin "Butch" Russell said he would like to see some new docks and a new marina.

He said he'd also like to see more jobs and affordable housing come into the city.

"I think one of the biggest problems we have right now is housing for the local people," he said.

A lot of area houses are used as summer residences, but many remain unaffordable to those who live here year round, he said.

"I don't know what the answer is, but it needs to be addressed," he said. "Housing is a major problem."

When the elections are over and the city council and mayor are chosen, Russell said the first thing they should do is to get over the disagreements.

"I hope they quit bickering and start looking toward the future of Charlevoix," he said. "I hope that would change after the election."

Third Ward incumbent Sherman Chamberlain Jr. said he thinks Charlevoix has a good future in store because it's a chance to set the city apart from other entities.

Since Charlevoix doesn't have a lot of big box stores like those found in Petoskey, Traverse City and Gaylord, Chamberlain said Charlevoix is able to remain unique.

"The key is marketing the fact that we still have that small town feel," he said.

Chamberlain said one change could be made toward marketing Charlevoix as a city that people can park their cars in and ride bicycles or walk to get around.

In order to facilitate such tourism, Chamberlain said a bicycle path could be placed from Harbor Industries to Fisherman's Island and a walk way could he placed along Park Avenue starting from the corner of Grant Street.

"It would take a lot of cooperation between the state government, Charlevoix Township and the City of Charlevoix," he said.

Even though it would take a lot of work, Chamberlain said it is something that could be good for the community.

Bringing more businesses to the area is something Chamberlain also envisions for the future of Charlevoix. He said many businesses move up here for the quality of life the area provides.

"We should market ourselves to people who first and foremost want to live here," he said.

Once the elections are over, Chamberlain said the first move by the city council and the mayor should be to bring the department heads to the first meeting of the year.

"I think it will create a closer relationship between council and the department heads," he said.

Chamberlain said the marina should be put in place because it and the park are the heart and soul of the community and an integral part of attracting people to the community.

Revitalizing the buildings downtown, Chamberlain said, is something mentioned in the 1982 Master Plan and should be done since about 95 percent of Charlevoix is developed.

"We're a nice little community and I just want to see it stay

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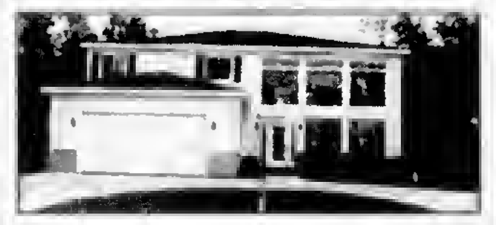

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Mayoral candidates focus on the future

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With the Nov. 2 elections just around the corner, mayoral candidates Gabe Campbell and Norman "Boogie" Carlson are looking into what lies ahead for the city they call home.

Incumbent Campbell said he hopes the city stays at it's current state of beauty.

Gabe Campbell

Norman Carlson

"I would like to see the city pretty much the way you look at it today," he said. "It's so pretty."

Campbell said the primary focus should be on taking care of things that need to be fixed in the city instead of on more projects.

In order to protect the future of Charlevoix, Campbell said the city should look into working with the townships in order to restrict sprawl and big box developments from occurring.

"We should do what we're asking the townships to do," Campbell said, which is to restrict retail developments to 50,000 square feet.

Also, Campbell said the city needs to look closely at what is allowed to hook up to the sewer line.

With the future always coming, Campbell said the city should look into creating a sidewalk along Michigan Beach Park that would run from the start of the park to the township line and longer, if the township wished to make it so.

Campbell said he is happy with the current airport project, but is a little reluctant to use infrastructure money to fund it. He said infrastructure money should go toward infrastructure projects and the same goes for the electric fund.

"We've been paying it back when we borrow it, but I think the electric funds should be used for electric so we don't get into the position of having to raise the rates," he said.

Campbell also said the numerous traffic studies that were conducted should be looked at to determine the best solution for a period that lasts six to eight weeks in the summer. He said it's time to take action and not conduct another study.

"I wouldn't like to see a lot of major changes," he said. "I think it's beautiful right the way it is."

Some projects in the future that could be attended to are restoring the cemetery chapel and bringing in more industry to the area.

"There doesn't seem to be a lot of reason for young people to stay," he said.

Campbell said the younger generation should be encouraged to stay in the city or the townships.

Once the mayor and city council elections are over, Campbell said the new group should get together and make sure they're all on the same page with the city manager and that he's on the same page as them.

Currently, Campbell said City Manager Michael Wiesner withholds information because he says he likes to wait until all the information is gathered together. Waiting for the information can sometimes take up to three to four months before the City Council is informed on what is going on, he said.

Campbell said he has been told to say he knows about something even though he doesn't. He said this coffee shop talk isn't something most people would go with including himself and Carlson.

Overall, Campbell thinks the city is functioning as is.

"I think it's great the way it is," he said.

Candidate Carlson said he thinks the future holds good things for the city of Charlevoix, but those things will happen if everyone starts off on the same page.

He said the city administration, the mayor, the city council and the constituents should all work together to make things happen.

If he is elected, Carlson said the first thing he will do is call a work session to try and "get things headed in a positive direction."

Carlson said he also has plans to create a junior member council that would sit in on city council meetings as a way to learn more about how government works.

"City government is a good spot to start," he said.

He also thinks the city should continue on with various projects currently facing the city such as finish up City Hall and maintaining the parks and various infrastructure projects.

It's less expensive to take care of things than replace things in the long run, Carlson said.

He also thinks the city should continue getting the Wastewater Treatment Plant running properly and getting the marina project off the ground.

If the project goes through, the Waterways Commission will fund 75 percent of the project leaving the DDA to cover 25 percent.

"It would be paid without a penny from the city budget," he said.

If the project is dropped and only the bulkhead and docks are repaired, Carlson said the Waterways grant couldn't be used and the Downtown Development Authority wouldn't pay for it.

If the city does the repairs on the bulkhead and dock, Carlson said it would end up costing about $4 million of the tax payers dollars. This amount is much more, Carlson said, than what the 25 percent from the DDA would be to fund the project.

Without the project, Carlson said the marina could be repaired, but the city wouldn't have any new facilities or a more handicapped accessible park and marina.

Carlson said he's not saying the marina necessarily needs to go out as far into Round Lake as planned, but it's important for the city to have a nice facility.

"It's a pretty important project for a town like Charlevoix that sits on the water," he said.

With the city's number one industry as tourism, Carlson said the marina and park should be upgraded for everyone to enjoy and not just the boaters who come in.

As more people come into the downtown it will create more business for the local restaurants and shops, which Carlson said could create jobs because the different businesses would need more staff.

However, the first step, Carlson said is to buoy the lake so people can visually see exactly how far out into Round Lake the intended docks will go.

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Arts center, tribe to host ghost supper

The Crooked Tree Arts Center will host a Ghost Supper, beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center's Ghost Supper is a collaborative annual event that brings the Arts Center and the local Odawa community together. The Ghost Supper coincides with the Anishinaabe Festival as well as the native community's yearly tradition of having feasts to honor departed loved ones.

There is no charge for the supper and the public is encouraged to attend.

Each and every visitor is honored, fed, appreciated for their visitation and participation in the feast. It is helieved that the more visitors you have the more ancestors are honored as each visitor brings along with them the spiritual memhers of their family.

A buffet of native foods, turkey, smoked whitefish, frybread and family recipes will be offered. Serving as Ghost Supper Committee members are Yvonne M. Walker Keshick, Winnay Wemigwase,Eva Oldman, and Joe Mitchell of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa and Crooked Tree Arts Center's staff.

"We welcome people to bring a dish to share," said Dale Hull, executive director, Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Drumming, a ceremonial fire, and storytelling are all part of the evening's traditional events.

The Anishnaabe visual arts exhibition for 2004 is titled "Great Lakes Native Quilting." This exhibit showcases the diversity of native quiltmaking and pays tribute to the artists who continue to work in this expressive cultural medium.

The exhibit examines the historical introduction of quilting as well as the contemporary use and meaning of quilts made by Oneida, Odawa, Potawatomi, Ojihwa, Mohawk, Cree, Winnehago and Menominee quiltmakers living in Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, New York and Ontario.

The exhibit runs through Nov. 4 and is on loan from the Michigan State University Museum.

For more information, call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. The arts center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey.

Military aircrafts cruise over Charlevoix

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The rumble in the sky heard on Oct. 21 over Charlevoix from two C-14 planes was simply a return flight home.

Senior Master Sgt. David Snavley of Air to Ground Range located near the Army National Guard Base of Camp Grayling, said the planes were just flying over the area.

The low level of flight was due to the way the crew chose to fly home, Snavley said.

"They were just flying the pattern to simulate a cargo drop," he said.

The planes are heading hack from Alpena, where the crew underwent a training exercise, Snavley said. There were no troops aboard but only the crew who is returning to their home at McChord Air Force Base in Washington.

Remember to keep signs on your own property

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Police Chief Dennis Halverson would like to remind everyone to keep their campaign yard signs in their yard and off the city right-of-way, which is usually defined as the area of grass between the sidewalk and the street curh.

Halverson said it is a violation of the city's ordinance to place a sign on the right-of-way and people could be ticketed or have their signs removed for them. However, the police are asking for people's cooperation in keeping the signs off the city right-of-way.

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Humane Society trying to fix financial problems

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix County Humane Society is currently facing financial difficulties, but is managing to stay afloat.

Laura Kemp, director of the Charlevoix County Humane Society, said all non-profit organizations are feeling the hardship of the economy and as a result a drop in donations has occurred.

"It's been a struggle," she said.

Due to the financial situation, Kemp said the Humane Society had to eliminate their spaying and neutering program, which helped with the cost, and also had to cut staff hours.

"We've really been struggling financially and that's why we sent a plea to the community," she said.

Kemp said the Humane Society is currently working on cutting costs, increasing revenue and finding other ways to receive funds that aren't coming from the places they usually did.

In order to increase revenue, Kemp said the Humane Society started giving rabies shots on site, increased the adoption fee from $85 to $95 and has created a fund-raising committee that coordinates fund-raisers throughout the community.

One fund-raiser that worked well, Kemp said, was the Color Cruise the society had during the 25th Annual Apple Festival and Craft Show. The cruise was from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 9 aboard the Beaver Islander.

Tickets sold for $25 and Kemp said 96 tickets were sold, but due to weather only 85 people showed up for the cruise. Kemp said a total of $2,600 was raised from the Color Cruise alone.

Kemp said the Humane Society is hoping to feature the Color Cruise as a yearly event.

However, this year was hard and the majority of the money generated came from the community and not through fund-raisers, Kemp said.

Kemp said there are challenges that lie ahead and in the coming year.

"We're not out of the woods yet, but we're looking better than we were a couple of months ago," she said.

Kemp said the Charlevoix County Humane Society is in need of volunteers and is always looking for those who are willing to donate their time.

On Dec. 12 the Humane Society will be having an Open House where people can drop off Christmas presents they'd care to donate for the animals.

For more information call the Charlevoix County Humane Society at 582-6774.

Library teen group plans fun-filled gross evening

The Charlevoix Public Library's Teen Advisory Group is hosting a evening of fun from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29 in the Library's basement.

The Teen Advisory Group is working hard at planning "That's gross enough for me!" a guaranteed-to-make-you-say-"eeewww" party.

The crafts, food, books and games are designed to be fun, not scary. Costumes are welcome in the spirit of Halloween, but not necessary.

Children of all ages will find something that will gross them out.

"All kids will have a chance to eat kitty litter, make slime and read about 'Walter the farting dog," said Amy Spegele, Youth Services Assistant.

For more information, contact Amy at 547-2651.

Family of Faith to host Lang concert this weekend

Craig Lang, whose Christian contemporary rock and worship music is played on Christian radio stations nationwide, will perform at Family of Faith Ministries, in Charlevoix at 203 E. Upright. 1-2:30 worships on Oct. 30, and concert/worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 31.

Lang is a worship leader at Living Word International in his hometown, Midland. He recently was signed by Nashville-based Level Six Records to a multiple-release recording contract, including his current solo debut CD "I Want to Know You."

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Help stop teenage drunk driving in Charlevoix

In an effort to make its local streets and highways safer, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association is looking to the public to help reduce an alarming trend: Young people getting into vehicles while under the influence of alcohol.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, over 17,000 people were killed in alcohol-related traffic accidents in the United States last year, a rate of one person every 30 minutes. Even more alarmingly, almost one third of the 15 to 20 year-old drivers killed in motor vehicle crashes in the U.S. had been drinking.

"Tragically, many individuals under the age of 21 fail to recognize the lethal combination of alcohol and driving," said Sheriff George T. Lasater of Charlevoix County and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association. "Excessive drinking leads to reckless and, in many cases, lawless behavior."

Because of their relative lack of driving experience, adolescents are at greater risk for traffic accidents. Also, younger drivers are more susceptible than older drivers to alcohol-induced impairment.

Studies from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control show that almost as many young men age 18 to 20 as legal-aged 21- to 34-year olds acknowledge driving while under the influence. Yet the problem is not confined to one particular age group or gender. Statistics show that approximately 70 percent of all teenagers drink alcohol, including one Georgetown University's Center for Alcohol Marketing and Youth found that, in certain age categories, teenage girls are drinking more than teen boys because of an increasing number of ads for products like wine coolers and alcoholic ice teas that are geared primarily toward young women.

Although tougher drunk driving penalties, seat belt laws and increased sobriety checkpoints have had a significant impact in reducing drunk driving fatalities, the battle cannot be won by law enforcement authorities alone. Family and friends often are in the best position to identify and prevent behaviors in adolescents that lead to underage drinking.

Sheriff Lasater said, "While the 'Say No to Drugs' message has been heeded by a large number of parents and their children, what seems to be lost is the fact that underage drinking kills almost seven times more young people than all other illicit drugs combined. We're always trying to get through to teens, but much of the groundwork needs to start at home and continue on with peer groups. The risks for being complacent are simply too high."

Fortunately, there are signs that young adults themselves recognize the high cost in both dollars and human lives for accidents that, in most instances, could have been avoided. Various surveys among the nation's college students show that an overwhelming majority favors 21 as the minimum age to sell or serve alcohol and hopes to see drunk-driving rules more strongly enforced.

Safeguards Against Underage Drunk Driving:

- Parents and older siblings must be aware that they are role models to younger family members, and should be cognizant of what kind of examples they set in regard to both their driving and drinking habits.
- Restricting access to liquor and automobiles at home may be an effective preventative measure in the short term, but it is even more advisable to confront your son(s) and/or daughters(s) about the serious risks involved with underage drinking.
- Whether driving or riding as a passenger in a vehicle, always wear a seatbelt!
- If you see vehicles that are speeding excessively or swerving, try to get a license plate number and call the local police, sheriff's department or highway patrol.
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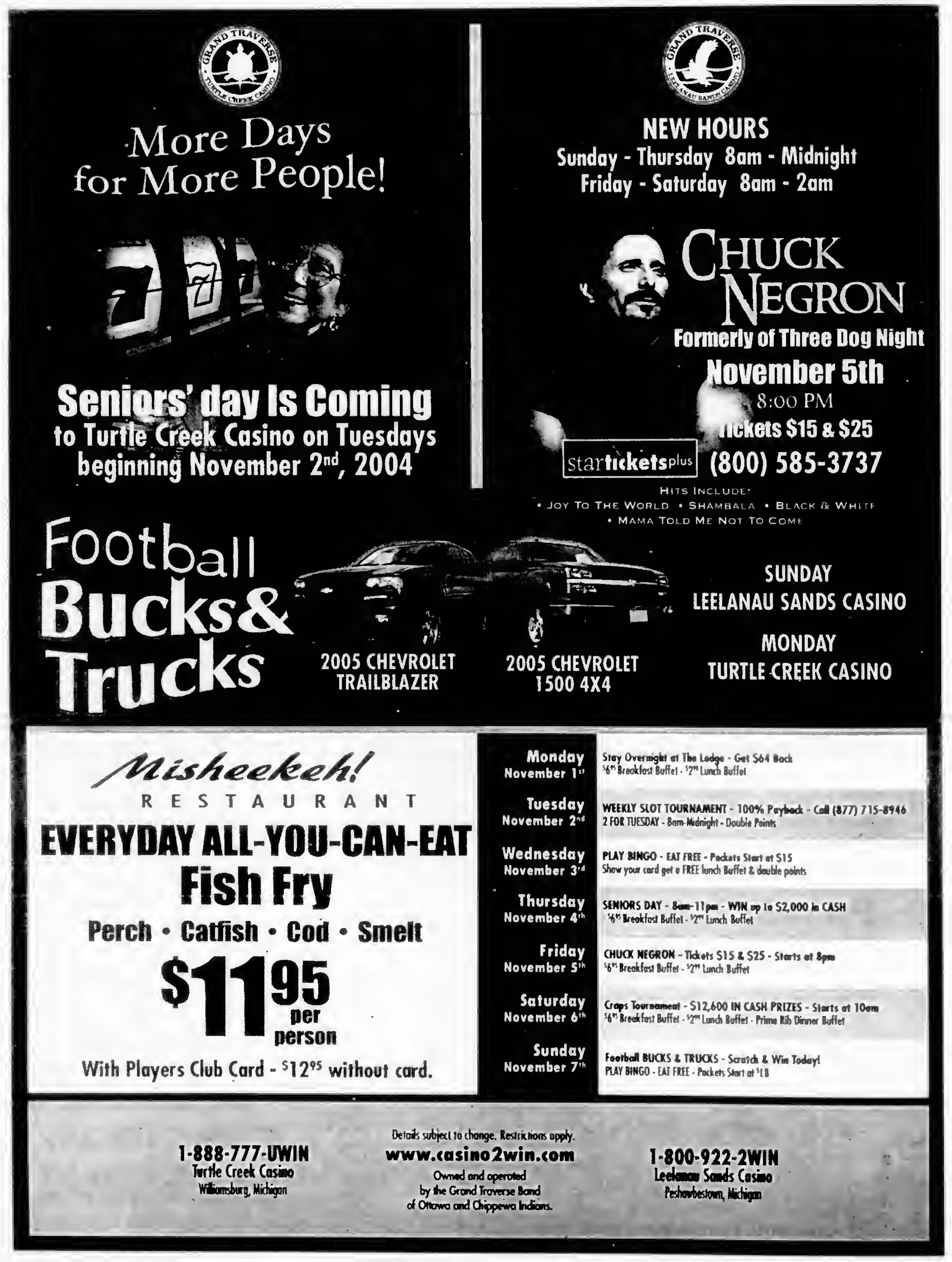
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(Below) These people, who participated as models in the First Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on Oct. 23, at the Community Reformed Churceither have dealt with cancer personally, are currently dealing with cancer or know someone who has and give their support. Pictured (from left to right) back row are: Cindy Cash, Gay Pung, Mary Ann Chew, Kathy Johnson, Harvey Coates and Kim Stevens. Middle row are: Diane Gorkiewicz, Lori Campbell, Mary Lou Supernaw, Judy Conrad, Joanne Friedman, Julie Mansfield, Loretta Richardson, Mary Marsh, Bob Pardee and Jamie Johnson. Front row are: Patsy Ramsey, Sydney Campbell and Don Luedke. (Right) Harvey Coates, who is currently dealing with cancer.

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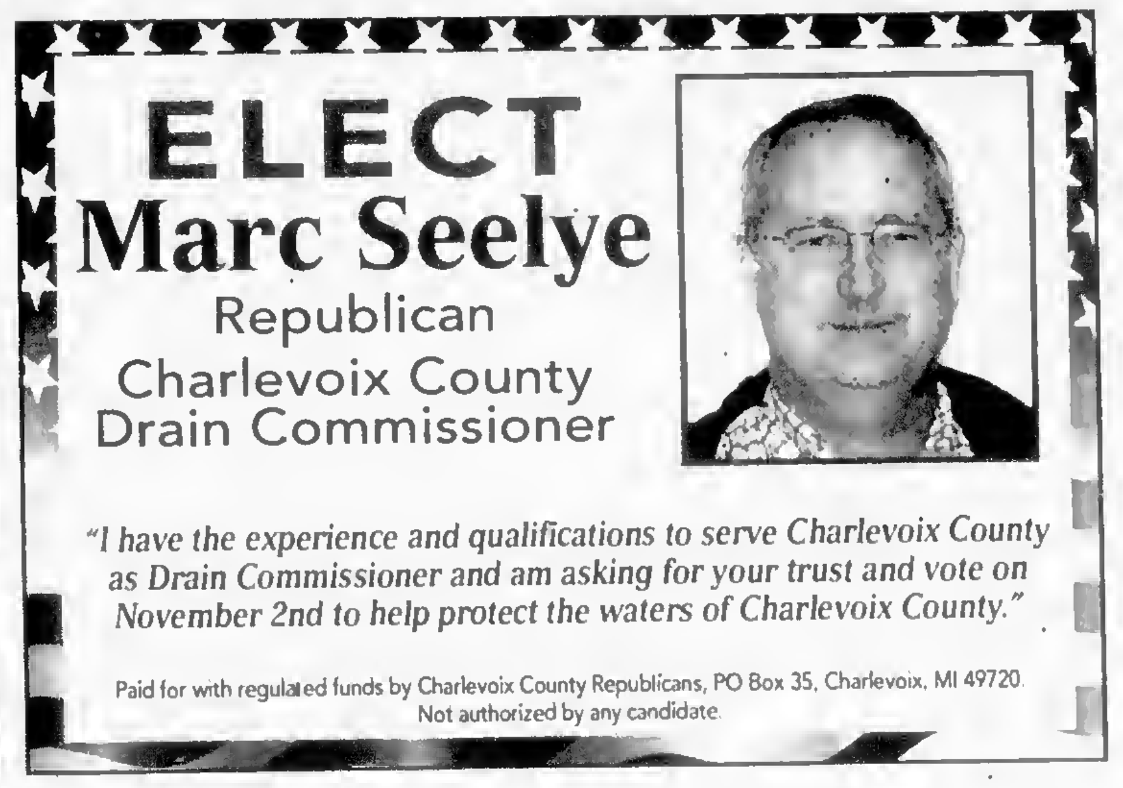
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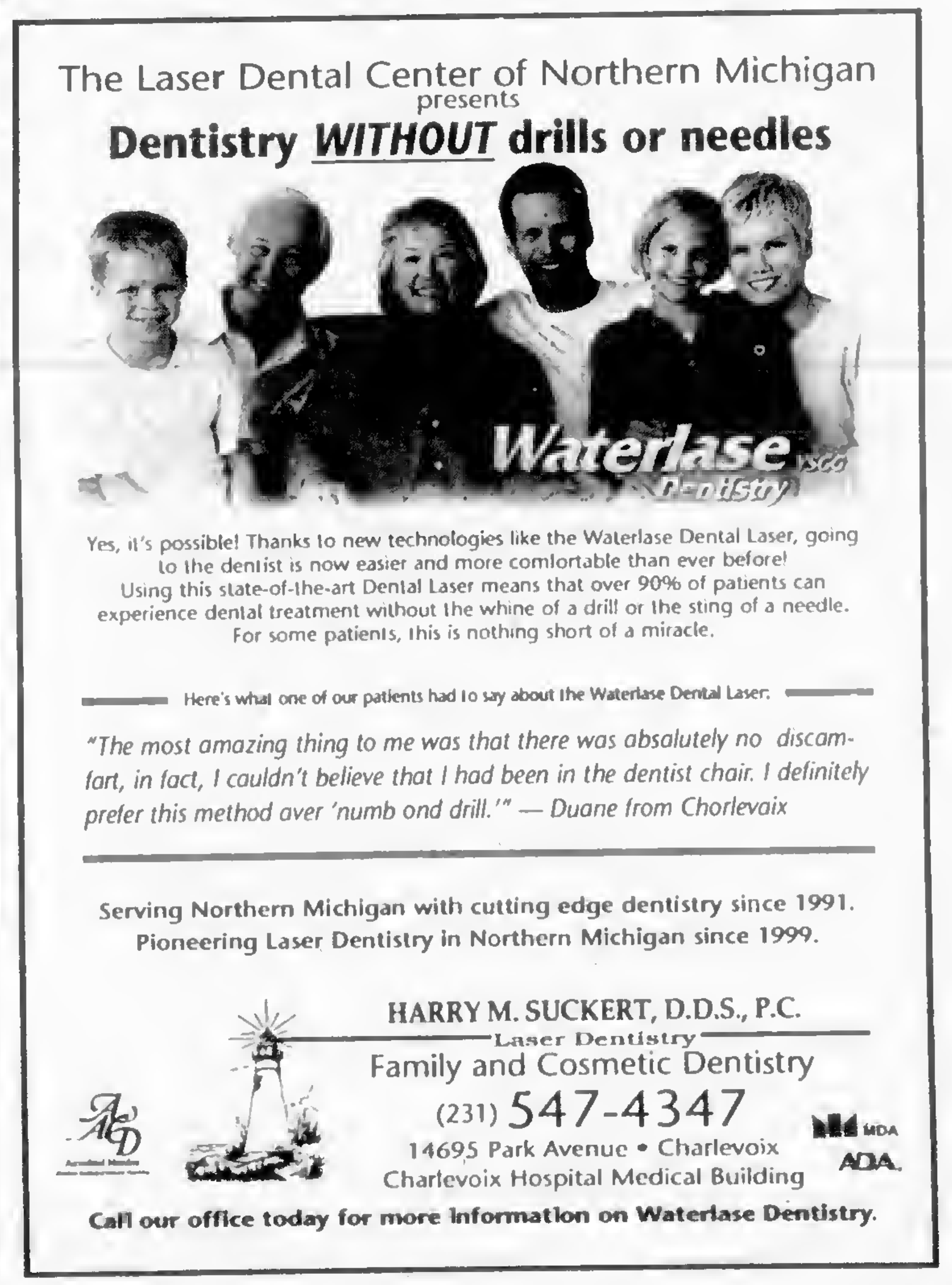
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Council donates money for library artwork

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Public Library will not only be a larger facility, it will also be an artistic one.

The Charlevoix Council for the Arts has donated $2,000 a year for three years to go toward purchasing art for the library.

Mary Ann Chew, president of the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees, said the money will be used to purchase various paintings, sculptures and other artistic possibilities to decorate the library with.

"The board is ecstatic that we have a beginning fund here for quality art for the library," she said.

Chew, who is also the treasurer for the Charlevoix Council for the Arts, said a committee will choose the pieces of art for the library, which will hopefully include original artistic creations.

"I think art always enhances our life no matter where we are," she said.

By displaying the art in the public library, Chew said the children in the community can be influenced by art.

"I think that books, reading and the arts go hand in hand," she said. "They enhance our lives."

Mary Beth McGraw, president of the Charlevoix Council for the Arts, said the donation is part of the council's goal to inspire and create an appreciation for the arts in the community and with students.

"We're looking to make this more valuable than just decorating," she said.

By partnering with the library, McGraw said the council will be able to provide some experience students and community members may not otherwise be able to have because there aren't any museums and similar facilities near the area.

McGraw said an old German saying states that literature, the visual arts and music all reflect the times people live in and designate a specific time period.

"Those three areas have a very strong connection from the beginning of time," she said.

She said some possibilities include getting students together to create art, using art to cover historic periods and other educational values.

The council also sponsors the Waterfront Art Fair, which all proceeds go back into the community to further art education. She said the council bought a grand piano for the Charlevoix High School auditorium.

By helping get quality art into the library, McGraw said the council is continuing the connection between students, the community and art.

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Society seeking funding for pillar restoration

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Historical Society is calling for support in order to repair several of the Depot Museum's exterior pillars.

David Miles, co-director of the Harsha House Museum, said those that contribute to the new support program called "Pillars of the Society," will be honored as Pillars of the Charlevoix Historical Society and will be recognized on a plaque that will be displayed in the Harsha House Museum.

Miles said the restoration project is very important because of the Depot's historical value.

"The Depot is a national historic site and the only one in town," he said. "It's one of the great historic landmarks in town."

The Depot's pillars, which were constructed in 1892, are in need of repairs.

One pillar was restored this summer and Miles said the Charlevoix Historical Society hopes to have five more completed by next spring.

Many of the problems with the pillars stem from moisture collecting in the bottom, Miles said, which is resulting in the pillars rotting from the bottom first.

The next pillar to be replaced is one that is infested with bees and extra care will be needed to handle it. However, one can't tell apart the original pillars with the new ones.

"They are restored exactly as they look," Miles said.

The wood pillars are being replace with wood and not synthetic materials in order to truly be an exact copy of the original.

Miles said the project will be funded entirely through donations made to the "Pillars of the Society" program.

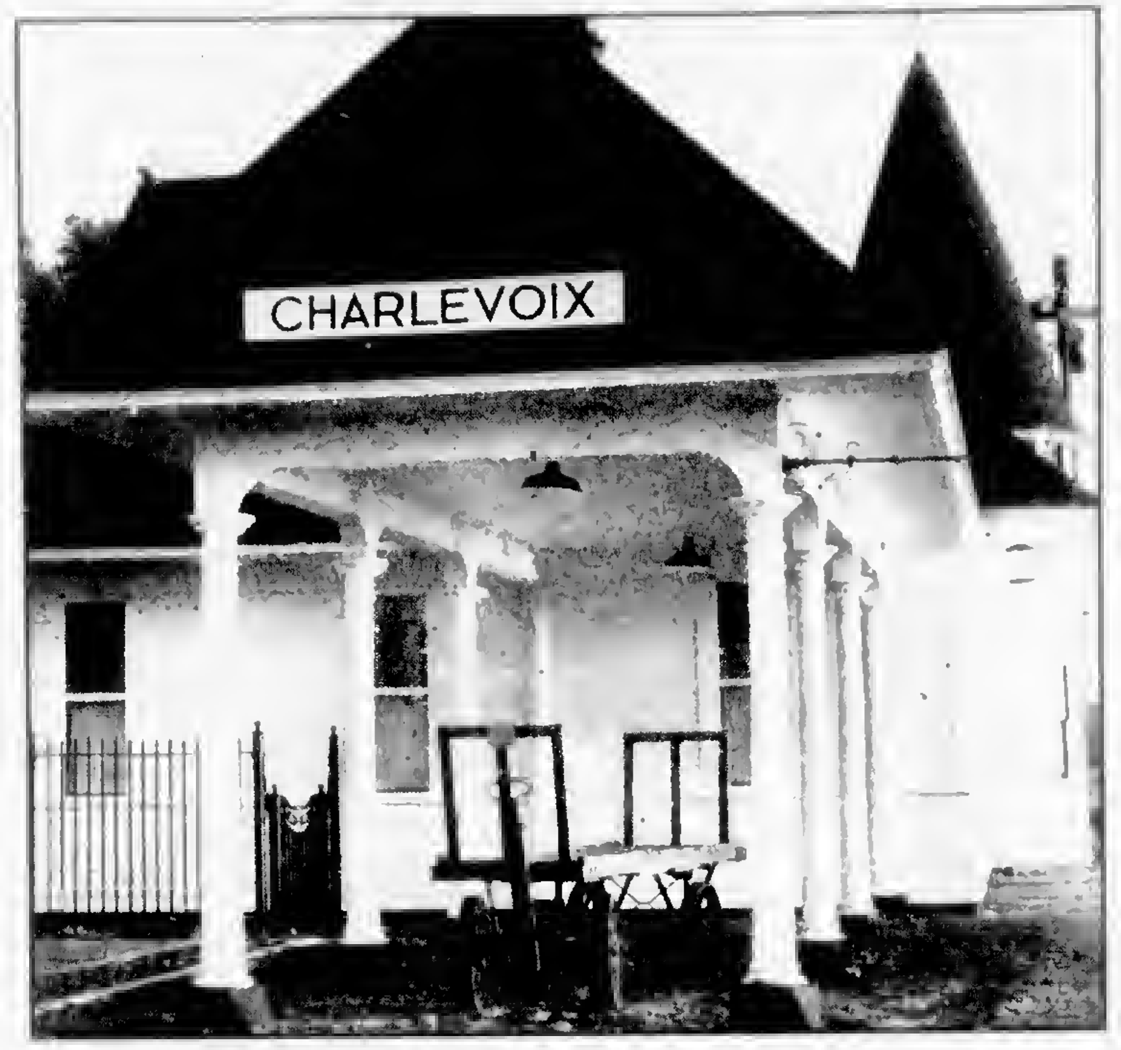
Currently, there are only five pillars that have been identified as in need of restoration, but Miles said the rest will be evaluated next spring.

"We have lost so much it's especially important to maintain what we have and realize the historical value," Miles said.

The Depot is not idle, Miles said, and currently functions as a place for exhibits, meetings and parties. However, it's important for its own reasons.

"It's architecture," he said. "The fact that so many people were introduced to Charlevoix throughout the years here and that was the first building they saw when they got here."

All of the restoration work is being conducted by Jim Lewis, a member of the Charlevoix Historical Society board of directors; David Robinson, a local community member who does restoration work; and Rudy Scharschmidt, a Charlevoix Historical Society member.



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The Charlevoix Historical Society wants to replace the pillars on this museum.

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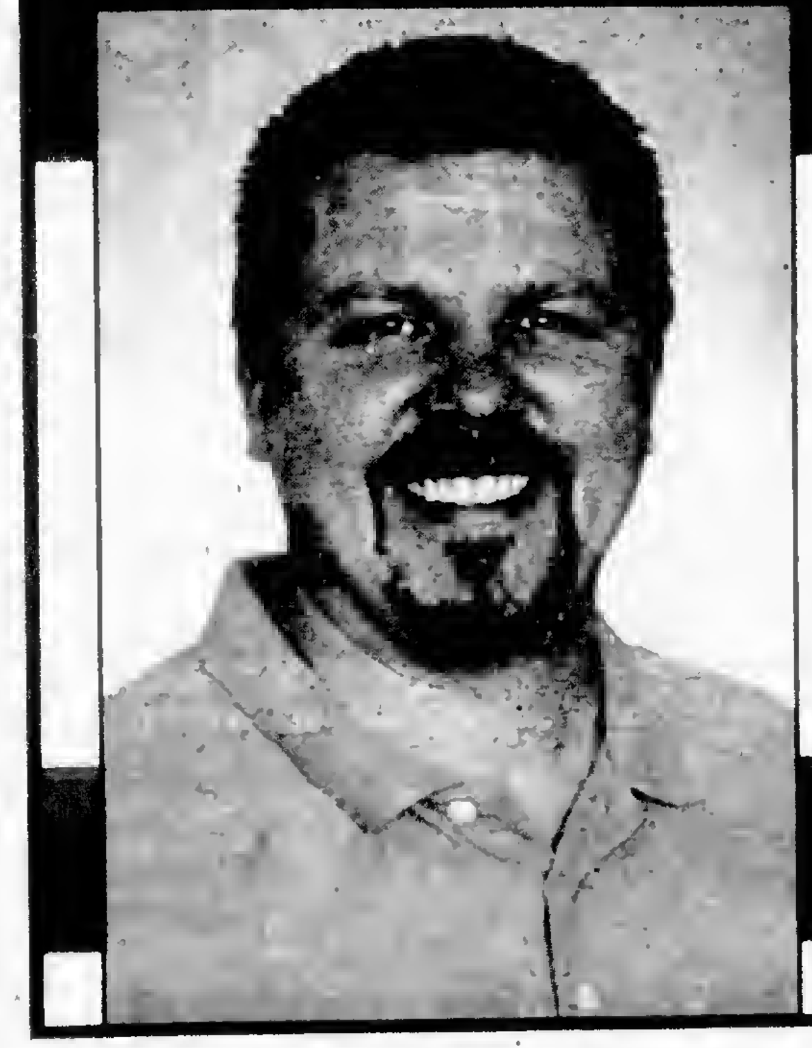

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BEWARE OF FALSE CLAIMS OF A QUICK FIX

FACT: The seawall and docks of the City Marina are deteriorating and in dire need of repair.

CONSEQUENCE: The City seawall and docks must be repaired.

FACT: The soils in East Park, in proximity to the City Marina, are environmentally suspect and 70% of the existing sheet steel of the seawall is inadequate.

CONSEQUENCE: The City seawall and docks cannot be repaired in a "quick fix" manner and will cost approximately $4 million to repair.

FACT: Eleven public meetings have been held and the City Council and Charlevoix DDA have both adopted unanimous resolutions supporting a Marina Improvement Plan.

CONSEQUENCE: The Marina Improvement Plan provides that 75% of the Marina repair expense will be paid by the State, with 25% to be paid by the Charlevoix DDA from property taxes collected in the Charlevoix downtown district. Zero (0%) percent of the Marina repair expense would be paid by taxpayers outside the downtown district.

FACT: Adoption of the Marina Improvement Plan will return to Charlevoix approximately $6.8 million in State collected "boating taxes."

CONSEQUENCE: The State funds will not only pay for 75% of Marina repairs, but will also enable the City to make unprecedented improvements to East Park at no expense to taxpayers outside the downtown district.

CONSEQUENCE: (continued) East Park improvements facilitated by the return of state "boating taxes" include (1) a new Harbormaster's office with showers, restrooms and other facilities, (2) a new outdoor bandshell pavilion with amphitheater seating, (3) a new fishpond, ice skating infrastructure and new off-site parking, (4) new landscaping, handicap accessible sidewalks, electrical, lighting and watering systems, and (5) a floating dock system which provides 32 more boat slips, and extensive public access (including handicapped) onto the piers and wide harbor view corridors where none currently exists.

FACT: If the Marina Improvement Plan is rejected, the $4 million expense of Marina repairs will be shifted to and paid by taxpayers throughout all areas of the City.

CONSEQUENCE: If the Plan is rejected, the expense of Marina repairs would no longer be paid by State "boating taxes" or by the Charlevoix DDA from property taxes collected within the downtown district. Because the City would lose $6.8 million of State funds, Marina repairs would then be paid from property taxes collected from taxpayers within all areas of the City. No money would remain for the additional East Park improvements, which would otherwise have been made without expense to taxpayers outside the downtown district.

FACT: The improvements proposed within the Marina Improvement Plan can still be modified, including the length of piers.

CONSEQUENCE: Local residents and officials still retain control over Marina and East Park affairs.

Failure to adopt the Marina Improvement Plan will cost City taxpayers $$MILLIONS$$

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What does the future hold for Charlevoix?

COUNCIL

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unique," he said.

Candidate Dave Scott said Charlevoix needs smart growth instead of sprawl.

"That doesn't mean we don't want to grow," he said.

Scott said the city shouldn't be afraid to say no to developers that want things not consistent with what the city wants and according to guidelines and ordinances.

Scott would also like to see more done in order to keep young people to stay in the city.

"We have a cool place to live," he said.

In order to keep the young people in town, Scott said the city should encourage the development of businesses with good paying jobs and more high-tech businesses.

The future of Charlevoix should also be promoted as a premiere vacation spot and be seen as attractive from a business and aesthetic standpoint, Scott said, without losing the character of the community.

"We should continue to promote and leverage our greatest potentials and opportunities in tourism," Scott said.

One big change for the future should be to update the Master Plan every five years, since the last one is dated 1982.

Scott said the city should explore the possibilities of implementing a regional planning authority that would involve the city and the townships. Scott said such an authority would help to eliminate sprawl and promote good growth.

He said the needs of the city and townships are different, but Scott said a regional planning authority would benefit everyone involved.

Once the elections are over, Scott said the city council and mayor should work toward benefiting the people of Charlevoix.

"In the last couple of months, with all the arguing and bickering, one thing has been forgotten, the citizens," Scott said.

Scott said a high speed data fiber network is in the works that will connect all the city buildings, the schools and the library. Scott said this is good, but the people should be able to access it as well. He said it hasn't come before city council yet, but some of the very early groundwork has begun.

Scott said the city council meetings could be shown online for those who can't make a meeting or who are away at their winter residences.

"All of our problems will just be solved if we take care of the citizens," he said.

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The City Fire Department had its First Annual Open House on Oct. 23 where they instructed children on fire prevention. (Above) Firefighter Brian MacDonald assists Sarah Bingman, 12, as she exits the smoke house.

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Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Street Superintendent John Martin reported that, in order to comply with the Department of Homeland Security, the Beaver Island Boat Company has until November to put up eight foot high security fencing that will run from the corner cluster pile, up and around the viewing platform, and down by the Coast Guard mooring. Engineer John Adams, who worked on the original Bridge Park project is looking at getting handicap access from the sidewalk down to the channel walkway.
- Motion adopted to set public hearing on ordinance to prohibit dangerous animals in the central business district for November 15, 2004.
- Motion adopted to approve Christmas lighting bid from Holiday Lightning in the amount of $12,301.
- Motion adopted to approve listed candidates for the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool.
- Resolution 2004-10-02 adopted to approve Amendment A to MDOT Contract 2003-05-70 (Airport Parking Lot Construciton).
- Resolution 2004-10-03 adopted to appoint Don Swem as Charlevoix's Commissioner to the Michigan Public Power Agency.
- Resolution 2004-10-04 adopted to approve the Mayor and Clerk to sign the MDOT Trunk Line Maintenance Contract #2004-0617.

Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Ofice, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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Fire safety lesson

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(Above) James Bellant, 8, and Sarah Bingman, 12, were instructed on the proper use of a smoke detector by Shift Commander Joseph Schwartzfisher.

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Elsenheimer, McKimmy battle for 105th seat

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

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Charlevoix residents, and all others in the 105th state representative district, will be picking from two fresh candidates on Nov. 2.

The seat was held by Republican Ken Bradstreet, but he must vacate it due to term limits. This means voters must pick either Republican Kevin Elsenheimer or Democrat Jim McKimmy and both have solid opinions on how to best serve the citizens of this district.

Both men have ties to Charlevoix. Elsenheimer's law office partner, Jim Young, represents the city of Charlevoix and McKimmy was the school district's superintendent in the 1970s.

Elsenheimer said the key issue for the next representative of the 105th, will be dealing with the state budget.

"That really effects us. The budget crisis gives us the opportunity to reevaluate how we fund the state government," he said. "We can determine whether or not the way we fund roads and bridges using the gas tax money is an appropriate way to keep pace with increasing costs of those improvements."

He added this will give the state a chance to also determine whether the single business tax — something he opposes — is an appropriate tool to tax corporations.

On the state budget, McKimmy pointed right to the single business tax as the problem. But, he said the problem is the Republican's desire to end it.

McKimmy said cuts to the single business tax are responsible for 45 percent of the budget problem facing the state. McKimmy also pointed out that, already, 65 percent of the businesses in the state of Michigan do not pay the single business tax.

Those who do pay the tax, he said, tend to be the larger corporations.

"People advocating a single business tax reduction are really talking about tax breaks to the biggest companies," he said.

Other losses in the budget, when combined with these cuts in the single business tax, are the state's dependence on the personal income and sales tax. With a hurting economy, both of those taxes are going to go down.

Another big issue facing the residents of this district is the economy.

Elsenheimer said he believes the key to attracting good jobs to the district is the designation of enterprise or renaissance zones. These zones are attractive to business due to lower taxes.

He said he would also like to pursue job incubator sites throughout the district. In these sites, a company could start up using a facility owned by the government. Once it is on its feet, it moves on to its own site.

He also believes phasing out the single business tax will help the business environment in the district and state.

By doing these things, Elsenheimer said he wants to make the state more friendly to businesses, thus attracting more.

McKimmy believes jobs are actually the answer to our state budget problems. With more jobs, we have more money coming into the state.

McKimmy said he would like reward businesses that create well paying jobs in the state of Michigan with special tax cuts. A well paying job would be one that pays $8 per hour, plus benefits, or $12 to $14 per hour without benefits.

"That person has a reasonable chance to make it," he said.

He also advocates making sure economic development organizations, such as the Michigan Growth Alliance, in the state are adequately funded so they can promote the area and entice companies to come.

And when one company comes in, McKimmy said there are typically spin off companies.

"We have a common interest in the 105th. If we work together through existing agencies, I think we can make northern Michigan desirable," he said.

One of the things that makes northern Michigan desirable to both candidates are our natural resources. Both candidates said it is important to protect the environment, but when it came to our Great Lakes water, they had different ways of protecting it.

Elsenheimer argues the law right now gives the governor of Michigan the right to veto any withdrawal of Great Lakes water by any Great Lakes state.

He said some people don't think that is the case and would like Michigan to join an agreement between the states around the Great Lakes that sets up a process for drawing water. The problem is, this gives every state equal power. Which means states like Minnesota could start pumping water for their prairie areas or selling it in the western states.

But, McKimmy said by not being a part of this agreement, Michigan is loosing out. He agrees that the pact is poorly written, but said until Michigan is a part of it, it can not work to change the language.

He disagrees with Elsenheimer that the governor has the power to veto water withdrawals and points to the water bottling plant in Mecosta county as an example. With that case, the citizens of Mecosta had to band together and take the issue to the courts using their own money.

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By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

What's a good way to promote healthy political choices than through cookies?

Kris Way, owner of The Coffee Shop in Charlevoix, is featuring a cookie election in which sugar cookies decorated with a "B" for President George W. Bush and a "K" for Senator John Kerry are considered one vote.

"Really for me personally and as the store owner, it is to sell cookies," Way said.

The election started at the beginning of October and will run right up to the election. Way said the cookies will still be available on Nov. 2.

Way said she's not trying to take a side, but just sell cookies and have some fun. Her employees favor both Bush and Kerry and she said they try to push their Presidential favorite to the customers interested in casting a vote.

"It's really been fun," she said. "We all laugh and joke with it."

The idea came about from Way's sister who lives near a bakery in Kalamazoo. Way said her sister told her about how the bakery was selling cookies marked with each candidates initial and keeping a tally of how many "votes" were cast.

Way said the bakery has done this for years and other bakeries are joining in such as one in Sterling Heights. Way said the interesting fact is that the party ahead in the cookie election always won the real election.

Currently, Bush cookie votes are at 55 percent and Kerry cookie votes are at 45 percent. However, one person can "vote" as many times as they want to. Way said it has been fun to compare the cookie percentages to the real ones.

Way said the most "votes" sold at one time was about a dozen, but most people usually purchase one.

"It's spurred a lot of conversation and conflict with people," she said.

Way said one person got upset because they didn't think they should have to buy a vote. Way said the whole cookie election is just for fun and nothing official or serious.

"Most people think it's fun," she said.

In the beginning, both Bush and Kerry cookies were selling evenly and the vote totals were always close, Way said. However, as time went on Bush cookies took the lead.

"I can't tell if we really have more Bush people than Kerry people or if Republicans eat more cookies," she said.

The Bush cookies pulled ahead, Way said, during the 25th Annual Apple Festival and Craft Show when a lot of people came to Charlevoix.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Dan Hopkins reaches for a cookie to cast his "vote," but is stopped by Dianne DuPont. Hopkins and DuPont are two Charlevoix residents taking part in the cookie elections at The Coffee Shop.

"My regular people must be pretty even on the spectrum," she said.

Way said the majority of people casting their "votes" are adults, but people of all ages including high school students are joining in on the fun.

"It's really interesting for me to see these high school kids really into it," she said.

She said there seems to be more interest in politics among the young crowd, especially since the senior class of 2005 chose to have Bush and Kerry cardboard cut-outs topping off the end of their homecoming float.

"Kids are a lot more interested in government," she said.

Way said some students either know someone personally or know of someone who is currently serving in Iraq, which makes them more knowledgeable on politics. Way said this is natural for anyone during a time of war.

The cookies are decorated in red, white and blue frosting and cost .75 cents each. They are available and everyone is welcome to join in on the fun and cast their "vote."

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Nicholas Kalogeresis has been a program associate with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center since March 1998. He is a specialist in nonprofit organization management, downtown and community comprehensive planning and downtown design management.

In his tenure with the National Main Street Center, he has worked with the City of Chicago Main Street Initiative; the Wright-Dunbar neighborhood in Dayton, Ohio; the Fond du Lac/North Avenue commercial corridors in Milwaukee, Wis., the Main Street Oakland County and Michigan Main Street programs.

Before joining the center, he was the suburban coordinator with the Illinois Main Street Program for two years. During that time, he developed and delivered technical services to 15 Main Street communities in the six-county Chicago metropolitan area.

Before joining Illinois Main Street, he led a Main Street program in Ottawa, Ill., for four years.

Kalogeresis has a bachelor's degree in history from Elmhurst College and a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is also currently a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and sitting commissioner of the Village of Oak Park (Illinois) Historic Preservation Commission.

To register call the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 547-2101.

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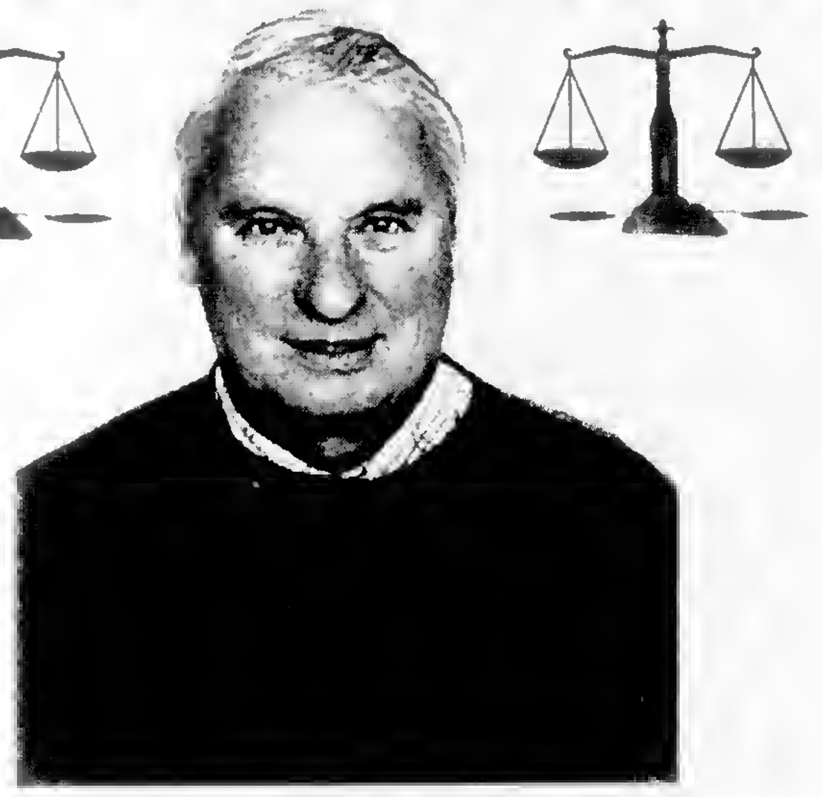

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Charlevoix, Boyne Falls raising money for area humane society

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With the Charlevoix County Humane Society in need of help, Boyne Falls Public Schools challenged all schools in the Charlevoix County Area to a penny drive.

Ruth Ann Wilson, student council advisor, said the penny drive stemmed from a student council project aimed at helping the Humane Society.

"We're doing really well on it," Wilson said.

The penny drive challenge was responded to by Charlevoix High School, which has several seminar's taking part.

"It's definitely a great opportunity for these students to help other organizations if they are in need of support," Wilson said. "It's a great chance for them to give back."

The giving doesn't stop with the penny drive. There was also a pet walk and silent auction on Oct. 23 that helped boost the donations received.

Wilson said there was about $404 dollars raised from the penny drive alone, but with the pet walk and silent auction a total of $2,323 has been raised and will be donated to the Humane Society.

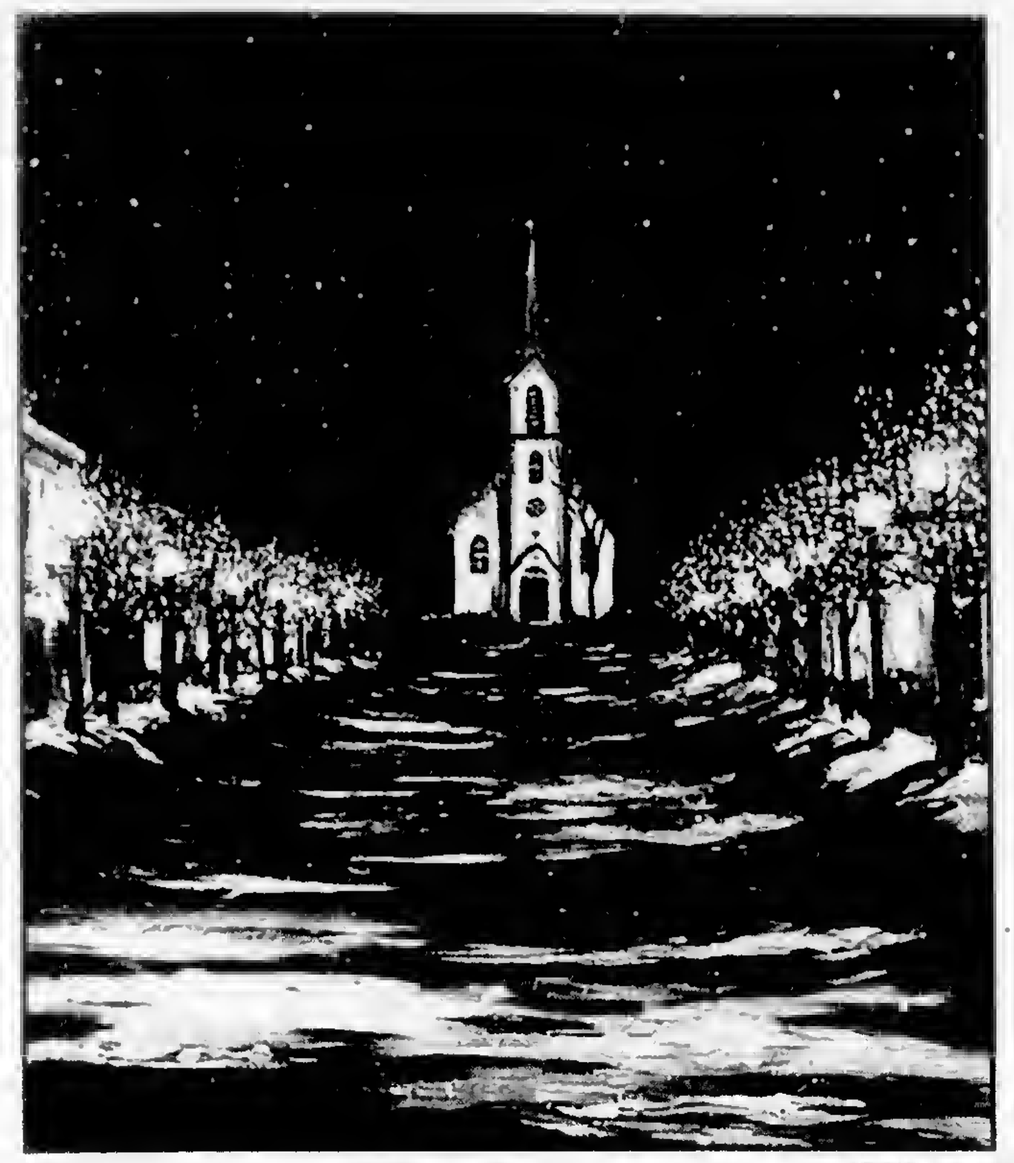
Wilson said the desire to help the Humane Society goes back to a former student of Boyne Falls Public School named Renee Wasylewski who graduated in 2002.

Wilson said Wasylewski was volunteering her time at the Humane Society during a job shadowing opportunity, which led her to meeting donor Bill Schuiling. Wilson said he connected with Wasylewski and gave five Laddie Scholarships to the school for $1,000 each.

Since then, Wilson said the school has received 10 Laddie Scholarships for $1,000 each.

"We thank the Humane Society for that," Wilson said. "When we heard they were in need of finances we wanted to step up to help."

The penny drive ends Oct. 27 and a check will be presented to the Humane Society on Oct. 28 at Boyne Falls Public School for the total amount raised.



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The Sunday Gallery Series at the Crooked Tree Arts Center will present Great Lakes poet bard Terry Wooten at 4 p.m., Nov. 7, in the Edith Gilbert Gallery. The performance, free and open to the public.

The concept of the Sunday Gallery Series at Crooked Tree Arts Center is to provide a comfortable venue for local talent to share performances in an informal setting.

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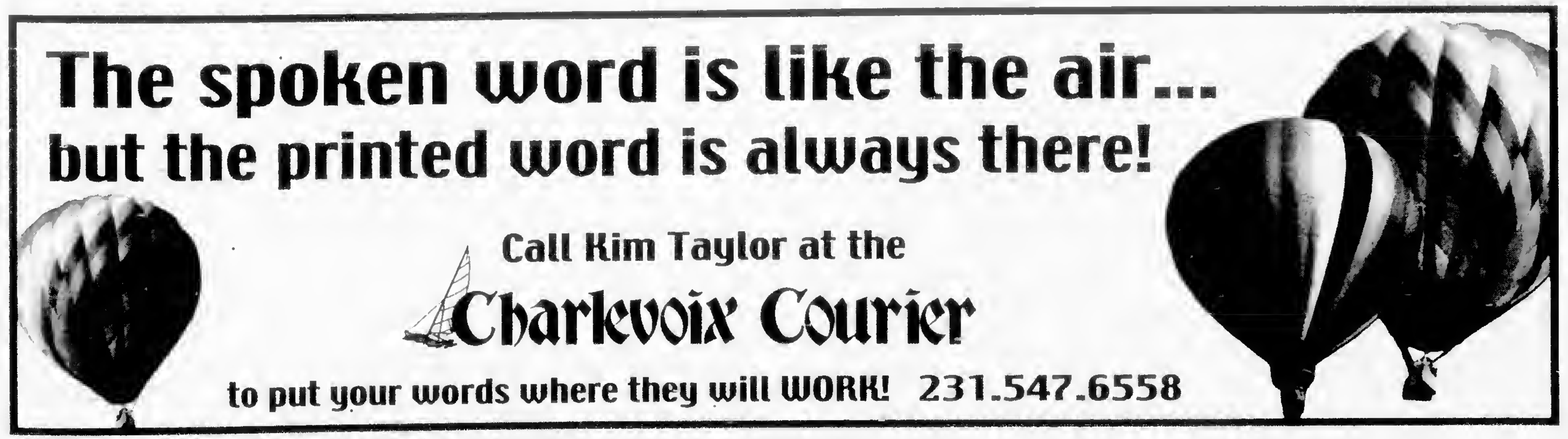

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4-H soccer champs

DCL recently won the Charlevoix 4-H U-12 soccer tournament as well as being league champions. The team finished the season with a record of 11-1-1. Members on the team starting from the bottom (left to right) Justin Erskine, Curtis Russell, Erin Holdsworth, Megan Zawisza, Bethany Whittaker, Rebekah Poston, (back row) Palge Montgomery, Fisher Kiteley, Clyde Schoonover, Margaret Jenson and Taylor Smith. Missing from picture Devin Bush. The team was coached by Rick Bush and Kyle Smith.

Friends of Library happy with response from forum

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Meet the Candidates occurred on Oct. 20 at the Charlevoix Public Library and Kay Heise, president of the Charlevoix Friends of the Library, said the event surpassed what was expected.

"Wow," she said. "I'm absolutely delighted we could provide this forum."

Heise said 80 people attended the event and since it was such a success, the event will most likely be given in the future.

"The library is available to hold these types of events as long as the public desires it," she said.

Several young people attended the event, including those in Anne Marie Conway's government class that helped with the forum.

Alex Heffling, 18, said he's not very interested in local politics as much as he is in the bigger elections.

He said he will be leaving for college and won't be here, but he hopes whoever is picked for mayor will make the town better off than what it is right now.

Heffling said Carlson answered the questions more so than Campbell.

"I think I formed a good opinion," he said.

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Cross country teams rank high in conference meet

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix boys' and girls' cross country teams were busy last week with an Elk Rapids meet and the conference championships.

On Oct. 23, the teams competed in the Elk Rapids Invitational. The boys' team finished sixth out of 17 teams, which included class A schools. Harbor Springs took first.

"If you took out the A schools our guys ran well enough to place second against our regional opponents," coach Ken Plude said.

Medalists for the varsity team were: Jacob Wimmer in twenty-seventh with a time of 17 minutes, 41 seconds; Scott Plude in twenty-ninth, with a time of 17 minutes, 44 seconds; Isaac Matchett in thirty-third, with a time of 17 minutes, 47 seconds; Brandon Stevens in thirty-seventh, with a time of 17 minutes, 50 seconds; Jared Hunt in fortieth, with a time of 17 minutes, 57 seconds; Jacob Hunt in sixty-third, with a time of 18 minutes, 36 seconds; Zach Scharenbroch in sixty-sixth, with a time of 18 minutes, 44 seconds.

The girls' team finished third out of 19 teams at the Elk Rapids meet. Petoskey finished first.

"We had another strong team outing," coach Mary Plude said. "The conditions were less than ideal, but all the girls went in with positive attitudes. Each girl made important moves throughout the race to spark another teammate to step up."

Medalists for the varsity team were: Lindi Edger in seventh, with a time of 20 minutes, 45 seconds; Emily Morgridge in seventeenth, with a time of 21 minutes, 39 seconds; Alina Dhaseleer in twentieth, with a time of 21 minutes, 55 seconds.

On Oct. 19, the teams took part in the conference championships at Boyne Falls.

The girls' team finished third in the conference. Elk Rapids was first, followed by Traverse City St. Francis.

Mary Plude said, "We had a great team day. We were closer to the front than in previous races."

Varsity results for the girls' team were: Lindi Edger in first with a time of 20 minutes, 5 seconds, making her conference champion; Emily Morgridge in ninth, with a time of 21 minutes, 24 seconds, making her honorable mention all conference; Theresa Martin in fourteenth, with a time of 21 minutes, 44 seconds, making her honorable mention all conference; Emily Westenbroek in fifteenth, with a time of 21 minutes, 52 seconds; Alina Dhaseleer in sixteenth, with a time of 21 minutes, 53 seconds; Brittney Lamb in seventeenth, with a time of 21 minutes, 54 seconds.

The boys' team finished second in the conference. Harbor Springs was first.

Varsity results for the boys' team were: Scott Plude in sixth, with a time of 17 minutes, 16 seconds, making him all conference; Jacob Wimmer in ninth, with a time of 17 minutes, 48 seconds, making him honorable mention all conference; Brandon Stevens in fifteenth, with a time of 18 minutes, 4 seconds; Jared Hunt in sixteenth, with a time of 18 minutes, 7 seconds; Isaac Matchett in seventeenth, with a time of 18 minutes, 8 seconds; Jacob Hunt in twenty-fifth, with a time of 19 minutes, 2 seconds; Tom Aepelbacher in twenty-sixth, with a time of 19 minutes, 6 seconds.

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Fall season ends

The Charlevoix Rayder's U-12 boys travel soccer team concluded their fall season with a 9-0-1 record in League and tournament play. The Rayder's out scored their opponents 64 to 13. Team members are (front, from left): Wade Werth, Thomas Rich, Matthew Klooster, John Shea, Ryan Wimmer (back) Wyatt Drost, Ben Myers, Connor Klooster, Shaun Couture, Jon Saur, Jordan Jones, Eric Buday, Asst. Jerry Shea. Missing: Boog Nitchman, Willlam Larsen, and Asst. Dan Myers

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS
October 13, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. on October 13, 2004. Commissioner Frykberg was absent.

- Motion approved the minutes of the September 22, 2004, regular Board meeting as presented.
- Bud Shipstead, Council of Governments Director, presented their annual report.
- Doug Way, Road Commission Chairman, gave the annual report for 2003.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-072, Prosecuting Attorney Laptop. Commissioner Roloff Voting no.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-073, Amended Bank Depositories for 2004.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-074, Probate Court-Community Foundation Grant, authorizing Chairman Patrick to sign said grant application.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-075, FOC Cooperative Reimbursement, and authorized Chairman Patrick to execute the contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-076, PA Cooperative Reimbursement, and authorized the Chairman to execute the contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-077, Grandvue Operating Transfer.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-07B, IT Position.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-079, Application for Funds, authorizing Chairman Patrick to sign any necessary documents.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-0B0, Public Hearing Notice.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-0B1, Agreement for Services, PA 511, authorizing Chairman Patrick to sign said agreement.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-0B2, Lyle Janeczek, PA 511 Contract, authorizing Chairman Patrick to sign said document.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-0B3, Barry Anderson, PA 511 Contract, authorizing Chairman Patrick to sign said document.
- Motion adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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SPORTS

Rayder's season ends with rainy loss to Glads

By B. JON GOHS
Sports writer

There was no lifeboat big enough to rescue the Rayders from their 27-13 loss to the Gladiators in Saturday night's waterlogged contest.

All weather related cliché's aside, Charlevoix's final game and resultant loss of the season knocked them out of the running for a playoff berth.

According to coach Jess, he's never seen so much rain on a football field.

"It was pretty bad. It was tough to hang on to the ball that's for sure," he said.

And, he added, "You really couldn't make a cut running the ball, you pretty much had to run north and south."

Twice the game was delayed for 30 minutes due to lightning, as per the rules of high school football. The final delay lasted only 15 minutes as the poor weather finally cleared.

And although the rain's effects were negative, there were other serious issues hurting the Rayders.

Jess said, "At the beginning of the game we missed some tackles, but after the first quarter we sured things up on defense and played real well."

Regardless of their positive play after the disastrous first quarter, the Rayders just couldn't seem to catch up. .

"We put ourselves in too big of a hole to recover from," Jess said.

The Rayders first TD was in the second quarter and their second TD was in the beginning of the third quarter. But it wasn't enough to even the game as the Gladiators scored two touchdowns in the first quarter and one in the second and third.

QB Cody Crain's passing percentage is down three points this week from 50 to 47 giving him a season average of 55 percent. Crain was 23 of 49 for 249 yards with one TD and two interceptions in Saturday's game. He also lead rushing with 11 carries for 47 yards. He completed 128 of 232 for 1541 yards thrown for the season.

(Seasonal statistics of other players were unavailable at time of publication.)

Lead receivers included Ben Bergmann with nine catches for 104 yards and a six yard TD pass from Crain.

Mitchell Klooster had seven catches for 93 yards and recovered a Gladiator end zone fumble for a TD.

Jeff Golovich lead defense with 15 tackles and kicked an extra point, while Chris Waha and Jake Teuscher had nine tackles each with Teuscher racking up an interception.

The Gladiators' running game was just what the Rayders expected — brutal. But, according to Coach Jess, it was a good game nonetheless.

The Rayders' season is over and the fans have gone home, but the work of the varsity team is far from over.

Jess said, "We take about a week off and then start lifting weights to get stronger for next year."

Charlevoix will lose about 12 seniors to graduation next spring, but many juniors and sophomores from this years varsity team will return next year, "so our defense will be tough," Jess said.

The Rayders managed the winning season they've spent several years looking for.

"Our overall standing is 5-4 and we placed third in the league," he said. "I think it was a great year for the program in general — the kids got a taste of winning."

Though it is too early to speculate on next year's team, Jess said, this taste of wining, "should carry over for these juniors and sophomores that were on varsity this year."

The best part of this season, he said, was watching his team improve.

"I was really proud of these kids," he said. "Last year they only won one game, and as frustrating as that is, it made them work harder."

And, he added, "I'm really proud of how they played. "But the kids aren't the only ones Coach Jess is proud of.

Assistant coaches Josh Skeel (defensive coordinator) and Special Teams Coach Dan Yenglin, both of whom will return next season, did a great job, Jess said.

For Jess, the highlight of this season was, "Probably those two wins over East Jordan and Boyne city because of the rivalry and because they were last minute wins."

Girls' basketball team continues to dominate

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Rayder express rolled on to two more wins last week, defeating their closest rivals in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Charlevoix beat Harbor Springs, 67-47 and Traverse City St. Francis, 76-62.

The Rayders moved up to number two in the latest Associated Press Class C girls basketball poll.

The wins clinched a share of the Lake Michigan Conference championship as the Rayders, with their 11-0 conference mark, leads Harbor Springs and Traverse City St. Francis with their 7-3 records with three games with only three league games to go.

"We didn't shoot the ball well in either game," coach Keith Haske said. 'It's a good sign that we still won both the way we did. Usually in a season you hit a lull, especially shooting the ball on the perimeter. If this is our lull, then we went through it fine."

He added, "It's great when your defense and rebounding can carry you through on nights when you're not shooting well."

The Rayders led at the quarters against Harbor by scores of 17-13, 38-18 and 47-31.

On the night, Grace Farrell posted a double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds. She also had three assists and three steals.

Kari Way had 13 points and six rebounds. Shannon Dibble scored 10 points.

Sarah Cross contributed nine points, six rebounds, three assists and four steals.

Against the Gladiators, Charlevoix led 15-7, 34-21 and 54-38 at the quarter marks.

Jaime Pettis led the Rayders with 16 points, five rebounds and four steals. Farrell scored 13 points and had 11 rebounds. Nitchman and Dibble were also in double-figures with 13 and 11 points respectively.

Madison Ramsey had four assists and four steals.

"Shannon Dibble and Sarah Cross really stepped up and made some big free throws at the end of the game," Haske said. "It was a tight game at that point—10 to 12 points—and you don't want to miss."

The Rayders JV team also kept its record undefeated at 16-0 with wins over Harbor Springs and St. Francis as well.

Both teams returned to action on the road at Grayling on Tuesday, Oct. 26. Results were unavailable at presstime. The Rayders are off on Thursday.

The districts will be in Charlevoix this year and the Rayders will open tournament play at 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15 against Harbor Springs. The winner will face Boyne City on Wednesday, Nov. 17.

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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Young at Hearts League
October 21, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	19	9
Misfits	19	9
Past Timers	18	10
Alley Cats	13	15
Twilighters	12	16
Has Beens	11	17
Sparetime	10	18
Irish Rollers	10	18

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenheit	542	199
Art Ruis	549	191
Don Wells	490	187
Irene Cellner	482	182
Zettie Kitson	500	182
Bev Sladek		169
Shirley Flower	438	

Church League • October 20, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	224	126
R & C Roofing	210	140
Ferguson & Chamberlain	196	154
Mark White Paint & Stain	184	166
State Farm Insurance	165	185
Lutherans	160	190
The Inner Circle	141	209
St Mary's	120	230

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	635	278
Ron Grulke	567	215
Larry Potter	573	
Chuck Stein		209

Men's Senior League
October 18, 2004

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	15	9
Kerr's Racing	14	10
Cemex Cement	13	11
J Arnold Painting "A"	12	12
J Arnold Painting "2"	12	12
Weebowl-Wobowls	12	12
Central Drug Store	9	15
Selph Trucking	9	15

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	592	245
Jeff Campbell	559	233
Brian Dixon	569	
Gordie Selph		226

Tuesday Night Ladies • Oct. 19, 2004

	W	L
Central Drug Store	20	8
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	16	12
Twin Lakes Enterprise	16	12
Paul Bunyan Lanes	16	12
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	12	16
Grey Gables	12	16
Don's IGA	12	16
Mark White Paint & Stain	8	20

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
June Kunkle		212
Cindy Brooks	510	
Linda Lake		187
Marlene Evans	495	182
Jane Holm	479	

Gutter Gals League • October 21, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	80	60
Argonne Supper Club	74	66
Burger King Charlevoix	73	67
Express Yourself	53	87

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	507	184
Jane Holm	518	176
Mary Keem		166
Diana Speigl	440	

Double Deckers Mixed League
October 17, 2004

	W	L
Bradley	9	3
Novotny	9	3
Webb	8.5	3.5
Russell A & J	8	4
Stein	7	5
Koffman	7	5
Sladek	7	5
Witthoeft	7	5
Russell C & R	6	6
Spencer	5.5	6.5
Blanchard/Crain	5	7
Ferguson	5	7
Blanchard	4	8
Hart	3	9
Nordman	3	9
Patton	2	10

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Kelly Bradley	561	204
Scott Blanchard		193
Del Hart	521	
Gary Spencer		191
Chuck Stein	515	
Lynette Webb	538	258
Deb Blanchard	473	167
Trisha Sutton	450	166

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
March 10, 2004

	W	L
Golovich	10	2
Hill/Martinchek	9	3
O'Leary	8	4
Griffin/Novotny	7	5
Bradley	7	5
Novotny	7	5
Cunningham/Mikulski	6	6
Herboldsheimer	6	6
Titus	5	7
Hart	4	8
Lasky	3	9
Team 12	0	12

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Matt Novotny	522	196
Chris Mikulski	544	193
Tim Bradley		186
Butch Hart	481	
Margie Golovich		151
Kathy Bradley	414	
Carrie Titus		149
Linda O'Leary	408	
Kathy Hill	406	149

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Elementary school to have its own election

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Adults aren't the only ones interested in politics anymore.

Charlevoix Elementary School's third grade will be having a mock presidential election for the entire school.

Third grade teachers Pat Carland, Cathy Silberhorn, Julie Bernhardt and Erik Lundteigen are all helping the students register their peers and prepare for the elections next week.

"It brings awareness of what's happening in our country," Carland said.

Silberhorn said the children know the issues occurring in the presidential election. Carland added that they know more than one would think they do considering their ages.

Both Carland and Silberhorn said the mock election will entail registering the entire school to vote, learning facts about the issues and watching a video that is being made about the presidential election.

The students will also learn the importance of voting and what parties are, which Silberhorn said is important.

"They think of parties as Halloween parties," she said.

The third grade students will also have to do a presentation that involves speaking and listening. Once they vote on Nov. 2, they will receive an "I Voted" pin featuring SpongeBob Squarepants.

Carland and Silberhorn said Chief John McLean of the United States Coast Guard has been a valuable resource throughout the entire process of preparing for the mock elections.

McLean is creating four voting booths out of cardboard and painting them white in preparation for the decorating the third grade students will do.

McLean, who has two children at the elementary school, said he enjoys volunteering his time at the school and does so in both the third and kindergarten grade levels.

"I love working with the kids and love volunteering as much time as I can," he said.

McLean said he thinks the entire mock election is important for the students and a good learning tool.

"It gives them a real understanding of the system and how it works," he said.

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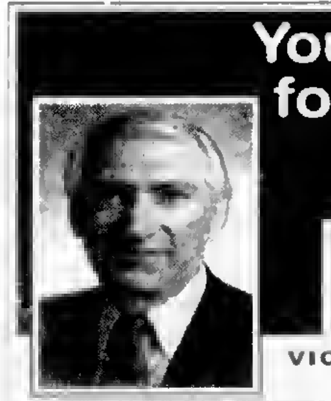

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(10-25-1-076)

SERVICES AVAILABLE 084

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Publisher
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P.O. Box 528
Petoskey, MI 49770-0528
Application deadline is
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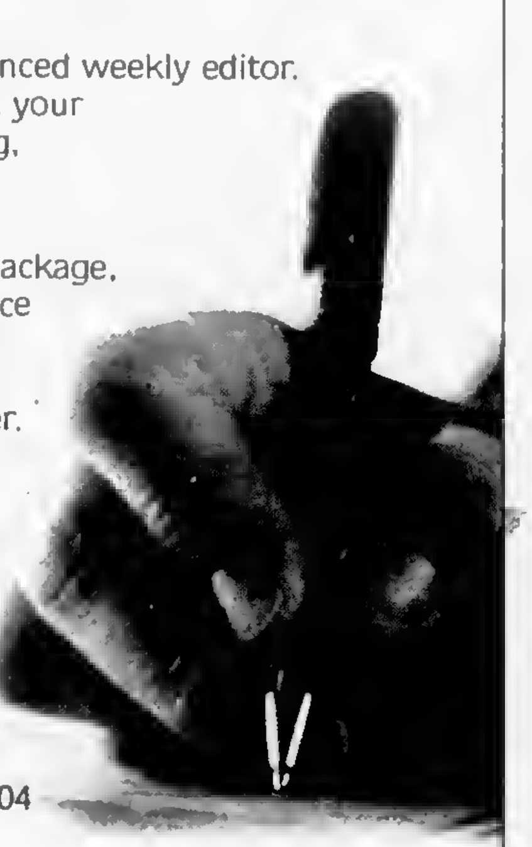

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SALES-I am a busy Insurance Executive who needs someone to personally learn all aspects of my business. That person must be able to make decisions, be of good moral character, and eager to learn. He or she will be involved in all areas of sales operation and could go into management. Sales experience will help, but is not necessary. I am primarily looking for attitude and personality. Many company fringe benefits are available, with an opportunity to earn up to $50,000 first year. This position offers unlimited upward mobility for someone who is a hard worker and is determined to succeed. Please call 231-947-4390 and ask for Human Resources.

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RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

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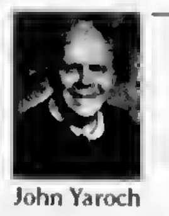

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FARM EQUIPMENT 180

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO 04-010749 DE

Estate of MARGARET G. DAVIS, Decedent

Date of birth: March 30, 1908

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Margaret G. Davis, who lived at 00124 S. Ranney Road, East Jordan, Michigan died 9/19/04.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Karen Wolletz, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: October 22, 2004

Robert L. Hoffman P15046
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9941

Karen Wolletz
00124 S. Ranney Road
East Jordan, MI 49727
(231) 536-9929

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made July 02, 2002, by Louise P. Parsons, a married woman, as mortgagor, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on July 31, 2002, at Liber 479, Page 988, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $455,244.90 principal, $12,609.66 interest, and $2,250.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, November 5, 2004, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Unit 5 and Unit 6, CLUB AT LAKE POINTE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Eighth Amended Master Deed as recorded in Liber 407, Pages 464 through 541, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Plan No. 45, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 3.0% above the First Community Bank base lending rate, which is variable daily, and which total variable rate is presently 10.95% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums that may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: September 29, 2004

First Community Bank
Mortgagee
200 E. Main Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 2450, Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

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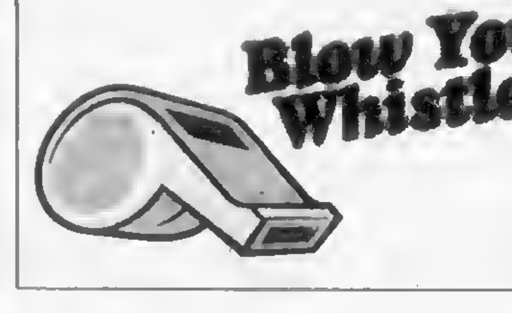

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CHARLEVOIX AREA BRIEFS

Area events

Fall festival

The Safe Harbor Baptist Church Annual Fall Festival is from 6 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31. Dinner at 6 p.m. with games to follow. There is a costume contest, prizes and the candy scramble at 7:50 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome. Each child will be given lots of candy to take home. Safe Harbor Baptist Church is located at 06046 Old 31 South near the intersection of US-31. For more information please call 547-6283.

Handling the Holidays

Handling the Holidays, a program open to anyone who feels a need for help to get through the holidays starts at 7 p.m., Nov. 3, in the lower level of the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Hospice of Northwest Michigan and Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice, is offering this program that will give suggestions on getting through the holidays for those who have experienced a loss whether past or present. There is no charge.

Hospice spiritual advisor, Pastor Carl Litchfield, will present the Griever's Holiday Bill of Rights and COPE — a simple plan for handling some of the stresses associated with the holidays. If you have questions please call the hospice office (231) 536-2842 or Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice 547-6092.

Spaghetti dinner

The seventh annual Charlevoix Historical Society Spaghetti Dinner is from 5 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the Villager Pub located at 427 Bridge Street. The annual fund-raiser is an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner with society members working as hosts and waitstaff.

Menu for the evening is $6.95 for all-you-can-eat spaghetti with garlic bread, $8.50 for two pieces of whitefish with cole slaw and fries or $8.95 for a burrito dinner.

Door prizes will be awarded. All tips go toward support of the historical society.

Memorial service

Hospice of Northwest Michigan will host a memorial service to remember patients it has served this past year at 4 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street. They have partnered with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice to encourage anyone who has experienced a death to attend this service in honor of those loved ones.

If you have any questions please contact Margaret at 536-2842 or Lynda at 547-6092.

Salute veterans

You are invited to a program Saluting Our Local Veterans at 9 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 11, at Ellsworth High School Gym. All veterans are asked to bring memorabilia to share. There will be coffee, punch and desserts for the veterans. Music by Ellsworth and Central Lake combined bands.

Snowmobile meeting

Charlevoix Snowmobile Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Way Transportation Co., located on US-31 South of Charlevoix. Visit their web site at www.chxsnowmobile.com.

Story hours

Charlevoix Public Library offers story hour every Thursday morning. Beginning at 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. Lapsit for children 0-3, followed by traditional story hour 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for children 3 to 5.

Call 547-2651 for more information. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday.

Skate Park hours

The Charlevoix Community Skate Park hours are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and from noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays. Kids will be able to skate after school as long as the weather holds.

Suicide loss group

Survivors of Suicide Loss group is open to any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one through suicide. Group members will have the opportunity to connect with others, receive information on the grief process, and find direction and support in coping with suicide loss. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. The church is located at 1020 East Mitchell Street in Petoskey.

Coast for Kids

The Coats for Kids Program kicked off and is sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet FIA. Their goal is to be sure that children are kept warm this winter. The drive is accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. They will also accept gently worn coats, hats, gloves and mittens in good condition. Please clean the worn items before donating. Donations can be made at Boyne City and Petoskey Glen's, and Charlevoix and Petoskey Kmart's.

Those in need can pick up coats at any of the following distribution points:

- Friends and Neighbors Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1404 S. Howard Street, Petoskey from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 326 North Park, Boyne City from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Salvation Army at 712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey.

Food pantry

The Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

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- Charlevoix City Councilmember, Third Ward (pick one) — Sherman A. Chamberlain, Jr., incumbent; Dave Scott.
- Justice of the Supreme Court (pick two) — Marilyn Kelly, incumbent; Stephen J. Markman, incumbent; Leonard Schwartz; Deborah Thomas, Brian Keith Zahra.
- Fourth District Judge of the Court of Appeals (pick two) Michael J. Kelly; Donald S. Owens; William C. Whitbeck.
- Proposal 04-1 — A proposal to amend the state constitution to require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law and certain new state lottery games.
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Library hosts forum to meet the candidates

FORUM

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He agreed with Carlson on controlled growth.

The candidates were asked what is the biggest challenge facing the city and Carlson said it is getting everything back on track. In regard to the marina project, Carlson said the city needs to inform the community on all details associated with the project.

He added that the project to renovate the park and marina will result in more handicapped accessible facilities.

Campbell said the biggest challenge is finances since the state and federal governments are broke. He said the lake was supposed to be buoyed to mark how far out the proposed docks would go and added he's heard nothing but excuses and now the buoying is being delayed until after the election.

"They think if they get Boogie (Carlson) it'll all go away," he said.

When asked about the relationship between the city manager and the city council, Campbell said the city manager is accountable to the city council.

Campbell said City Manager Michael Wiesner should be up front about what is going on and not wait to tell council.

"It's imperative that we do that so we can stay on the same page," he said.

Carlson said the city council and the mayor set policy and the city manager carries out that policy. If something isn't right in the opinion of council, Carlson said they have the right to have the mayor call a review of the said employee.

"Reviews should be looked at as positive construction, not negative," Carlson said.

In response to the question about why citizens should vote for them as mayor, Carlson said he would bring the people together.

"I think I'd be a good voice for the people," he said. "I'd be a good representative for the city of Charlevoix and would be honored to do so."

Campbell said he has come in with no strings attached and has nothing to gain financially.

Questions submitted by the audience entailed how the candidates could represent those citizens who live elsewhere part of the year.

Campbell said those people's houses shouldn't be targeted for taxing. He said it's not fair to raise the taxes on summer homes.

Carlson said he would listen to someone who doesn't live in the area year round as closely as he would someone who lives in the city or townships.

Another question from the audience consisted of whether or not there would be a conflict of interest if the candidates did work for the city.

Carlson said the question was addressed to him, and that he saved the city between $4,500 and $4,800 when he did work on the beaches — a city project that he bidded on and was awarded when he was a councilmember.

"I'd probably refrain from bidding on any projects if mayor," he said.

Campbell said it's important for the mayor and city council members to bid on projects through sealed bids. He said he doesn't have a business and is retired.

As a closing statement, Campbell said he would like to continue as mayor and said the city doesn't need to bow to developers but also shouldn't shut them out. Protecting Charlevoix is important, he said.

Carlson said the actions taken today affect those living tomorrow. He said he would like to have high school kids sit in on the city council as junior members.

"The decisions we make are probably going to affect them more than they'll affect us," he said.

Carlson said he would lead the city in a level-headed direction.

Kevin A. Elsenheimer and Jim McKimmy, candidate for the 105th District also answered questions that night.

The first question centered around students that attend public schools.

Elsenheimer said he is a product of public schooling and his children attend Bellaire Public Schools. He said he served as a trustee on the Bellaire Elementary School Board for two terms.

McKimmy said all his children have gone through public schools including himself. He said there shouldn't be an increase in the number of charter schools.

When asked to explain their beliefs and feelings on pro-school choice, Elsenheimer said he takes a different position in regard to school choice issues. He said his school had to compete with charter schools for students.

"It forced us to be a better school," he said.

He said it made the school look more closely at what they were doing and how they could change things to attract more people.

Elsenheimer said some students don't thrive as well in public school settings and parents should be able to have a choice whether it's home school, charter school, private school or a public school.

McKimmy posed a question to Elsenheimer and asked why the Bellaire School District lost 40 out of 600 students and 69 percent within the public school itself.

He said 34 percent of charter schools are currently not meeting No Child Left Behind standards compared to 16 percent of public schools.

He said students at charter schools are also about six months behind their peers in public schools.

McKimmy said he doesn't agree with promoting vouchers for private or religious schools.

When asked about art funding in Northern Michigan, McKimmy said art is clearly one of the assets of a civilized society.

Elsenheimer said he was a musician for many years and paid his way through law school through his own artistic talents. However, he said it's appropriate to have public tax dollars support art when there are sufficient funds to do so.

He said something has to be cut and it's usually art.

"I don't see it changing until we get the economic house in order," he said.

Another question was if Michigan receives money for public schools, where would that money go?

Elsenheimer said it should go toward a flat fee for every district throughout the state.

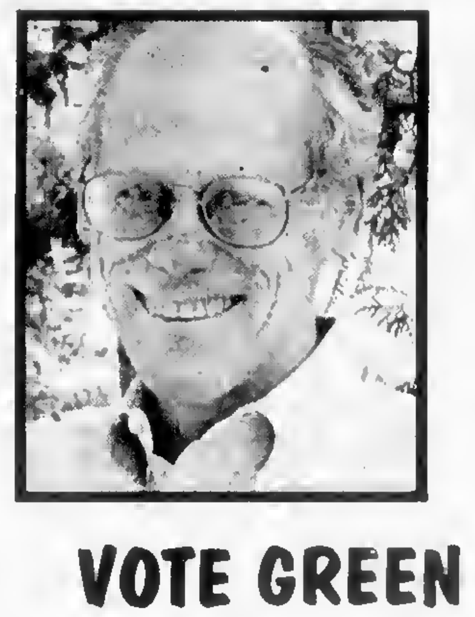
"We don't need to raise the foundation grant per child," he said.

McKimmy said it's a local control issue. He said the legislature does play a role in helping to set the goals. However, in 1994 the legislature was given 100 percent control for funds of operations.

"I don't think it's the legislature's right to determine operations," he said.

In closing, McKimmy said his experience as a superintendent of schools and president of the Superintendent Association has enabled him to understand complex organizations.

Elsenheimer said he understands school budgets and issues even though he wasn't as intimately involved as McKimmy. He said he thinks it's also important to have experience in law enforcement, like he does.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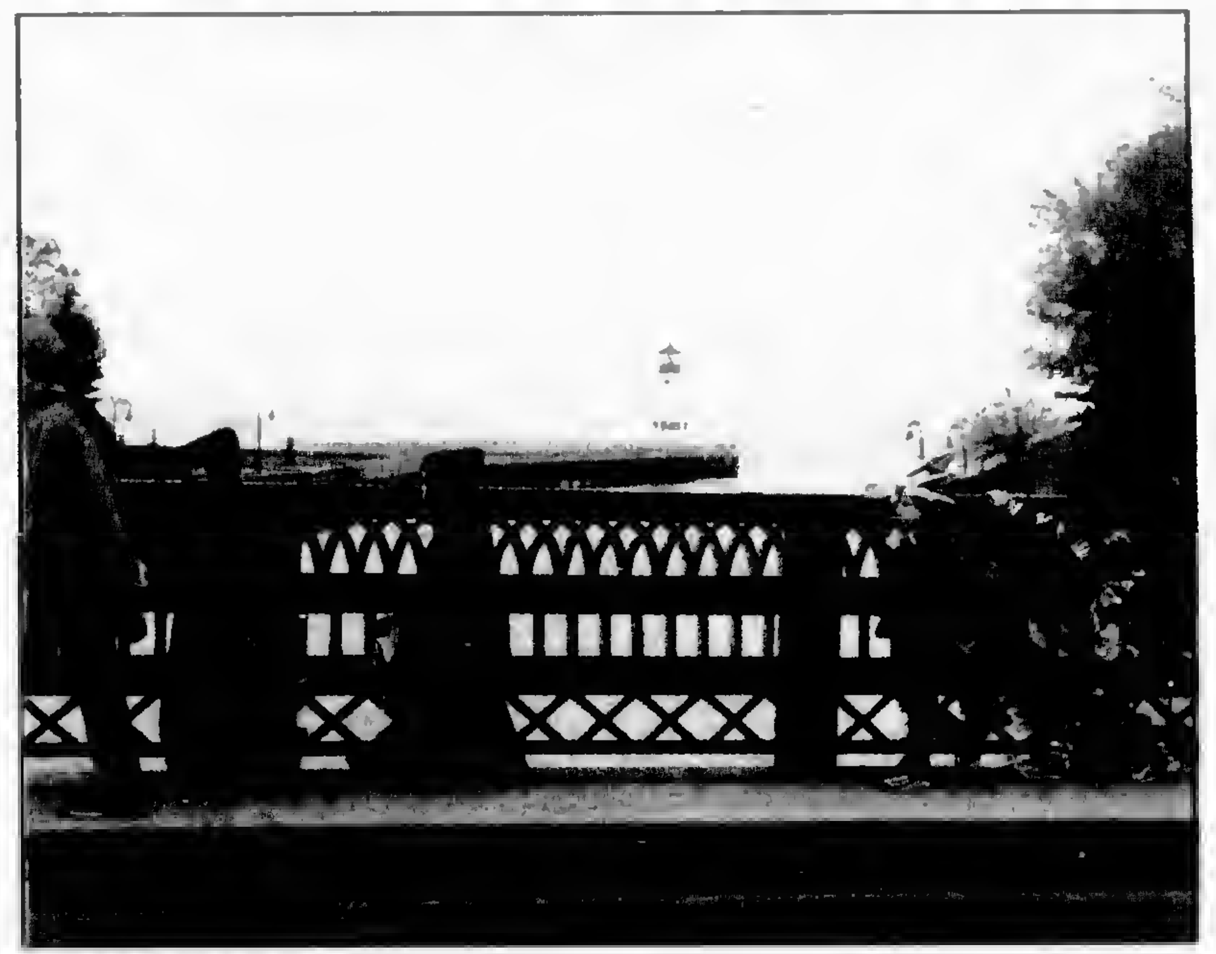

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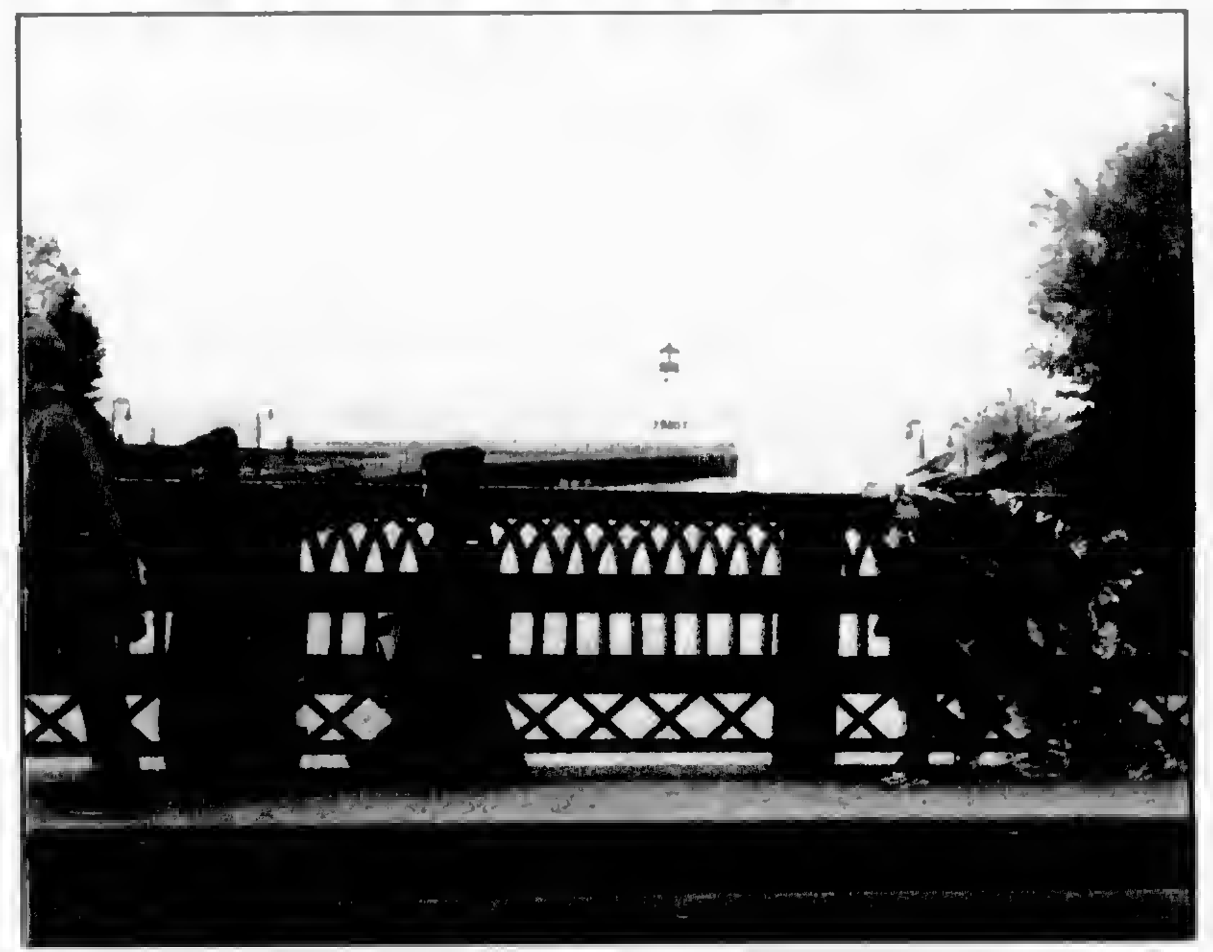

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James Lee Grams, 29, Boyne City. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 83 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 82 days; $900 in fines and costs.

Courtney Faye Shulick, 17, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Travis Carlton Fales, 20, Mancelona. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Attend BASES classes; $180 in fines and costs.

Carol Frances King-Granados, 37, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended, first offense. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Kelly Ann Woodard, 24, East Jordan. Impaired driving, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 40 days held in aheyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,170 in fines and costs.

Thomas Allen Donaldson, 36, East Jordan. Domestic violence. Nine months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 92 days held in abeyance; $700 in fines and costs.

Mary Elizabeth Payne, 20, Lansing. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; must attend substance abuse classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Jon Sterling Kidd, 43, Harbor Springs. Impaired driving. Nine months prohation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes, attend Impact Weekend; $760 in fines and costs.

Stephen Gerald Hawkins, 23, East Jordan. Assault/Assualt and battery. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for 44 days, serve 49 days.

Kendall Lars Francis, 17, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 92 days held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Anthony Francis Wilson, 23, Petoskey. Driving while license suspended, first offense. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Joshua David Crumbaugh, 22, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Six months prohation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $770 in fines and costs.

Gregory Michael Wehb, 35, Boyne City. Retail fraud, third degree. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 19 days, 73 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $350 in fines and costs.

Joshua Quinton Gray, 22, Boyne Falls. Operating while license suspended /revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $750.

Sarah Lynn-Marie Scott, 21, Boyne City. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Fines and costs totaling $700.

Adam Samuel Milgrom, 20, Bloomfield. Minor in possession of alcohol, first offense. Must attend substance abuse classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Brandon Jay Cherwinski, 24, Elmira. Possession of marijuana and operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for three days, serve 30 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 317 days held in aheyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,055 in fines and costs.

Jonathan Joseph Alloway, 18, Hemlock. Telecommunications service-malicious use. One year probation; 180 days in jail with credit for 14 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 156 days held in aheyance; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Benjamin Richard Robinson, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Nine months probation; sixty hours of community service work; $255 in fines and costs.

Michael A. Omlor, 30, Sandusky, Ohio. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

Steven Harvey Kondrat, 41, Elmira. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $960 in fines and costs.

Jonathan Clayton Knoch, 17, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property under $200. Six months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for 10 days, 83 days held in abeyance; $350 in fines and costs.

Kristy Leigh Skippergosh, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Richelle Danette Newman, 35, Boyne City. Operating under the influence of liquor, third offense. Three months probation; sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 43 days, serve 90 days; $620 in fines and costs.

Ryan William Falting, 25, Charlevoix. Operating under the influence of liquor, third offense. Sentenced to a minimum of 24 months to a maximum of 60 months in jail with credit for 69 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Larry Voughn McBee Jr., 38, Boyne City. Controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 150 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $970 in fines and costs.

Alan Layne Burke,50, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-possession (narcotic/cocaine) less than 25 grams and controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to 12 months in jail with credit for two days, serve 180 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $620 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Charlevoix Massage Technology, 07453-71 Michigan Heights Drive, Charlevoix, by Joseph A. Klida.

Humble's Home Care, 9774 Coeling, Ellsworth, by Mark D. Humble.

Bennett Broker Services, 1001 May Street #706, Charlevoix, by John B. Okeefe.

All Star Taxi, 6685 M-66 #15, Charlevoix, by Rodney Hayward.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk s office:

Jeffrey Lee Hosler, 35, East Jordan and Cindy Ann Argetşinger, 28, East Jordan

David Gordon Ruehle, 19, Charlevoix and Christina Lynn Harp, 20, Charlevoix

Matthew Jon Fogg, 27, Beaver Island and Wendy Anne Harwood, 30, Beaver Island

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Shannon S. Kridler vs. Michael J. Kridler

Linda Bunton vs. Gregory Bunton

Crystal Hocquard vs. Jesse Hocquard

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Births

Taylor Lee Sheridan, weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces was born to Joshua Sheridan and Sarah Steinhoff of East Jordan, on Oct. 22, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Mike and Belinda Sheridan of East Jordan and Russ and Marla Steinhoff of East Jordan.

Anna Kathleen Haf, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Jennifer and Kevin Haf of Charlevoix, on Oct. 27, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Steve and Karen Riley of Mullett Lake and Ellen and Gary Haf of Novi.

Walter John Tieber III, weighing 5 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Walter Jr. and Angela Tieber of Boyne Falls, on Oct. 20, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Roy and Bonnie Cool of Boyne City and the late Pat Cool and Marion Tieber of East Jordan and the late Walter John Tieber.

Aubrey Francis Walsh, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces, was born to Michael and Erin Walsh, on Oct. 20, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Don and Elaine Walsh of Bellaire and Rick and Carol Songer of Little Valley, N.Y.

Andrew David Dickinson, weighing 10 pounds, 3 ounces was born to Eric and Heather Dickinson of Grand Rapids, on Sept. 28, 2004 at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids. Grandparents are Roger and Sue Gilbert of Petoskey and Dave and Karen Dickinson of Charlevoix.

Township tied on putting caps on sizes of buildings

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission is split on what size is appropriate to cap large big box buildings.

The commission is comprised of Nancy E. Rajewski, John Dixon, Dave Christiansen, Stanley Martin and John Haggard.

Haggard was absent from that meeting and Rajewski said a recent vote on the matter was tied. Rajewski and Dixon voted for an 80,000 cap size and Christiansen and Martin voted against it.

Rajewski, chairman of the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission, said she voted for the 80,000 cap size because there wasn't already a cap size and she thought it would be good for Charlevoix.

"I really think capping it at 80,000 doesn't really keep anyone from coming in," she said.

However, Rajewski said you can't cap the size so low that businesses wouldn't be able to come in and build.

The Charlevoix Kmart, Rajewski said, is about 84,000 to 85,000 square feet.

Martin said he voted against the cap size because he thought a different size would better suit the needs of the community.

"I didn't think that's what we needed," he said in regards to the proposed 80,000 square feet.

Martin wouldn't reveal the range of square feet he thought was more appropriate, but he said the issue would be brought up again.

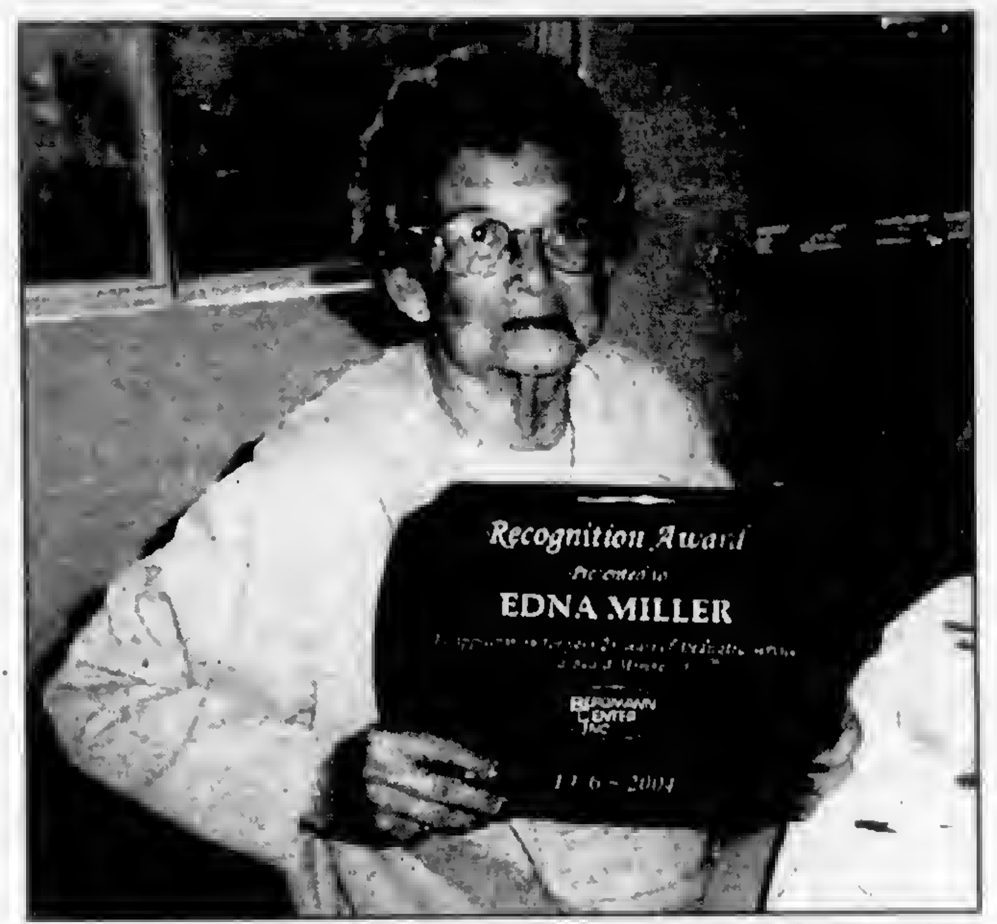
Dixon voted for the cap size of 80,000 square feet.

"I think that retail businesses limited to that size are consistent with the characteristics of the Charlevoix community," he said.

Dixon said the idea is to try and maintain the characteristics of the community by keeping out the larger big box buildings.

"At least I felt 80,000 was a very workable size building for businesses that want to work here," Dixon said.

Rajewski said the issue will be discussed at the next meeting to see what can be done from here. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Charlevoix Township Hall.



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Miller honored

Edna Miller was recently honored with a plaque for her 28 years of dedicated service on the Bergmann Center, Inc. Board of Directors.

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Oct. 30	69	53	.15
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Citizens who run are commendable

EDITORIAL

As this editorial is written, the outcome of the general election is not known.

But, it doesn't matter to this space at this time. What matters is that this year the voters of Charlevoix had many decisions to make because there were many people running for elected office. This is a wonderful thing for our democracy.

With more choices, the people become more involved in the election. When the people become more involved, they get to know the issues more. When they get to know the issues more, they get to know their community more. And when they get to know their community more, the entire community benefits.

It was great to see all the candidates pushing hard for the offices. Sometimes it did get a little nasty, but overall your contribution to the political process, regardless if you won or lost, will not go unnoticed.

It takes a lot of guts to run for a political office. Many times you are putting your personal life on the line for the good of democracy, especially when a campaign gets nasty. But, in every election, many people take this chance just to serve the communities they live in and, many times, for positions that have little or no pay attached to them. Those who run for political office are heroes of democracy.

Elections like this one are what make America and democracy great. In how many other countries can regular people run for political office? In how many other countries can the people be trusted to run the city, county, state or country? Very few.

Everyone who ran for an elected seat on Nov. 2 and back in August, deserves to be congratulated. Hopefully you will serve as the inspiration for a future community-minded citizen who wants to get into politics.

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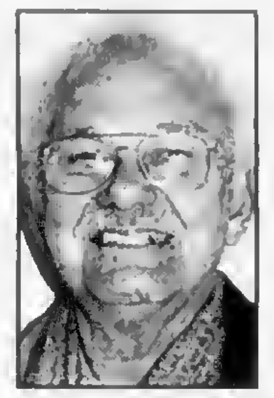
Stem cell research is moral



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Many people oppose the use of embryonic stem cells for research into cures for human diseases.

Most opposition is on the grounds that it is necessary to destroy a human embryo in order to acquire the cells. Stem cells have the capacity to grow into any sort of human cell, and if they can be induced to grow into nerve cells they might assist with cures for spinal cord damage or Parkinson's disease. Stem cells that could grow into pancreas cells have the potential to cure juvenile diabetes.

It will help the discussion of such issues if we are more fully informed about just what is involved. There are two potential sources of human stem cells. One is a fertilized human egg, which has two parents.

The other potential source is an unfertilized human egg which has had a skin cell nucleus transplanted into it. By any sort of biological thinking, this modified human egg really has only one parent, and what we would call conception has not occurred. In both cases, the resulting few day old collection of cells is called a blastocyst.

The destruction of a human embryo sounds like something that anyone might legitimately object to on moral grounds. The dismantling of a blastocyst sounds much more neutral. Stem cells derived from a blastocyst are not killed, they are grown in culture and can have a sort of immortality. What is destroyed in the separation of stem cells from other blastocyst cells is a collection of cells that if it became implanted in a human uterus and successfully attached itself there and if it survived for nine months in that environment could become a human baby.

A dictionary definition of an embryo describes it as a developing human individual from the time of implantation to the end of the eighth week of pregnancy, so what is involved in the accumulation of stem cells is not properly a human embryo at all. It could be much more difficult to object morally to the gentle separation of blastocyst cells from each other and the growth of some of those cells in a non-uterine environment while they are carefully examined for their potential to cure serious human diseases.

We generally require the informed consent of any person before their involvement in physical or psychological research. A cluster of blastocyst cells cannot give such consent. Often a parent or guardian can legally give consent for medical procedures in the case where the person to be treated cannot.

Whatever else may be said of the blastocyst cells' potentially valuable for research, some have two parents and some have only one. Is it possible to imagine a situation in which the parents of a frozen blastocyst could give permission for the use of those stem cells for research if the alternative is that the frozen cells will simply be discarded? Freezers in fertility laboratories all over the world retain such frozen blastocysts until the parents decide what is to be done with them.

Right now there are only two possible fates for such frozen cells. They can be unfrozen and discarded when the parents no longer have any interest in them or use for them, or (much less likely) they will be used to begin a pregnancy. We already destroy the large majority of such frozen blastocysts and few people seem overly concerned about that fate. They cannot all become children without coercing human wombs into a nine month pregnancy.

The choice for frozen human blastocysts in clinic freezers is not whether they will become an embryo or whether they will die. The choice is whether they might help unfortunate humans with presently incurable diseases or whether they will simply be discarded.

It seems to me that morally the case about the frozen blastocysts is not so different from a heart transplant. One human at death's door or just beyond it provides a living heart for another human. A blastocyst at death's door could similarly provide potential health and life to other human beings.

The blastocysts that are the product of nucleus transplantation can only be produced from an unfertilized human egg cell. Human egg cells that are not fertilized during in vitro attempts are the common source. Fertility clinics in England ask the female who produced the eggs if she wants them to be used for research. Most agree since the alternative is again simply being discarded.

Growing humans specifically to harvest their cells or organs is quite another moral question and a question to which almost everyone would answer, "That's wrong." Using frozen human blastocysts or unfertilized egg cells with the permission of the parents, and whose fate is death anyway, to help with research for curing human diseases seems to me eminently moral.

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Letters to the editor

Thank you

Editor:

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation offers our sincere thank you to all of those who participated in our First Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, benefiting the hospital's Circle of Strength Cancer Support and Resource Program. The show was on Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

Thank you to all of our models: Lori and Sydney Michelle Campbell, Cindy Cash, Mary Ann Chew, Harvey Coates, Judy Conrad, Joanne Friedman, Diane Gorkiewicz, Jamie Johnson, Don Luedke, Julie Mansfield, Mary Marsh, Bob Pardee, Gay Pung, Patsy Ramsey, Loretta Richardson, Kim Stevens and Mary Lou Supernaw.

An additional "big thank you" to the area stores who allowed us to present their clothes, many of whom donated door prizes. And a "thank you" to Pink Ribbon Ride and Sue Morris, to the wonderful kitchen volunteers at the Community Reformed Church, our commentators Rebecca Haney and Lori Jodar, and to all those who attended our show.

Everyone's support is greatly appreciated.

Kathy Johnson
Director
Charlevoix Area Hospital
Foundation

Great job

Editor:

A word of thanks goes out to the Charlevoix Rotary Club for their continuing efforts to bring quality entertainment to the Charlevoix area. We have attended three of their concerts at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium and applauded them all.

The most recent Mountain Heart concert was the topper. The show opened with two Bluegrass bands, one from Charlevoix, the other from Fife Lake, then followed by MountainHeart. The entire show was fantastic.

I urge the community to support these Rotary Club Concerts. Nowhere, this close to home, can you get this quality entertainment in such a great facility.

The next time you see an ad for a Rotary Concert get out there and purchase tickets. You will not be disappointed.

Thanks again Rotary Club for bringing great entertainment to Charlevoix.

Steve and Sue LaJoice
East Jordan

Great concert

Editor:

I'm not much of a blue grass fan but that concert at Charlevoix High School recently was nothing short of delightful.

The first band was the no-name band consisting of three Charlevoix residents and three others from close-by towns. Their performance was as professional as any could be. Their outstanding resonant voices were a thrill. And the use of some religious songs was greatly appreciated.

The second band consisted of four people from the Fife Lake area. I don't usually like songs that amateur singers write themselves, but the three homemade songs were great and I could understand all the words for a change.

The feature band was made up of six professional musicians from (I think) Alabama. The banjo player was voted the best blue grass banjo player in the United States three years in a row. The acoustic bass player was voted one of the top five blue grass bass players in the United States. The band was fabulous and their use of several religious songs was appreciated.

The sound system and the acoustics in the high school auditorium was the best I ever heard. I understand the cost of the sound equipment was shared by the building fund and the Rotary Club.

Kudos to everyone who took part in the building of this great school and the committee that organized this fine event.

Don Hodney
Okemos and Charlevoix

Crooked Tree center to have juried arts show

The Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey Michigan is going to be accepting entries for its 24th Annual Juried Fine Arts / Juried Photography Show starting Nov. 3.

Work may be dropped off at Crooked Tree Arts Center, located at 461 East Mitchell Street in Petoskey, Wednesday, between the hours of 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Nov. 3 through Saturday, Nov. 6. Works must be properly framed, wired and ready to be hung on the walls. For complete entry procedures, please stop by and pick up a "Call for Entries" form at Crooked Tree Arts Center.

The juried fine art show is titled 20/20 Vision. All works must be 20 inches by 20 inches or any combination smaller. This size restriction does not include the matting or frame of the artwork. For the juried photography show there will be no restriction on the size of the finished piece.

Crooked Tree Arts Center is pleased to have two exceptional jurors to review work and make selections on Monday, Nov. 8. Henry Matthews from Grand Valley State University will jury the 20/20 Vision show. Matthews has been the Director of Galleries and Collections at Grand Valley State University since 1998. Most recently he has assembled a Print and Drawing Cabinet with more than 1200 contemporary prints, including two important collections of Dutch prints spanning 1950 to the present, and works by Russian artists Olga and Alexander Florensky.

Jurying the Photography Exhibition will be noted photographer, author and lecturer Monte Nagler from Farmington Hills, Michigan. Nagler began photographing seriously after studying with Ansel Adams. His works are found in many private and public collections including the Detroit Institute of Arts, The Brooklyn Museum, and the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Some of Nagler's work will be available for purchase in the Art Tree Sales Gallery at Crooked Tree Arts Center. Nagler will have a new book available next summer featuring black and white photographs of Michigan. Monte Nagler will return to Petoskey for 2 lectures on the History of Photography at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m on Friday, Nov. 19 .

The Juried Fine Arts and Photography Exhibition will be on display at Crooked Tree Arts Center from Nov. 13 through Dec. 16. An opening reception will be from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13.

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Hannah Solomon, 3, tries to decide which pumpkin she wants to take home during St. Mary School's annual trip to the Bolt's Farm Corn Maize.

Maze of fall fun

Students at the St. Mary School visited the Bolt Farm corn maze on Ellsworth Road Friday. (Below) Several students from St. Mary School pose in the corn stalks as they successfully made their way back out of the Bolt's Farm Corn Maize on Oct. 29.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

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Benefit for family

The Freedom House Ministries of Charlevoix is planning a silent auction and bake sale to benefit the Brad Crowell Family from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Freedom House Ministries at 12705 US-31 next to Taco Bell behind Budays. Brad was left paralyzed from the chest down after a car accident in July. He is the father of five young children. Any questions or contributions call Connie Bradley at 547-9491 or Kathy Plumm at 547-5519. (Above, from left) Pat Drost and Bonnie Elzinga with some of the items donated.

Emergency director honored for hard work

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Jack Messer, 54, the director of Emergency Management for Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties, was recently recognized for his hard work toward keeping the counties he oversees safe.

Jack Messer

Messer received the honor of being named Local Emergency Management Coordinator of the Year for populations under 50,000 at the Michigan Emergency Management Association meeting on Oct. 12 at the Grand Traverse Resort.

"I've had the opportunity to work with some really great people," he said.

Messer said Lt. Mike Tilley, the Emergency Management coordinator for district seven of the Michigan State Police, helped make his job more productive.

The people in the Charlevoix County area were great to work with, Messer said, who valued the support he received.

"It's just been a great group of people to work with," he said.

Messer moved to Charlevoix and has been director of Emergency Management for Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties since July 2003.

Before taking this position, Messer worked as the Emergency Management 911 director for three years in Sanilac County, which is north of Port Huron. Messer said he is please to have been able to bring that experience up to this area.

His experience in emergency response, however, also stems from the 25 years he served as a Michigan State Police Officer.

Messer said he is honored for the recognition he received.

"I'm working with good people," he said. "It's really the way I feel about it."

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Pray about expectations

Beacons of Blessing

By FR. JIM GUNN
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My wife and I were going to the pool to do some water therapy last week. It was a nice day that day — one of those really good fall days where the temperature was mild hut not chilly.

On the way in a lady who was arriving at the pool at the same time as us made an interesting remark about the weather. She said something to the effect that we will now have fall weather through January and then February. March and April will be spring. I would personally welcome that prediction coming true, but I think the probability is pretty low! But that again, some of the best "summer" weather we got this year came in September and October, which is a bit out of the ordinary.

Of course, we were owed some of that since we didn't get much "summer" in June, July and August. What it boils down to is that 2004 has seemed to have quite a bit of weather that would belong to one particular season occurring during the time period allotted to another season. In other words, it has been more than usually difficult to predict what kind of weather we will get and when! The flip side of that is that expectations about weather have been more than usually disappointed.

That made me think about the trouble I have sometimes gotten myself into over failed expectations.

I am not saying that we should have no thoughts about the future. Indeed, Holy Scripture invites us to look ahead and to even count the cost of various courses of action.

The problem arises when our expectations become a sort of idol and, if they do not come to pass, then we get depressed. I am reminded of a few verses found in the Letter of James: "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on husiness and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" (James 4:13-15)

The point is that if we get too caught up in what WE are going to do, then we can miss out on what God wants to do in and through us. My wife and I have a small group meeting at our house each week at which we are presently studying the book "Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby.

A point that he makes is that we should look about us at what God is doing and see where we should be involved in His work. It is not our work on which we ask God's blessing, hut His "good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

The "bottom line," so to speak, is that I am inviting us to pray about our expectations, whether it be about the weather or what we are planning to do next week.

Obituaries

Corinne Jones: Aug. 22, 1950 - Oct. 7, 2004

Corinne Jones, 54, of Las Cruces, New Mexico died on Oct. 7, 2004 of pancreatic cancer.

Corinne was born in Manitowoc, Wis. on Aug. 22, 1950 to Clement and Rosina Jean Wagner. She moved to Charlevoix in 1967 and attended Charlevoix High School graduating in 1968. She obtained her certification as a respiratory therapist and has worked extensively in this field.

She moved to the Las Cruces area in 1980 and worked for Glass Rock Home Health Care and Apria Home Health Care. She was the former director of Memorial Medical Center's Respiratory Therapy and Sleep Lab and most recently the director of Cardiopulmonary at Mountain View Regional Medical Center in Las Cruces.

Corinne has served as president of the Las Cruces Symphony Guild and as a member of the State of New Mexico Board of Respiratory Therapists.

After living and working across the country including Key West, Fla.; DeKalb, Ill.; Petoskey; Las Cruces, N.M. and La Crosse, Wis., she returned to the Las Cruces to help build the Cardiopulmonary Department at Mountain View Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Jack Jones, Jr., daughter Shannon and son-in law Tim Mayer, granddaughters Delaney and Annie Mayer of Madison, Alabama. Stepdaughters, Jessica Gerstenmaier (Jeff) of Knoxville, Tenn.; Amy Jones of Los Angeles, Calif. and Cristin Jones of Las Cruces, N.M.; mother, Rosina Jean Wagner of Charlevoix; brother Dr. Michael J. Wagner of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; sisters, Michelle Boltz of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; Lisa Teets of Redford; Denise Barnes (Dave) of Rudyard; Andrea Teets (Richard) of Milford and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father Clement Wagner and brother-in-law Robert Boltz. Corinne will be incredibly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A memorial service was given on Oct. 16. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be sent to the Mountain of Hope Fund at Mountain View Regional Medical Center or the charity of your choice.

Frank Kenneth Krchak: Jan. 16, 1923 - Oct. 26, 2004

Frank Kenneth Krchak, 80, of Woodstock. Ill. died Tuesday, Oct. 26at Centegra Memorial Medical Center in Woodstock, Ill.

He was born on Jan. 16, 1923 in Charlevoix to John and Katherine (Janas) Krchak. He married Mary Huth on February 18, 1950. They moved to Woodstock in 1958.

Mr. Krchak was a veteran of World War II serving in the army. He worked as a tool and die maker for Checker Die in Crystal Lake until his retirement in 1987. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Woodstock at the church he was active in the Methodist Mens Club.

He was a volunteer for delivering tapes and food pantry items. He was a member of the American Legion and the American Cribbage Association. He enjoyed sports and was an avid University of Michigan fan. He also enjoyed playing cribbage, participating in many local tournaments. He thoroughly enjoyed engaging in lively conversations, his favorite topics being sports and politics.

He was a devoted family man and took great interest in his immediate and extended family. He will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Mary of Woodstock; a son, Fred (Lucetta) Krchak of Woodstock; a daughter Wendy (Bill) Judd of Deephaven, Minn.; four grandchildren Erica, Natalie and Lucas Judd and Amy (Terry) Peterson; a great-grandchild, Noah Peterson; two sisters, Georgia Bruhl of Falls Church, Va. and Julie Bob of Dayton, Ohio; also a sister-in-law, Dorothy Krchak of Crystal Lake and a brother in law Russell Van Winkle of Long Beech, Calf. And many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son Frank Krchak Jr.; three hrothers John, Emil and Charles; and seven sisters Rose, Sylvia, Sophie, Eva, Hellen, Kate and Ann.

Visitation will be on Thursday, Oct. 28 at the Schneider, Leucht, Merwin & Cooney Funeral Home 1211 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, Ill. His funeral service was at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, 2004 at the First United Methodist Church, 201 West South Street, Woodstock with the Rev. James young officiating. Burial was at McHenry County Memorial Park in Woodstock.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 201 W. South Street, Woodstock, Ill. 60098.

For information call the funeral home at (815) 338-1710.

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Students collecting toys for seminar project

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix High School seminar is taking their community service project to a glohal level.

Jill Erskine and her seminar class are undertaking the task of gathering small toys to be given to children in other countries through those going on mission trips.

"I think there are a lot of fortunate children in the Charlevoix community and they don't realize how other people live," she said.

Erskine's seminar class will be collecting fast food restaurant toys or toys similar in size for the project. The toys must be small in order to fit as many as possible in one bag and for traveling purposes.

"We're asking if people bring a toy that's been open and used, place it in a Ziploc bag to keep all the parts together," she said.

Erskine said she hopes to have Ziploc bags available at all the drop-off sites, which include Charlevoix Elementary School, Charlevoix Middle School, Charlevoix High School, St. Mary School and some area fast food restaurants.

The class is working on the project as a team, with some students making calls to schools and others contacting businesses.

Erskine said the class is hoping to start collecting by Dec. 1 and will continue through the school year.

Erskine said she wants her students to understand the value of a simple act of kindness and what it could mean to somebody.

"Too often they think they have it so bad, like if their parents don't get the jeans they wanted, but they don't realize how well they have it and how bad others really have it," she said.

Mitchell Klooster, 18, will possibly be going on a mission trip next summer and the goal of the project is to gather enough toys to fill one suitcase, so as many children as possible can receive a toy.

This past summer, Klooster went to Guatemala during a medical mission trip and helped huild waterways.

The group took a duffle bag full of Beanie Babies. He said the children were playing with sticks and they live in conditions that include limited or no water and wearing the same clothes every day.

He said the children were very excited about their toys and ran to their friends houses to see if they had received one.

Klooster said the small toy that most American children toss aside as they eat their children's meal could be something that a child in another country will keep forever and give to their children.

Klooster is planning on going to Jamaica after graduation to possibly live there for a year and help those in the area. He previously went there during spring break of 2002.

"I feel selfish because we have so much here and it'd be a waste to not use my gifts and talents," he said.

He said some of the children in Jamaica are orphans and don't have much.

"The poverty is so bad," he said.

By lending his talents, Klooster said he wants to give them toys, share his faith and help them grow up.

Klooster said he hopes the project continues each year.

"It's not like the poverty will go away," he said. "It helps me and some kids in here realize how lucky we are."

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Students in Jill Erskine's seminar class are aiming their service project toward those in other countries. The class hopes to receive many donated toys that in turn will be taken on a mission trip and handed out to children. Pictured (front, from left) Corey Cieslelczyk, Dannielle Bergmann, Ian Hughes, Kristin Dupuis, (second) Mitchell Klooster, Mike Wojan, Josh Louiselle, Laura Schoof, Keshia McClellan, Meagan Sell, Katrina Holdorph. (third) Nick Bishaw, Chelsea Biddick, Gaby Dhaseleer, Elyse Michrina, Kelsey Dulaney and Jill Erskine.

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Tilley named Emergency Management Coordinator of the Year

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

A Charlevoix resident was recently honored for all the hard work he has done for those he works with.

Lt. Mike Tilley, 49, was named District Emergency Management Coordinator of the Year at the Michigan Emergency Management Association meeting on Oct. 12, at the Grand Traverse Resort.

Lt. Mike Tilley

"I am kind of honored because it is a state-wide organization of county people," he said.

However, Tilley said all the hard work is done hy those he works with.

"They are in the trenches doing the real work," he said.

Tilley works with local emergency programs, helps to fund grants and get additional funding as needed and serves as a mediator between the local and state levels.

"It (the award) came from a kind of grass roots first responders and emergency managers who I feel do the real work," he said.

Jack Messer, director of Emergency Management for Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties said Tilley deserved the reward he received.

"He's a tireless worker that's been there for all of us over the years," he said.

Michigan State Police Capt. Tim Rod, district commander over 19 counties in the northern part of Michigan, said Tilley is responsible for planning with local Emergency Management personnel to help prepare for any disaster that could come along and also coordinates all the services including some private industries.

"He's being recognized for the work he does with county coordinators," he said.

Rod said that among Tilley's constant demands and traveling, he still finds time to act as a negotiator for the Emergency Support Team.

"He's a very busy guy and does a tremendous job," Rod said. "He's a great asset to this district and this position so the honor is well deserved."

Tilley has been the coordinator for district seven for the Michigan State Police for the past six years and oversees 17 counties. He worked as a Michigan State Police officer for 20 years and spent 16 years as a road trooper in Gaylord, Petoskey and Traverse City.

His interest in law enforcement stems from his childhood, as both his parents were Detroit police officers.

Tilley went to Michigan State University where he majored in criminal justice.

Hard work and determination run in the family, for Tilley's son Keil, 20, was one of the lifeguards that helped save lives at Michigan Beach this summer. Tilley said he is proud of his son who is currently attendeding Michigan State University.

While assisting at Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant, Tilley became interested in emergency management police work.

"I got involved in going to disaster drills and plan development at Big Rock," he said.

Here, Tilley said he learned how to evacuate and protect puhlic property and he found it interesting to work with nuclear plants on emergency planning.

Tilley said he trained with federal agents through the Office of Domestic Preparedness and learned how to deal with a variety of emergency situations including radiological response, chemical and hiological response and how to respond to terrorist improvised devices.

"It is a great job," he said.

'Kerry' painted on door of residence

A Norwood township couple returned to their residence on Oct. 27 to find the word "KERRY" spray painted across the front door of their home.

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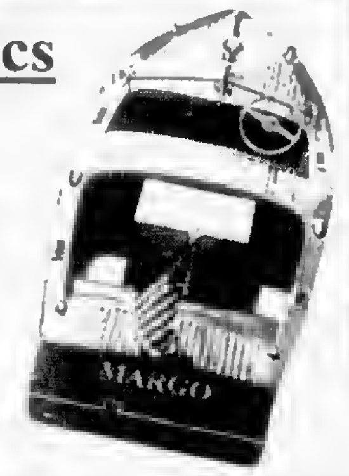
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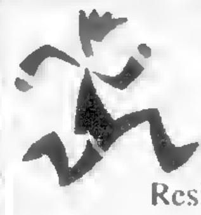

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Northern Martial Arts opens its own school

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Tim and Krista Bruce, of Charlevoix, are offering a new way to get some excersise and learn how to defend yourself with their new martial arts school Northern Martial Arts.

The school, one of the only full time martial arts only academies in this region, teaches Hapkido, Tia Kwan Do and Judo. Tim, who is a third degree black belt in Hapkido said what sets his school apart is that it has its own building specifically for martial arts training.

"We are the nicest stand-alone martial arts school north of Saginaw. Most other instructors who teach do so in churches or health clubs. This allows us to have a flexible schedule to better serve our student's needs," he said. "Our goal was to have a quality martial arts facility and not worry about aerobics or yoga instructors cutting into our schedules."

Tim brought Hapkido to Charlevoix about 10 to 15 years ago. At the time he was teaching small classes in churches and health clubs. After bringing a few students up to the black belt level, he backed off from teaching it.

But, the classes started to die out, until Northern Martial Arts was no more. That is, until the Bruces decided to buy their own building over summer for the school.

Tim said martial arts is a great activities not only for individuals, but also for the whole family.

Adults get an aerobic workout, learn stretching and flexibility as well as self defense. Children learn focus and concentration, respect and confidence, development of motor skills and can stay active throughout the winter.

Tim said he currently has about 15 to 20 full time students, with three or four families.

While Tim teaches the classes, belt tests are given by Master Dave Weatherly of Fenton. He is the highest ranked American in style, at an eighth degree black belt. Weatherly visits the school every other month to give demonstrations and belt tests.

Northern Martial Arts is a member of the North American Hapkido Association and the World Martial Arts.

It is located at 05998 US-31 South just, outside of Charlevoix. Hours of operation are 6 to 7:15 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with private lessons available.

The Bruces believe those times and days will expand and the school may be running five to six days a week in the near future.

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Gas prices are above $2 again

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

With gas prices over $2 a gallon in Charlevoix once again, the price is starting to have an impact on the area.

Pat Harmon, Charlevoix County Road Commission Supervisor, said, "Our expenses are going to go up extremely. It is going to affect a lot of things."

Harmon said the Road Commission garage in Boyne City consumes 100,000 gallons of diesel alone. About three years ago that fuel was 60 cents a gallon, but the last fuel purchase this year saw $1.62. Diesel fuel usually costs less than unleaded fuel.

"My personal opinion is that it isn't going to come down. I don't think we will ever see $1.50 a gallon," he said.

Harmon pointed out some people think the gas tax goes up with higher gas prices, thus contributing more money to road commissions. But, he said this is not true.

"Regardless if the gas is 50 cents or $5 a gallon, the road commission still gets the same money," he said.

Plus, he added, "If gas continually rises, people are going to cut back and not buy as much. The sale of gas will be down so that is going to hurt us too."

At Island Airways, located at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport, they are also seeing an impact of higher prices. Island Airways runs several flights a day to and from Beaver Island.

"The prices are 10 percent higher than last year and we have only raised our prices 3 percent to compensate," said Rachel Teague, general manager of Island Airways. "It is a very expensive issue, but all of our sources are saying it is going to continue to stay high."

And according to Jim Rink, spokesperson for the Automobile Association of America, Teague may be right.

"Nobody knows what kinds of prices there will be yet. But, various government agencies have projected we won't see oil much below $40 a barrel. This means gas prices around $1.80 to $1.90 (a gallon) at least through the end of the year," he said.

Rink said there are some signs that the gas prices will "stabilize" in the near future. In fact, he said there was a significant drop in the per barrel price last week.

The problem is, the market is seeing an unprecedented demand for fuel, especially overseas. On top of that, a hurricane that came through Florida in late summer damaged a major refinery, causing gas prices to rise throughout the country.

This gas increase is also having an impact in the types of vehicles we buy.

Pat McKeown, owner of Pat McKeown Ford in Charlevoix, said the higher gas prices has started to have an impact in the buying habits of his customers who typically go for SUVs and trucks.

He said there is starting to be a trend toward the more intermediate SUVs, such as the Ford Escape, and more interest in the hybrid vehicles that run on gas and electricity.

Plus, he said the prices of SUVs and four-wheel drive vehicles coming in off lease are going down at least 20 percent since this same time last year, he said.

But, this could mean good things for resale of those SUVs. McKeown said some people are thinking that because they can get a good deal on those used SUVs, perhaps they can afford some higher gas prices.

Marine Corps League to have annual ball

The Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League, announces their annual Birthday Ball, for Saturday, Nov. 13, at Stafford's Bay View Inn.

A social hour at 6:30 p.m., will precede dinner at 7:30 p.m. This event commemorates the two-hundred and twenty-ninth anniversary of the founding of the United States Marine Corps.

The featured speaker will be Timothy B. Waterbury, Captain, USMC, whose entire career has been focused on military intelligence and analyzing small arms from foreign nations. Currently stationed in Quantico, Va., he frequently trains Marines on foreign weapons.

During the evening, a ceremonial birthday cake will be cut and served; the oldest and youngest Marines will be honored; and Marine-of-the-Year will be announced.

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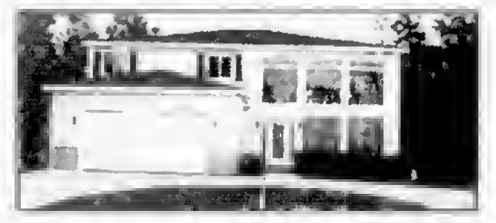

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Career day

Charlevoix Middle School hosted a career day Oct. 28. (Above) DJ Way of Way Transportation allowed students at Charlevoix Middle School to climb inside a semi-truck cab. Way said the cab was brand new and hadn't been painted with the company's logo yet. (Below) Lisa Herriman, a massage therapist, demonstrates some self-relaxing techniques as Charlevoix Middle School students do the same.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

New fence to be installed around island ferry dock

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Due to new federal security requirements, the Beaver Island ferry will be a little less accessible to the public in the near future.

At the Oct. 18 Charlevoix City Council meeting, Street Superintendent John Martin informed council that the boat company is being required to put up a large fence around its docking area. The fence will be about 8 feet tall and will run around the dock area on Round Lake, from near the dock of the Coast Guard buoy tender Acacia running around the boarding area north to the mouth of the Pine River Channel. This will prevent any unauthorized access to the boarding area and dock.

This includes the observatory area overlooking the Beaver Island Dock, on top of a boat company storage building. It will not impair the visibility from the grassy park area overlooking Round Lake near Bridge Street.

According to Martin, the fence will cost about $40,000 and is being paid for with a grant. He said the city really does not have a say in the type of fence because there is only a certain kind that can be used.

The fence looks like metal rods pointing straight up, with a curve near the top and ending in a sharp point.

Margo Marks, general manager of the Beaver Island Boat Company, said the fence should be up by the end of the month.

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An 8 foot fence will be constructed in front of this observation deck.

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Charlevoix Elementary students create book

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Jessa Martin, a kindergarten teacher at Charlevoix Elementary School, is helping her students prepare for lifelong reading and writing skills by adapting her own version of "I'm as Quick as a Cricket" by Audrey Wood.

"I'm as Quick as a Cricket" follows a child as they meet animals and relate themselves to those animals. Martin took the idea and had her students create a sentence that related themselves to an animal of their choice.

"The class books represent a special kind of interactive writing that also teaches reading to kindergartners," Martin wrote. "They are often the first books the students want to read during their own reading time."

Martin said she got the idea from Julie Hasse, a teacher in Boyne City who did a similar project.

With that idea in place, Martin had her students find pictures of the animals they chose and then let them use their creativity to design their own pages for the book.

Each student is allowed to take the book home so they can share it with their parents and read what they and their classmates wrote.

Allex Smith, 5, said he enjoyed doing the project and his favorite part was picking an elk as his animal.

Destiny Wilks, 5, said she had a lot of fun while creating the book and said she chose a horse because she likes horses. Wilks said her favorite part of the project was that she was able to draw.

Mckenna Ebert, 5, said she likes to draw, which made creating the book even more fun for her. She enjoyed making the scenery around her animal, which is an owl.

Martin said they can read the book to their parents or with their parents. The sentence formation is predictable, as each is similar, which allows the students to recognize high frequency words that are used commonly in the English language.

"Not only does it give them a strong sense of confident reading abilities, it gives them a sense of ownership," Martin said.

The fundamental skills they learn helps make the transition to writing on their own easier, Martin said.

Martin said the class books her students create are a part of the curriculum under the Building Blocks Program. This program focuses on developing early reading and writing skills in kindergartners.

"It's a really fun way for them to learn a lot of those skills," she said.

Martin said the books allow her students to have fun while learning how to handle the English language, read and write.

The class has completed five books so far. One book includes their version of "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" called "Kindergarten, Kindergarten, What Do You See?"

This book also features easily recognizable sentence structures that help the students learn to read.

"The process of creating these books leads to all students experiencing confidence in their early reading and writing," Martin said.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Jessa Martin's kindergarten class has just finished compiling their version of "I'm as Quick as a Cricket" by Audrey Wood. Pictured (front, from left) Mckenna Ebert, Cameron Clark, Hailey Simons, Jeremiah Utley (second) Grace Lee, Kevin Edick, Shyenne Gagnon, Helean Keck, Brad Klinger, (third) Megan Romano, Alison Jarema, Destiny Wilks, Matt Good, Kelsey Swanson, Allex Smith, (fourth) teacher Jessa Martin.

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Public hearing announced on dangerous animals ban

A ordinance prohibiting "dangerous animals" from Charlevoix parks and the downtown area is facing a public hearing on Nov. 15.

The Charlevoix City Council voted unanimously to have the hearing at its Oct. 18 meeting.

The ordinance would prohibit any animal which because of its size, vicious propensity or other characteristic, would constitute a danger to human life, property or domestic animals if it is not restrained or kept in a cage or any ape or monkey, alligators, crocodiles and any snakes.

This ordinance, if accepted, would apply to the Charlevoix central business district — downtown area — and all public parks. It does have an exception for special events, such as when Laura the Elephant visits East Park during the Charlevoix Venetian Festival.

Citizens are asked to attend the Nov. 15 meeting to voice their concerns or questions to council on this matter.

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Blue light concert

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Police uncover bank fraud

The Charlevoix City Police Department is investigating an apparent bank fraud ring which has victimized several northern Michigan banks.

The Charlevoix City Police have arrested one Detroit woman involved in an attempted bank fraud at the Bay Winds Federal Credit Union located on May Street in the City of Charlevoix around 4 p.m. on Friday. She was driving a black. 2004 Toyota Camry.

After this arrest, the Charlevoix City Police were advised of similar successful frauds carried out at other banks in numerous northern Michigan cities. Losses from these banks may be in the thousands of dollars.

Two other suspects were able to leave the scene before officers arrived.

The scheme involved the passing of counterfeit checks and also the presentation of false identity documents to bank employees. Before attempting the Charlevoix bank fraud, this group successfully obtained large amounts of cash from banks in other northern Michigan cities.

The Charlevoix City Police is currently working with a number of northern Michigan police agencies to piece this criminal enterprise together and identify and arrest the other two people involved.

It appears that all of the suspects are from the Detroit area.

Benefit for local family to be Nov. 6

The Freedom House Ministries of Charlevoix is planning a silent auction and bake sale to benefit the Brad Crowell Family from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Freedom House Ministries at 12705 US-31 next to Taco Bell behind Budays.

Brad was left paralyzed from the chest down after a car accident in July. He is the father of five young children.

Any questions or contributions call Connie Bradley at 547-9491 or Kathy Plumm at 547-5519.

Flu shots available for high risk children

Local health department offices and many physicians offices have flu vaccine available for children from a special supply devoted to children who qualify for the Vaccine for Children (VFC) program and who fall into one of the high-risk groups, as defined by the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & Prevention.

Since the flu vaccine shortage was announced in mid-October, the CDC issued revised high priority groups for flu vaccination for children. They are:

- All children 6 months through 23 months of age.
- Any child over age 2 with an underlying chronic medical condition such as heart disease, kidney disease, lung diseases like asthma, diabetes, or a weakened immune system caused by cancer treatment, HIV/AIDS, or steroid therapy.
- Children 6 months to 18 years old on chronic aspirin therapy.

"Parents and caregivers should first call their children's health care providers to see if they participate in the Vaccine for Children program," said Patricia Fralick, Director of Family Health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the local health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

If their children's physicians don't have VFC flu vaccine, parents can call the health department at (800) 432-4121 to confirm Vaccine for Children program eligibility and to schedule an appointment.

The Michigan Department of Community Health provides health departments with vaccine for children who are eligible for the VFC program and in turn they distribute it to participating physicians' offices. The Vaccine for Children program provides vaccine for children who receive Medicaid as well as children who are uninsured, underinsured, or an American Indian or Alaskan Native. "Underinsured" children have health insurance, but it may not cover immunizations, or they've reached their limit on preventive care. Fralick said parents need to check with their insurance provider to see if their coverage includes childhood immunizations.

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Ghost Ship extremely successful this year

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

On Oct. 29, in the spirit of Halloween the United States Coast Guard had their annual Ghost Ship, but to their surprise the event drew the largest crowd and an abundance of food.

Seaman Jeff Catanzarite said between 1,000 and 1,500 people attended the Ghost Ship.

"It's the best turnout ever," he said.

Last year, he said only about 700 people came and the Coast Guard thought that was a lot.

Catanzarite and Petty Officer 2nd class (BM2) Jack Sattler said the line maintained its length throughout the night.

Sattler said his favorite part of putting on the Ghost Ship is that it's the only event that occurs on Halloween in Charlevoix.

"Every year we have a great time," he said. "That's pretty much why we do it."

Petty Officer 3rd class (BM3) Brian Klinger said this was his first year to participate in the Coast Guard Cutter ACACIA's event, but has been involved twice on the Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw.

"Everyone comes together and is having a good time doing it," he said.

Klinger said the Coast Guard only hoped to fill one food bin for the Charlevoix County Food Shelf, but instead filled three.

Sattler said this year's food count beat last year's by far. He said last year the Coast Guard raised about six months worth of food for the food bank and the year prior raised about a year's worth.

"This year, there's a lot more," he said.

Samantha Harris of Charlevoix said she enjoyed taking her grandchildren through the Ghost Ship and found it amusing herself.

"It was quite interesting and pretty exciting," she said. "It was well worth it."

Harris said the only thing she had a problem with was being slammed into by the people in front of her who were too scared to move forward.

However, despite people bumping into her, Harris said the event was even more fun because of the fear others were experiencing and the screams that filled the halls of the ship.

"I think that's what made it so exciting," she said.

Sarah Bingman, 12, who went through with Harris, said to stay away from the chainsaw, which greeted people as they exited the errie ship.

"I thought it would be scarier," she said, but Harris said Bingman screamed through the entire thing.

Jessica Miller, 16, of Boyne City, said the Ghost Ship was more than she expected.

"I didn't think it was going to be scary, but it was," she said.

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

This was just one of the many scary sights at the Coast Guard Ship Acacia for the Ghost Ship.

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She and her husband Jon, owner of Kantola Marine Services, currently reside in Hayes Township. Remember to call Anne when you need knowledgeable help to market your property or to locate the right property to fit your northern Michigan lifestyle.

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SPORTS

Charlevoix girls' cross country heading to state

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix girls' cross country team is heading to the state finals.

The girls' achieved this goal Oct. 30 at the regional meet at Benzie Central when the Rayders took second place with a score of 64. Elk Rapids was in first with a score of 40. There were 16 teams.

And, on top of this achievement, the team has four runners named to the All Regional team.

"It has heen since 1996 that the girls' team has had four All Regionals medalists. The group really tightened down their spacing and four girls hit their all-time performance marks," said coach Mary Plude.

Individual scores and the All Regional runners are: Lindi Edger in fifth, with a time of 20 minutes, 21 seconds, All Regional; Emily Morgridge in eleventh, with a time of 20 minutes, 54 seconds, All Regional; Brittney Lamb in thirteenth, with a time of 20 minutes, 57 seconds, All Regional; Alina Dhaseleer in fifteenth, with a time of 21 minutes, 13 seconds, All Regional; Theresa Martin in twenty-first, with a time of 21 minutes, 45 seconds; Emily Westenbroek in twenty-fifth, with a time of 21 minutes, 54 seconds; Mia Matchett in twenty-sixth place, with a time of 21 minutes, 57 seconds.

In addition to the girls' team, the boys' team ran a nice race at the regional. However, the team placed fifth, knocking them out of state finals.

"The hoys' ran a good race, but they needed a great race to get to state," coach Ken Plude said.

Individual results were: Scott Plude in nineteenth, with a time of 17 minutes, 22 seconds; Jacob Wimmer in twenty-second, with a time of 17 minutes, 26 seconds; Jared Hunt in twenty-fourth, with a time of 17 minutes, 34 seconds; Brandon Stevens in twenty-seventh, with a time of 17 minutes, 36 seconds; Isaac Matchett in fortieth, with a time of 18 minutes, 1 second; Tom Aepelbacher in fifty-fourth, with 18 minutes, 37 seconds and Jacob Hunt in fifty-sixth, with 18 minutes, 44 seconds.

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The Charlevoix girls' cross country team is: (front, from left) Mia Matchett, Alina Dhaseleer, Emily Westenbroek, (back) coach Mary Plude, Emily Morgridge, Brittney Lamb, Lindi Edger, Theresa Martin.

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Great record

Charlevoix Middle School basketball has a record 23-1 for two years. The eighth grade basketball team for this year is: (front, from left) Alyssa Smith, Tanya Wynkoop, Shauna Spencley, Marine Greene, Amber Hoffman, Ericka Faust, (back) Paige Martin, Tammy Potter, Katie Withrow, K.C. McCory, Meridith Rich, Bridget Peters, Coach Potter.

All three girls' basketball teams remain undefeated

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

It's a great accomplishment when a high school basketball team goes undefeated for a season.

What about three teams at one school going undefeated in a season?

The Charlevoix varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams all were victorious at Grayling to up their records to 17-0 on the season.

The varsity shrugged off a slow start to win, 70-41. The victory assured the Rayders of sole possession of the Lake Michigan Conference championship.

The Rayders led only 7-5 after the first quarter but pulled to a 27-15 lead at the half.

Laura Nitchman scored 12 points in the third quarter as Charlevoix pulled away, leading 47-28 after the period.

"We had an awefully slow start," coach Keith Haske said. "We shot only 11 percent in the first quarter. Nothing was going in. But we put together a real nice streak in the third quarter, going on a 12-0 run."

Nitchman finished with 15 points and four assists. Grace Farrell had her third straight double-double with 14 points, 11 rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Shannon Dihhle scored 11 points. Jaime Pettis contributed four assists and five steals.

"Our defense was tough," Haske said. "Grayling really struggled offensively. We've been solid defensively most of the year."

The Rayders, still ranked second in Class C by the Associated Press, hosted Kalkaska on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Results will appear in next week's Courier.

Charlevoix plays at Boyne City on Thursday in their Lake Michigan Conference finale.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Young at Hearts League
October 28, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	23	9
Misfits	20	12
Past Timers	18	14
Alley Cats	16	16
Sparetime	14	18
Irish Rollers	14	18
Twilighters	12	20
Has Beens	11	21

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenheit	536	195
Mo Dixon	509	181
Art Ruis	512	
Don Bambach		179
Zettie Kitson	455	156
Babs Sharrow		150
Shirley Flower	408	144
Nancy Zimmerman	401	

Church League • October 27, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	254	146
R & C Roofing	230	170
Ferguson & Chamberlain	217	183
Mark White Paint & Stain	213	187
Lutherans	192	208
State Farm Insurance	183	217
The Inner Circle	171	229
St. Mary's	140	260

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Don Firman	577	223
Jim Potter	587	213
Ron Grulke		215
Scott Kehrer	559	

Men's Senior League
October 25, 2004

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	19	9
J Arnold Painting "A"	16	12
Kerr's Racing	16	12
Weebowl-Wobowls	14	14
Central Drug Store	13	15
Cemex Cement	13	15
J Arnold Painting "2"	12	16
Selph Trucking	9	19

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	633	236
Chris Putman		232
Chris McCallum	574	
Brian Dixon		215
Gordie Selph	568	

Tuesday Night Ladies • Oct. 26, 2004

	W	L
Central Drug Store	21	11
Paul Bunyan Lanes	20	12
Twin Lakes Enterprise	19	13
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	16	16
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	15	17
Grey Gables	15	17
Don's IGA	13	19
Mark White Paint & Stain	9	23

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	540	213
Lisa Nicola		202
Leanna Mosoryak	535	
Marlene Evans	522	191

Gutter Gals League • October 28, 2004

	W	L
Burger King Charlevoix	93	67
Argonne Supper Club	85	75
Paul Bunyan Lanes	80	80
Express Yourself	62	98

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	570	236
Mary O'Brien	555	198
Diana Speigl	545	196

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
October 24, 2004

	W	L
Hill/Martinchek	13	3
Golovich	13	3
Bradley	11	5
Herboldsheimer	10	6
O'Leary	9	7
Titus	9	7
Griffin/Novotny	7	9
Cunningham/Mikulski	7	9
Novotny	7	9
Lasky	6	10
Hart	4	12
Team 12	0	16

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

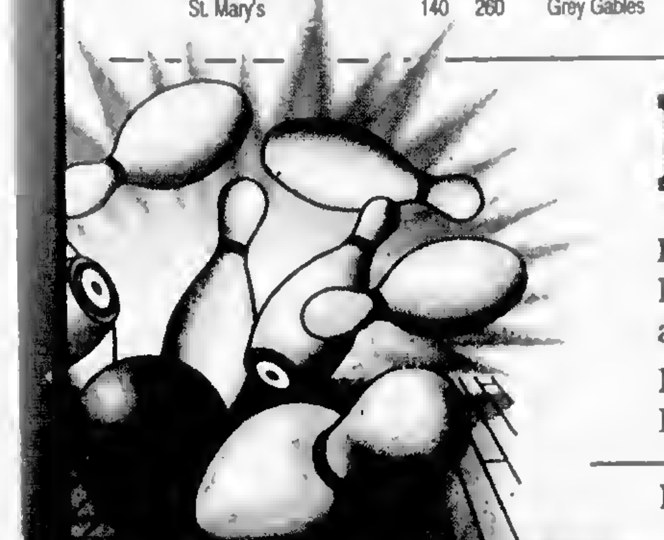
	Series	Game
Tim Bradley	498	200
Matt Novotny	461	173
Dave Golovich		165
Chris Mikulski	447	
Rachel Lasky	412	183
Kathy Hill	420	167
Andi Cunningham		145
Martha Herboldsheimer	381	

Casino League • October 28, 2004

	W	L
Crackpots	36	4
T.K. & The Boozers	30	10
4 Fun	22	18
At Least a 6 Pack	20	20
Vegabounds	12	28
Brooklyn Rats	10	30
Team 7	0	40
Team 8	0	40

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	461	246
Tony Kiernan	391	233
Joel Stradling	387	195
Lynette Webb	455	265
Carolyn Blanchard		222
Debra Blanchard	399	200
Rita Oliver	373	



Paul Bunyan Lanes

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Rick Wilson was the Tues. Night Pool Tournament winner.

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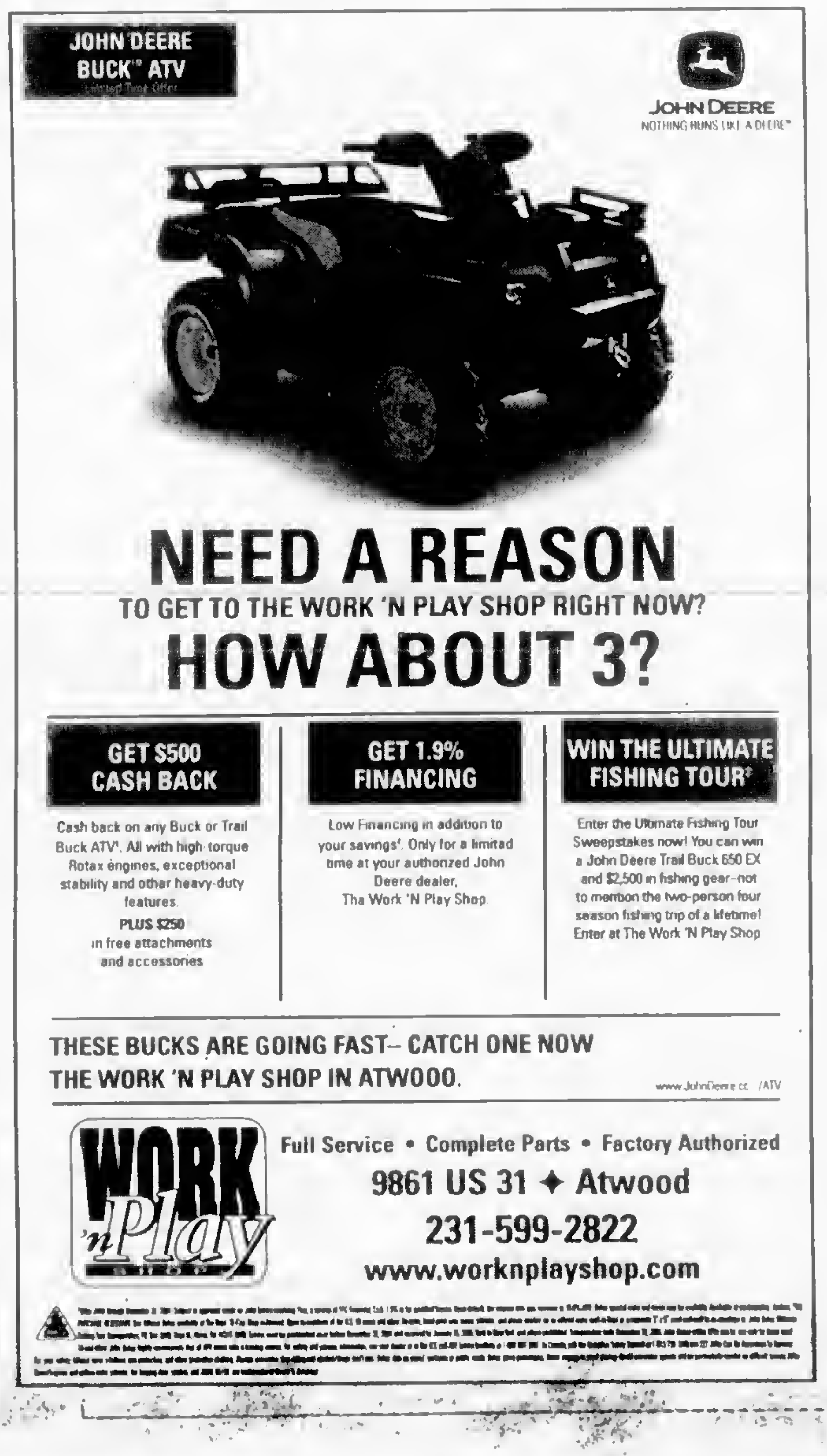

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Students selling pies to raise money for French trip

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

A group of Charlevoix High School students are selling homemade apple pies in order to help raise money for their overseas venture into France.

Sue Kessler, French teacher at Charlevoix High School, said experiencing a language by native speakers is important to learning and retaining that language.

"It comes alive," she said. "That's the only way to put it clearly into use."

Kessler said the goal is to raise $3,000, with each student keeping the money he or she personally raised through the pie fund-raiser.

The students will leave for France in early June, where they will spend one week together in Paris then spend one week in the south of France with host families.

Kessler said the trip to France is the reward students receive for spending three years in French. It also allows them to broaden their horizons and allows them to realize there's another culture out there that they have only begun to learn about.

This trip will be the fourteenth time Kessler has taken students to France, but the first time she has allowed some students from French II to come along. Kessler said these students are exceptional at French and should be allowed to have the opportunity as well.

The trip consists of students from French II, French III and French IV.

"I've always loved the French language and people," Kessler said.

Her love has prompted her to take students to France, but what keeps her continuing to do so each year is the experiences and memories her students gain.

"For me, to take a group of American students to France to find a corner of France where they can have an experience is what keeps me, keeps reassuring me it's a good thing to do," she said.

Kessler said her students come back more mature after having had to meet deadlines and finance themselves without parental guidance.

This comes with all kinds of travel, Kessler said, but especially overseas. Some students will also be experiencing flying on an airplane for the first time.

The pies are on sale now and orders will be taken until Nov. 10. They cost $10 each and will be delivered on Nov. 20 if the address is in town, otherwise, the pies can be picked up at the high school.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Pictured are: (front, from left) Sally Haselschwardt, Kara Ciesielczyk, Juli Neidert, Michelle Fritsch and Travis Klooster. Second row are: Lisa Kuebler, Kara Fitzgerald, Sarah Blanchard, Sara Smith and Kevin Kusina. Third row are: Logan Priess, Courtney Russell, Jennifer Rich, Bailey Yenglin, Ryan Graham, Alex Urban and Matt Heimbuch.

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Charlevoix skate park celebrates its creation

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

On Oct. 26, the Charlevoix Community Skatepark came alive as those who have worked hard to make it a reality celebrated the end of the season.

Vickie Daman, president of the Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. said the group is currently working on a few different fundraisers and will be focusing on the new location.

Daman said the Charlevoix City Council passed the resolution allowing the permanent skate park to be constructed on the southwest corner of the land parcel currently housing the Water and Electric plant on West Carpenter Street across from the baseball fields.

As of now, the property will house the skate park for five years.

Daman said the Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc., is shooting for an opening day in May 2005.

During the end of season bash, three different competitions were given and Daman said those who use the park judged each other to determine a winner.

Plaques were given to the winners in each category and include Colin Campbell, 14, for in-line skating, Burke Ramsey, 17, for skateboarding and a tie between Zeke Daman, 13, and Brennan Stebe, 13, for BMX bikes.

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Pictured are: (front, from left) Mick Papp, Eli Daman, Zeke Daman, Connor Klooster, Shaun Couture, Jason Fields, Colin Campbell (second) A.J. Baker, Brennan Stebe, Andrew Mailloux, Curtis Petzak, James Bryant, Andrew Mallory, Sean Thomas, Burke Ramsey, Sam Kantola, Dylan Pidek and Stephen Parker.

Cynthia Parker, fund-raiser coordinator for Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc., said winners for the raffles held during the 25th Annual Apple Festival and Craft Show were drawn that day.

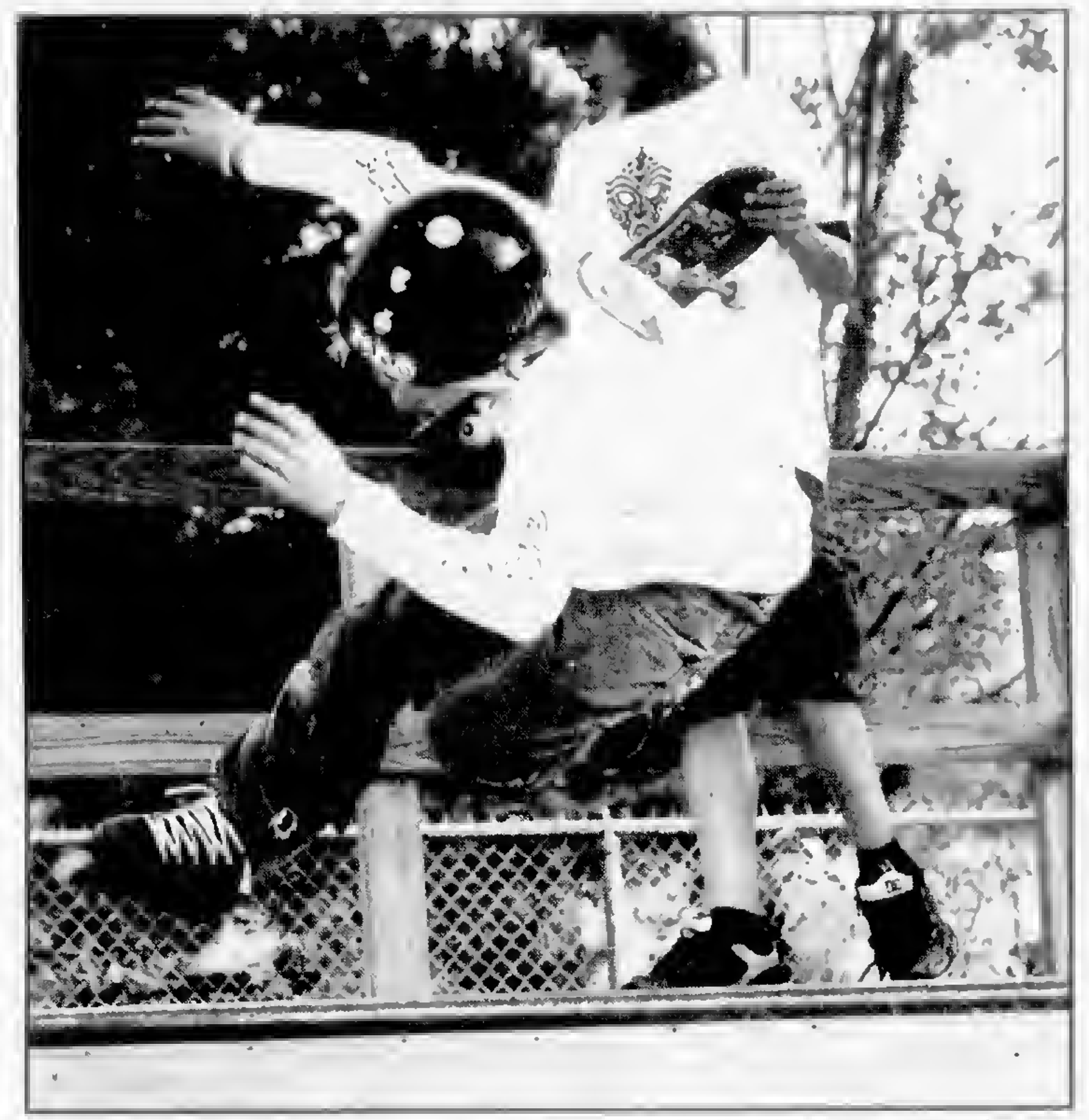
The winner for the 50/50 Raffle was Pam Kantola and the winner for the "Warrior" painted buffalo skull by Indian River artist and master sculptor William Doehring was Marypat Goldich of Petoskey.

Parker said Goldich will be presented with the art piece by Doehring himself.

The silent auction, which started during the Apple Festival, was completed during the end of year bash and the winner is a woman from Brutus who wishes to stay anonymous.

The winner received two buffalo head skulls painted by Doehring and titled "Seeker" and "Thunder."

Daman said there are Skatepark T-shirts on sale for $15 and hooded sweatshirts for $25 and also Bridge Walk 2004 T-shirts on sale for $10.



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Shaun Couture, 11, demonstrates his rollerblading skills on the half pipe while Mick Papp, 14, waits his turn on Oct. 26 during the end of season bash at the skate park.

Sheriff warns about new telemarketer calls in area

Sheriff George T. Lasater wants to warn the citizens of Charlevoix County that an aggressive telemarketing campaign has begun statewide. "These callers do not represent my office or the Michigan Sheriffs Association, of which I am a member," said Sheriff Lasater.

Telemarketers have been calling citizens to request donations and, in some cases, say the money will be applied to a scholarship program for the children of fallen officers. While some organizations rely on telemarketing, Lasater warns that recent calls may be fraudulent telemarketing schemes.

"If a telemarketer says they are from the Michigan Sheriffs Association, you should know immediately that he or she is lying," said MSA Executive Director Terrence L. Jungel. "The MSA never requests donations by telephone. These telemarketers hurt our legitimate efforts to raise money for important training programs for the state's sheriffs."

The MSA, created by the legislature in 1877, is the oldest law enforcement organization in the state and the only one that represents the office of sheriff.

"We will not receive one dime of the money these telemarketers are trying to get," said Lasater. If you get one of these telemarketing calls, follow these steps:

- Note the date and time of the call.
- Ask the caller to clearly identify who they represent.
- Do not give the caller any financial information.
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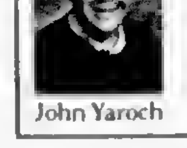

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010715-DE

Estate of MELISSA KAMYSZEK
DECEASED
Date of birth: June 21, 1972

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MELISSA KAMYSZEK, who lived at 0300 High Country Drive, Boyne City, Michigan died July 11, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David Kamyszek, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: October 28, 2004

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David Kamyszek
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010750

Estate of Robert Cousineau
Deceased
Date of birth: 7/27/1915

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert Cousineau, who lived at P.O. Box 308, Boyne City, Michigan died January 13, 1999.

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Date: October 27, 2004

Lynn G. Stedman P20931
331 Bay Street
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320 Howard Street
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made July 02, 2002, by Louise P. Parsons, a married woman, as mortgagor, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on July 31, 2002, at Liber 479, Page 988, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $455,244.90 principal, $12,609.66 interest, and $2,250.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, November 5, 2004, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

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This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 3.0% above the First Community Bank base lending rate, which is variable daily, and which total variable rate is presently 10.95% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums that may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

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Dated: September 29, 2004

First Community Bank
Mortgagee
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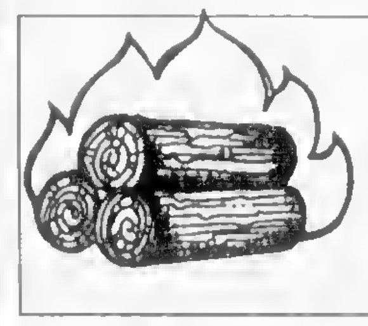

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Area events

Handling the Holidays

Handling the Holidays, a program open to anyone who feels a need for help to get through the holidays starts at 7 p.m., Nov. 3, in the lower level of the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Hospice of Northwest Michigan and Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice, is offering this program that will give suggestions on getting through the holidays for those who have experienced a loss whether past or present. There is no charge.

Hospice spiritual advisor, Pastor Carl Litchfield, will present the Griever's Holiday Bill of Rights and COPE — a simple plan for handling some of the stresses associated with the holidays. If you have questions please call the hospice office (231) 536-2842 or Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice 547-6092.

Spaghetti Dinner

The seventh annual Charlevoix Historical Society Spaghetti Dinner is from 5 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the Villager Pub located at 427 Bridge Street. The annual fund-raiser is an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner with society members working as hosts and waitstaff.

Menu for the evening is $6.95 for All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti with garlic bread, $8.50 for two pieces of whitefish with cole slaw and Fries or $8.95 for a burrito dinner.

Door prizes will be awarded. All tips go toward support of the historical society.

Harbor Light fund-raiser

Dan VanderArk, director of Christian Schools International, will be the featured speaker at A Royal Night Out, the annual fund-raising dinner for Harbor Light Christian School. The event starts at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Cost of the event is $25 per person.

Christian School International is a group of 500 Christian schools around the world, including Harbor Light.

For further information or tickets for this event call the school at (231) 347-7859.

Sight-in days

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will host sight-in days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Nov. 6 and 7. The cost will be $5 per gun with targets provided. Register at the club house when you arrive. The club is located on US-31 North of Charlevoix.

Memorial service

Hospice of Northwest Michigan will host a memorial service to remember patients it has served this past year at 4 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street. They have partnered with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice to encourage anyone who has experienced a death to attend this service in honor of those loved ones.

If you have any questions please contact Margaret at 536-2842 or Lynda at 547-6092.

Veteran's Day

The American Legion invites veterans to the fourth annual Veterans Day Open House and Chapel Service. Ernest Peterson Post 228, Boyne City, MI, extends an invitation to all area veterans and their families to join them on Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11 at an open house from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Lieutenant Commander Herbert L. Griffin Jr., Chaplain Corps, USN, Ninth Coast Guard District Chaplain will give the message during a military chapel service at 7:30 p.m.

Salute the Veterans

You are invited to a program Saluting Our Local Veterans at 9 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 11, at Ellsworth High School Gym. All veterans are asked to bring memorabilia to share. There will be coffee, punch and desserts for the veterans. Music by Ellsworth and Central Lake combined bands.

Snowmobile meeting

Charlevoix Snowmobile Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Way Transportation Company, located on US-31 South of Charlevoix. Visit their web site at www.chxsnowmobile.com.

Lapsit, story hours

Charlevoix Public Library offers story hour every Thursday morning. Beginning at 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. Lapsit for children 0-3, followed by traditional story hour 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for children 3 to 5. Call 547-2651 for more information. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday.

Coats for kids

The Coats for Kids Program kicked off and is sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet FIA. Their goal is to be sure that children are kept warm this winter. The drive is accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. They will also accept gently worn coats, hats, gloves and mittens in good condition. Please clean the worn items before donating. Donations can be made at Boyne City and Petoskey Glen's, and Charlevoix and Petoskey Kmart's.

Those in need can pick up coats at any of the following distribution points:

- Friends and Neighbors Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1404 S. Howard Street, Petoskey from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 326 North Park, Boyne City from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Salvation Army at 712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey.

Food pantry hours

The Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Area meetings

American Legion, V.F.W —
The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943. The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue. The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Adolescent groups —
BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

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Nov. 5-9
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Elementary school has annual Halloween parade

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Charlevoix Elementary students marched through town Friday in their Halloween costumes to gather treats from downtown merchants. (Left) Scott Forreider as Chef from the television show South Park hands out treats. (Below left) Carys Martin gets some candy and (below right) Maeeline Boss tries to keep her hat up.

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(Above left) Jeremy Whitley and his fish man costume. (Left) Elijah Sjoholm, Desmond Hunter and Caroline Boss wait for some candy. (Right) The students line the businesses of Bridge Street waiting for some sweet treats.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Charlevoix Area Hospital hosts annual Baby Fair

On Thursday, the Charlevoix Area Hospital hosted its annual baby fair. The fair featured many items new parents might be interested in and plenty of games for kids, including a costume contest. (Below) Julia Ivester, 3, of Charlevoix paints a pumpkin at the fair.

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(Left) Micayle Vrondran, 2, (in frog outfit) looks on as Adina VanLoo, 8, guesses how many candies are in this bottle. (Above) Shandelynn Pines, 5, smiles as she dons her witch costume.

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Another election season ends for Charlevoix

ELECTION

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Campbell said she and the rest of the city council will do the best they can.

"We'll do the best we can with what we have to work with," she said.

And Charlevoix's third ward will be keeping Sherman Chamberlain as its representative on city council. Chamberlain beat challenger Dave Scott 283 votes to 197 or 59 percent to 41 percent.

Chamberlain said he wants to first thank all the voters who supported him.

"I'm looking forward to a more productive two years," he said.

Chamberlain said he hopes to get things done and square things away in order to get the city to move forward. Some things include getting the issue of whether or not dogs should be allowed in East Park underway, getting the marina project settled so the city can move ahead on it, hopefully solving the CCMS check issue in regard to Belvedere Avenue and getting the new master plan underway.

Chamberlain is grateful for the competition he received from Scott.

"Competition is good because it forces you to take a really good look at finding out what the people want," he said.

However, this will be Chamberlain's last term on city council.

Scott said he doesn't know what it means that he lost. However, he congratulates Chamberlain.

"It was a lot of fun running and I'm still going to do what I can to help out," he said.

Scott said he gave it his all despite going up against the incumbent and receiving some bad press during the campaign.

"I'm proud that we ran a good race and I appreciate everyone that voted for me," he said.

Scott said he will continue to stay active in the city and he will be available to be of help for anyone that may need assistance.

In regard to running again, Scott said he has a lot of time to think about that.

Voter turnout in the city of Charlevoix was high with 1,683 voters out of 2,374 registered casting a ballot. This is a voter turnout of 71 percent.

This coincided with the county voter turnout which was at 67 percent. The county has 21,255 registered voters and 14,267 voted.

As for county races, Republican John Jarema easily beat Green Party candidate Ellis Boal, 9,063 to 2,054 votes or 81 to 18 percent.

Jarema said he wants to thank Boal for running a good, clean campaign.

Now that he will be taking over the position in January, Jarema said he plans on moving forward and sitting down with the current staff and seeing who wishes to stay and getting everything in order.

In the county drain commissioner seat, incumbent Joanne Bier Beemon, of the Green Party, was beaten by challenger Republican Marc Seelye 8,310 to 2,846 votes or 74 to 25 percent.

Beemon said she is upset, but thinks Seelye understands that the county can't continue the same as it had in the past in regard to drains.

Beemon said she plans to work really hard with the conservancy and continue with her substitute teaching.

"I'm an environmentalist," she said. "I'll be back."

Another big issue on the ballot was a request for up to 1/3 of a mill for the Charlevoix Area Pool to provide funds for operating, maintaining and improvements. The request went to voters in the city of Charlevoix and Charlevoix and Hayes townships.

This request passed 2,000 votes to 1,653 or 55 to 45 percent.

Other results included:

- In Marion Township, a zoning referendum changing a Loeb township property from agricultural to residential zoning failed 730 votes to 167 or 81 to 18 percent.
- An operating millage in Peaine Township passed 137 to 66 votes or 67 to 32 percent.
- An airport and operations maintenance proposal in St. James Township passed 124 to 76 votes or 62 to 38 percent.
- A general operations millage in St. James Township passed 122 to 74 votes or 62 to 38 percent.
- A millage for the operation and maintenance of a landfill and transfer station in St. James Township passed 141 to 58 or 71 to 29 percent.
- An operating millage in Charlevoix Township passed 647 to 300 votes or 68 to 32 percent.
- As for the 105th District, the final tally was not known as of press time. However, Republican Kevin Elsenheimer took Charlevoix County over Democrat Jim McKimmy 8,145 to 5,395 votes or 60 to 40 percent.
- As for the national presidential race, the final tally nationwide was not known as of press time. However, Incumbent Republican George Bush beat Democratic challenger John Kerry in Charlevoix County 8,214 to 5,729 votes or 58 to 40 percent.

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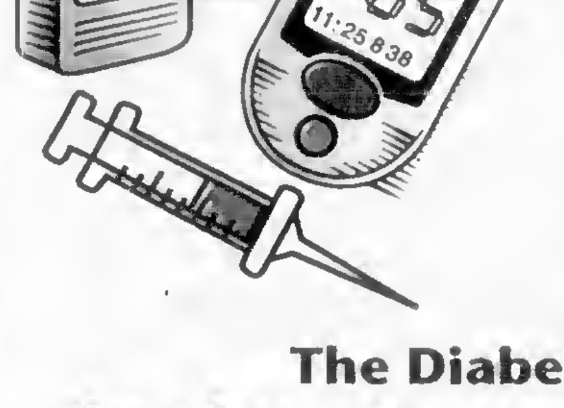

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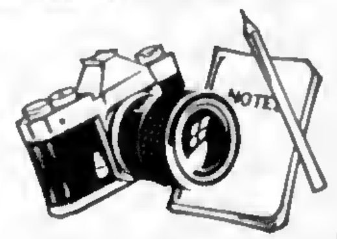

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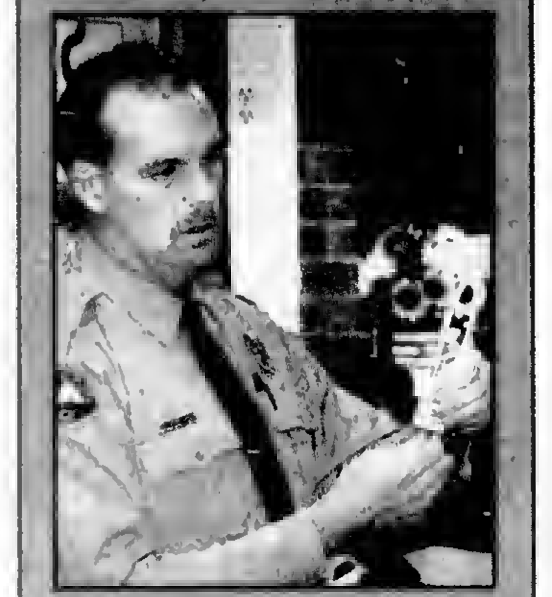

The Charlevoix City Police Department gave area schoolchildren a lesson in gun safety recently.

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Ellsworth students will be performing a play that originally was a poem written by a northern Michigan poet.

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Students pick Bush in mock elections

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

America may have spoken on Nov. 2, but so did students in Charlevoix public schools.

Charlevoix Elementary School had a school-wide mock Presidential election and third grade teachers Pat Carland, Cathy Silberhorn, Julie Bernhardt and Erik Lundteigen helped the students register their peers and prepare for the elections. The students chose George W. Bush as their president — along with the country.

"It was beneficial for us as well because it brought a civics lesson into the classroom," Silberhorn said.

Silberhorn, Carland and Bernhardt said they will have the mock election again in the future and will use this experience to enhance the program.

The students did all of the work, Silberhorn said, for the

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Christmas is coming

The city of Charlevoix is already getting prepared for the holiday season. For the last couple of weeks crews have been working on the downtown Christmas lights, replacing lines and bulbs. Here, Tom Kladzyk, of Holiday Lighting Service finished putting up some new lights on Michigan Avenue, just north of the bridge.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Criminal case to close for prank

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The St. Patrick's Day culprits who dumped green sodium fluorescein into the Pine River Channel on March 17 during the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce's first annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl may not be known, but the investigation into the matter is being closed.

Sgt. Vince Woods, a detective with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's office of criminal investigation, said he hasn't heard back from Lansing yet, but the case will be closed due to a lack of evidence.

Last year, the chamber wanted to dye the channel green to copy Chicago for the St. Patrick's Day festivities, but was told five times by the MDEQ that it wasn't allowed, according to a previous article on the matter in the *Charlevoix Courier*.

However, someone still poured dye into the channel. The prank occurred sometime during the celebration at the Weathervane Restaurant, before participants moved to the next bar in the pub crawl.

As stated in a previous article, Jeff Sprecksell, general manager of the Weathervane Restaurant, found a box of the dye in the lower level dining room of the restaurant with a note attached telling one of his staff to pour it in the river. Sprecksell then contacted the Coast Guard who contacted Richard Shoemaker, senior environmental quality analyst with the surface water quality division of the MDEQ, to find out the dye was not to be dumped.

The MDEQ told the Courier that Sprecksell called Linda Mason, the chamber board member who coordinated the pub crawl, and told her to remove it from the restaurant. From here, the details are foggy and no one knows what happened to the dye until it ended up in the channel.

The MDEQ said the dye is usually not toxic, but could not say for certain if this prank harmed the environment in the channel because it is not sure how much was actually poured in.

Woods said the case is being closed because MDEQ's policy is that if the case gets stale in 180 days, it is closed until further information is gathered. The MDEQ was having trouble getting people to speak to them about the matter during the investigation.

However, Woods said he wants the culprits to know that the case isn't closed forever for there is a statute of limitations of six years in Michigan. This means the case can be re-opened at any time.

"I want them to know that," he said. "Six years is a long time to look over your shoulder."

Whilte the criminal investigation may come to a close, the MDEQ's Shoemaker added a possible civil case being brought against the chamber is still open. He said the chamber's lawyer and the lawyer for the MDEQ are still in discussion and evaluating the evidence at hand.

"We may have exhausted all our possible remedies," Shoemaker said.

Shoemaker said the chamber is still denying any involvement in the prank.

The case will be looked at by the law enforcement officials in Lansing.

The decision made in Lansing, Shoemaker said, will determine if the case is closed or if it is investigated further.

"They may not see it as a big issue, but it is a violation," Shoemaker said.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Kristy Leigh Skippergosh, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Six months probation; must attend substance abuse classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Robert Allen Bowden, 36, Conway. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Six months probation; 180 days in jail with credit for three days, serve 37 days, 140 days held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Ralph Donald Lemieur III, 18, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Mitchell Carl Kewaygeshik, 41, Boyne City. Disorderly person/drunk. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Gregory Allan Miller, 41, Quincy. Operator-license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Mary Eldeen Hunt, 34, Boyne Falls. Non-sufficient funds under $100. Sentenced to five days in jail with credit for five days; $306.89 in fines and costs.

Rachel Ann Davis, 20, Elmira. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend BASES classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Will Douglas Granath, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, first offense. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Nicholas James Jakohowski, 24, Charlevoix. Fireworks-possession. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Thomas Otto Hay, 40, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Eighteen months probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 180 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 154 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,110 in fines and costs.

Jeffery Lee Brodin, 45, Charlevoix. Stalking-Aggravated. Bound over to circuit court.

Charles John Holtzbaek Jr., 19, Boyne Falls. Operator-license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $350.

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Nickcoal Lynn Hughey, 22, Boyne City. Operator-permit another to violate motor vehicle code. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Rita Jean Crisman, 19, Boyne City. Operator-no license. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Ryan Mark Therrian, 23, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Matthew Lavent Himebauch, 21, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes, must attend Impact Weekend; $760 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Elaine Grise, 27, Central Lake. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,310 in fines and costs.

Lori Leeann Hart, 30, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail, serve 15 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 68 days held in abeyance; $1,155 in fines and costs.

Elizabeth Ann Mcsawby, 20, Charlevoix. Operating-minor with any blood alcohol content. Six months probation; five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, must attend substance abuse classes, attend Harbor Hall classes; $535 in fines and costs.

David Joseph Massey Jr., 20, Brutus. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Rocky Allen Perry Jr., 24, Alanson. Domestic violence. Sentenced to 59 days in jail with credit for 59 days.

Derek Harold Jacobson, 31, Boyne City. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 92 days; $1,130 in fines and costs.

Cory Haight, 24, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 92 days; $735 in fines and costs.

Michael Phillip Krueger, 22, Ellsworth. Embezzlement agent/trust under $200. One year probation; 93 days in jail, serve six days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 77 days held in abeyance, must attend an economic crime program; $1,023.43 in fines and costs.

Rebecca Jo Helveston, 34, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. Two year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 60 days on electronic monitor, 92 days held in abeyance; $1,380 in fines and costs.

Christopher Michael Whisler, 20, East Jordan. Operator-license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Sentenced to five days in jail with credit for one day, serve four days.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Xtreme Imaging, 2769 Genesis Road, Boyne City, by Christopher C. Fiel.

Home and Garden Parties of N.M., 15358 Phelps Road, Charlevoix, by Pamela S. Potter.

Video Alternatives, 523 South Park Street, Boyne City, by Daniel Donovan Farrow.

Danly Enterprizes, 5419 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, by Nancy J. Danly.

ADVERSHOW.com, 206 East Upright, Charlevoix, by Harvey Coates and Erica Coates.

Shorty's Hi Performance and Racing Products S.H.A.R.P., 523 Maple Street, East Jordan, by Terry Kauska.

F.E. Martin General Contractor, 25680 Lake Drive P.O. Box 35, Beaver Island, by Francis E. Martin.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Daniel James Bowman, 22, Boyne City and Sabrina Ann Brockette, 24, Boyne City

Shannon R. Gee, 34, East Jordan and Heather R. MacNaughton, 27, East Jordan

Josh Linn Chamberlain, 21, Charlevoix and Maegan Dayle Mount, 19, Charlevoix

Births

Fox Marcus weller, weighing 8 pounds, 1.5 ounces, was born to Jason and Kelly Weller of Boyne City, on Nov. 3, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Coy and Tatum Weller. Grandparents are Vern and Mary Weller of Atwood, Wilbur and Carol Jankowski of Petoskey and Sally Fontana of Prescott, Ariz.

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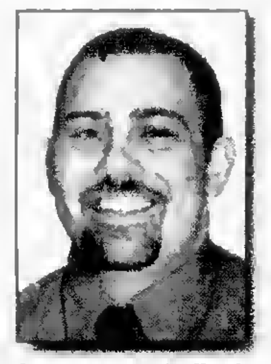

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Machine jam doesn't cause trouble counting city votes

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

A ballot counting machine that jammed in the city's third ward Nov. 2 has caused some concern among voters in that ward, but according to city clerk Carol Ochs they have nothing to worry about.

Voters in the third ward reported that a ballot counting machine jammed and had to be turned off and on again during the general election Nov. 2. Some questioned whether their votes were counted as a result and if a recount in that ward was needed. But, Ochs said while there was a machine jam, every vote was still counted in the third ward.

"Basically it was a paper jam. We just unplugged it and plugged it back in, but it didn't change any of the votes and it read all the votes," she said. "It was just a machine error."

She said about 15 people had to wait to feed their ballots into the machine until workers got it running again.

Ochs said she confirmed that all the votes were read by comparing it with the voting log at the end of the night. When a person comes in to vote, they must fill out an application to vote, which is assigned a number. That number is put into the voter log book, which is then compared with the machine's voter count.

On Nov. 2, after voting was completed, those two numbers were the same, Ochs said. This means each ballot that was put into that machine was counted.

Furthermore, Ochs said, these machines are very sophisticated and warn you if there is a problem with a ballot right away. For example, if a person picks more than one candidate for United States president and feeds their ballot into the machine, the machine spits the ballot back out immediately and asks if they would like to redo their ballot.

If the person chooses not to redo their ballot, then the machine will accept the original ballot, but not count their vote in the presidential race — because they picked more than one — and still count all of the other votes.

Ochs said one of her deputy clerks had received a call last week from a concerned voter on the matter and she talked to one of the candidates for city council's third ward — Dave Scott — about it.

Scott ran against incumbent Sherman Chamberlain, but lost 197 to 283.

Scott said, "I have the upmost respect for Carol Ochs. I called her because someone in the ward called me about it. She told me emphatically there were no problems and I take her word for it."

Six voters receive wrong absentee ballots in city

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

A few voters in the city of Charlevoix were sent the wrong absentee ballot, making their picks for city council void in the Nov. 2 general election, said Charlevoix City Clerk Carol Ochs.

Ochs said six voters in the city received the wrong absentee ballot in the Nov. 2 election. She said she tried to contact each of the voters after she discovered the error on Nov. 2, but she could not reach them.

"We did what we could do to make sure those votes counted," she said.

Ochs said the only office this effected was for city council. None of the national races, state races of even the mayors race was effected.

Ochs said five voters in the third ward accidentally received second ward ballots and one voter in the first ward received a second ward ballot.

Once she received the wrong ballots, and could not contact the voters, Ochs remade the ballots in the presence of two democrats and two republicans on the proper absentee form. She then fed those new ballots into the voting machines to be counted.

But, because the candidate for the city council was wrong on the ballots and Ochs could not contact the voters to find out which candidate they wanted, she had to leave that section empty.

Ochs pointed out the council races in those wards would not have been changed due to those votes. In the third ward Dave Scott was beaten by incumbent Sherman Chamberlain 197 to 283 and in the first ward incumbent Bill Haggard beat Rebecca Doan 270 to 245 votes.

Sheriff can help you clean

Sheriff George T. Lasater announced the Fall Clean Up Program for senior citizens of Charlevoix County.

Lasater will be assigning county jail prisoners, supervised by a sheriff's officer, to assist senior citizens with raking and general clean up of their yards.

The program also includes townships in Charlevoix County where prisoners may be assigned, under supervision, to clean cemeteries, parks and others.

Lasater said only prisoners who are not a security risk to the community will be assigned this detail.

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The First Amendment

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What really is morality in the United States?

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

Now that the election is over, I keep hearing many in the news talking about morality.

They say morality was the issue that turned this election in favor of George Bush, with issues such as abortion and gay marriage. And they are saying this resonated with the right-wing Christians in the Republican party, bringing them out in droves to the polls.

And they say, the Republicans are going to be hammering morality in the 2006 elections.

What's confusing me here is this morality they are talking about is not the same morality issues that most Christians hold dear. Is this the same morality that was preached by Jesus?

The basics of morality and those that were taught by Jesus, as they were taught to me growing up, were to end poverty, help heal the sick and promote peace. I don't remember fighting the gays being hammered into my brain as a child.

We don't hear about these big morality issues from the Republicans do we? I wonder why that is.

Perhaps it is easier to trash the gay lifestyle? Perhaps it is because abortion is such a powerful issue?

Let's look at abortion for a moment here. Now, like many of those in the Republican party, I am all for life. In fact, many people in the Republican party and those against the abortion issue claim they are pro-life.

But, when I scratch at this issue with them, I find some leeway after a person is born. Let's take President Bush for example. Bush is Pro-Life when it comes to the unborn, but he is all for the death penalty and invading countries, even if it means killing innocents in the process.

I am against the death penalty for two reasons: First, if there is any chance that any innocent person is going to be put to death then morally we must do away with the entire system. Considering there have been people in the past who have mistakenly been convicted of a crime and the fact that our court system is not perfect, then executions are immoral. Second, I believe only God has the ability to decide who should or should not die. We have no right to make that decision for Him.

Let's look at ending poverty. We claim to do this when company after company leaves the United States for other countries or gets millions in tax breaks but cuts hundreds of jobs to increase their stock price which sends more families into poverty — all legal ways of doing business in the Republican Bush America. So, this is moral?

For healing the sick, the big issue this year was stem cell research. Stem cell research could be the key to curing a number of horrible diseases, but due to misinformation people seem to think it is immoral. I urge you to read Roger Knutson's column about stem cell research in last week's edition of the Courier, you will see it is immoral not to consider this science.

And lastly, peace. The Rev. Jerry Falwell, one of the big leaders of the right-wing Christian movement, said in a recent interview on CNN that a solution to the Middle East issue was war and killing. How very Christian. I saw a bumper sticker that said it best, "When Jesus said love your enemy, I think he probably meant don't kill them."

And Bush's Middle East solution isn't great either. His solution to the Middle East was to invade Iraq based on claims of weapons of mass destruction and then change his rationale several times when it turns out false. In the meantime, while bad people are getting killed by our bombs and bullets, up to 100,000 innocents — women and children — have been killed in the process. It doesn't take a genius to figure out by killing innocents you are making more people hate America.

And don't give me that, "You have to break a few eggs to make an omelet," argument I have heard in the past. If you want to argue that, try giving the omelet argument to the father of a 4-month-old baby who was just killed in a bombing raid that missed its target.

I am tired of being preached to about morality from these people. I am tired of hearing about how if I do not subscribe to their version of morality, which according to the way I was taught conflicts with the teachings of Jesus, I am not a moral person.

And don't say I am just the liberal media. I was a hard-core Republican until about the mid-1990s, the era of Newt Gingrich and the far-right. Now I am an independent voter — I vote for the best candidate, not the best party.

So, if you want to bring morality into the political fray in 2006, so be it. Then let's look at the big issues of morality. But, I don't think some in the right wing will be too comfortable with it.

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Thanks for the vote

Editor:

At the Charlevoix Area Community Pool board meeting of Nov. 5, 2004, the first meeting following the successful millage election, the board unanimously voted to thank the voters of the city of Charlevoix and Hayes and Charlevoix townships for their support of a Recreational Authority request of .33 mills, to provide maintenance and operation of the Charlevoix Area Pool. The campaign was successful and the popular Dollar Nights between 6 and 8 p.m., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will continue. We thank all the volunteers who helped to get out the vote, the property owners who permitted yard signs and the many groups who gave us the opportunity to tell our story.

Bruce MacArthur
Board member on behalf of
The Committee to Pass the Pool Millage

Thanks in Marion

Editor:

I'm writing to thank all the Marion Township voters for realizing the importance of getting out to the polls to cast your vote. Your voice has been heard loud and strong!

Thank you for the immense support in opposition to the Loeb Road zoning referendum.

Nearly 82 percent of Marion Township voters said no to rezoning in favor of this land remaining protected according to Township Land Use Plan.

A last big thanks to my dedicated neighbors (you know who you are) for working so hard to preserve and protect our township land.

The Township's Land Use Plan could not do it, but you did! There is no way we could have done it without you!

P.S. When is the last time you've been to your township meeting? Marion Township meetings are the third Monday evening of each month.

Rebecca Parker
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

We would like to thank the residents of Marion Township for voting no on the zoning referendum. The change from agricultural to residential would have allowed a high density housing project on Loeb Road. We are glad that many of our township residents felt the same way we did, and took the time to get out and vote. The zoning referendum failed 730 votes to 167 (81 to 18 percent). Hopefully this sends a message to our township officials about what the residents of Marion Township really want!

Angie Clark
Dana and Kathleen Dvoracek
Bob and Cheryl Wojan
Marion Township

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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Choral group to perform

The Little Traverse Choral Society, a 70 member choral group from the Petoskey area, including eight members from Charlevoix, will present a concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Springs and again at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 at the Cross in the Woods Catholic Shrine in Indian River. Under the direction of Brad Moffatt, with the support of a 30 member children's choir from Shay Elementary School in Harbor Springs and with Peter Sims as soloist, the concert will feature American folk songs, spirituals, Irish love songs and several classical pieces. Tickets are available at the door. For further information call 547-9754.

Hospital invites 'deer widows' to special shopping event Nov. 20

Charlevoix Area Hospital is hosting a special event for "deer widows."

The hospital will have Christmas shopping from the Hospital Gift Shop available or from one of the many "vendors who will be taking part. Also there will be discount cards, several raffles, and hospital tours.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

This is a fund-raiser for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild, and all proceeds benefit the Charlevoix Area Hospital. The guild, in keeping with the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's desire for this to be "A Year for Women's Health," has chosen to support the foundation's goal to purchase a Computer Aided Detection Mammography System and fund the expansion of Boyne Rehabilitation Center in Boyne City.

For more information, please call 547-8651, or 547-9339.

Thanks to donors

(Editor's note: This is a new section in the Charlevoix Courier dedicated to thank yous from non-profit organizations and citizens to donors in various fund-raising drives. This section will run once a month in the Charlevoix Courier. If you have someone you want to thank, send a short note to the Courier at news@charlevoixcourier.com or P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI. Due to space constraints, we can only accept up to 25 names and only up to three authors on the letter.)

Skatepark thanks

Editor:

How overwhelming it is to experience the support for a grass-roots organization that sets out to raise needed funds for a skatepark in Charlevoix. The Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. would like to thank all the dads, moms, grandparents, students and friends, who without hesitation, donated homemade baked goods, apple cider, personal time and financial donations at this year's Applefest in Charlevoix. In addition, we wish to recognize the following businesses who gave so generously: The Argonne Supper Club for their donation daily, of fresh Argonne bread; Jeff Blanchard, of the north-side, EZ-Mart for the bags of ice; Bob Bortz, of Oleson's Food Store for the apple cider; Big Apple Bagel of Petoskey for the donation of fresh bagels daily; St. Mary's School for the use of the tables; and Jackie Merta, for personally sponsoring our organization to be in the Applefest venue. Our extended appreciation to Wm. Doehring, artist and sculptor, for donating the one-of-a-kind buffalo skull art pieces for raffle and silent auction. Additionally, to Pam Kantola who donated her 50/50 winnings back to CCS, Inc. Our thanks to all those people who donated items for our use during the festival and a big "thank you" to all of you who supported our cause by buying our refreshments and baked goods and giving donations. We all enjoyed ourselves and look forward to Applefest 2005.

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Weddings

Roberts — Carr

April Marie Roberts, of Boyne City, and Colin Daniel Carr, of Denver, Colo. were married June 19, 2004 on the hilltop overlooking Lake Charlevoix at the Belvedere Club Casino in front of 230 guests.

April is the daughter of Marvin and Sharon Roberts of Boyne City. Colin is the son of Dennis and Connie Carr of Charlevoix.

Rob Brendle, a close friend and pastor for the couple from Colorado Springs, Colo. performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a form fitting mermaid style gown made of diamond white Italian silk with crystal beading. She had a flowing, cathedral length veil with a crystal beaded tiara. She carried an overflowing bouquet of stargazer lilies, bold bella dephininums and bells of Ireland.

The maid of honor was Nikki Roberts. Bridesmaids were Katie Gaiser, Missy Fruge´, Amanda Roberts, Heather Munro and Elizabeth Munro. They wore cobalt blue with ornate crystal beading and carried bouquets of stargazer'lilies, bella delphiniums and hells of Ireland.

The best man was Cameron Carr. Groomsmen were Jim Kanine, Matt McCellan, Mark Yager, Zac Campton and Kevin Koerner.

A reception was given at the Belvedere Club Casino in Charlevoix. A rehearsal dinner was given at the home of Dennis and Connie Carr on June 18.

The couple went on seven day Caribbean cruise and spend four days at a resort in Puerto Rico as a wedding trip.

They are making Denver, Colo. their home.

Colin is a commercial real estate broker for a firm in Denver, Colo. and April is a new home sales consultant with Pulte Homes.

Balch — Potter

Bambi Balch and Allan "Butch" Potter, Jr., both of Ellsworth, were married Sept. 18, 2004 at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church.

The pastor Chris Wallace performed the single ring rites.

Bambi is the daughter of Ronald and Deanne Balch of Charlevoix. Allan is the son of Allan and Hellen Mae Potter of Ellsworth.

The bride wore a sage green dress with a lace medallion and handkerchief hem that accompanied an open front jacket, trimmed in lace. She carried six white roses tied with a sage green bow.

The matron of honor was Stephanie Gallant, who also sang "There is Love."

The flower girl was Alexis Jeltema of Byron Center. She wore a white sleeveless dress with sage green sash and carried a basket of white flowers topped with sage.

The best man was Jeff Potter, the son of the groom.

Ushers were Dennis Hoffman and Dale Jeltema.

A reception was given at the Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth.

The couple went to Memphis, Tenn. and Tunica, Miss. as a wedding trip. They are making Ellsworth their home.

Bambi has been a manager of Karen's Uniforms in Petoskey for 15 years. Butch has a new position with Time Machines Unlimited, Inc. of Atwood.

Thank You.

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Schuiling — Proctor

Sally Schuiling and Addison Proctor were married Sept. 25, 2004 on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Sally wore her grandmother's wedding dress from 1934 and was escorted down the aisle by her father William Schuiling, a longtime Charlevoix resident.

The couple met 13 years ago while studying at the Interlochen Arts Academy in Interlochen and were later reacquainted at their 10-year high school reunion.

Addison's parents, Delmar and Ruth Proctor have been part of the Interlochen Theater Faculty for over 35 years.

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Fish donated to library

Something fishy is going on at the Charlevoix Puhlic Library.

Fish Tales, by Katie Belfy is now on permanent loan to the Charlevoix Public Library for children of all ages to enjoy. Fish Tales is one of the "Great Northern Fish In" fish that was part of the American Red Cross Fundraiser last year.

"The Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Board is happy to make this permanent loan to the library. Since the fish is all about nursery rhymes with a fishy theme, the hoard felt it should be somewhere that children can enjoy the artwork," said Foundation Director Kathy Johnson.

Valerie Meyerson, library director, said, "The library community will have double the fish pleasure now that 'Balance' has some company."

Balance is the library's fish, created by artist Tony Miron and donated by Lynne and Mason Rosenthal. If you would like to visit the fish, stop by the library anytime to see Balance or during library hours to visit Fish Tales.

For other information contact the library at 547-2651.

Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

The Antrim Charlevoix Kalkaska Association of Realtors has named David Levy, Sales Manager/Associate Broker of Boyne Realty's offices in Boyne City and Boyne Mountain, as the 2004 Realtor of the Year.

This award is given in recognition of outstanding leadership and service for the association, the community and the real estate industry.

Award winners were recognized at the Annual Convention of the Michigan Association of Realtors in September in Lansing. Nominees are evaluated on their community service, their education and business accomplishments and their service to the realtor organization at the local, state and national levels.

Levy is a member of the Antrim Charlevoix Kalkaska Association of Realtors with 9 years experience as a REALTOR in the Charlevoix county area.

Leslie Hoffman, of Charlevoix, has heen named to the dean's list at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids for the spring/summer 2004 semester. Hoffman plays women's basketball and has been named to the Academic All Americans.

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Military update

(Editor's note: In an attempt to keep the community informed on Charlevoix citizens in the service, we have added this new section to the Charlevoix Courier on a monthly basis. If you know of any Charlevoix residents who are currently serving in the military and are not listed in this section, please contact the Courier at (231) 547-6558.)

Several Charlevoix residents or relatives of area residents are currently serving in the military and are either overseas in Iraq or stateside. Their efforts are recognized here.

Currently Overseas:

ARMY

1st Lt. Anthony Doan, 25 — was stationed in Korea in 2003; could stay deployed in Iraq for 18 months to a year; been in the Army for three years; currently stationed at Camp Habbaniyah in Iraq since August.

Sgt. Troy Drehenstedt, 21 — stationed out of Fort Riley, Kan.; serving as part of the Big Red One, First Infantry Division; currently stationed at Camp Anaconda in Balad, Iraq.

1st Lt. Waylon Gross, 24 — stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas; is a platoon leader and featured in "Stars & Stripes Magazine" because his platoon has been fired upon more times than all the other platoons in his division combined; currently stationed in Baghdad.

Sgt. Country J. Middleton, 28 — recently called back for deployment to Iraq for 18 months; previously served in active duty for four years and was a part of Task Force Falcon, a multi-national peacekeeping mission in the Kosovo Campaign, which led him into Bosnia and Albania; currently stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

Sgt. Sean Roberts, 25 — stationed out of Fort Riley, Kan.; is serving on his third tour in Iraq; currently stationed at Camp Cuervo in Baghdad.

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Spc. Benjamin Frederick, 20 — stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas; will be deployed for about one year; currently stationed in Baghdad.

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Spc. Jeffery Riley, 19 — stationed out of Camp Grayling; serving as a firefighter; currently stationed in Mosul, Iraq.

AIR FORCE

Airman Elizabeth Powers, 20 — stationed out of Fort Pope in Fayetteville, N.C. and is currently stationed in Balad, Iraq.

Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Thompson, 41 — stationed out of Camp Darby in Italy; was stationed in Korea for about 18 months; stationed in Saudi Arabia this summer for about four months; could face possible deployment to Iraq.

MARINES

Staff Sgt. James Ciuk Jr., 36 — stationed out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.; did a six month tour in Okinawa; currently on his second tour in Iraq.

Currently Stateside:

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Spc. Tara Gross, 23 — stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.; she will be out in October.

Sgt. Kent Newland, 24 — stationed out of Fort Richardson, Alaska; was on tour with a regiment for nine months in Afghanistan; currently facing possible re-deployment to Iraq next spring.

Capt. Douglas E. Sloan, 38 — stationed out of Fort Drum, N.Y.; was deployed to Al Fallujah, Iraq; currently facing re-deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan in May 2005; took command of Battle Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry on Sept. 29, which he served with in Iraq; has received numerous awards and decorations.

Spc. Curtis Theisen, 25 — currently home from serving in Tikrit, Iraq; inactive status, but could face possible re-deployment.

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Sgt. Gerald Zeitler, 41 — stationed out of Cheboygan; will be retiring in March 2005; served overseas in Egypt for about six months.

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Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell, 24 — stationed out of San Angelo, Texas; in 2001 served in Saudi Arabia for three months; in 2002 was sent to Oman for six months, but came home the day the war started; is a firefighter instructor.

Airman Robert Helm Jr., 20 — stationed out of Montana; part of the Space and Missile Technology Program.

MARINES

Cpl. Daniel Bennett, 23 — served in Iraq for eight months; been in the Marine Reserves for over four years; is currently home, but could face re-deployment starting in January 2005.

Cpl. Dawson Matter, 23 — was deployed to Iraq for eight months and stationed in Fallujah; received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; will soon be out of the Marine Corps., but is subject to being called back for the next four years.

Mary Selph, 22 — currently stationed in California.

Information is not known about the following individuals except they are currently serving or did serve: **(AIR FORCE) Dustin Albaugh, Crystal Beach, Kevin Beach, Jeff Schlinger, Brett VanderHeide, Paul Walker, (NAVY) Christopher Hawk, Kyle Louiselle, Garry Miller, Phillip Slocum** and **(MARINES) Blake Renshaw.**

Information is not known about what branch of the military these individuals served with: **Sophie Bootz, Scott Camphell, Jacob Clark, Nathan Clark, Tiffany Matter, Markus McWatters, Timothy McWatters, Larry Miller, LeEtta Miller, Leonard Nemeth, Christian Pashinghauer, Gregory Starr, Cody Thompson, Alvin Veenstra, Billy Werner** and **Steve Woodbeck.**

Bradley Rykse is no longer in the Marine Corps and **Kevin Ranum** is home.

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Kiwanis Club honored for supporting scouts

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

On Nov. 3, the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix was honored for 65 years of support the group has given to Boy Scout Troop 11 and three members of the troop were recognized as Eagle Scouts.

Ted Dumbauld, charter organization representative to the Boy Scouts, attended the dinner and received the honor on behalf of the Kiwanis Club.

"We're grateful for the recognition and commendation we received for efforts over the past 65 years," he said.

These efforts have culminated into a long-time support of Boy Scout Troop 11 and other youth programs.

"The Kiwanis motto is serving children of the world, and this is our part in Charlevoix," he said.

Each Boy Scout troop needs a sponsor and Dumbauld said the Kiwanis Club at that time, 65 years ago, apparently saw a need and decided to help.

Dumbauld said the Kiwanis Club also supports several other area youth programs and is also a long-time supporter of the area Cub Scouts and Webelo Scouts.

The Kiwanis Club works with Troop 11 on some projects, but Dumbauld said the scouts are very independent.

The Scenic Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored 51 scouts as a part of the 2004 Eagle Class.

Dumbauld said five percent of scouts in the area received the honor.

Three scouts from Troop 11 honored that night were John L. Wilkinson of Charlevoix, Mark D. Baldwin of Ellsworth and Thomas W. Castiglione of Charlevoix. Only Castiglione was there in person to receive his honor for the others were unable to attend the event due to college, Dumbauld said.

"Troop 11 has a history of developing Eagles," Dumbauld said.

He said Scout Master Tim May has done a lot for the group.

Dumbauld said the Kiwains Club will continue to sponsor Troop 11.

"I don't see any reason why we won't continue to support the scouts in the foreseeable future," he said. "We have a real active group (Troop 11) and we'll continue a strong scouting program in the future, I am convinced."

Courtesy photo

Thomas W. Castiglione of Charlevoix was the only member from Troop 11 present to be awarded Eagle Scout during the 65th Annual Recognition Dinner of the Scenic Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America. There were 51 other scouts in the council given the same honor including Troop 11 scouts John L. Wilkinson of Charlevoix and Mark D. Baldwin of Ellsworth, who were unable to attend the event.

Charlevoix electric head Whitley to retire Nov. 12

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Electric and Water Superintendent Ed Whitley will be saying goodbye to the job he has held for the past 31 years.

Whitley, 55, will be retiring from his position on Nov. 12. He said it's the people he works for and those who work for him that have made the job easy.

Ed Whitley

"I always had good people," he said.

The city council, Whitley said, were always a good group to work with along with City Manager Michael Wiesner.

Whitley said the time has come for a change and exactly what that change may be is still up in the air. For now, Whitley said he is looking toward working in something dealing with construction.

Most importantly, he said he wants a seasonal job that will allow him to work from April to November, then he can relax and enjoy his pastimes.

Whitley said he has lived in Charlevoix for most of his life, with the exception of five years he spent in San Francisco, Calif. Four of those years he spent as an electrician with the U.S. Navy and toured off the coast of Vietnam on the USS Enterprise.

Servicing the Charlevoix community as the electric and water superintendent was a natural course of work for Whitley, who grew up learning the trade from his father.

Whitley said he plans on staying in Charlevoix, but will divide his time between here and Florida where his family has a house.

City Engineer Don Swem will be taking over Whitley's position. Swem, 49, has been working as the city engineer for almost three years.

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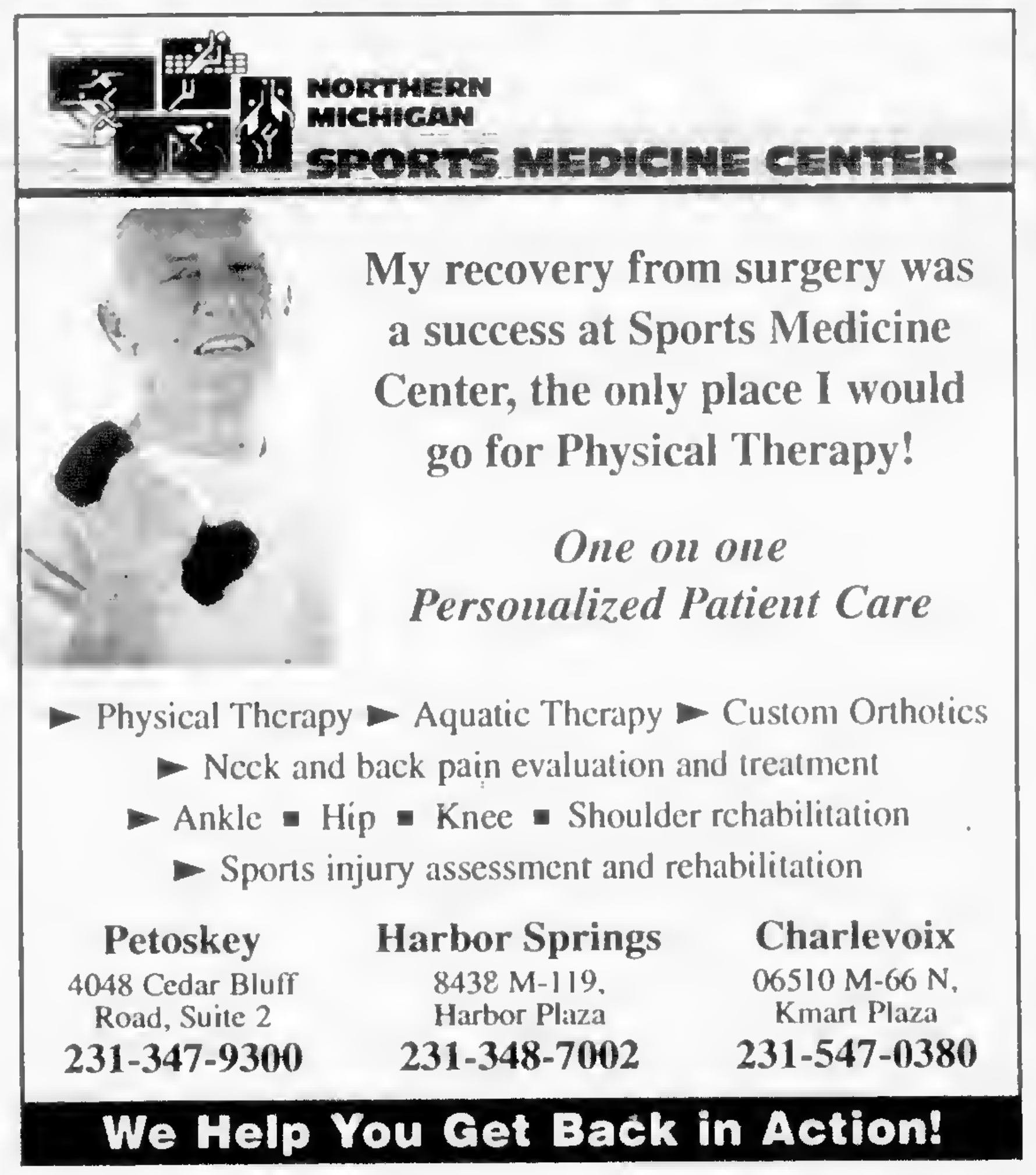

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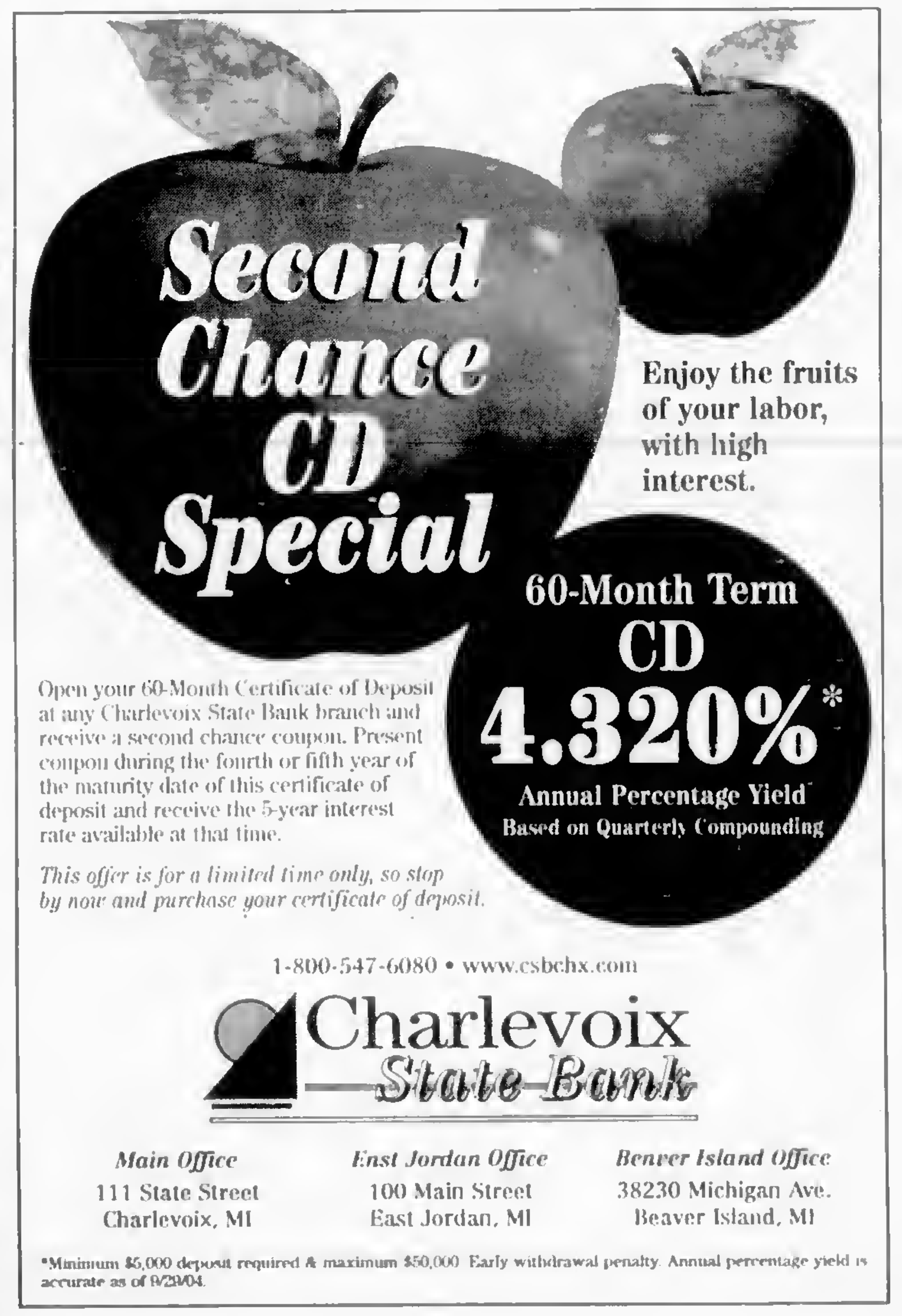

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Charlevoix hospital opens new sleep center

A new clinical program to monitor, diagnose, and treat a variety of sleep disorders has opened at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Called The Sleep Center, the program is housed in the hospital, where patients come to spend the night in a comfortable, home-like room. While there, registered sleep technologists, nurses, and respiratory therapists observe and record sleep patterns. Two area physicians, N. Craig Boss, MD. and David A. Walker, DO, FCCP oversee the diagnostic services.

In recent years, much has been learned about the importance of sleep, and the nature of sleep disorders — physical or psychological conditions that disturb sleep.

"Good sleep is absolutely vital to good health," said Sharon Smorch, a registered Polysomnographic Technologist who manages the center. "Sleep affects learning, concentration, coordination, energy, mood, appetite, weight, sexual function, blood pressure, cardio-vascular efficiency and more. Without adequate sleep, we are at risk for some serious health problems like stroke or heart attack."

According to Smorch, more than 10 percent of Americans are affected by a sleep disorder that interrupts or prevents a restful night. Common disorders include insomnia, snoring or sleep apnea, uncontrolled leg movements, narcolepsy, and "parasomnias" such as talking during sleep or frequent nightmares.

At the Sleep Center, technicians use sophisticated electronic monitors that gather information about a sleeping patient's heart rate, brain waves, eye movement, chest muscle and diaphragm effort, leg motion, breathing, and airflow. Data is analyzed by Boss or Walker, who prepare a written report for each patient's primary physician, along with a diagnosis, and recommendations for treatment.

Smorch says most sleep disorders are easily corrected with the help of medication, breathing assistance, modifications in diet, or lifestyle changes.

"Patients are amazed at the difference in their lives. Once treated, they feel so much better and have more energy," she said.

Diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders is usually covered by health insurance. More information about the Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center is available by calling the center, (231) 547-8900.

Northern Lights called a success

The ninth annual Northern Lights Celebration on Oct. 16, was a success and reported a net profit of near $34,000, which helps offset school operations such as salaries for staff, school supplies and general operating costs.

The staff and students of St. Mary's would like to say a big thank you to all the numerous parents and parish volunteers, donors, benefactors and sponsors.

This event would not be possible without the kindness of all donors, it is greatly appreciated by the Northern Lights Executive Board, parents, staff and most of all the children of St. Mary School.

A featured event of the evening is the Children's Art Gallery. This features art created by St. Mary students. This year it featured framed art done by the students throughout the 2003 school year.

Projects this year included, silk hoop art, homemade mousepads, magnet art, self portrait mirrors, scarves and mosaic mirrors.

Under the direction of Lori Bolt and Theresa Corcoran this year it netted approximately $1,600.

The raffle winners for the evening were as follows: The Men's Corner, which was a Canadian fishing adventure, was won by Robert DeYoung of Charlevoix. The Women's Corner, a trip for four to Toronto by Passageways Travel was won by Ann Halzelwood of Charlevoix. The Louis Orlowski Tuition Raffle was won by Kellie and Jack Sutherland. The Chocolate Lover's Ski Weekend at Shanty Creek was won by Chris and Amy Putman.

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City police teach gun safety at school

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With hunting season quickly approaching, the Charlevoix City Police Department is setting out to inform children about gun safety.

On Nov. 8, Police Officer Gerard Doan came to Charlevoix Elementary School to inform students from kindergarten through fourth grade about the importance of gun safety as a part of Project Childsafe.

Project Childsafe is a nationwide program that focuses on safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage. The program was developed by the National Shooting Foundation and is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Doan has been educating students on gun safety for two years now and said the main issue is about prevention.

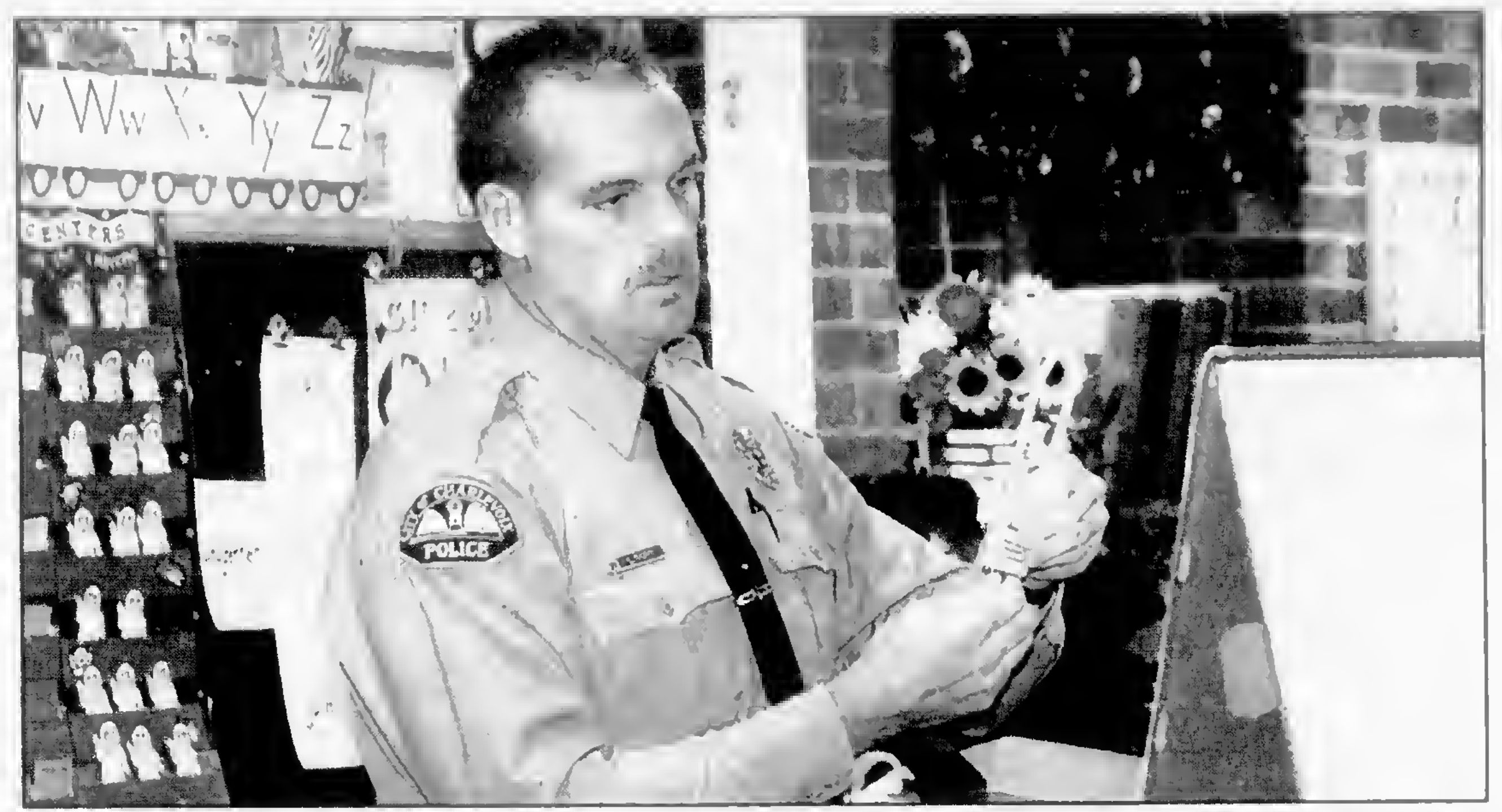
"The gun safety program helps prevent anything serious from happening to children and adults," Doan said.

Doan said the police department received donated gun locks last year and implemented the program.

This year, Doan said he spoke with almost every class and handed out over 400 gun locks to the students and the parental feedback has been great.

"It's a great program," he said.

For more information on Project Childsafe or to obtain a free gun lock, visit the police department or call 547-3258.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Charlevoix Police Officer Gerard Doan demonstrates how to use a gun safety lock.

Community Christmas project has first meeting

The opening meeting of the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project was at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25 at the Community Reformed Church.

Various chairs and co-chairs of the many committees within the project were present. Bev Boss of the Reformed Church is chair again this year and Mary Helen Riggle, founder of the Christmas Project many years ago, will act as her assistant once again. She is from the congregational Church.

Plans for organization were discussed, and a calendar for the various steps necessary in the project was set.

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project is an ecumenical effort by various churches in Charlevoix and sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association, to help seniors, children and others who need a little extra hand to have a Merry Christmas.

The chairs and co-chairs in attendance and the churches they represent were: Carolyn Batdorff, Community Reformed Church, treasurer; Rosemary Horton, St. Mary's, publicity chair this year and co-chair of the Calling Committee.

Kay Smith, United Methodist Church, assistant to Mary Eveleigh of St. Mary's chair of the Non-perishable Food Committee.

Becky Wimmer, St. Mary's, co-chair of The Giving Tree.

Maggie Hosler, chair of the Senior Gift Committee, from St. Mary's.

Debbie Gelderblom, Family of Christ, chair of the Information Co-ordination Committee.

Mary Seaman of the Community Reformed Church will assist the double bagging procedure, arrange for National Honor Society members to assist clients on delivery day, and will also take care of the Christmas cards.

Monnie Dziedzic, St. Mary's, is chair of the Perishables Committee, and her assistant will be Mary Lou Dinon.

Linda Boss of the Reformed Church was also present and will join the group this year.

Not able to attend this meeting were Alida Klooster and Mary Plude of St. Mary's who will co-chair the Giving Tree; Cynthia Garland of the Congregational Church who chairs the Labeling Committee; Janis Dietrich, St. Mary's, co-chair of the Calling Committee; Marilyn Miller who chairs the Mitten Committee and Louis Lewis, chair of the delivery committee, both of the Congregational Church.

Planning got off to a good start, and it is hoped to find representatives from more churches to join the group in this truly ecumenical effort. They would like to have all Charlevoix churches represented. If you are interested in working on this Christmas project call Mary Helen Riggle at 547-9515.

Much money is needed to fund this project, all from donations, so if your organization, business, club, or group wishes to donate to a good cause, please send your check, made out to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project, to Carolyn Batdorff, 4903 Marion Center Rd. Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Christmas should be a joyous time of year, and there is no better way to make your own Christmas happy than to see that every Charlevoix child we can reach has a truly Merry Christmas. That is the goal of the Community Christmas Project, and we hope many in the community will step forth to help us reach that goal.

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Ellsworth students to perform 'Lifelines'

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The struggle of one local World War II prisoner of war will be brought to life in Ellsworth in an effort to show what all went through during that turbulent time.

Sonja Mack, English, Spanish and drama teacher at Ellsworth Community School, will have her drama class perform northern Michigan poet Terry Wooten's "Lifelines," which shows the life of Rapid City residents Jack and Leda Miller at that time.

Mack said she hopes the audience gains a better understanding of what the POWs went through and those who were placed in interment camps.

"I hope they get a lot of the similar reasons why Jack and Terry wanted to do this project," she said.

The project focuses on Miller's capture in 1942 and his survival of what came to be known as the Bataan Death March.

Mack said her drama class is working with social studies teacher Rhonda Lemma's humanities class to learn more about World War II in depth.

Mack said Lemma's class is working on a project the Library of Congress has issued, which is a gathering of written and recorded World War II experiences by those who lived it. Lemma's class is currently interviewing area veterans.

Lin Opgenorth, the National Honor Advisor, language arts teacher and head of the drama department at Elk Rapids High School, originally took Wooten's 85-free verse poem and structured it into a multiple character play.

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

The cast of Lifelines includes (from left to right) front row: Holly Smith, Maggie Piellusch, Alice Neer and Mariah Miller. Second row: Terry Purdy-Swenson, Juston Weis, Spencer Burk, Sonja Mack, Sarah Barraw, Jesse Steenwik, Polly Busman and Tara Nachazel. Third row: Caleb Tessmer and Jason Tessmer.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

The students who will be playing Leda Miller (Alice Neer, Mariah Miller and Maggie Piellusch) and those who will portray Jack Miller (Juston Weis, Spencer Burk, Polly Busman, Jason Tessmer and Jesse Steenwik) practice a dance number that tells when Jack and Leda first met in their production of Terry Wooten's 85 free verse poem, "Lifelines."

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Play based on piece by northern Michigan poet

LIFELINES

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Opgenorth said Wooten wanted the poem to be separated into characters and so with Wooten, Opgenorth created five Jack Millers and three Leda Millers who all tell the story.

In November 2003, Opgenorth put on the first production of "Lifelines." She said at that time Wooten's poem hadn't been published yet.

Opgenorth said she put on the production stemmed from the National Honor Society's efforts to write letters and send care packages to a group of local soldiers in Iraq.

She said war is not a new thing and with current soldiers facing war abroad, Opgenorth brought "Lifelines" to the stage.

Her students worked with Jack and Leda Miller as Mack's class currently is.

"We worked together to really get a clear picture," she said.

The production Mack puts on will be the second time "Lifelines" has been shown on stage.

The three students who will bring to life the character of Leda Miller are Alice Neer, Mariah Miller and Maggie Piellusch.

Neer, 17, said she is a little nervous about performing the role of Miller when the real person will be watching from the audience.

"Like the people who did the play before us, they said it's like having Shakespeare in the audience while performing 'Hamlet,'" she said.

Neer said she and the other "Leda's" will try their best to portray her as true to life as they can.

One of things that stands out to Neer the most about Miller is her strength.

Neer said Miller exhibited such strength for dealing with her husband being a POW for four years and not knowing in all that time if he was dead or alive.

"She was such a strong woman back then," Neer said.

Neer said she hopes people leave "Lifelines' with a greater understanding of how hard life really was for the soldiers and families back then.

"I like how we're teaching people our age about that time period because I'm learning a lot of stuff," she said.

Miller, 14, said she isn't nervous about performing in front of Miller, but is concerned about how that performance comes across.

"I'm nervous about portraying her different than she was," she said.

Miller, like Neer, appreciates how strong Leda was.

"I think she was a very strong woman for handling Jack and not knowing if he was dead or alive," she said. "For never being on her own to being so independent."

Miller said she hopes "Lifelines" informs people on what the veterans went through, for little to no recognition at all.

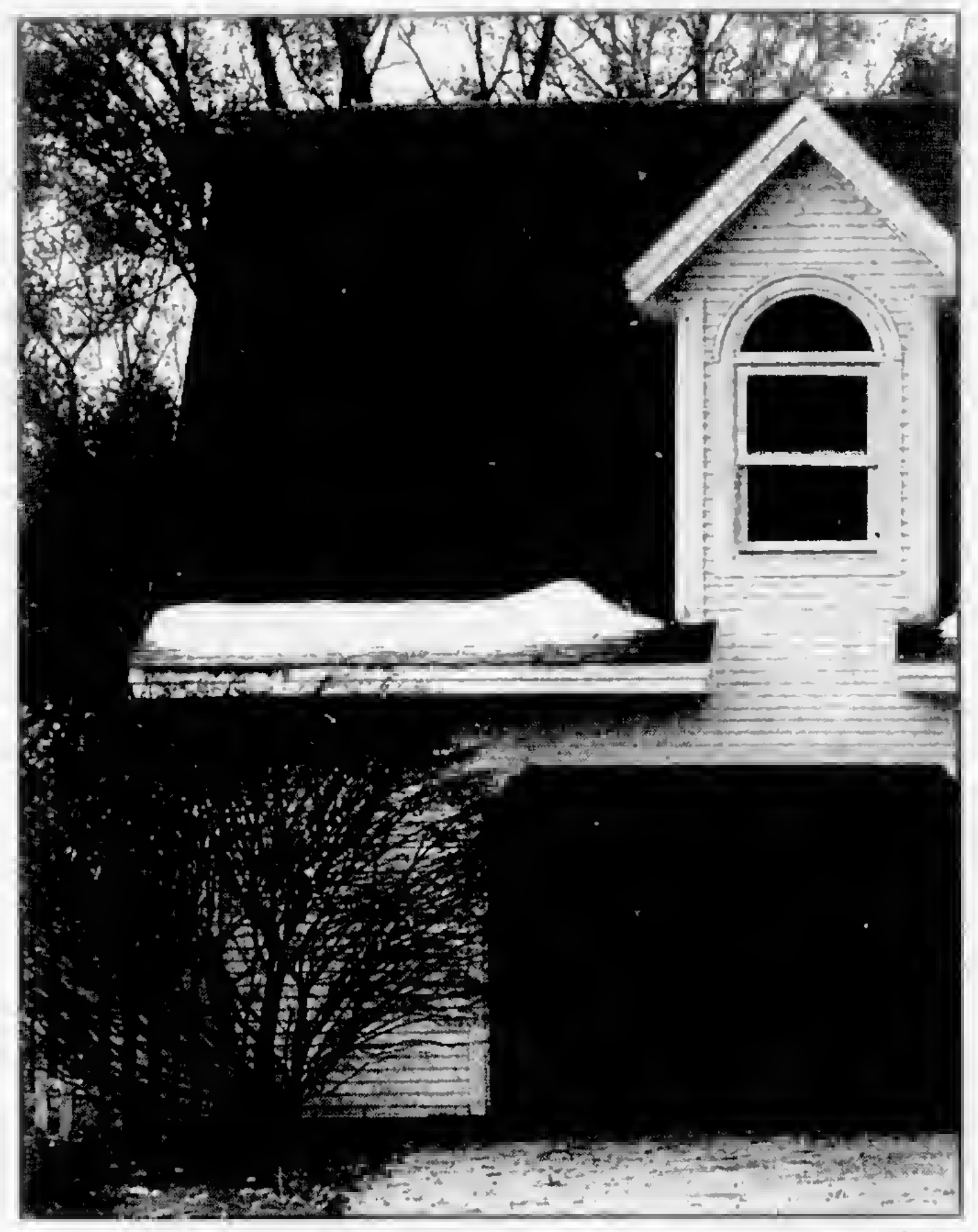
She also hopes people leave with a greater understanding on the hardship soldiers and their loved ones went through.

Miller said she really only knew about the German aspect of World War II, but "Lifelines" opened her eyes to everything that happened.

"I think it's really going to be emotional for the veterans," she said.

Admission is by donation only and Mack said the goal is to raise enough money to make a tribute to local veterans.

"Lifelines" will be performed at 7 p.m. on Nov. 12 and Nov. 13 and Jack and Leda Miller will be in attendance both evenings and Wooten will be present on the Nov. 13 showing.



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County Farm Bureau joining in food drive

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The project, conducted by the local Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee, works to collect non-perishable food items for use at Ronald McDonald Houses in Michigan. Ronald McDonald Houses are homes where families of ill children may stay while their youngsters are hospitalized. There are currently Houses in Detroit, Lansing, Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids. The houses are strategically located close to major medical centers.

This year the County Farm Bureau has taken the further step of donating half of all items collected to Food Pantries in Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan. The collection is planned to run through the month of November.

Items to be collected include, but are not limited to: Canned vegetables, fruits, soups, condiments, juices in non-breakable containers prepackaged meals, breakfast cereal, coffee, tea, cocoa, as well as soaps, paper products and linens.

Individuals interested in donating food items should contact the County Farm Bureau Office at 547-2043; or Joe Seidel, Charlevoix County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Chairman at 547-2181.

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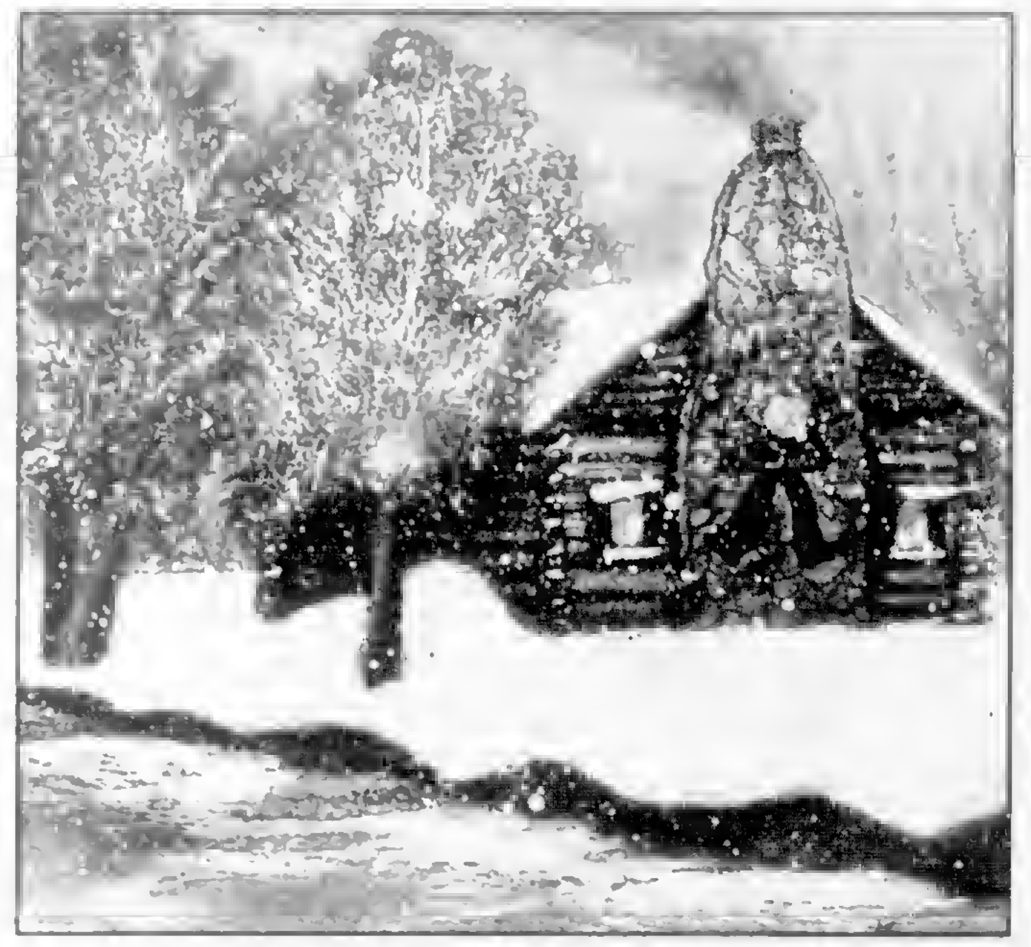

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This is one of the cards Hospice is selling for its annual holiday fund-raiser.

Hospice selling 2004 holiday cards

With November being designated as National Hospice Month, Hospice of Northwest Michigan is starting off the month by introducing its Christmas cards for 2004.

This year it has three cards to offer featuring original designs by Chris Fall Knight of Boyne City and Kay Gee of Harper Woods.

Chris Fall Knight's art work includes a winter cabin with the words: "The holidays are the sweetest of times, the warmest of times. May yours be wonderful!" There is also a Christmas canoe, with the words: "Like the miracle of new fallen snow, May the wonder of the season stay with you all year. Wishing you a Happy Holiday."

Kay Gee offers a sail boat, towing a decorated dingy, with the words: "The season's greatest gifts Peace, Joy, Friendships can only be wrapped with love."

The cards are available at The Clothing Company and Trademark in Charlevoix

The cost of the cards has stayed the same — a package of 20 is $12 and 10 for $6. The proceeds from the sale of these cards will help further the work of Hospice of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency to provide comprehensive hospice care in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Official Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
November 15, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, to receive public input on a revised proposed addition to the animal ordinance of the City Code. The addition would add sections 9.145, 9.146, 9.147 and 9.148 to Title IX, Chapter 113 of the Charlevoix City Code to prohibit certain animals from public places.

A Complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Adam Chittle joins Beaver Island School as a teacher

Adam Chittle has joined Beaver Island Community School as the school's science and social studies teacher.

Chittle has a bachelor degree in biology from Albion College and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction with certification in biology and general science from the University of Detroit Mercy. He previously taught at Detroit Southeastern High School and University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

His mother, Phyllis Daily, an employee at Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, suggested he apply for the position. Unsure as to whether he even wanted to interview for the job, Chittle stopped by the school to get a feel for the place. Coincidentally, he arrived on a day of interviewing and was surprised when the team invited him to interview later that day. Dressed in casual clothes, Chittle sat down with the board members and faculty and ultimately got the job.

Chittle is teaching seventh and eighth grade science, social studies and English; ninth and tenth grade science; and eleventh and twelfth grade science. He is excited about involving students in hands-on projects, such as a recent outing to Lake Geneserath on the island to assist in a DNR Fisheries Division study.

Lake Geneserath, the island's largest inland lake, was the setting recently for 14 seventh and eighth graders in Chittle's science class to work with DNR officials to study the lake's fish population.

Using modified fyke nets in various water depths, a group of three or four students, accompanied by chaperones, was shown the intricacies of proper preparation for scientific fisheries assessments. Other students not in the boats conducted surveys to count frogs, turtles, snakes and insectivorous plant surveys.

"Using the results of their data the students have created reports following the APA format which means they are structured for publication in a scientific journal," Chittle said. "I think the students were most interested in comparing their data to that of other studies and unearthing explanations for the differences they found."

In December, ninth and tenth graders from Beaver Island Community School will venture into to the snow covered marshes to study the unique skunk cabbage.

"In years past, researchers have come from as far as Australia to do just that and it will be interesting to compare our results with theirs," Chittle said.

Beaver Island Principal and Superintendent Kitty McNamara is pleased with the excitement Chittle brings to his classes.

"He is bringing a new, younger perspective to the classroom and the students love it," she said.

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Beaver Island Community School students, DNR officials, and the Island's new science teacher Adam Chittle (standing second from far right) worked hands-on on Lake Geneserath to assess the fish population.

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Honors induction

These students were recently inducted on Nov. 4 to Charlevoix High School's chapter of the National Honor Society. They are (from left to right) front row: Kara Fitzgerald, Sally Haselschwardt, Kristin Dupuis, Elizabeth Jadwin, Shannon Dibble, Jillian Wilhelm, Stephanie Murray, Genevieve Kochanny and Elyse Michrina. Second row: Isaac Matchett, Kenneth Anderson, Logan Niswander, Charles Mason, Kevin Kusina, Stephen Parker, Nathaniel Sotuyo and Joseph Graham.

Appointments may be available for flu shots

Health department officials are encouraging people who still need a flu shot to call (800) 432-4121 for an appointment or to be added to a waiting list.

"We have received additional doses of flu vaccine," said Patricia Fralick, Director of Family Health Services for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. "We've set up two additional flu clinics and we've contacted everyone on our waiting list to schedule an appointment. There are still appointments available."

Fralick is encouraging everyone who meets criteria for "high risk" for developing complications from the flu to call the health department.

"We are trying to determine how many more doses of flu vaccine we need to immunize everyone who is high-risk, " she said.

Physician's offices and senior citizen centers have given flu shots to their high-risk clients and many have given extra doses to the health department to distribute.

New flu clinics are scheduled on Thursday, Nov. 11, at the health department's Antrim County office in Bellaire, and on Monday, Nov. 15, at the Charlevoix County office.

Flu shots are given by appointment only. Appointments are scheduled according to flu vaccine supplies.

Due to a shortage of flu vaccine, the CDC guidelines call for immunizing only the following groups this season:

- All children 6 months to 23 months old.
- Adults age 65 and older.
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- All women who will be pregnant during the flu season.
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- Children 6 months to 18 years old on chronic aspirin therapy.
- Healthcare workers with direct patient care.
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than 6 months old.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

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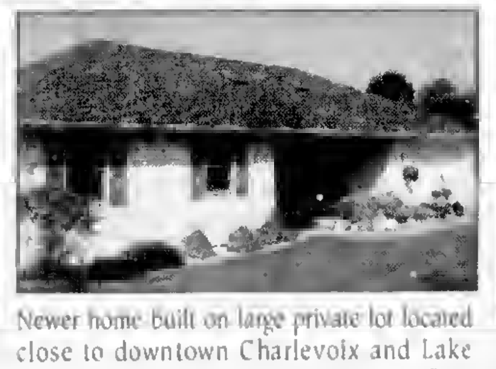
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The center says 2,239 nights of housing were provided averaging six persons per day 365 days a year. During the past year, food and supply costs exceeded $29,600 of which over $23,925 was donated locally by groups and individual supporters.

The Harvest Food and Supply Drive is a call to action for the northern Michigan community to assist the Safe Home in providing food, household goods, and personal items to the many families who reside there. Non-perishable food items, paper products, and toiletries are a major need. The Safe Home also requires financial support with $175,000 needing to be raised each year to maintain the facility and staff and to operate the shelter 24 hours per day.

Cash donations are needed and appreciated.

To drop off a donation, receive a copy of the Safe Home Needs List, or for more information, please call the WRC: Petoskey (231) 347-1572, Cheboygan (231) 627-2380, Gaylord (989) 731-0918 or Mancelona (231) 587-8891.

The Needs List is also available online at www.wrcnm.org.

Annual tree lighting Nov. 26

The annual Charlevoix Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be held in Charlevoix's downtown East Park on Friday, Nov. 26.

Beginning at 4 p.m. children may visit Santa Claus at his Charlevoix House located at 222 Bridge Street and have a free photo taken with him compliments of Charlevoix Camera.

Decorate the Community Christmas Tree from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with handmade ornaments. For children who don't have an ornament they can make one at "Santa's House" thanks to Annette Nesburg and the staff of the Charlevoix Children's House who will help children create spectacular decorations. The tree is decorated thanks to the City Electric Department crew who provide a bucket truck and place the children's ornaments where they wish on the tree.

Everyone is invited to watch the children decorate the tree and enjoy music by the Keep Charlevoix Beautiful petunia truck. Warm up with free hot cocoa compliments of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant and free cookies compliments of Friske Orchard Café and Scovie's Gourmet.

At 6 p.m. Santa Claus will officially light the Christmas tree, which is located in East Park, downtown Charlevoix.

There will also be a Christmas Decorating Contest from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 1.

All Charlevoix businesses are encouraged to decorate their business front and light their windows for judging. Judges will look at the entire business front.

Points will be given for holiday spirit, originality and sales appeal/use of business goods. Only businesses that have pre-registered at the Charlevoix chamber office will be judged.

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Monday, November 1, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to approve major development plan amendment for Charlevoix State Bank, 102 M-66
- Motion adopted to approve major development plan amendment for Wojan Aluminum Products, 217 Stover Road.
- Council directed City staff and City Attorney to work with Mary Eveleigh to resolve her lot split and property issues.
- Motion adopted to approve bid for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) from Argus Supply Company in the amount of $60,712.00
- Resolution 2004-11-01 adopted to set a public hearing to consider abandonment of a portion of the alley located between Clinton-Grant-Mason-State Streets.
- Resolution 2004-11-02 adopted to give Consumers Energy the authority to buy the 46 kV transmission line through Depot Beach.
- Resolution 2004-11-03 adopted to renew the liability and property insurance coverage with the Michigan Municipal League for the premium of $118,322.00

Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Teachers, students get lesson writing skills

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

On Oct. 26 the teachers and students at Charlevoix Elementary School got a little lesson in writing.

Mark E. Dressel, educational consultant for Collins Education Associates, came to the school to teach lessons to the students as a follow up to training the staff had received last year during an inservice and for some who also attended a week long workshop this summer.

Charlevoix Elementary School Principal Richard Swenor said the entire school district implemented the Collins Writing Method last year, which involves stages of writing and focus correction areas that help a student improve their writing to a more publishable state.

"It's the best kind of professional development because he's (Dressel) actually working with the kids and not just talking to the teachers," he said.

Swenor said the teachers sat in on Dressel as he taught the students a lesson and then were able to meet with him afterward.

"Already we've seen some great progress with the kids and their writing," Swenor said.

Swenor said the kindergarten teachers sat in on Dressel's lesson he taught to the first and second graders. By doing so, the teachers have implemented reading and writing strategies into their classrooms.

Instead of teaching reading and writing separately, Swenor said the kindergartners learn how to write as they learn how to read.

"They really need to teach in conjunction together," he said. "Kids connect faster when they see the connection."

The kindergarten students are seeing pictures then spelling out the words according to how they sound.

Swenor said this connection between reading a word and writing it will enable them to get a groundwork in writing that will enable them to graduate from high school with exceptional writing abilities.

Swenor said this training and the instruction from the teachers who have already attended a summer session will enable the district and school to have all the knowledge it can in the Collins Writing Method.

"Mark Dressel is just a great trainer," Swenor said. "He understands kids at all levels and is a good educator."

Swenor said one of the most important skills Dressel introduced to the elementary students is the importance of evaluating one's own writing.

"So they can spot their own mistakes and correct them," Swenor said.

The ability to self edit, Swenor said, enables a writer to go from good to great.

Dressel will be back on Nov. 30 to talk to the high school and elementary school teachers and will also visit in February and hold another summer session.

St. Mary to host annual sleep out

On the night of Nov. 12, 2004, St. Mary's Parish will be hosting its Sixth Annual Homeless Awareness Sleepout.

The purpose of this sleepout is to raise an awareness of the causes of homelessness in our community and in our nation, and what we can do to help the situation. The sleepout will begin at 8 p.m. with the opening prayer service, and end at 8 a.m. the following morning.

The youth and the adults who will be participating in the sleepout will be spending the entire evening outside in cardboard boxes. The church has invited numerous parishes from the Charlevoix community, as well as parishes in neighboring cities, to join it for the evening. For the past five years, the event has had approximately 100 persons take part.

Proceeds from the event this year will be donated to Lighthouse PATH (Pontiac Area Transitional Housing) in Pontiac. Youth from the parish of St. Mary's spent a week this past summer working at Lighthouse Path, which is located in the poorest section of Pontiac.

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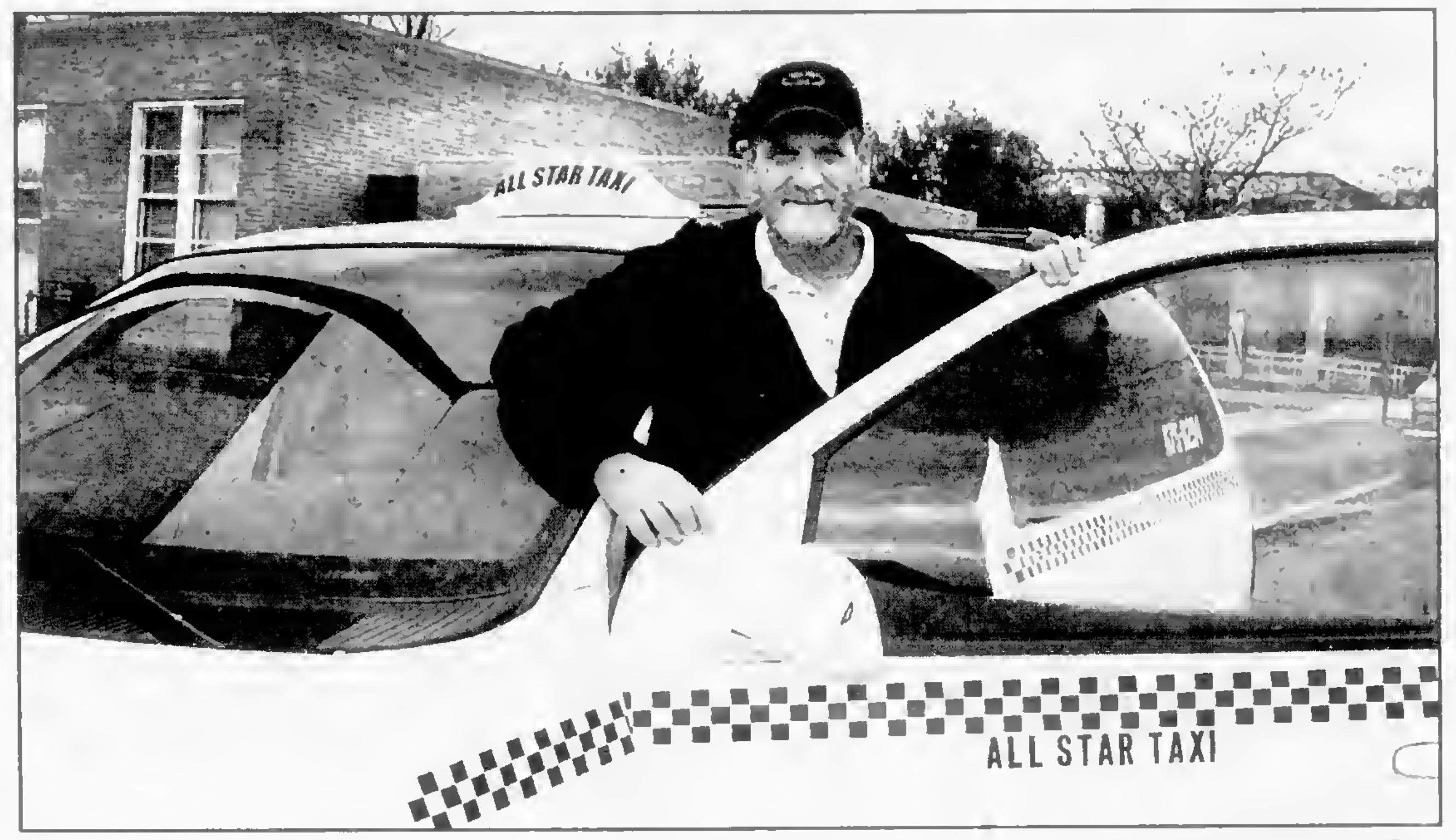
BUSINESS

New taxi service opens in Charlevoix area

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor



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Rod Hayward stands outside of his taxi. He has started a new 24-hour taxi service in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix resident Rod Hayward wants to help you get home safely with his new service, All Star Taxi and Shuttle.

Haywood's business motto is: "Let us be your designated driver."

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Haywood, a resident of the Charlevoix area since 1988, opened the new taxi service on Nov. 1.

"Charlevoix is a nice place and community so it needs a good cab service to match," he said. "I live in Charlevoix and Charlevoix deserves the best."

Haywood picks up his fares in a Ford Winstar with leather interior and said he adds a gentleman's touch to it. He knows when to open a door for a customer and how to treat them well.

Plus, Haywood stresses he has a perfect driving record.

He said he gives his customer a high quality service, in a clean, comfortable and dependable ride.

Haywood used to drive taxi for another service in Charlevoix for about year. He also is an experienced truck driver.

In addition to this experience, Haywood originally came to the area from Pontiac and was a ranch manager on South Fox Island for the Mirada Ranch. He retired in 2002 from this position.

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SPORTS

Rayders finish conference games with perfect record

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders ran the table in the Lake Michigan Conference, finishing the 2004 season with a perfect 14-0 league mark.

The Rayders, ranked second in Class C by the Associated Press, defeated Kalkaska, 59-29 and Boyne City, 61-47.

Petoskey stands as the last hurdle to an unbeaten regular season for Charlevoix who is 19-0. The Rayders host the Northmen on Thursday, Nov. 11.

Against Kalkaska, Grace Farrell led all scorers with 15 points. She also posted seven rebounds. Madison Ramsey and Laura Nitchman each had 10 points.

Farrell again was the leading scorer against Boyne with 18 points and nine rebounds. Shannon Dihhle contributed 12 points.

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Lions give skate park picnic table

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Lindi Edger named to All State team for second year

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix girls' cross country team finished in ninth place out of 27 teams at the state finals last week.

Coach Mary Plude said, "We improved from our eleventh place finish last year and it was nice to crack the top 10."

She added, "This was a great group of girls to coach this year. They were very unselfish in their style of racing and training."

Lindi Edger was named All State for her second year at the finals. She finished thirtieth, with a time of 19 minutes, 50 seconds.

"It is quite the accomplishment for Lindi to be All State twice and only a sophomore," Plude said. "All of the girls showed great composure out on the course. It will be nice to have five of them returning next year."

Theresa Martin will be graduating this year and Emily Morgridge is moving to Milford.

Other individual results from the state meet were: Morgridge in eighty-first, with a time of 20 minutes, 56 seconds; Alina Dhaseleer in eighty-sixth, with a time of 20 minutes, 57 seconds; Brittney Lamh in one-hundred and twelfth, with a time of 21 minutes, 14 seconds; Emily Westenhroek in one-hundred and thirty-ninth, with a time of 21 minutes, 39 seconds; Martin in one-hundred and fifty-third, with a time of 21 minutes, 51 seconds; and Mia Matchett in one-hundred and fifty-fourth, with a time of 21 minutes, 51 seconds.

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Charlevoix man showing skills on the water

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix resident is taking the world of competitive waterskiing head on while competing for the first time.

Troy Smith, 21, recently competed in the United States Waterski Championship in Bakersfield, Calif., put on by International Amateur Waterski, Wakeboard and Kneeboard Tour where he placed fifth out of 17 competitors. He competed in the First Class Division of slalom skiing.

The competition lasted from Oct. 12 to Oct. 17 and featured talented skiers from 34 states and British Columbia.

The rush of competition brought back memories of his snowskiing days.

"It's quite a good feeling," he said. "It's really cool."

Smith said the event was well run and since International Amateur Waterski, Wakeboard and Kneeboard Tour is a family-oriented group, skiers competed against those in the same skill level with the youngest competitor being 4 years old to the oldest competitor at 70 years old.

Not only was Smith proving himself to the judges, but also to a crowd of 1,500 spectators.

"It's a really good event they put on," he said.

In order to qualify for the nationals, Smith had to compete on the state level and earn enough points over the season.

Smith won the Nevada State Slalom Waterski Championship and competed in the First Class Division.

"It feels pretty good," he said. "It was a lot of fun."

There were 20 competitors total, but Smith said the competition really came between him and another male skier who had gone head-to-head for over a year.

"The one thing about waterskiing is that it's a do or die sport," he said. "When you show up, your first time on the water is when you're entering the course."

Smith wasn't always a competitive waterskier, for he used to compete in snowskiing.

Snowskiing is what drew him to Nevada, for he came to the University of Nevada-Reno on a snowskiing scholarship.

However, he quit the university's team due to differences with the coach but is personally still competing when he can.

Smith grew up both snowskiing and waterskiing while in Charlevoix with his parents Steve and Mary Lou Smith.

He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2001 and is currently attending the University of Nevada-Reno and expects to graduate in the spring of 2006. He is majoring in accounting, finance and computer information systems.

No matter where his academic training takes him, the water will always be in his life.

"Being on the water is better than any day you could have," he said. "It's the feeling of freedom and being away from everything else."

Courtesy photo

Troy Smith cuts through the water during a recent waterskiing competition. Smith is a Charlevoix resident who attends the University of Nevada-Reno.

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Church League • November 3, 2004

	W	L
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	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	599	224
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Larry Potter	595	
Jim Rozema		217
Larry Darrah	567	

Men's Senior League
November 1, 2004

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	20	12
J Arnold Painting 'A'	19	13
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Central Drug Store	14	18
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	Series	Game
Wally Wujcik		268
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Gordie Selph	612	234
Scott Dixon	608	

Tuesday Night Ladies • Nov. 2, 2004

	W	L
Twin Lakes Enterprise	23	13
Paul Bunyan Lanes	21	15
Central Drug Store	21	15
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	Series	Game
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	W	L
Burger King Charlevoix	109	71
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	501	186
Jane Holm	502	173
Connie Pischner		164
Annette Hosler	434	

Casino League • November 4, 2004

	W	L
Crackpots	44	6
T.K. & The Boozers	40	10
At Least a 6 Pack	22	28
4 Fun	22	28
Vegabounds	22	28
Brooklyn Rats	10	40

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	510	258
Joel Stradling	394	210
Tony Kiernan	334	177
Carolyn Blanchard	367	212
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Big Rock getting appraisal, clean up continues

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

With plans in place to get most of the radioactive elements off of its site by early next year, Charlevoix Big Rock Nuclear Power Plant is looking ahead to the future use of the property.

"We are in the appraisal process. We have heard from conservancies and we have heard from real estate, but nothing has been decided and nothing has been discounted at this point," Tim Petroskey, spokesperson for Big Rock and its owner Consumer's Energy, told the citizen's group.

This was just one of the many updates members of the Big Rock Citizen's Advisory Board learned when they toured the plant Thursday.

Big Rock is currently being taken apart, following its shut down in 1997. The Citizen's Advisory Board is made up of a group of people from Charlevoix and surrounding counties that keep tabs on the nuclear power plant and its owners, Consumer's Energy.

During the tour, the group also learned that the buildings are starting to be taken down, as well as the famous stack that stood near the Lake Michigan shoreline.

The 240-foot stack is expected to be completely removed by the end of this year.

Plant Manager Kurt Haas said plans show that all of the structures at the site will be gone by the end of the first quarter next year, with the exception of the containment sphere.

The round containment sphere will begin to be dismantled by 2006.

Any concrete from the demolition with radioactive elements are either cleaned and sent to a regular disposal facility or sent to a facility licensed to take radioactive materials.

Haas told the group the company saves money if it can clean up the concrete before sending it out and the site has about one million pounds of material that might be cleaned. However, if there is any chance that the material could still have radioactive elements to it, then it is sent to one of the special facilities.

So far, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved of the way things are happening at the plant, Haas said. In fact, during a recent visit by a Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspector, Haas was told the commission was very happy with the plant.

"They were so positive," he said. "He used words I have never heard the NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) use."

Haas said one of the most important ideas that he is stressing at the plant is safety.

"We are going to take the time to do it right," he said. "This is mostly demolition work. Demolition work is a different kind of work."

Because of this, Big Rock has added two new safety professionals to the agency.

"We are trying to stay ahead of safety," he said.

There are currently 65 Consumer's Energy staff at the Big Rock site and 198 contractors. At the peak of decommissioning Big Rock, there were 480 people working at the site.

Ragamuffin troupe to perform at area church

Ragamuffin Children's Theatre and Choir will be performing a presentation of "A Faithful Friend" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix.

Using dance, short skits and songs by Kirk Franklin, the show addresses themes that are relevant to the recent political turmoil and will offer the audience a chance to reflect on their feelings and concerns.

Ragamuffin Children's Theatre and Choir is a non-profit organization dedicated to training young artists in song, dance and theater.

Director Kathleen Whittaker believes in the potential of every willing child and devotes herself to the enrichment of their lives through the development of their gifts and talents.

Seating is limited so be sure to come early. There is no cost to attend this complimentary performance and refreshments will follow the production.

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Charlevoix school students have mock elections

ELECTIONS

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teachers were there as facilitators. As part of their preparation for the big day, the students would state a trivia question in the morning over the loud speaker and then give the answer the following day.

"I was surprised at the conversations they would have among themselves on why they would choose a particular candidate," Bernhardt said.

Students would discuss issues such as taxes and not just about what a candidate looked like, Bernhardt said.

"It was very simplified, but they had the gist of it," she said.

Carland said they received positive feedback from parents.

"I think this election evoked a lot of discussion in coffee shops, meetings, in every place," she said.

Carland, Silberhorn and Bernhardt said hands on learning is very valuable in a child's education.

"I, as an adult, learn as I do when I'm an active participant," Silberhorn said. "They (the kids) take ownership."

Carland said it allows the children to learn and grasp larger concepts because they are literally working with the material.

Bernhardt agreed.

"It gives them an opportunity to experience it first hand," she said. "Hopefully, in the future they will go out and vote."

Silberhorn added that there may very well be a future president among the student population at the elementary school.

Charlevoix Middle School and Charlevoix High School also had similar mock elections, with only the government classes participating in the high school election.

All three school mock elections declared President George W. Bush the winner over Senator John Kerry.

Charlevoix Elementary School voted school-wide with a result of 288 votes for Bush and 147 for Kerry. Charlevoix Middle School also voted school-wide with a result of 242 votes for Bush and 134 for Kerry. Charlevoix High School government classes voted with a result of 37 votes for Bush and 34 for Kerry.

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On Nov. 2, the third grade classes at Charlevoix Elementary School held their own election. Cora Taylor, 8, hands her voter registration card to Delaney Hodge, 8

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To: Estate of Joseph E. Gallagher and Estate of Anna J. Gallagher

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2. A hearing on entry of a Default Judgment is scheduled to be heard on Friday, December 10, 2004, at 2:15 p.m. in the Charlevoix County Circuit Courtroom, Charlevoix, Michigan. If you fail to appear or take other action permitted by law by said date, a Default Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

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CHARLEVOIX AREA BRIEFS

Area events

Veteran's open house

The American Legion invites veterans to the fourth annual Veterans Day Open House and Chapel Service. Ernest Peterson of Post 228 in Boyne City, extends an invitation to all area veterans and their families to join them on Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11 at an open house from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Lieutenant Commander Herbert L. Griffin Jr., Chaplain Corps, USN, Ninth Coast Guard District Chaplain will give the message during a military chapel service at 7:30 p.m.

Salute the veterans

You are invited to a program Saluting Our Local Veterans at 9 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 11, at Ellsworth High School Gym. All veterans are asked to bring memorabilia to share. There will be coffee, punch and desserts for the veterans. There will be music by Ellsworth and Central Lake combined bands.

Parent-teacher conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for the Charlevoix Elementary School from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 11. Hopefully, parents have received their appointment times from their child's teacher. If they have not, please contact the teacher as soon as possible. School will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m., on Thursday, Nov. 11. There will be no afternoon kindergarten session and no lunch will be served. Classes will resume on Friday, Nov. 12.

Coinciding with conferences will be the Book Fair in the media center.

Humane Society services

Charlevoix County Humane Society will host a rabies and microchip clinic from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 13. All cat and dog owners are invited to take advantage of low cost rabies vaccines and microchips for their pets at the Charlevoix County Humane Society. Dr. David Bullerdick will administer the vaccine and microchips. Cost for the rabies vaccine is $10 and microchip is $25.

All dogs in Charlevoix County are required to be licensed every year. A dog owner who has neglected to keep his dog license up to date can receive a citation from the Animal Control Officer. Proof of a current rabies shot is required when applying for a dog license. Current licenses can be purchased from the Humane Society or the Charlevoix County Treasurer's Office beginning Dec. 1, and are good through Nov. 30, 2005.

The microchip is the size of a grain of rice and has a serial number that is registered with a national database. The database contains the owner's name, address and phone number to assist in re-uniting lost animals with their owners. The microchip is inserted under the skin between the shoulder blades. Once inserted, it cannot be seen or felt. It can be read by special scanners that almost every humane society and veterinarian's office have across the United States. This technology is responsible for returning hundreds of lost pets each year to their owners. It also is used to establish ownership of a pet in cause of a dispute. No appointments are necessary for this clinic and pets will be seen on a first come, first serve basis. The Humane Society is located at 614 Beardsley Street in Boyne City. Please call 582-6774 for more information or for directions.

Teen Challenge

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church will be hosting the Muskegon Teen Challenge at the church's 10:30 a.m. service on Nov. 14. They are located at 05291 M-66 North.

The public is cordially invited to come and hear the students from Teen Challenge tell their stories of how they experienced a total life change from substance abuse and other life controlling problems when they accepted Jesus as their personal Savior.

Bergmann board meeting

The annual Bergmann Center Board of Directors meeting for the purpose of electing officers and other annual business will be at 5 p.m., on Nov. 15, immediately following the regular scheduled meeting. They are located at 08855 Martin Road in Charlevoix. The Bergmann Center, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Hunter's lunch

The Norwood United Methodist Church and the Norwood Area Historical Society will combine resources this year to present the Annual Hunters Lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Monday, Nov. 15, at the old Norwood School House. Homemade bread, pies, soup and chili are featured. Cost for this event is $6. Hunters and non-hunters are welcome.

Spaghetti dinner

A Spaghetti Dinner including salad, rolls, beverages and dessert is planned from 5 to 8 p.m., Tuesday Nov. 16, at the Ellsworth Community Hall in downtown Ellsworth. It is sponsored by the Antrim County Fair Association and all proceeds go to assist in the completion of the bathhouse at the Antrim County Fairgrounds.

Democrat convention

The Charlevoix County Democratic Party will have its county convention at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Flap Jack Restaurant in Charlevoix. Officers for the county party will be elected for two year terms.

Bazaar and tea

The Christ Episcopal Church Annual Advent Bazaar and Tea is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 20.

They will feature an English Food Fair and Craft and Children's Gift Tables. Celtic advent music will be provided by Don Neidert. For more information please call 547-6322.

Craft show

The Eleventh Annual Charlevoix Open House and Craft Show is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 4 at St. Mary's School and Family Center located at 1005 Bridge Street in Charlevoix. They are featuring the Secret Santa Gift Shop, Cookie Walk, Bake Sale, raffles, and concessions.

Story hour

Charlevoix Public Library offers story hour every Thursday morning. Beginning at 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. Lapsit for children 0-3, followed by traditional story hour 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for children 3 to 5. Call 547-2651 for more information. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday.

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SCRAPBOOK

Writer remembers Charlevoix life in the 1940s

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

In 1940, life was easier in some ways, and of course, harder in others.

Many single and young married people lived in the same household until they got on their feet. It worked out well for them. College was not the norm as it is today, and there were many jobs around town for younger people to do. Many of the townspeople had a little house in the back yard which they moved into during the summer months. They rented their big home to summer people. This was a great way to supplement their income. Everyone found a way to make ends meet when times were harder.

Angus and Ella Fochtman lived at 412 Dixon Avenue. He was the owner and president of the Charlevoix Oil Company, and was also supervisor in the first ward. His children at home, were Richard and Bill, who took over the business in later years. Edward and Esther were students at the time. Helen Mary Fochtman Riggle mentioned to me that she sends my column to several members of the Fochtman family, who live around the country, each month. So to all of you, I say hello, and am so glad you enjoy reminiscing with me.

Joseph Foster and his wife, Margaret, lived at 203 Nettleton. He was postmaster. Horace Fowler was the justice of the peace, and lived at 214 Antrim. Julius and Mildred Frye and daughter Linda lived at 206 W. Hurlbut in 1940. Virgil and Clara Frye also lived there. Raymond and Marie Frye and daughter Nancy Lee lived at 214 1/2 Bridge Street. Peter and Vivian Gallagher lived at 108 Clinton. He was a light house tender. Also living with them were their grown children, Helen, who was a clerk, and James W., a sailor, and Danford, a student. John and Iva Gallagher lived at 802 State Street with their children, Lucille, Dorothy and Richard. Lester and Myrtle Gallagher lived at 108 Clinton with their children, Lester and Mary. Francis Gallagher and wife, Myrtle lived at 118 E. Lincoln. Mary Louise also lived there. Francis drove a taxi.

Harry and Alice Gebeau lived at 106 E. Lincoln. Their residence was in their grocery store. It was a small neighborhood grocery, called Gebeau's Grocery. They were well liked by the school kids who went across lots to get snacks at noon.

John and Edith Geer lived at 114 E. Lincoln. Caroline Geiken was a nurse and lived at 208 Belvedere. Dan and Beth Geneit and daughter, Dee Ann lived at 1306 Bridge Street. He was a clerk, and later became postmaster. Grover and Grace Geneit lived at 209 Burns with their daughter, Camille Grover, and was a ship's carpenter. Grover Geneit Jr. lived at 209 Burns with his wife, Nida Jean. Plenny Genett, and wife, Lucy Jane lived at 301 May Street. Floyd Genia and wife, Katherine, and daughter, Clara Rose, lived at 303 Prospect. At that time, Floyd was a time keeper. In later years, he became one of the finest automobile body men and painter in the area. He would take an automobile that was in a wreck, and when he finished you could not tell that it had been fixed. He was a real artist. Summer people who had minor scratches or dents on their fine automobiles, would wait until they came to Charlevoix to have Floyd fix them. Dale wouldn't take our cars anywhere else, either. Joseph Genia lived on Mercer Street with his wife, Rachel, and sons, Melvin and James. Joseph was a mechanic at Brown Motors.

William Gibson and his wife, Belle, lived at 905 Bridge. He was the bridge tender. Elmer Gibson was a clerk at Curtis Market. Florence was a bookeeper at Charlevoix Coal and Ice Company. Gladys Gibson was a nurse. Alfred and Henrietta Gill lived at 300 Prospect with sons, Robert and Don. Alfred was a sailor. His son, Alfred Jr. (Bud) and wife, La Rue, lived at 109 E. Upright with their children, Ann, Betty, and Mary Sue. He was a driver for Argo Milling Company at the time. Ann and I have been friends since early childhood. George Glados and his wife, Mary Maude, owned the Sugar Bowl Cafe at 218 Bridge Street. Their daughter Mary, was at home at that time. They are fondly remembered by old time Charlevoixians.

Frank and Marion Glassford and their son, David, lived at 203 E. Dixon. Harry and Addie Glossenger made their home at 206 E. Upright. He was a bookeeper at Robert R. Bonthron. Addie worked at Michigan Bell Telephone. Their son, Charles lived with them. Edward and Ada Golden lived at 201 W. Garfield with their son, William. Ada was a teller at the Charlevoix County State Bank. Edward Goldstick lived at 214 Bridge. Clarence Goldstick and Helen Goldstick also lived there. William E. and Leila Goss lived with their sons Robert, Shelby, William C. and Thomas. William E. was assistant manager at Michigan Bell Telephone Co. He was also an alderman in the third ward. Their home was at 800 State Street. Louis and Inez Gravelin and son, Gerald lived at 110 E. Lincoln.

Ray and Vada Graves and their daughter, Nida Jean, lived at 317 Mason Street. They were next door neighbors of Dales' folks. Nida Jean (Jean) was a clerk at the county treasurers office. Minnie Gregory owned the Min-Eva Cafe at 302 Bridge. It was a very nice cafe. In later years, it burned to the ground. It stood on the corner across from Central Drug Store near Round Lake. Minnie lived at 214 E. Hurlbut with her daughter, Clara, who worked as a waitress in the cafe. Clifton Gregory and his wife, Amelia, lived at 507 State Street with their daughters, Sandra and Clarice, Cliff was a plumber at Robert Bonthron Plumbing and Heating. Jessie Gregory lived at 115 Michigan Ave. Harry and Angeline Gregory lived at 405 May. He was a contractor. William Gregory lived at 407 Antrim.

Andrew Grillo and his wife, Margaret owned The Charlevoix Fruit Market at 311 Bridge. Joseph Guild lived at the corner of State and Hurlbut. Jule and Lillian Guild's home was at 205 W. Upright. He worked as a mechanic at the Charlevoix Oil Company. Their daughters were June and Donna. George and Pauline Haggard lived at 320 Meech Street. Their sons were George Jr., William and James. John was born later. George was in the insurance business. Pauline owned the Polly Kay Shop with Kay Fitch. Sander and Alma Halverson lived at 201 W. Hurlbut. Sander was a fisherman, and in later years, operated a meat market next to his house. Alma was a telephone operator with Michigan Bell. Lester Hall was a printer for the *Charelvoix Courier* and lived with his wife, Elsie, and children at 311 Antrim. The children were Jeanette, Floyd and Lawrence. Floyd was a class member of mine in school. Harold (Pete) Hallett was in the insurance business. He and his wife, Margaret, lived at 214 E. Upright. John Hallett lived at 312 Belvedere, next to the Hallett Hotel, which John and Pete owned together. Linnie Hallett lived at 312 Belvedere. Irving Hallett and his wife Lela, lived at 204 State, with their children, Irving Jr. and Richard. Lela was a supervisor of the NYA Girls Resident Project.

Dora Hamilton was a widow (Sam). She lived at 229 Belvedere. George and Rita Hamilton lived at 509 W. Upright. Mary Hamilton was a widow (Alexander) She lived at 303 Clinton. Ray Hamilton and wife, Frances lived at 231 Belvedere. Ray owned Hamilton and Son. He was city clerk. His children were Robert and Patsy Ann. Reno and Marjorie Hamilton lived at 206 Alice St. He was a painter at Hamilton and Son. His children were Jerome, Gerald, and John. Ralph and Margit Hamilton lived at 104 W. Hurlbut. He was a station manager at W.H. Wallace. Their children were David, Nicholas, and Samuel. Nick played the snare drums in the band with Bobby Richards, Theresa Zeitler and me. He was top notch. Ralph was always interested in history and contributed much to the Charlevoix Historical Society for years.

What colorful people we had in our town. I have certainly had many stories to tell about those I knew. So many of them were instrumental in making Charelvoix what it is today.

Planned Parenthood to have talk on birth control

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan will have an informational talk on "New Birth Control Methods" from 12 – 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at the Planned Parenthood health center at 1003 Spring Street in Petoskey.

Participants are welcome to bring a lunch. Beverages will be provided. The program is free but registration is required by Friday, Nov.12.

"New Birth Control Methods" is part of the Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan Real Life/Real Talk series of lunchtime talks on a variety of issues.

"We have a wide variety of new birth control methods that have come on the market in the last few years," said Shelley Paulsen, Nurse Practitioner.

"From IUD's with and without hormones, to patches, rings and pills…there should be something out there for anyone interested in contraception."

The Real Life/Real Talk program will include information about many of the new birth control methods available, and allow women to ask questions.

Both hormonal and non-hormonal birth control method will be discussed.

For questions or registration, call (231) 347-9692.

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Cemex honored

Here (from left) Charlevoix Mayor Gabe Campbell presents a certificate of appreciation to Cemex Plant Manager Bud McCormick, as Charlevoix Airport Manager Karen Brooks looks on. Cemex donated 5,000 tons of limestone to the city recently, that can be used to help pave the airport runway.

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Christmas Tree Lighting is November 26 from 4 to 6 pm

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Marvin's Gardens is accepting Holiday orders now

Marvin's Gardens is offering customized wreaths and garlands for the holidays and will be offering a 10% discount if you place your specialty order by November 25. The date for their Holiday Open House will be announced soon.

Friske Orchards' Holiday Open House is November 13

A bushel of family fun is coming your way at Friske's Farm Market and Country Haus on Saturday, November 13. There will be discounts, refreshments, drawings and prizes. There will be gift basket creations with Pam Ellstrom and Harpist, Ariel will play from 1-3 in the Orchard Cafe'.

Friske Orchards is having 2nd Annual Atwood Buck Pole Contest

Friske's Farm Market is hosting the 2nd annual Atwood Buck Pole Contest November 1-30. Each entrant is asked to hang his or her deer on the "POLE" for at least one day. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at 5pm, Tuesday, November 30th at Friske's.

December 4 Christmas Open House Entertainment

New this year, many merchants are featuring entertainment or special activities in their stores from 12 Noon until 8pm

12:00p.m.:

Bridge Street Book Shop
Children's Storytelling by Jim Ribby

Central Drug Store
Celebrating Christmas - Diabetic Gift Ideas, Diabetic Snacks & Cookies to Taste, Hourly Drawings for Door Prizes. Caroling with Tiffany.

1:00p.m.:

Bridge Street Book Shop
Northwest Academy Instrumental Christmas Ensemble

Element's
Bracelet & earring demonstration by Cindy Bolling

2:00p.m.:

Bridge Street Book Shop
Book Signing: Enemy in Shadows by John Deckinga

3:00p.m.:

Gallery 704
Pottery Wheel demonstration

Clothing Co
Ragamuffins Performance

Scovie's Gourmet
Out side "Bean Pot" featuring hot homemade soup

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Whitney's
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Halfway to the Top
Fashion Show/entertainment/ Hors d'oeuvres

Kilwins
Chocolate dipping

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Bridge Street Book Shop
Northwest Academy Instrumental Christmas Ensemble

4:00p.m.:

Rocking Horse
Game night/play&learn/ refreshment

Koucky Gallery
Silk painting demonstration

Bridge Street Book Shop
Children's Storytelling by Jim Ribby

The Coffee Shop
Music by violinist Andy Tuck

4:30p.m.:

Woolly Bugger
Coffee seminar & tasting

5:00p.m.:

J. Phillips
$25.00 gift certificate raffle, Sale on Spanner Collection

Bridge Street Book Shop
Music by concert flautist Ashleigh King of Lansing

Gallery 704
Pottery Wheel demonstration

Element's
Book signing by Nancy Swan Drew

6:00p.m.:

Trademark
Drawing for Brighton Watch

Shop of the Gulls
Roasting Chestnuts

Halfway to the Top
Fashion Show

Brumm's
Meet the Artists jewelry making demonstration

6:30p.m.:

Gallery 704
Pottery Wheel demonstration

Woolly Bugger
Coffee seminar & tasting

7:00p.m.:

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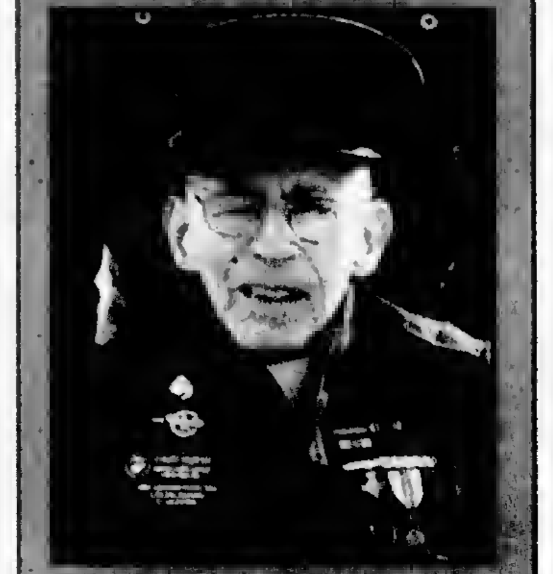

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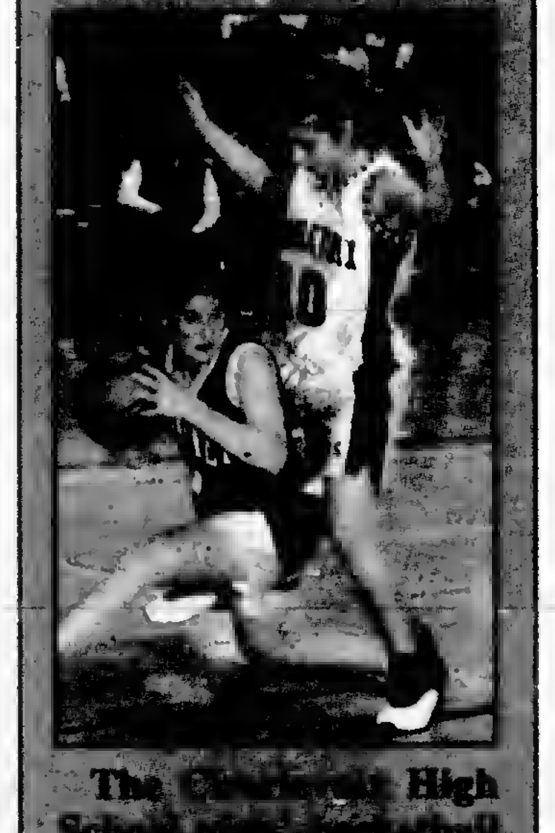

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Carlson lists his priorities

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix's new mayor, Norman "Boogie" Carlson was sworn into office Monday and has already started working on his plan for the city.

Carlson presented council with a list of goals for his term as mayor, as a way to clearly present his priorities. And, to show homage to the previous mayor Gabe Campbell — who he beat in the Nov. 2 election — many of Carlson's goals were the same as Campbell's.

"It is where I want to start and try to accomplish," he said of his plans. "I think it would have been silly to disregard (Campbell's ideas)."

At the top of Carlson's list was a plan to set a goal session with the other council members and the city administration. Carlson said he wants members of council to write down a list of goals that can be used to help guide Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner.

Carlson believes this is the first step to providing some direction to city staff and get the council and city administration on the same page when it comes to city business.

He is calling for a Dec. 13 meeting on this matter.

Carlson's next big priority is getting on top of the Charlevoix Marina Project. Carlson said he was a council member when the marina plan originally passed — Carlson actually made the motion to approve the plan.

In his motion, he said he made a stipulation that the marina plan could be tweaked if necessary by council members. In light of problems with the marina plan reported by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality last spring and concerns by the public, Carlson said we need to get going on the marina plan and address some minor tweaks.

Carlson proposed a Nov. 29 meeting with city council, the Downtown Development Authority and Pollack to go over the plan.

Carlson also said he thought get-

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Charlevoix does well on MEAP

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Michigan Education Assessment Program scores for the Charlevoix High School Class of 2004 are in and they aren't anything to sneer at.

Charlevoix High School Principal Gary Grundman said the MEAP is first taken during students' junior year, and the Class of 2004 did as well or better than those who took the test the year before.

"We're very proud of those scores," he said.

The results for the number of students that met or exceeded the state standards are 81 percent for math, 90 percent for the reading strand and 82 percent for the writing strand of the English and Language Arts section, 85 percent for science, 58 percent for social studies and 85 percent for English and Language Arts.

Grundman said one new element to the MEAP is the social studies test, which is difficult and judged by harder standards. However, the scores show that there was a 30 percentage point increase for students who met or exceeded state standards compared to the previous year.

Grundman said he looks at other districts throughout the state to see how Charlevoix compares and he said Charlevoix High School is one of the best, if not the best, Class C

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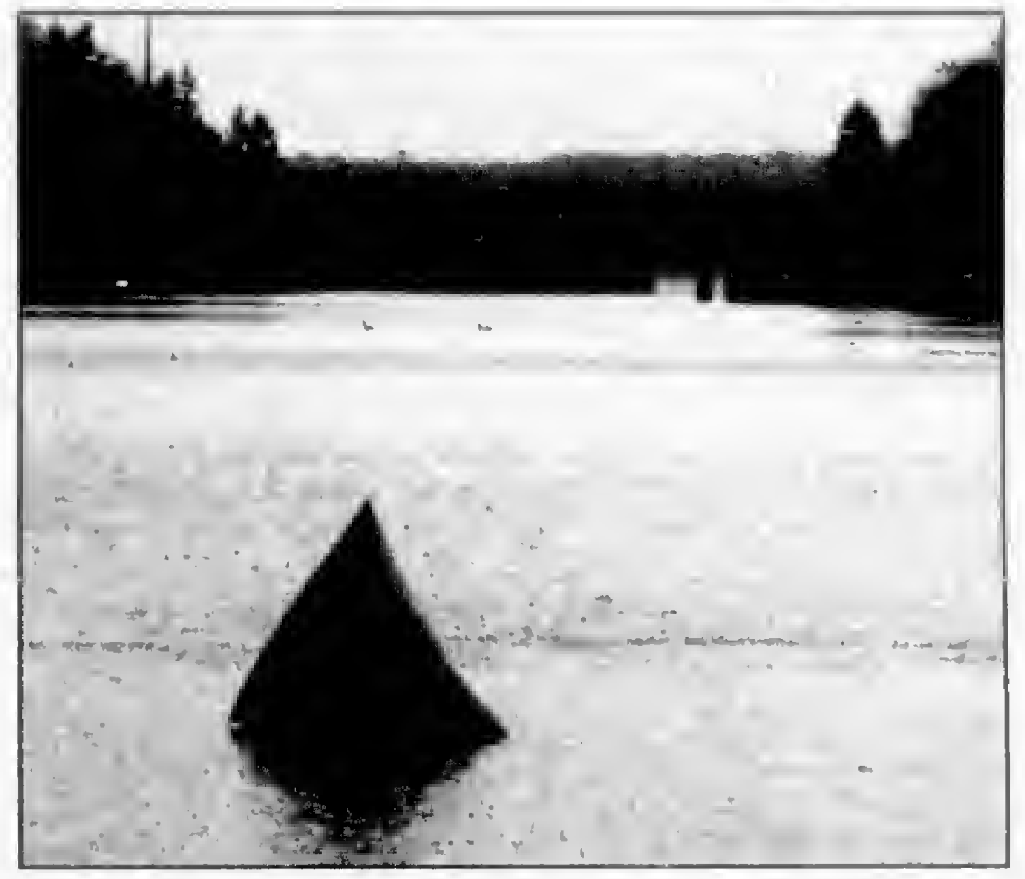
Buoys show location of proposed docks



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There are eight large buoys that represent the corners of four new proposed docks in the marina plan and smaller buoys between these larger ones to represent the middle point of those docks.

Former Charlevoix City Mayor Gabe Campbell, who has been pushing for the buoys since December 2003, said, "It is up to the people when they get a look at it. If they are happy, then I am happy. If they are not, then I am not."

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Campbell said he does not know why the plan was held up for so long.

"They always had a different reason," he said.

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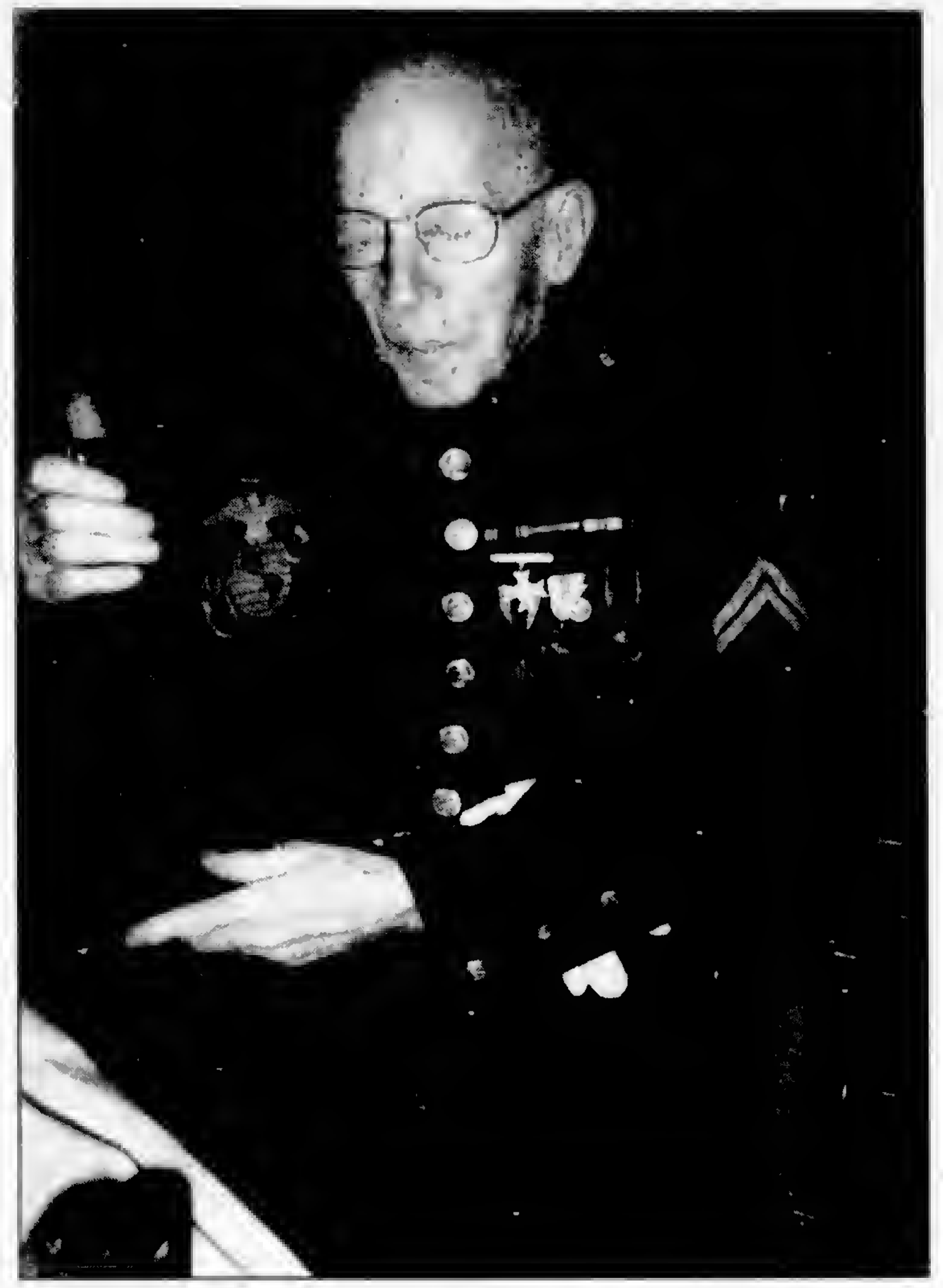
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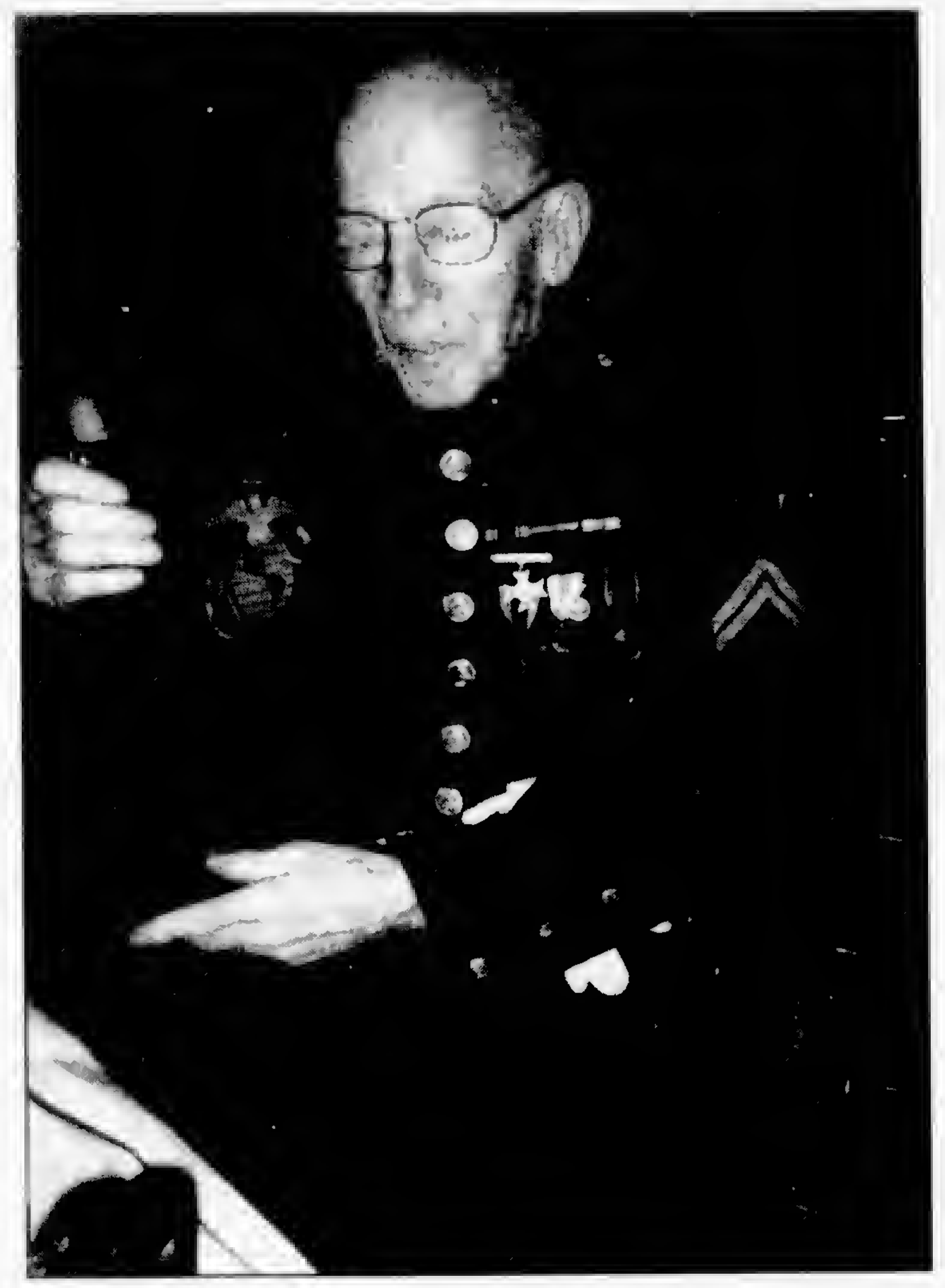
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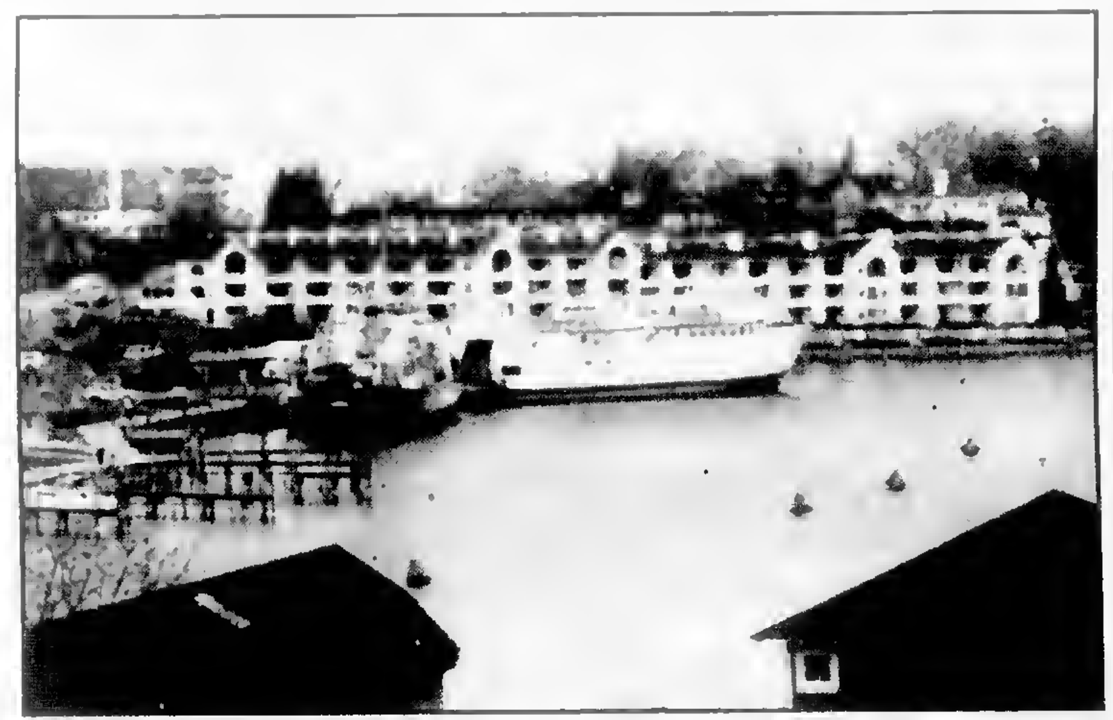

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How will Iraqi politicians campaign for the election?

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

It occurred to me it is a generally good thing that we have our November elections before the firearms deer hunting season begins.

It would be unseemly to have all those people with guns wandering around during an election. But then, for citizens in Iraq, everyone carrying a gun will seem something like normal. It is possible that such behavior could have a negative effect on any election.

Two weeks is sufficient time to have developed some perspective after the recent elections and maybe on elections generally. Our voter turnout was outstanding. In some places we had nearly as large a percentage of the population voting as they do in those third world countries where voting is possible.

We hear often from other countries that some presumably political faction has decided to boycott the elections as a protest against something or other. I heard very little of such talk before or during our elections. We seem to think that voting makes no difference because the two major parties are nearly identical, we behave as though our votes do in fact make a difference. It seems to me a healthy sign when we express our displeasure or pleasure with the political scene by voting rather than deciding not to vote.

People like to complain about our endless political campaigns and the increasing meanness of them, but it may be that campaigning is as important a part of democracy as is voting. Campaigning seems to be one of the ways in which we can get large numbers of people sufficiently interested in the future of government to finally express their opinion by voting.

It will be interesting to see how the campaigning in Iraq unfolds. Consider that in the United States during the presidential campaign our potential leaders traveled very widely, covering thousands of miles each day and appearing in very different parts of our country in the same day. In Iraq traveling anywhere is, and will continue for some time to be, extremely dangerous.

Even a trip to Baghdad airport from downtown is almost too dangerous to contemplate. How can a political campaign be managed in such circumstances? One way is television ads and appearances, but those too might be difficult in places where electricity is sporadic. Conditions in Iraq might not prevent voting, but they will certainly inhibit free campaigning.

The only places in the UNited States where campaigning was considered unimportant, was where the outcome of the election was not in doubt. Those states firmly in the Democratic or Republican column were seldom or never visited by the presidential candidates. I would hate to believe that the outcome of the election in Iraq was so little in doubt that we thought campaigning was unnecessary.

We ponder mechanisms for making our elections somehow more fair by limiting the input of large sums of money from groups or individuals with special interest (that usually means financial) in the outcome.

I wonder how campaigning in Iraq will be financed? And by whom? Will our government pay with public money for whatever campaigning occurs? Or will private interests have a chance to weigh in with funds?

The coming elections in Iraq could be the second most important elections in your lifetime, and you don't get to vote! Or maybe we should consider that we already have voted in those elections.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Letters to the editor

Thank you

Editor:

It's time to thank all of the volunteers who worked so hard on the political campaigns now ended. Especially, we are so pleased that the pool funding passed and know that it took hundreds of volunteers working on that one project alone. Thanks to all of you and God bless our country and community for the safe elections and everyone who cared enough to run, campaign and vote. Peace.

The Rev. Mary and Mike Willis
Charlevoix

Thanks for the votes

Editor:

I want to thank Charlevoix County for the privilege of serving as the Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner for the last four years. Marc Seelye and I have worked closely over the last two years. We are friends and respect each other. I will spend these last two months in the Charlevoix County Drain Commissioners Office working with Marc to ensure a smooth transition of the office.

I also want to thank the voters who took the extra time to split their ticket to vote for me as a Green Party candidate. Forty-two percent of voters in Charlevoix County voted straight Republican or Democrat. A complicated ballot and waiting lines made split ticket voting more burdensome and I do appreciate the extra effort of my supporters.

It remains vital that the public stay informed and involved in issues of land use. Public support for smart growth and land use will support Marc in accomplishing his goals of protecting the water and land in Charlevoix County.

JoAnne Bier Beemon
Charlevoix County
Drain Commissioner

Morality

Editor:

Since you mentioned Jesus, I assume that talking about the source of information on that subject, the Bible, is fair game. I don't recall any mention of morality in the Bible, but I read it to mean that good morality is a lack of sin. To me, sins are the things that mess up our lives and relationships; they cause pain and injustice to others. Examples might be: murder, theft, adultery, lying, fornication and others. So good morality would be avoiding these sins. Good morality leads to a healthy society that is a safe and attractive place to be. Bad morality leads to an unjust and unpleasant place to live, a place where I would look and hope for a better choice.

We've probably all wished at one time or another that there was no such thing as sin. We could then do just what we pleased without any negative consequences. But that is a bit selfish and naive. The world does not work at all well that way. We have to live in relationships, and those are harmed by sin or a "lack of morality." The issue that is tearing our society apart is the wish to deny that there is such a thing as sin and the consequences thereof.

You mentioned ending poverty. You may recall that Jesus said, "You have the poor always." However, we are often reminded to care for the widows and orphans, and help those in need. He also said to the "churchy" Pharisees, "but you have overlooked the weightier demands of the Law, justice, mercy and good faith."

You mentioned the death penalty. You may also recall that God prescribes many death penalties in the Bible for sins. However, Jesus changed things. For example, in the case of the woman caught in adultery, the penalty was death, but his answer was, "Go, and sin no more." That applies to all of us.

So, what's the bottom line? The details of how to live are spelled out clearly in the manufacturer's handbook, the Bible. It is pointed out in detail what is moral and what is not, and how society gets messed up by the immorality. We can live (for a while) without morality, but we cannot have LIFE as the creator meant it to be.

Ron Willey
Charlevoix

Be safe when traveling through construction

The season of orange cones and construction work on our state's highways has wound down from its peak time during the warmer months, however, two recent crashes on interstate 75 and 94 have prompted Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater to issue a warning to area residents.

"Slow down and stay alert," said Lasater. "Road construction crews are out there to make our roads better for all of us. Let's show them some respect."

The Michigan Department of Transportation's Give 'em a Brake coalition shows that despite construction and maintenance projects winding down in anticipation of winter, fall is the time when crash rates tend to increase. Last year, there were a total of 5800 crashes with 1,636 injuries and 11 deaths.

"The 11 construction workers who died last year were mothers and fathers, sons and daughters who will never again enjoy the things we take for granted. Road construction workers are out there to make a living. It's our responsibility to help keep them alive," he said.

Sheriff Lasater offers the following tips for motorists who are traveling in a work zone:

- Slow down, stay alert, and expect the unexpected.
- Don't follow the car ahead of you too closely (tailgating).
- Pay attention to signs and obey road crew flaggers.
- Do not drive while drowsy or intoxicated.
- Avoid tuning your radio or talking on your cell phone until you are through the work zone.

Lasater's official professional organization, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, is a member of the Give 'em a Brake coalition. The Michigan Sheriffs' Association was created by the Legislature in 1877. It is a nonprofit education and training association.

The executive director is Terrence L. Jungel.

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Island group to perform play 'A Tuna Christmas'

Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre Inc. will have the premiere of Beaver Island's first professional theater.

The organization is made up of Brian James Porter, executive director, and Kyle W. Barnette, artistic director.

The theater will have an inaugural show called "A Tuna Christmas" opening at 8 p.m., Nov. 24 on Beaver Island in the Holy Cross Hall. The show will run Nov. 26 and 27 as well.

For more information, call (231) 448-2184.

Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre was founded less than a year ago through the united vision of its Barnette and Porter. While working as professional actors, designers, musicians and marketing representatives, they joined forces through the desire to create their own unique and independent theater company.

Emerald Isle Repertory's mission is to provide artistic services and contributions to the cultural climate of Beaver Island and the surrounding mainland communities of Charlevoix, Petoskey and other nearby areas through first-rate professional theatrical productions and youth educational programs.

The organization also offers ongoing educational classes in tap dancing for adults and separate instruction for children. In addition they offer acting classes, music theory and piano lessons for all who are interested.

Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre Inc. works closely with Beaver Island Community School where they recently completed a six-hour workshop in theater education with the students.

Courtesy photo

Four generations of McBains

Recently four generations of McBains gathered in Gladwin. Here, the youngest at 4 months is Kiera Jean McBain, of Charlevoix, being held by her great-grandmother Jean McBain, of Gladwin. Next to her is her father, Jeremy McBain, of Charlevoix, and grandmother, Susan Case, of Gladwin.

Sheriff offers yard work help to Charlevoix seniors

Sheriff George T. Lasater announced the Fall Clean Up Program for senior citizens of Charlevoix County.

Lasater will be assigning county jail prisoners, supervised by a sheriff's officer, to assist senior citizens with raking and general clean up of their yards.

The program also includes townships in Charlevoix County where prisoners may be assigned, under supervision, to clean cemeteries, parks and others.

Lasater said only prisoners who are not a security risk to the community will be assigned this detail.

Anyone who is interested please contact the Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain	Snow
Nov. 9	38	31	—	—
Nov. 10	48	31	—	—
Nov. 11	54	36	.55	—
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Weddings

Agibinik — Haggard

Renetta Rae Agibinik and John Earl Haggard, Jr. of Wasilla, Alaska were married Aug. 7 at the Kodiak Island Winery in Chiniak, Alaska.

Renetta is the daughter of John and Dee Agibinik of Bethel, Alaska and Lawrence and Emily Olson of Clark's Point, Alaska.

John is the son of John and Phyllis Haggard of Charlevoix.

John Lucas, a cousin of the groom, performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a Starlight Collection wedding dress that was ivory and carried dagwood flowers.

The maid of honor was Kristina Salter of Anchorage, Alaska. The flower girl was Pauline Sheets, who wore a long white American girl dress.

The best man was Chris Coen.

A reception was given at the Kodiak Island Winery and a rehearsal dinner was given at the End of the Road.

The couple are making Wasilla, Alaska their home.

Both Renetta and John are employed by Trident Seafood. John is also employed by Hard Rok Plumbing and Heating.

Drost — Schick

Taya Christine Drost and Joel David Schick were married July 3, 2004 at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

Taya is the daughter of Chris and Danya Drost of Charlevoix. Joel is the son of Brian and Kristin Schick of Adrian.

The Pastor Larry Grooters performed the ceremony in front of 200 guests.

The bride wore a white, satin, strapless Demitrios dress embroidered with pearls and iridescent beads. Her veil was elbow length and decorated with white satin cord and adorned with rhinestones and pearls scattered in the bride's up-do hair.

The bride carried a bouquet filled with pink lisianthus, creamy and burgundy roses, lavender freesia, a pink filler flower and a mix of greenery. It was finished of with a white satin stem wrap.

The maid of honor was Taryn Drost. Bridesmaids were Shayna Drost, Janay Drost, Jennifer Hallock, Erin Stephens, Jessica Carollo, Alina Fry and Jill Ramsey. They wore mauve, strapless, a-line dresses with lace-up backs. They carried bouquets with burgundy roses, pink lisianthus, pink filler flowers and a mix of greenery, finished off with a mauve ribbon.

The ring bearers were Tanner and Tate Hallock.

The best man was Marc Allen. Groomsmen were Ty Halloch, Greg Stephens, Jeff Trapp, Doug Lash, Adam Wood and Brad Gray.

A reception was given at the Knights of Columbus in Petoskey.

The couple went on a honeymoon to the Marco Islands in Florida.

Taya graduated from Hope College in Holland with a degree in elementary education. She is currently working as a teacher at Sylvan Learning Center in Grandville.

Joel graduated from Hope College in Holland. He is a sales representative for X-Rite Incorporated in Grandville.

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In honor of the heroes

Members of the Charlevoix Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion gathered in Veteran's Park Nov. 11 to honor all veterans. Here, members of the groups fire blanks into the air as part of the ceremony.

Obituaries

Bernard Robert Belobradich: May 27, 1919 - Nov. 11, 2004

Bernard Robert Belobradich, 85, of Plymouth died on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004 at Fircland Reg. Med. Center in Sandusky.

He was born on May 27, 1919 in Ahmek. He graduated from Calumet High School in Calumet.

Bernard served in the U.S. Army in World War II from 1941-1945, and was honorably discharged. He worked as a metallurgist at Burroughs Corp. for 33 years.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel from 1947 - present, and he was a lifetime member of the VFW and a 50-plus year member of the Croatian Fraternal Lodge 717.

He is survived by his wife, Inez P. (Laster) Belobradich, whom he married on Sept. 10, 1955; his daughters, Jody M. (Jim) Sennish of Sandusky, and Michelle A. (Doug) Buday, of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Benjamin L. Sennish, Lauren C. Sennish, Patrick J. Sennish, Daniel J. Buday, Alex J. Buday, Eric N. Buday, Jackson D. Buday, Luke T. Buday and Isabelle R. Buday; and a sister, Rosemary Stewart of New Haven, Ind.

He was preceded in death hy his parents, Jacob and Josephine (Mihelich) Belobradich; sisters, Josephine Doney, Laura Radovic, Margaret Smith, Clara Beatty, Kathryn Tosatto; hrothers, Alex Belobradich, James Belobradich, Thomas Belobradich, Joseph Belobradich and Paul Belobradich.

Private family services will be in the Toft Funeral Home and Crematory, 2001 Columbus Ave., Sandusky, Ohio. The Rev. Philip Feltman will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Croation Fraternal Union, 100 Delaney Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235.

Ruth Heilig: Oct. 14, 1913 - Nov. 13, 2004

Ruth Heilig, 91, a resident at Robbinswood Assisted Care Facility in Grand Haven, passed away to Eternal Life on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004.

Ruth was born on October 14, 1913 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the third of Charles and Mary Litkowski's four children. She married Arthur Heilig of Dayton in 1934 and had two children, Don and Joan.

The family moved from Dayton to Charlevoix in the late 1940s where they became very active members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Ruth remained an active member there for almost 50 years before moving to Grand Haven.

During her lifetime Ruth worked as the manager of a perfume shop, in sales at Hess Furniture Store and Lieberman's Clothing store, gave organ lessons and helped her husband with the family business, Jarudo. She later worked for H & R Block and then ran her own business, as she put it, "helping old people" until she was 75.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Arthur, who passed away in 1975 ; her brother Paul and sister Irma (Scheid); and five great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her son Don (Mary) Heilig of Grand Haven; her daughter Joan (Fred) Faber of Grand Rapids; eight grandchildren (and their spouses), 29 great-grandchildren; a sister, Rita Kolker and many nieces and nephews.

A devout Catholic and Christian her entire life, Ruth's funeral Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Tuesday at St. Patrick's Catholic church in Grand Haven.

Visitation at Winchester Funeral Home is between 12 to 2 p.m. on Thursday. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m., Thursday at St. Mary's Cemetery with the Rev. Father Thomas Neis officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of North Ottawa Community or St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

Jean McBain: Feb. 28, 1926 - Nov. 11, 2004

Jean McBain, 78, of Gladwin died Nov. 11, 2004 at her home.

She was born Feb. 28, 1926 to Roland and Genevieve (Fitzgerald) Wooster in South Lyon.

On June 15, 1946, she married John McBain in Ann Arhor. He preceded her in death in September 1993.

Jean was a homemaker who loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren dearly. Family was one of the most important aspects of life to her. She enjoyed knitting, feeding the wildlife in her yard, dancing, music and taking care of her family.

She is survived by sons, John Michael (Jean) McBain of Oscoda, Kevin Patrick (Nicole) McBain of Clinton Township, Brian Matthew (Barbara) McBain of Royal Oak; daughters, Kathleen Marie (James) Turner of Farmington Hills, Mary Elizabeth (Robert) Blaxton of Wayne, Susan Jean (Steven) Case of Gladwin, Rebecca Ann (Lawrence) Otis of Novi, Amy Lynn (Edward) Miller of Gladwin, Melissa Lee McBain of Novi; brother, Edmund Wooster of Chelesa; sister, Kathleen Hagerman of Manchester; grandchildren, James, John, Jeffery, Jason, Jenny Catherine, Kelli, Carol, A'nna, Jacob, Jeremy (of Charlevoix), Amy, Michelle, Rachel, Kyle, Emma, Bill, Tammy, Jeremiah and nine great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband, John, Jean was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter, Stacie Ann McBain.

Funeral services will he at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19 at the Hall Funeral Home in Gladwin with the Rev. Father Patrick Jankowiak officiating. Visitation will he 10:30 a.m., Nov. 19 until the time of the service. There will also be a Rosary service at 11 a.m., Friday.

Burial will he in the McBain Cemetery in McBain.

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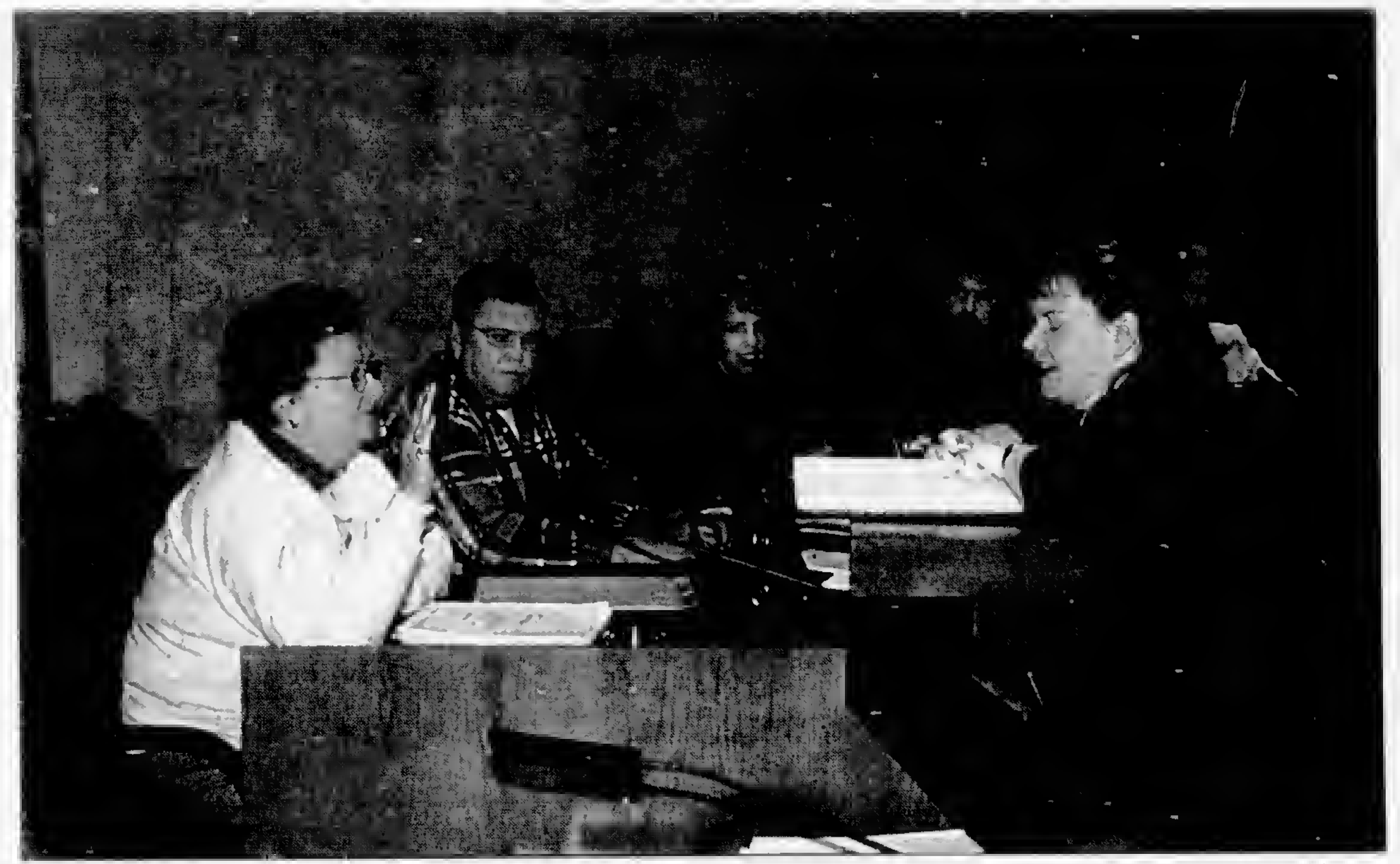

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Swearing in

Members of the Charlevoix City Council that were up for election on Nov. 2 and won were officially sworn in at the council meeting Monday night. They were Karen Campbell, Bill Haggard, Sherman Chamberlain and new mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson, Jr. Here, Campbell says the oath of office before the meeting. All of the city council members were incumbents.

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Circle of Strength gives help, info for patients

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Cancer touches almost everyone's life in one way or another, but now there's a group that can lend support, resources and much more.

Circle of Strength, a cancer resource program through the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, was created in order to help cancer patients and their families navigate their way through a troubling time and everything is kept confidential.

Diane Gorkiewicz and Kim Stevens are behind Circle of Strength and are breast cancer survivors themselves. Their experience and that of other people involved in the program, lends a support to those currently facing the same or a similar situation.

"It's a really good alliance and it was so needed we really didn't get any flack," Gorkiewicz said.

Circle of Strength offers education, training and support to cancer patients and their family, friends and caregivers.

Gorkiewicz said there were several small groups operating in the community to provide support to people dealing with cancer, but this is the first time it's all come together.

Circle of Strength started with a donation from the Pink Ribbon Ride in 2003 and has also received a donation from the Kappa Sigma Phi Home Tour in 2004.

Since 1991, Gorkiewicz has been involved with the Woman Care program available through the health department, which provides breast and cervical exams for a small fee.

Stevens has been involved with the Navigator program through Munson for the past two years and works with 25 other breast cancer survivors who lend help to those currently facing the same situation.

Gorkiewicz and Stevens said a common misconception that occurs when one is facing an illness is that the doctor knows everything. In order to combat that thought, both Gorkiewicz and Stevens work with people to educate them on how they can find out information themselves.

Currently, Circle of Strength has partnered with the Charlevoix Public Library to offer easy access to medical information when conducting research.

Valerie Meyerson, director of the Charlevoix Public Library, said the program started a few months ago when they were approached by Gorkiewicz and Stevens who wanted to have the library as an Internet source.

Meyerson said the library created an electronic medical library that is accessible through the Charlevoix library web page. The links available there are kept up to date.

Circle of Strength helped fund the training for a library employee to learn how to develop quality electronic medical collections, Meyerson said.

"It's a good investment the hospital made," Meyerson said.

Within the first two months of having the medical library available, Meyerson said there have been over 100 hits.

"I think it's a nice collaborative effort," she said. "It's a nice service for the community."

Meyerson said the library will be having another public workshop on how to use the medical library in January.

Stevens said knowing about one's own illness and having information gathered when meeting with a doctor gives a feeling of empowerment.

"The fear of the unknown," she said. "When they know what they're dealing with it's easier to face it."

Stevens said she was fortunate to have the support of her husband and family during her time of need, but some people don't have that base.

"This is another reason why this is so important," she said of Circle of Strength.

Gorkiewicz and Stevens said there is at least one person diagnosed with cancer each week, which makes the program even more valuable.

The first major event put on by Circle of Strength was the First Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon that occurred on Oct. 23. Both Gorkiewicz and Stevens said many of the models that participated in the event are either cancer survivors or currently dealing with cancer.

"We've gotten totally positive feedback," Gorkiewicz and Stevens said, especially from those who were models in the fashion show.

They said two came from Indiana to participate in the event and it gave all involved more self confidence and an empowering feeling.

All in all, Circle of Friends works with doctors, who give referrals to the program, and other support networks in the community.

Stevens said the program works for people however they want and need support. She said Circle of Strength helps her in her work with the Navigator program and also on a personal level.

"It's on going," she said of the support received.

For more information on Circle of Strength call 547-8950 or e-mail them at circlestrength@cah.org. For more information on the Charlevoix Public Library's electronic medical library call 547-2651 or visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Kim Stevens and Diane Gorkiewicz started Circle of Strength to provide time, support and resources to those who are currently facing cancer or dealing with the illness of a loved one.

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Synopsis - November 10, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Boyne City on November 10, 2004. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the October 27, 2004, regular Board meeting as corrected.

Tom Wolf, Equalization Director, presented the revised 2004 Apportionment Report and the Township & City Clerk's Report. The changes were due to millage approvals for the November 2, 2004 election.

Motion approved Resolution #04-097, Revised 2004 Tax Levy.

Motion approved Resolution #04-098, Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion approved Resolution #04-099, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #04-100, Application for Funds.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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St. Mary's hosts annual homeless sleep over

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With cardboard boxes in place and fire's bursting from tin barrels, the St. Mary's Parish got underway its Sixth Annual Homeless Awareness Sleepover.

Patty Furtaw, pastoral minister of St. Mary's Parish, said the sleepover allows those who participate to experience a taste of what real homeless people live through every day since the group spends the entire night outside in cardboard boxes.

"The kids always say, when they stay a night out like this, that they can't imagine being homeless," Furtaw said.

The sleepover lasted from 8 p.m. on Nov. 12 to 8 a.m. on Nov. 13. Once 8 a.m. rolls around, Furtaw said the participants get to go home to their beds, but those who are homeless have to try and survive another day all over again.

Parishes from the Charlevoix community as well as those from other cities were invited to attend the sleepover. The parishes that participated in the sleepover were St. Michael's of Roscommon, St. Patrick's of Traverse City, The Cross in the Woods of Indian River, Charlevoix United Methodist Church, St. Joseph's of East Jordan and St. Mary's of Charlevoix.

The youth involved in the program collected donations for their efforts that will be given to Lighthouse PATH (Pontiac Area Transitional Housing), which gives women and children who have been abused and living on the streets a place to live and a second chance at life. Furtaw said the goal is to raise $3,000.

Several youth from St. Mary's Parish and other parishes spent a week this summer at PATH including Jaleesa Baier of St. Joseph's in East Jordan.

Baier, 16, read a paper she wrote for a class during the opening night prayer. She told of her experience working with the children at PATH and how it touched her life forever.

"Before I went I didn't really know anything," she said. "It really opened my eyes."

Now, Baier said homelessness has become a big issue for her

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

On Nov. 12, 65 people, including Curt Salamino, 12, of Traverse City, braved the cold and slept in cardboard boxes overnight as a part of the Sixth Annual Homeless Awareness Sleepout hosted by St. Mary's Parish in Charlevoix.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Patty Furtaw, pastoral minister of St. Mary's Parish, crawled inside a cardboard box with her nieces Emily Chapdelaine, 8, and Hannah Solomon, 3.

Official Notice

North Country Community Mental Health Board will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, November 18th, 4:30 p.m. at Antrim County Commission on Aging Building, 308 E. Cayuga Street, Bellaire, MI. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Jan Smith at (231) 533-6701 ext. 3032.

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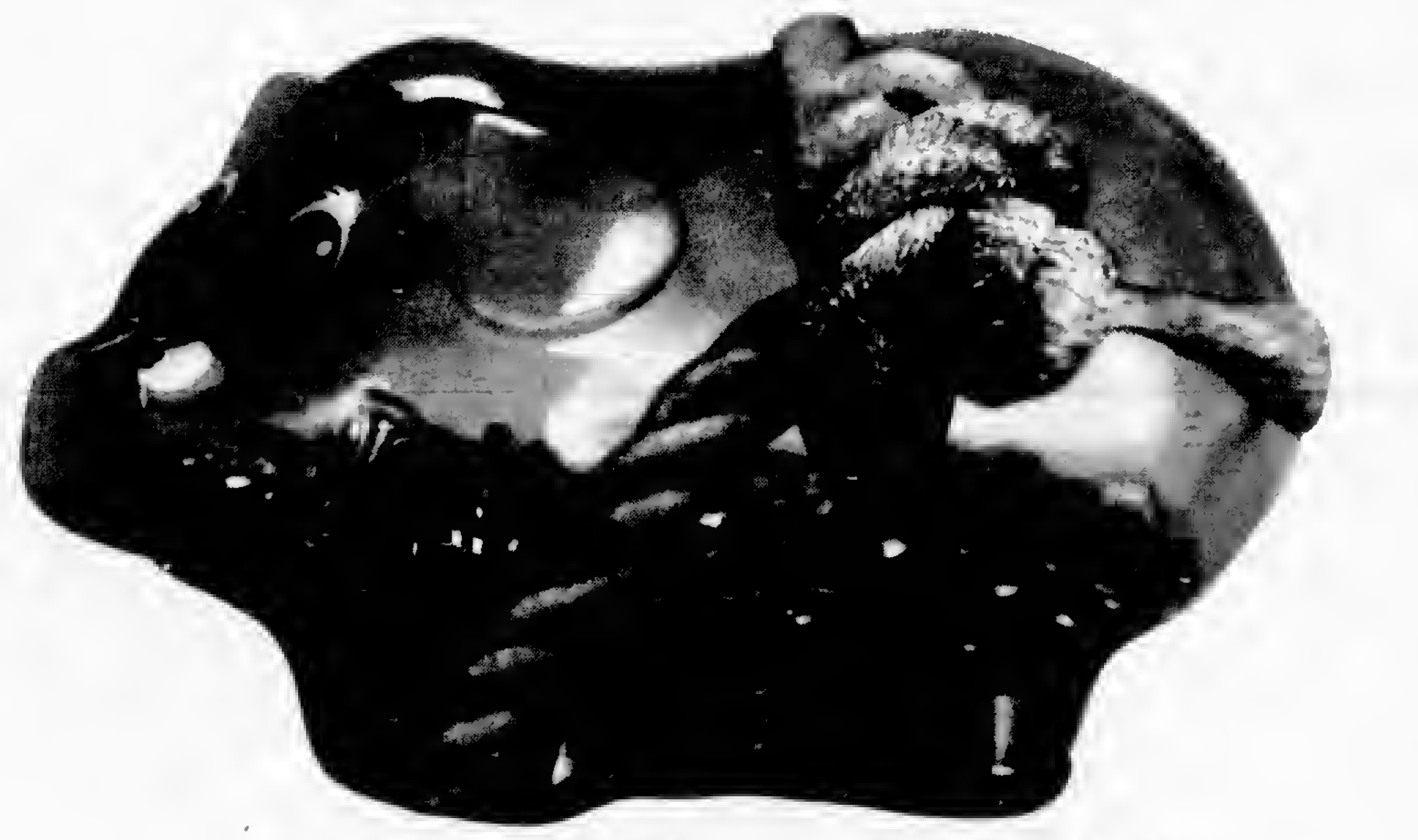

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Commissioners getting ready for master plan work

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

The Charlevoix Planning Commission is slowly working towards updating the city's master plan with several different exercises during their meetings that determine the needs of the community.

Using visioning exercises, under the moderation of city planner Gerry Harsch, planners can determine the city's attributes, threats and needs.

"I think they have been going very well," Harsch said of the exercises. "The planning commission is really starting to get into the process."

Harsch said the planning commission will spend about four sessions working to develop issues to deal with in the new master plan. He said the commission should be finished with that in December and then start to develop goals and objectives for the master plan early in the new year.

He does not know exactly when the commission will have a master plan ready to take to the Charlevoix City Council to have a pubic hearing on the matter.

Planning Commissioner Richard Hodgson said he also thought the process was moving along well.

"We are getting a lot of good input from the planning commission members and the audience members," he said. "A lot of it is interesting. It has been across the board."

Commissioner Ken Staley said, "It's a slow process but a thought provoking one. I think it really has purpose."

The master plan is used as a guide for development in the city of Charlevoix. Generally, the master plan is updated every 25 years by the planning commission. After it is updated by the planning commission, it is sent to the city council for a public hearing and then adoption.

During the visioning exercises, the commissioners are asked various questions, such as, "What are the city's attributes which contribute to its beauty which should be addressed in its comprehensive plan?"

For this question, commissioners responded the channel and lighthouse, as well as the Earl Young structures and architecture, the waterfront, beaches and the diverse housing stock.

Commissioners were also asked what the greatest threats to the city's beauty were. They answered too many boats that create congestion on Round Lake, no enforcement of the blight ordinance, sprawl and unsightly development, among others.

Another question to the commissioners was, "What kind of growth will adversely affect the small town character and beauty of Charlevoix?"

They answered big box stores, building sizes, change in architectural design and the danger of creating a "theme" town.

The Charlevoix City Planning Commission meets at 6 p.m., Dec. 13 in Charlevoix City Hall.

Participants get a taste of the homeless life at church

ST. MARY

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and she only hopes others will join in the effort to help those in need.

Sonja Plude, 18, was the master of ceremonies for the event and helped Baier read her paper to the crowd.

Curt Salamino, 12, of St. Patrick's Catholic Youth Union of Traverse City, participated in the event for the first time.

"I think it's a great learning experience because a lot of people don't realize how good they have it," he said.

In order to provide a safe experience, the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus, who participate every year, patrolled the area throughout the night, changing guard every two hours.

Grand Knight Steve Seely, said the knights gathered wood for the fires and set up the cardboard boxes.

"One of the major focal points of the Knights of Columbus is to help guide the youth in the community and the community at large," he said.

Seely said the event was not limited to those in parishes or churches, but open to anyone in the Northern Michigan area.

Despite the chilling cold and frost that started to form on cars, Seely said the weather was good.

"This is probably the best weather we've had because there's no wind," he said. "Last year we had a blizzard."

Even though the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus keep the participants safe, Seely said the youth are the heroes.

"The real heroes are the kids who get something out of it," he said. "We want to help raise the awareness."

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Local student picked for photography show

By **COURTNEY E. PACE**
Staff Writer

For one aspiring artist in Charlevoix, capturing life on film is a natural talent and one that recently received acclaim.

Helen Beemon, a junior at Northwest Academy, was chosen as one of 54 finalists in the 24th Annual Juried Photography Exhibition on Nov. 13 at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

"I was happy," she said. "I did a happy dance right when I read the note."

Beemon read about the event and decided to enter two photographs she had taken while she was visiting Isla Mujeres, Mexico. The picture of several turtles in water taken was chosen for the exhibition.

Beemon said she loves photographing nature and animals, but also anything that captures her eye at the time.

The turtles on Isla Mujeres in Mexico captured her eye and that of Monte Nagler, a renowned photographer from Farmington Hills, who was the juror for the exhibit.

"I really like turtles and I pretty much just took the picture because I wanted memories of the island," who said.

Gail Lambert, visual arts director at Crooked Tree Arts Center, said that a little less than 200 photographs were received and Nagler narrowed them down according to several factors he felt were important, such as technical skill, quality and composition.

"I'm probably the youngest one that got in and these people have been doing this for most of their lives so the word is privileged," Beemon said.

Artistic talents run in her family. Beemon said her grandparents were photographers and her uncle, Ray Bier, owns Bier Art Gallery in Charlevoix.

Beemon said her family encouraged her interest in photography along with Cindy Romero, the art and Spanish teacher at Northwest Academy, who encouraged the use of different forms of media.

"This is the first time I've pretty much done anything with my photography other than have it on display at home," she said.

Beemon enjoys several forms of creative outlets, but sketching with graphite is her favorite. However, photography has always been an interest and it wasn't until she received a Pentax ZX-60 last Christmas that she really started to cultivate her photographic eye.

Photography is enjoyable, Beemon said, because of its ability to capture memories, to capture different things in life and the fact that people can look at one photograph in many different ways.

Beemon has been taking photographs for about three years and doesn't recall receiving any formal instruction. With her love for traveling and other cultures, Beemon said she hopes to have a career in photography.

"I want to work for 'National Geographic,'" she said.

For now, Beemon will finish her studies and continue to cultivate her creative talents and probably enter her photographs in future competitions.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Helen Beemon recently had a photograph she took while in Mexico displayed during the 24th Annual Juried Photography Exhibition at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
Synopsis of Minutes
Regular Meeting held November 8, 2004

Supervisor Glass called the meeting to order with board members Martin, Williams, Rejewski and Center present.

Minutes of the October 11th regular meeting were approved.

Financial report was given by the Treasurer.

Motion carried to make payment #4 for $40,275.60 to MDC for work finished on the Pine Point sewer project.

Motion carried to adopt revised water hook up fees. Fees will be as follows for within Charlevoix Township. 1 in. service, $1500., 1.5 in. service, $2250., 2 in. service, $3000., 4 in. service, $4000. and 6 in. service, $6000. Outside of Charlevoix Township will require consideration and approval of the Township Board and the fee for such connection will be at one and one half (1.5) times the rate for within the Township. The charge for an additional meter for irrigation purposes will be $300 and the maintenance of irrigation meters will be the responsibility of the owner. Charlevoix Township will service the added private meters on a time and material basis.

Motion carried to allow the purchase of a John Deere power washer.

Motion carried to allow the Clerk to pay bills presented and appropriate.

Next regular meeting to be held December 13, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

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Winter is starting to make short visits to Charlevoix as it prepares for an extended stay. Each morning residents are waking to either find a dusting of snow on the ground or heavily frosted plants in their yards, such as this.

Farm Bureau helping charity with food drive

Charlevoix County Farm Bureau is working with the Michigan Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee to assist Ronald McDonald Houses as part of the Harvest Gathering project.

The project, conducted by the local Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee, works to collect non-perishable food items for use at Ronald McDonald Houses in Michigan. Ronald McDonald Houses are homes where families of ill children may stay while their youngsters are hospitalized. There are currently Houses in Detroit, Lansing, Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids. The houses are strategically located close to major medical centers.

This year the County Farm Bureau has taken the further step of donating half of all items collected to Food Pantries in Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan. The collection is planned to run through the month of November.

Items to be collected include, but are not limited to: canned vegetables, fruits, soups, condiments, juices in non-breakable containers prepackaged meals, breakfast cereal, coffee, tea, cocoa, as well as soaps, paper products and linens.

Individuals interested in donating food items should contact the County Farm Bureau Office at 547-2043; or Joe Seidel, Charlevoix County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Chairman at 547-2181.

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Hospital hosts event for 'deer widows'

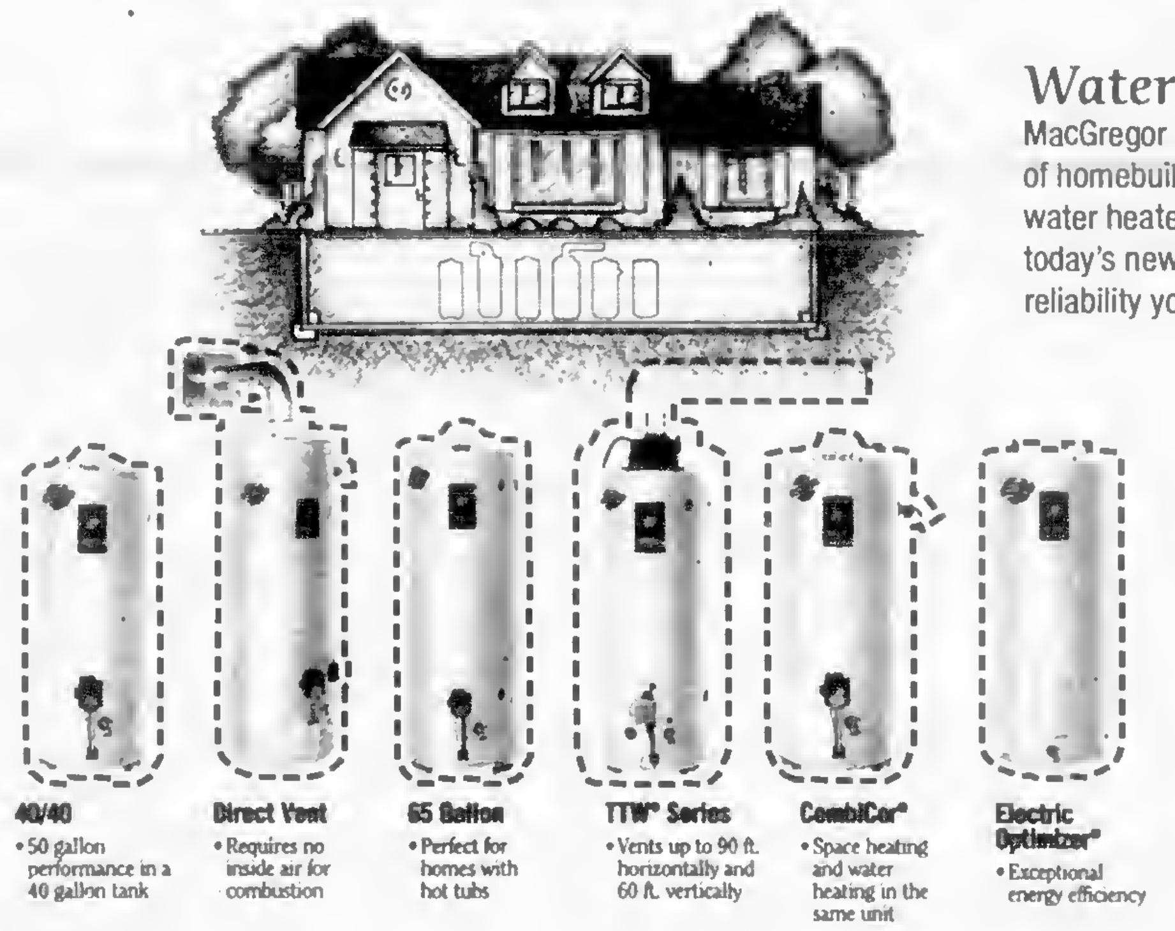
Charlevoix Area Hospital is hosting a special event for "deer widows."

The hospital will have Christmas shopping from the Hospital Gift Shop available or from one of the many vendors who will be taking part. Also there will be discount cards, several raffles, and hospital tours.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

This is a fund-raiser for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild, and all proceeds benefit the Charlevoix Area Hospital. The guild, in keeping with the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's desire for this to be "A Year for Women's Health," has chosen to support the foundation's goal to purchase a Computer Aided Detection Mammography System and fund the expansion of Boyne Rehabilitation Center in Boyne City.

For more information, please call 547-8651, or 547-9339.



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Many area businesses report great fall

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix businesses located downtown seemed to experience good business this fall.

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce President Jacqueline Merta said she didn't talk to every merchant, but those she talked to said it was a great fall. Merta said she talked to both retailers and restaurants.

"They said it was going to be a hard fall season to beat since it was so outstanding this year," she said.

Merta said she thought several things played into the business of this fall including the fair weather and the hurricane season plaguing Florida.

She said people probably stayed longer in Charlevoix due to the hurricane season and people probably visited the city more.

Kirby Dipert, chairman of the Charlevoix Retail Committee and co-owner of The Clothing Company, Color Wear and Charlevoix Wear, said he thought the "Saturday Night" effort of local merchants probably helped increase business this fall.

"Saturday Night" started after Labor Day and ended on Oct. 23 and involved several downtown merchants staying open until 8 p.m., some until 9 p.m., in an attempt to generate more business in the fall.

"We'll do it again," he said.

Dipert said fall was good and the weather was a help. He said the warm September weather helped make up for a cooler May and June.

"We're looking forward to a good spring and summer next year," he said.

Dudley Marvin, president of Stafford's Hospitality, said business for Stafford's Weathervane in Charlevoix was great.

"We've had a wonderful fall," he said.

Business has been up every month throughout the fall, Marvin said, and was outstanding in September and October. However, he said business will be normal for November.

Marvin said the 25th Annual Apple Festival and Craft Show brought an extraordinary amount of people to Charlevoix which helped business, but the fair weather also lent a hand.

"It really was an exceptional fall weather wise," he said.

Jacqueline Dipert, co-owner of The Clothing Company, said business has been good for the fall season and is up compared to this time last year.

Jacqueline said her store stays open on the weekends, but with other businesses taking part in the Charlevoix Retail Committee's effort to have businesses open late on the weekends business could be better.

"I think the town is a good town to walk around in at night," she said.

If more businesses are staying open then people who visit Charlevoix will know the town is alive at night and it could encourage them to come for the evening.

Jacqueline said some nights were bad, but overall sales were good.

"Now that the election is over it'll be a better year," she said.

Jacqueline said people can now focus on spending their money and getting on with what they need to do and not pondering who is going to win and what that person is going to do.

However, winter is coming and that is usually a harder time.

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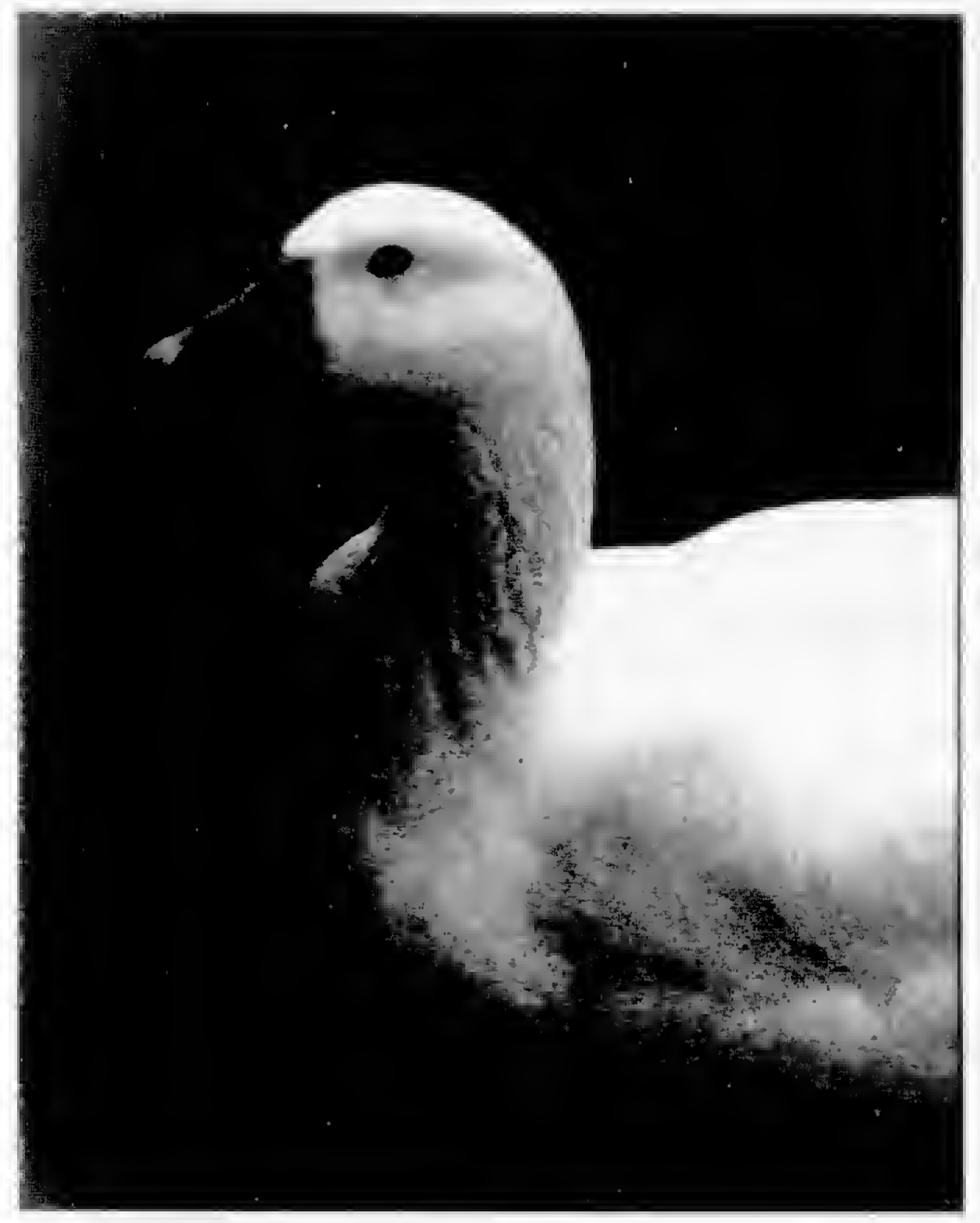

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Snowy visitor

This goose was seen swimming in Round Lake Monday, among what was left of the boats in the marina. Several species of waterfowl enjoy taking a breather in Charlevoix during their journeys south.

Charlevoix Tree lighting to be Nov. 26

The annual Charlevoix Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be in Charlevoix's downtown East Park on Friday, Nov. 26.

Beginning at 4 p.m. children may visit Santa Claus at his Charlevoix House located at 222 Bridge Street and have a free photo taken with him compliments of Charlevoix Camera.

Decorate the Community Christmas Tree from 4 to 6 p.m. with handmade ornaments. For children who don't have an ornament they can make one at "Santa's House" thanks to Annette Nesburg and the staff of the Charlevoix Children's House who will help children create decorations. The tree is decorated thanks to the City Electric Department crew who provides a bucket truck and places the children's ornaments where they wish on the tree.

Everyone is invited to watch the children decorate the tree and enjoy music by the Keep Charlevoix Beautiful petunia truck.

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Zonta hosting annual award

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its annual Young Women in Public Affairs award, which awards $500 to an outstanding young woman living in Charlevoix County and currently enrolled in a secondary school.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County High Schools or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snabes at (231) 547-9969.

The deadline for receiving applications is Feb. 1, 2005 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura A. Snabes, P.O. Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in late February.

The recipient of the local award will also have her application forwarded to the district, which awards an additional $500 to the District Winner.

Amber Heath from East Jordan High School was named the winner of last year's Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award competition is designed to encourage women to pursue decision -making positions in their communities in order to impact the policies that affect the lives of women locally and throughout the world. The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs program looks to the young women of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. The Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award is one of the many programs for young women sponsored by Charlevoix Area Zonta.

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Health department celebrating Home Health Month

November marks National Home Health Month, celebrated each year as a way of paying tribute to the thousands of quiet heroes who provide high quality home health, home care and hospice services.

In addition this year, Nov. 14-20 has been designated as 2004 Home Care Aide Week with the theme "We're Part of the Family." Home care aides specialize in providing assistance with activities of daily living such as: meal preparation, bathing, grooming, light housekeeping, companionship, assistance to medical appointments, medication reminders, exercise and activity.

Home health care is associated with notions of comfort, compassion and security — and it provides a family-oriented alternative to institutional care.

The origins of home health care date back to the late 1880s when the home became the workplace for most nurses, since the most seriously ill people stayed at home.

By the Twentieth Century, the need for trained nurses to assist with home care had grown tremendously. Nurses began caring for the sick, teaching family members how to care for sick ones, and preventing complications and unnecessary hospital stays, right in patients' homes.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency invites the surrounding community to join their efforts recognizing and celebrating November as National Home Health and Hospice Month. As a Medicare/Medicaid certified home health care agency, accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Agency (CHAP), health department staff work closely to provide a continuum of care with physicians and other health care agencies, such as Commissions on Aging, hospitals, and nursing homes.

Typically, clients are referred to the health department by physicians following an office visit or discharge from the hospital. Clients may require home care due to congestive heart failure, wound care needs, or any number of illnesses that make it difficult for them to leave home for medical care.

Depending on the client's condition, the Home Health Team can include registered nurses, certified home health aides, medical social workers, and physical, occupational, or speech therapists. Some Home Care Team members are also specialists in wound care, diabetic care and symptom and pain management.

The health department's home health care program has become a model in many ways, meeting or exceeding all state and national standards. Its staff members focus on clients' individual needs and work with other community resources and agencies to meet them with clients.

Whatever their clients' needs, the health department works to keep them in their own homes.

When faced with a situation where placement in a care facility is the only option, the Home Health Care Team works with the care facility to facilitate a smooth transition for the client. For those clients who choose hospice services, the transition is even smoother, since the members of the Home Health Care Team also provide hospice services and continue to care for their clients until their death, providing a unique continuum of care.

For questions, telephone Home Health at the health department at (231) 547-6092 or (800) 551-4140.

Planned Parenthood offering free HIV tests

In recognition of World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan will be offering free HIV tests on Nov. 30 and will be handing out red ribbons in the lobby of the health center.

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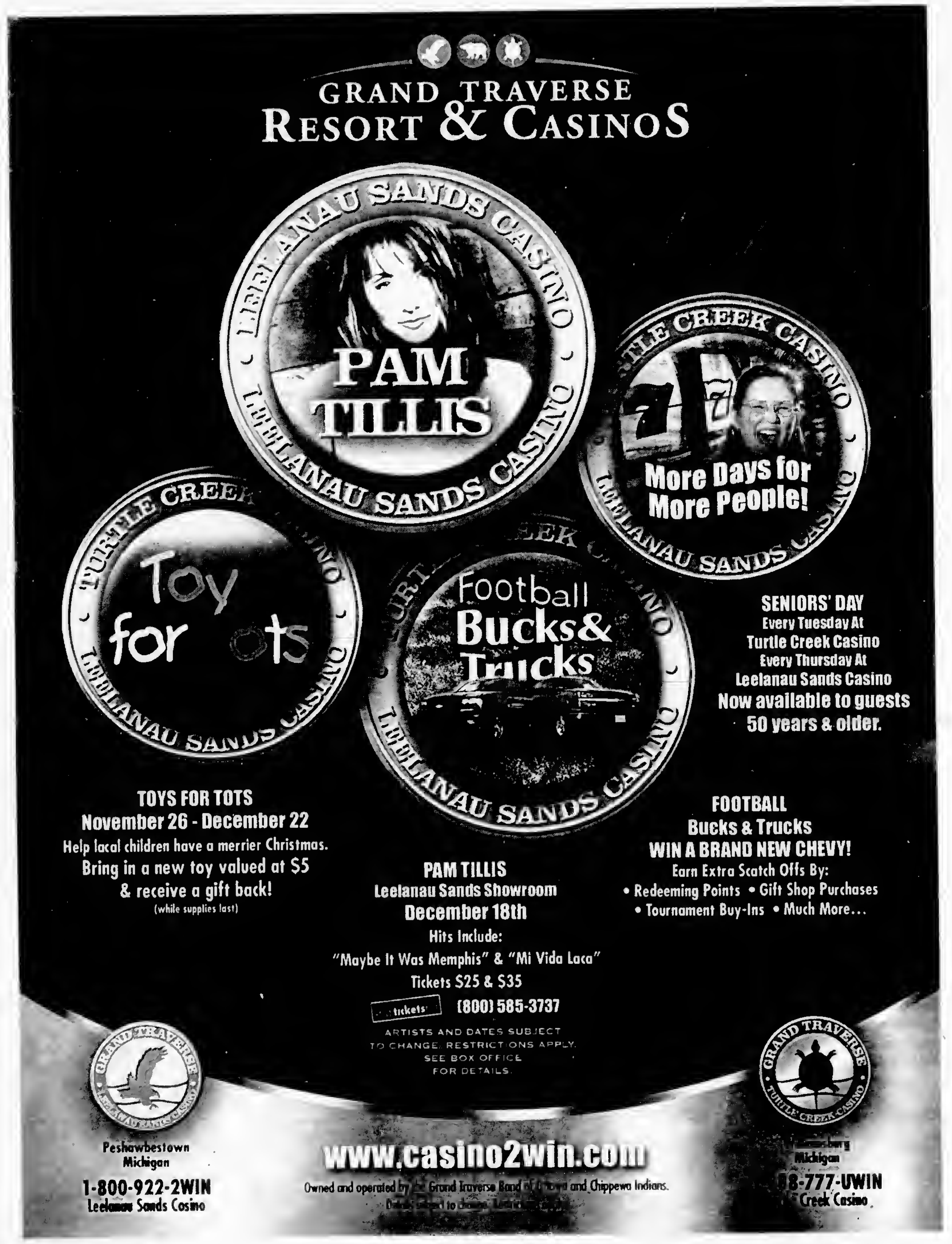
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Sheriff: Use caution when out hunting

Michigan's fields and forests are alive with blaze orange hunting gear and the sound of rifle shots.

Firearm deer hunting season began Monday, Nov. 15 and continues through Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater wants both visitors and residents of Charlevoix County to know some important safety rules before setting out to "bag their buck."

Your hunting license and the identification used to purchase it (Michigan driver's license, identification card or DNR sport card) must be carried with you at all times while hunting.

All hunters must wear an item of clothing (hat, cap, vest, jacket or rain gear) in "hunter orange," it must be the outermost garment and it must be visible from all sides.

If it is camouflage, at least 50 percent of the garment must be orange. Hunting hours begin approximately one-half hour before sunrise and last until approximately one-half hour after sunset.

Safety zones are all areas within 150 yards (450 feet) of an occupied building, house, cabin, barn or other farm building.

You may not hunt in this area or shoot at any animal within this area, unless you have the written permission of the property owner.

It is both illegal and dangerous to drink alcohol or use intoxicating drugs before hunting.

Sheriff Lasater also wants hunters to take the following precautions to prevent injury or death while hunting this season:

- Familiarize yourself with the area where you will be hunting.
- Never assume you are alone in the woods.
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Sheriff Lasater urges all hunters to act responsibly this season.

You may still be able to get a flu shot

Health department officials are encouraging people who still need a flu shot to call (800) 432-4121 for an appointment or to be added to a waiting list.

"We have received additional doses of flu vaccine," said Patricia Fralick, Director of Family Health Services for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.

"We've set up two additional flu clinics and we've contacted everyone on our waiting list to schedule an appointment. There are still appointments available."

Fralick is encouraging everyone who meets criteria for "high risk" for developing complications from the flu to call the health department.

"We are trying to determine how many more doses of flu vaccine we need to immunize everyone who is high-risk, " she said.

Physician's offices and senior citizen centers have given flu shots to their high-risk clients and many have given extra doses to the health department to distribute.

New flu clinics are scheduled on Thursday, Nov. 11, at the health department's Antrim County office in Bellaire, and on Monday, Nov. 15, at the Charlevoix County office.

Flu shots are given by appointment only. Appointments are scheduled according to flu vaccine supplies.

Due to a shortage of flu vaccine, the CDC guidelines call for immunizing only the following groups this season:

- All children 6 months to 23 months old.
- Adults age 65 and older.
- Anyone age 2 to 64 with an underlying chronic medical condition.
- All women who will be pregnant during the flu season.
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- Children 6 months to 18 years old on chronic aspirin therapy.
- Healthcare workers with direct patient care.
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than 6 months old.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

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Charlevoix school studying special education

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

This year the state of Michigan adopted a new way to monitor students in special education classes by using Continuous Improvement Monitoring System, which allows for the quality of the education students receive to be looked at more in depth.

Diane Heinzelman, director of special education of the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, said the new monitoring system is being implemented state-wide, but is still in its infancy stage.

"The best part is really allowing the district to look at the special education programs in the district," she said. "That's a good thing."

Heinzelman said the process involves randomly selecting special education students from a variety of disabilities and ages and looking at their Individual Education Plans for the past three years, which differs from the old monitoring technique of looking at specific aspects of the current year's Individual Education Plans.

Heinzelman said the Individual Education Plans are analyzed for changes that can be assessed for the entire school system to better everyone involved.

"We are looking at the special education system in the district to identify things that are working well or need to be changed," she said.

The process is taken from the states of California and New Mexico, which Heinzelman said have been using it for the last three years.

The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District is going to go through the training, but was not chosen as a pilot site for the program.

"We're finding teachers and administrators are very excited about this," she said.

Richard Swenor, principal at Charlevoix Elementary School, said he hopes the pilot monitoring technique will allow the school to verify that the curriculum they are currently working with works and that the students are growing.

"It'll help us to, if we do find things, monitor our own program and make changes as needed or celebrate where we are," he said.

Swenor said using three year's of information instead of one year will allow a more thorough picture to form on what is occurring with the students.

"I'm confident we're gong to see some great things as we look through the years," he said.

Heinzelman said the process is now down to the district level and the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District underwent some training on Nov. 15.

"We encourage the district to take that information they gleam from our day together to put into a school improvement process," she said.

This new monitoring system, that can still be modified and changed as needed by the state, will not only point out what curriculum changes are needed but will also reinforce what is working already.

Give thanks at church service

The Charlevoix Ministerial Association invites the community to gather together at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24, to give thanks at the 2004 Community Thanksgiving Service.

This ecumenical service will be at the Community Reformed Church and will be led by pastors and leaders from Charlevoix churches.

As a gift of gratitude, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Charlevoix Food Pantry.

Monetary offerings received during this service will be used by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association to meet emergency needs in the community.

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CEMEX plant sold to Brazilian company

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

CEMEX, a Mexican cement company, signed a letter of intent on Nov. 15 to sell two of its cement plants in the Great Lakes region of the United States to Brazilian cement company, Votorantim Cimentos LTDA.

The Charlevoix and Dixon-Marquette cement plants are a part of the potential transaction that is expected to close in 2005, according to a press release by CEMEX.

Votorantim presented a non-binding contract and CEMEX said they had been evaluating what to do with the two cement plants since early 2004.

The transaction assets are valued at $400 million and CEMEX stated in the press release that they plan to use the money to pay off the debt or reduce the level of debt brought on by their acquisition of RMC.

The Charlevoix and Dixon-Marquette plants have a combined production capacity of about two million metric tons per year, which CEMEX said represents about 10 percent of its operating cash flow generation of its business in the United States.

Stated in an Associate Press article from Frobes.com, this will be the first major divestment CEMEX has made since the acquisition of RMC.

The article also stated that for Votorantim's cement unit, the CEMEX deal will be the latest in a series of acquisitions.

CEMEX officials could not be reached for comment.

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Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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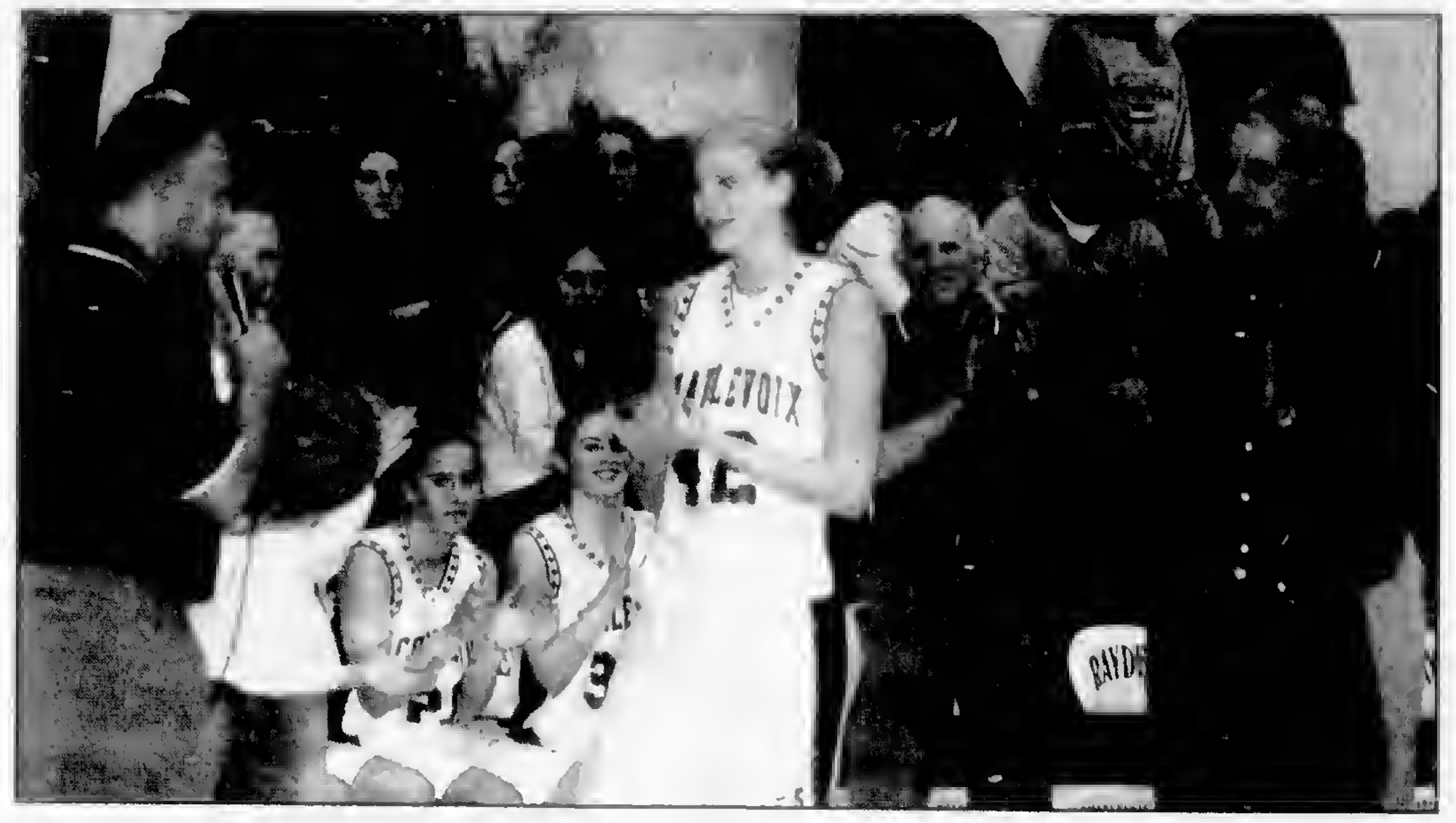

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1,000 points

Charlevoix High School varsity basketball player Grace Farrell was honored at the last home game of the season Friday for scoring over 1,000 points this season. Here, Charlevoix coach Keith Haske hands her a basketball marking this achievement as her parents look on.

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Undefeated girls open up district tournament

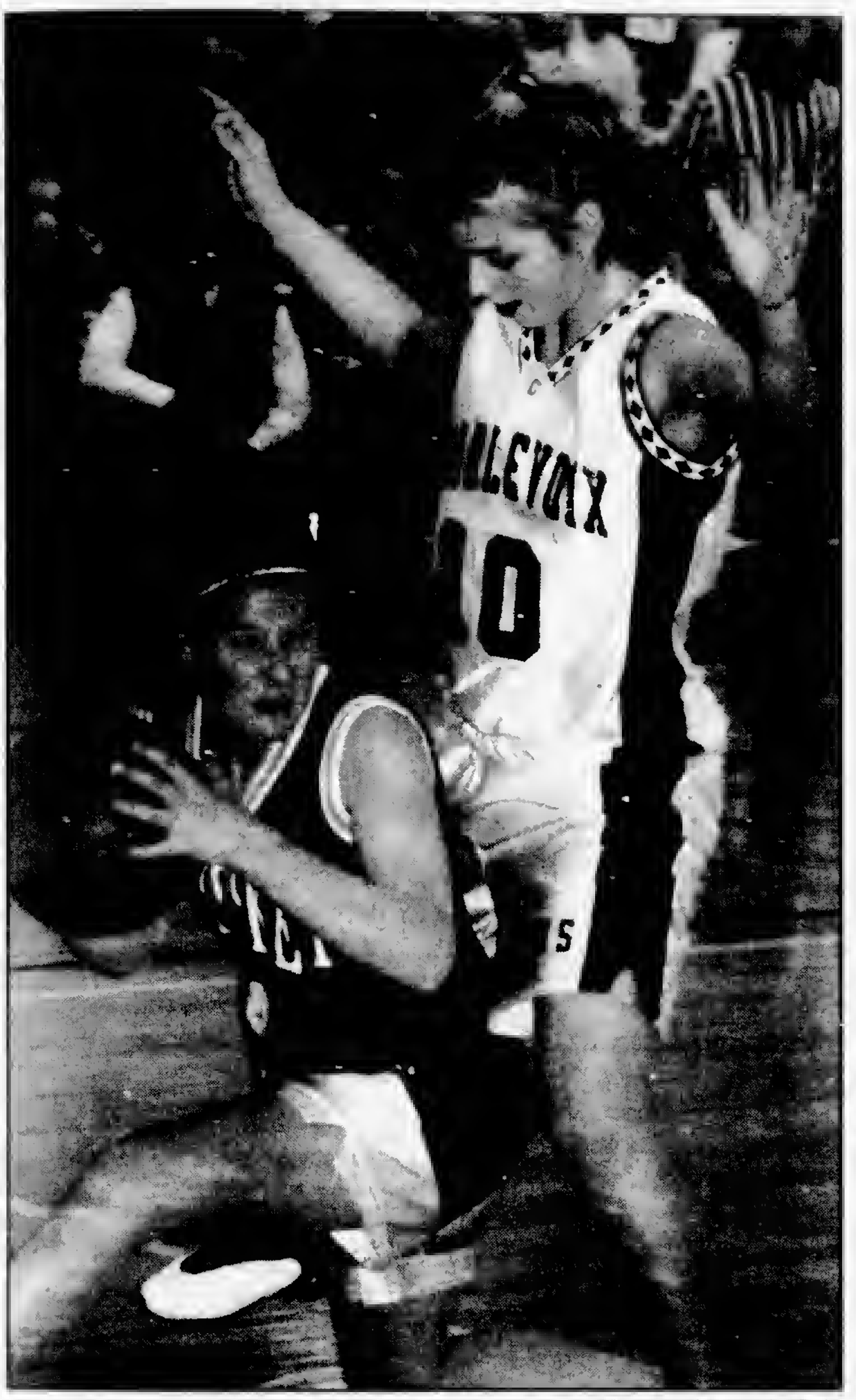

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Madison McKenzie plays some tough defense on a Petoskey player during a home game on Friday.

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

A lot of schools have to dream about what it would be like to have a basketball team make a long run in the state tournament.

Not so at Charlevoix High School. The 21-0 Rayders, ranked third in Class C by the Associated Press, have classmates on the boys' team who were state runners-up last year.

Before their opening game in the districts, coach Keith Haske showed the girls' team a video chronicling the boys' run to the finals last season to inspire them before tournament play began.

The video culminated with the Rayder boys playing in the Breslin Center at Michigan State University. The Breslin is also the site of the semi-finals and finals for the girls' basketball state tournament this year for the first time.

The Lady Rayders took a step toward playing in the Breslin themselves in the opening round of tournament action, demolishing Harbor Springs, 66-38, before a sizable home crowd.

"It was a nice crowd," Haske noted. "There was a lot of noise in the gym."

Charlevoix led 19-10 after the first quarter and 34-20 at the half.

"We kind of wore them down," Haske said. "I thought (Harbor) played quite well and were hanging in there but we kept running people at them and in the middle of the third quarter, they started to wear out a little bit and started to turn the ball over. We just ran away from them at that point."

The Rayders led 47-34 after three quarters and pulled away in the fourth.

Grace Farrell had 14 points, 11 rebounds, four steals and three assists. Kari Way contributed 12 points, 10 rebounds and three assists.

Laura Nitchman scored 11 points. Jaime Pettis pilfered six steals and blocked three shots.

"I thought Jaime Pettis played great defense for us," Haske said. "And Kari Way played one of her best games of the year. Madison Ramsey is also really starting to play well again."

Last week all three Charlevoix teams (varsity, junior varsity and freshmen) capped unbeaten 20-0 regular seasons with victories over Petoskey.

The varsity won 69-40 led by Farrell's 12 points and seven rebounds. Betsy Dennis and Sarah Cross each scored eight points. Twelve Rayder players scored in the final regular season game of the year.

Charlevoix continues district play at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, hosting Boyne City. The winner advances to the district finals at 7 p.m. on Friday in Charlevoix.

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Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Young at Hearts League
November 11, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	28	12
Past Timers	23	17
Misfits	21	19
Irish Rollers	20	20
Sparetime	19	21
Alley Cats	19	21
Has Beens	15	25
Twilighters	15	25

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenheit		178
Mo Dixon	498	171
Bill Herriman	494	
Don Bambach	456	170
Ralph Kitson		170
Liz Meadows		192
Bev Sladek	451	
Irene Cellner	438	170
Shirley Flower	430	165

Church League • November 10, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	311	189
R & C Roofing	274	226
Ferguson & Chamberlain	257	243
Mark White Paint & Stain	248	252
Lutherans	246	254
The Inner Circle	239	261
State Farm Insurance	219	281
St. Mary's	206	294

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Larry Potter	593	221
Ron Gruke		214
Roger Crain	556	
John Fiedorek	548	207

Men's Senior League
November 9, 2004

	W	L
J Arnold Painting "A"	23	13
Kerr's Racing	22	14
B Vanloo & Sons	20	16
Cemex Cement	18	18
Central Drug Store	17	19
Weebowl-Wobowls	15	21
J Arnold Painting "2"	15	21
Selph Trucking	14	22

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jeff Campbell	585	245
Brian Dixon	591	
Ken Schoenheit		224
Ron Chapman	588	
Eric Williams		217

Tuesday Night Ladies • Nov. 9, 2004

	W	L
Twin Lakes Enterprise	26	14
Central Drug Store	24	16
Paul Bunyan Lanes	22	18
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	21	19
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	20	20
Grey Gables	17	23
Don's IGA	17	23
Mark White Paint & Stain	13	27

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cindy Pallagi		198
Jane Holm	530	190
Mary O'Brien		194
Cathy Sullivan	484	
Cindy Mansen	483	

Casino League • November 11, 2004

	W	L
Crackpots	52	8
T.K. & The Boozers	40	20
Vegabounds	32	28
At Least a 6 Pack	30	30
4 Fun	24	36
Brooklyn Rats	12	48

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	432	221
Joel Stradling	369	181
James Steen	293	148
Bobbie Lucier	383	242
Debra Blanchard	367	215
Carolyn Blanchard	358	214

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
November 7, 2004

	W	L
Hill/Martinchek	16	4
Bradley	15	5
Golovich	15	5
Herboldsheimer	13	7
Novotny	11	9
Cunningham/Mikulski	10	10
Griffin/Novotny	9	11
Titus	9	11
O'Leary	8	12
Lasky	7	13
Hart	5	15
Team 12	2	18

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Butch Hart	460	192
Chris Mikulski	501	178
Tim Bradley	408	149
Cindy Novotny	445	164
Kathy Bradley	354	142
Kathy Hill	382	138

Double Deckers Mixed League
October 31, 2004

	W	L
Bradley	13	3
Novotny	12	4
Sladek	11	5
Witthoeft	11	5
Spencer	9.5	6.5
Russell A & J	9	7
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Webb	8.5	7.5
Blanchard/Crain	8	8
Koffman	8	8
Stein	7	9
Blanchard	7	9
Ferguson	6	10
Patton	3	13
Nordman	3	13
Hart	3	13

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Scott Blanchard	570	224
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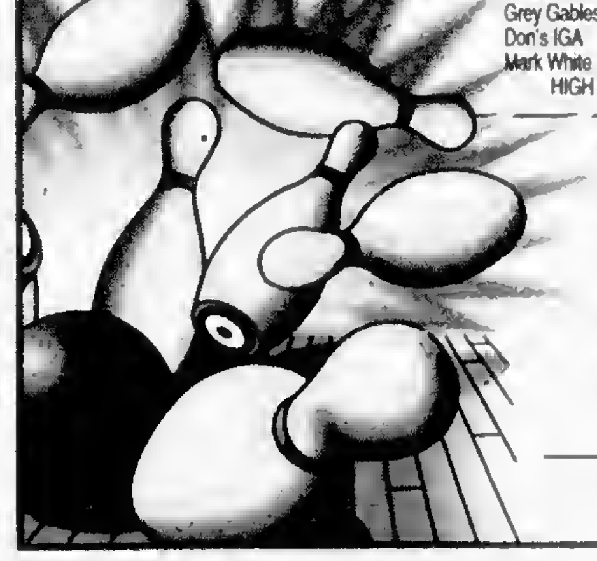

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Bowler of the Week: Cindy Pallagi of the Tuesday Night Ladies League had an actual game of 198 and a handicap series of 650.

Scott Dixon was the Tuesday Night Pool Tournament Winner.

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Charlevoix students to perform 'Godspell'

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

On Nov. 20 and Nov. 21 Charlevoix High School performing arts will perform "Godspell" with its vibrant colors and multiple story lines.

Connie Ford, performing arts director, said "Godspell" was chosen for its unique story line that features multiple narratives by young people and a diverse musical display.

"We haven't done a show in a long time where there are multiple stories in one story," she said. "I felt we needed something different and that there are a variety of musical styles in it."

"Godspell" also marks a revival, Ford said, because this will be the first time the play has taken the stage at Charlevoix High School in 20 years.

The play's diverse narratives and music lend itself to being a fun production to put on, Ford said. There is also a mime element; Ford said it's fun since the performing arts department hasn't done mime in awhile.

The students performing in "Godspell" are a mixture of veteran actors who went to last winter's state finalist performance in "The Sound of Music" and novice actors.

"This is a new bunch," she said. "We're really having fun with the new novices."

Ford said the proceeds of the show will go toward the performing arts, and will help set a base fund for expenses involved with the upcoming winter show that requires traveling.

Gene Thomas Foley, 17, will portray Herb who he called a goofy, fun-loving character and is one of five four-year members of the performing arts department.

"I think it's going to be a good one," he said. "It's a good change for the community because all the political things going on, everyone has an agenda and this play sets down to the bare necessities of life."

Foley said the new members are great and everyone is working together.

Josh Stevenson, 17, will portray Judas and he's not afraid to show his mean side.

"I can pull it off," he said. "I get into a couple of slap fights with Jesus. It's kind of fun to play that role because it's outside myself."

Stevenson agrees with Foley that the novice actors are shaping up to be a great group to work with.

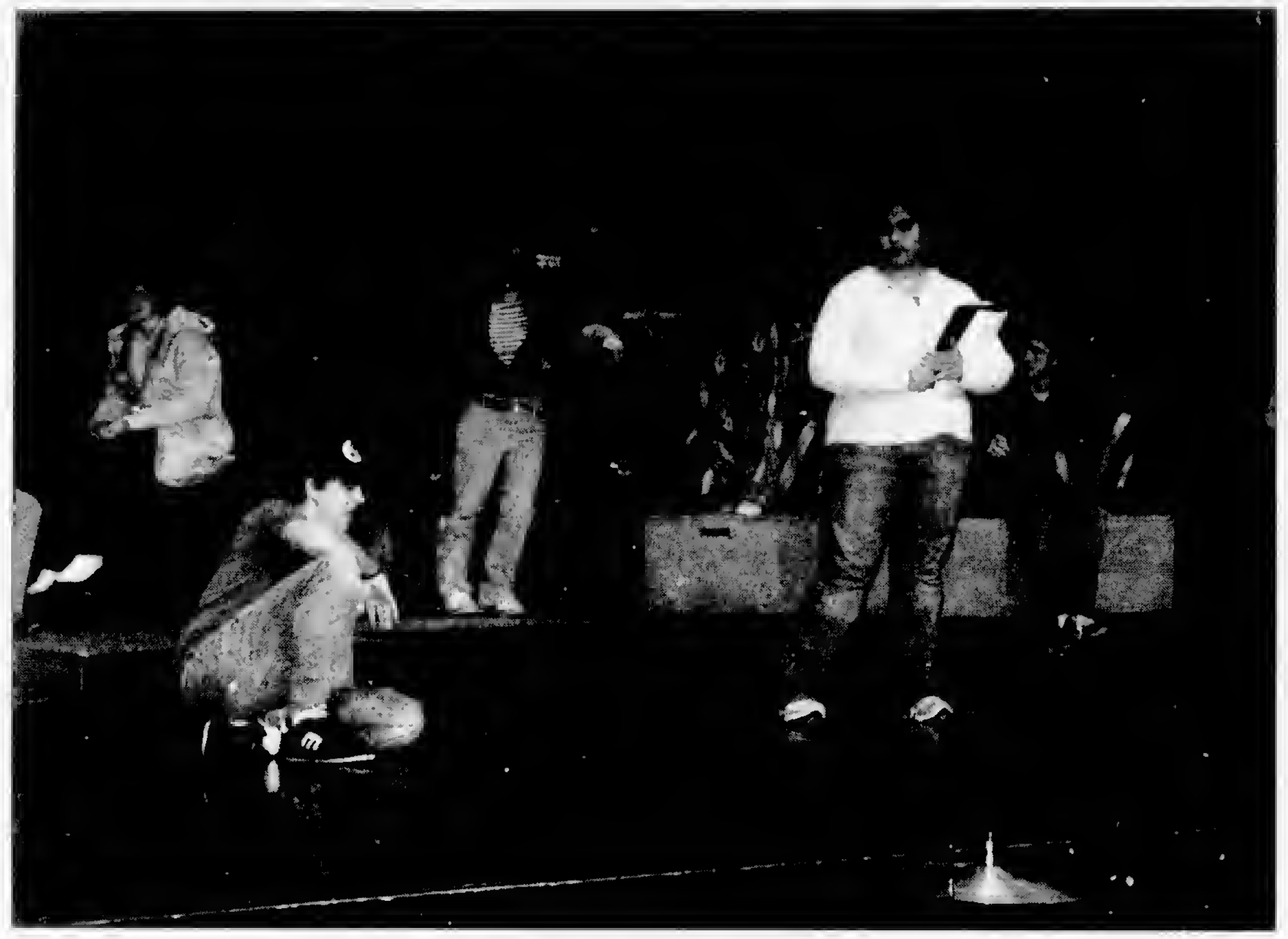
"I think we're picking it up pretty fast considering we just started working on it two weeks ago," he said. "If we keep up at this rate it'll be a good show."

Stevenson said "Godspell" gives the performing arts students a chance to show what they're made of.

"We're all the weird kids and it gives us a chance to shine," he said. "It's our moment to be in the spotlight and that's what I like about it."

He said the performing arts students aren't usually given a chance, but the amount of energy they put into the performance is apparent and shows through the musical numbers.

"Godspell" will be performed at 7 p.m. on Nov. 20 and at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 21. Tickets cost $7 for adults and $5 for seniors, students and children. The estimated length of the play is 90 minutes.



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The Charlevoix High School performing arts students will liven up the stage with a mix of vibrant colors, off-beat costumes and varying musical styles in their production of "Godspell."

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Committee to review city services, budget

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson wants to include the community in a plan to review city services.

Carlson said there are currently no known problems with the city budget, but in light of probable state cuts to revenue sharing the city will be getting less money to work with in the future. Therefore, there is a need to look at the services the city is providing to determine if they are adequate or need to be changed.

"It is more of a review of what we are providing everybody and what they want," he said.

But, this issue is just too big for just the council and Carlson wants to make sure the community has a say. Therefore, Carlson said he is going to look into forming a committee composed of community members that will review city services.

Carlson said ideally, he would like every council member to have the ability to appoint two people to this committee and the mayor having the ability to appoint three people. Additionally, he said he wants to include at least two students in this mix.

Carlson said he will be presenting something on this plan at the Dec. 6 Charlevoix City Council meeting.

Charlevoix Democrats to meet at annual convention

The Charlevoix County Democratic Party will have its county convention at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Flap Jack Restaurant in Charlevoix.

Officer nominations will be accepted for the county party and elected for two year terms.

Current nominees are Bill Lovett for chairperson, Linda Parsons for vice chairperson, Monica Mailloux for secretary and David Nedwick for treasurer.

Only members of the Michigan Democratic Party may vote however, everyone interested in the development of the county Democratic Party is encouraged to attend and participate.

They plan on setting goals and establishing a speaker's series to address such concerns as social security, health care and employment.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Two women were injured in this accident on M-66 and Loeb Road.

Two injured in accident

A Charlevoix woman and an East Jordan woman were injured in a two vehicle crash around 4:20 p.m. at the intersection of M-55 and Loeb Road Nov. 11.

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Nora Fritsch, 49 of Charlevoix was stopped on Loeb Road at M-66. Fritsch made a left turn onto M-66 pulling out into the path of a vehicle driven south by Jennifer Houghton, 36, of East Jordan. Fritch was driving a 1993 Chevrolet Caprice and Houghton a 1991 Pontiac.

Both vehicles were totaled.

Both drivers were transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Charlevoix Ambulances after they were extricated from their vehicles by the Charlevoix Fire Department Rescue crew. Traffic was rerouted for approximately 30 minutes.

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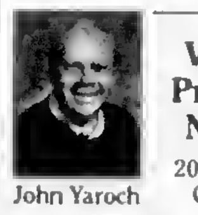

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PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010753-DE

Estate of Lori Ann Nelson-Gaudette
Date of Birth: July 12, 1964

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lori Ann Nelson-Gaudette, who lived at 749 Petoskey Avenue, City of Charlevoix, Michigan died July 18, 2004.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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File No.: 04-303-20-CH

Donald R. Cole,
Plaintiff,

v

ESTATE OF JOSEPH E. GALAGHER
ESTATE OF ANNA J. GALLAGHER
Defendants
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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

To: Estate of Joseph E. Gallagher and Estate of Anna J. Gallagher

IT IS ORDERED:

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2. A hearing on entry of a Default Judgment is scheduled to be heard on Friday, December 10, 2004, at 2:15 p.m. in the Charlevoix County Circuit Courtroom, Charlevoix, Michiga. If you fail to appear or take other action permitted by law by said date, a Default Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

3. A copy of this Order shall be published once each week in The Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks and a proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

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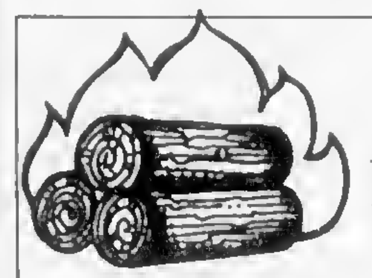

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Fall lunch

The Charlevoix United Methodist Women annual Fall Buffet Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church at 104 State Street. The cost is $7 for adults. There will be a variety of salads, vegetables, meat dishes and desserts. Christmas shoppers can take advantage of the seasonal bazaar items while enjoying lunch. Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit projects the group supports, including local, national and international missions.

Bazaar and tea

The Christ Episcopal Church Annual Advent Bazaar and Tea is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 20. They will feature an English Food Fair and Craft and Children's Gift Tables. Celtic advent music will be provided by Don Neidert. For more information please call 547-6322.

Handling the Holidays

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will present a support and education seminar Handling the Holidays from 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 22, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church at 104 State Street. Because the holidays are traditionally times to celebrate and review our lives, the loss of a loved one can change the holidays into a time of sadness and loneliness. Through printed information, sharing ideas and talking with others who are facing similar prospects this holiday season, the seminar will address the concerns of those attending and helps generate ideas about ways to enhance the holiday season for yourself and for those who love you.

Open House

The Eleventh Annual Charlevoix Open House and Craft Show is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 4 at St. Mary's School and Family Center located at 1005 Bridge Street in Charlevoix. They are featuring the Secret Santa Gift Shop, Cookie Walk, Bake Sale, raffles and concessions.

Story hour

Charlevoix Public Library offers story hour every Thursday morning. Beginning at 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. Lapsit for children 0-3, followed by traditional story hour 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for children 3 to 5. Call 547-2651 for more information. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday.

Coats for Kids

The Coats for Kids Program kicked off and is sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet FIA. Their goal is to be sure that children are kept warm this winter. The drive is accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. They will also accept gently worn coats, hats, gloves and mittens in good condition. Please clean the worn items before donating. Donations can be made at Boyne City and Petoskey Glen's, and Charlevoix and Petoskey Kmart's.

Those in need can pick up coats at any of the following distribution points:

- Friends and Neighbors Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1404 S. Howard Street, Petoskey from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 326 North Park, Boyne City from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Salvation Army at 712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey.

Food pantry

The Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

- The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

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MEAP test may not be given in the future

MEAP

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schools in the state.

The top scores are due to several things, Grundman said, including the correlated curriculum of the Charlevoix Public Schools.

"I think it's contributed to the strong curriculum we have and the excellent staff Charlevoix has," he said.

By having K-12 working with related curriculum, Grundman said it helps students get a basic foundation that can lead to doing well on the MEAP or other related tests.

The current curriculum at the high school undergoes yearly adjustments, Grundman said, but nothing will drastically change due to the MEAP scores.

"We'll continue to do what we've done over the past eight to 10 years," he said.

John Prescott, Charlevoix High School Counselor, English teacher and MEAP Advisor, said compared to the rest of the state, Charlevoix stands out.

"They did exceptionally well," Prescott said.

Anytime students aren't meeting the state standards, Prescott said some concern arises because the desire is to have 100 percent of the students pass the state standards.

Prescott said there are some areas for improvement, such as the science area, where 15 percent of the students tested are not obtaining a level one or two that would meet state standards.

This would mean making any necessary changes in the curriculum that would enable the students to meet the state standards, which Prescott said is the whole purpose behind the No Child Left Behind Act.

Prescott said the future may diminish the focus from the MEAP to the American College Test (ACT), which is a national exam for entrance to college.

According to an article by Lori Higgins of the *Detroit Free Press* titled "Senate votes to toss high school MEAP," the Michigan Senate voted in majority to do away with the MEAP test and put in its place a series of tests that may include the ACT. This wouldn't be put in place until the 2006-2007 school year.

The legislation still has to pass the state House, but Prescott said it looks like the end of the MEAP is getting closer.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Visit with vets

Veteran Affairs Director Bob Drebenstedt, Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater and Charlevoix County Under Sheriff Don Schneider met with several veterans or family members of veterans to honor them on Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day. Drebenstedt, a veteran of the U.S. Army, thanked the veterans for their service and Schneider, a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, read the poem In Flanders Fields written by Lt. Col. John McRae, on May 13, 1915. Lasater, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, talked to several veterans about their service and gathered information for his book. Pictured (from left to right) are Shirley M. Faculak, Anthony Faculak, Lasater, Theodore "Bud" Heeres and Lavern "Vern" Slack.

Official Notice

The Charlevoix Housing Commission will hold a Public Meeting to discuss the Commission's Annual/5-year Plan at 4:30 on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 in the Pine River Place Community Room. The Plan will be available for public review in the Pine River Place office located at 210 W. Garfield, in Charlevoix between the hours of 9:00 and 12:00, Monday through Friday except Holidays.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis – November 10, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Boyne City on November 10, 2004. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the October 27, 2004, regular Board meeting as corrected.

Tom Wolf, Equalization Director, presented the revised 2004 Apportionment Report and the Township & City Clerk's Report. The changes were due to millage approvals for the November 2, 2004 election.

Motion approved Resolution #04-097, Revised 2004 Tax Levy.

Motion approved Resolution #04-098, Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion approved Resolution #04-099, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #04-100, Application for Funds.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Official Notice

NOTICE
CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
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DECEMBER 15, 2004

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 to consider the request of Robert Chaika to rezone from Agricultural to R-1 (One Family Dwelling District) property identified by tax code numbers 15-004-033-023-10. The property is unplatted and approximately one half acre, located at 06446 Old U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, MI.

Complete description and all pertinent data may be examined at the office of the Clerk at 12491 Waller Rd. from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please send any written comments to the Clerk at the same address or Nancy Rajewski (Planning Commission Chairperson) at 14590 Park Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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New Charlevoix City Mayor takes office

CARLSON

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ting a "big box" ordinance in the city was a big priority, one that many others on council agreed with and decided to proceed on right away. A motion was made to instruct the city staff and Charlevoix Planning Commission to begin working on a big box ordinance for the community and put a high priority on it. This motion passed council unanimously.

Carlson said the city needs to get going on a plan such as this and can not wait.

"I think if we keep putting it off, it will get put on the wayside," he said.

A big box ordinance, an ordinance that would limit the size of buildings that could be built in the city in order to keep out large retailers like Wal-Mart, was first championed by former mayor Campbell. Carlson said he also thought a big box ordinance was important to the community and the area to stop sprawl and preserve Charlevoix.

"I would like to carry this through," he said.

But, for such a plan to be effective, the city council would need to work with the surrounding townships. Carlson envisions the city taking a lead on this issue and becoming a model for other communities.

This idea was met with approval from many on council and in the audience.

One audience member, Bob Hoffman, is the president of This Is Our Town — an organization formed to keep Wal-Mart out of Charlevoix. Hoffman said grants are available to help pay for the implementation of such an ordinance, with the stipulation that the community works with the surrounding communities on it.

Hoffman said he has spoken with many other townships in the Charlevoix area and all of them seem to be interested in ordinances like the one Carlson is proposing.

Carlson's other big priority was getting reports from the city staff on projects that are taking place in the community — also something Campbell had been pushing for.

Carlson said, in the past, the city staff supplied the council with a progress report on projects costing over $1,000 and who was in charge of it. For some reason, that report is not given to the council anymore, so Carlson said he wants it revived.

His other two top priorities included looking at ways to help promote the downtown businesses and increase our downtown to help it thrive through a Main Street Program and the creation of junior council members.

Junior council members is a program designed to get the youth of the community involved with the city. Carlson said there are plans for such programs through the Michigan Municipal League.

In the memo Carlson wrote to city council outlining his priorities, he included creating a citizen's survey. Carlson said in the memo that he was concerned due to the tight city election that the community was divided and he wanted to find out why through a survey.

However, Carlson said, after some thought, he believes that is not necessary. He said he believes the election was so close due to the Charlevoix marina issue — which the council will address — and the belief that Carlson is "a yes man to City Manager Mike Wiesner."

Carlson said he will prove that is a misconception and he will work with the full council on the issues.

After the meeting, Carlson said he thought his first night as mayor went well.

"I stumbled a few times, but I expected to do that. However, I felt comfortable," he said.

Former mayor Campbell, who was in the audience at the meeting, also said he thought everything went well.

"I thought he (Carlson) did a good job," he said.

Campbell said he supports Carlson's priorities.

Charlevoix City Council Member Shirley Gibson also was happy with the first meeting.

"I liked his (Carlson) ideas," she said. "I think he handled himself well."

Photo credit

New Charlevoix Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson, Jr. (right) congratulates former Mayor Gabe Campbell at Monday night's meeting after giving him a certificate of appreciation. This was Carlson's first meeting as mayor.

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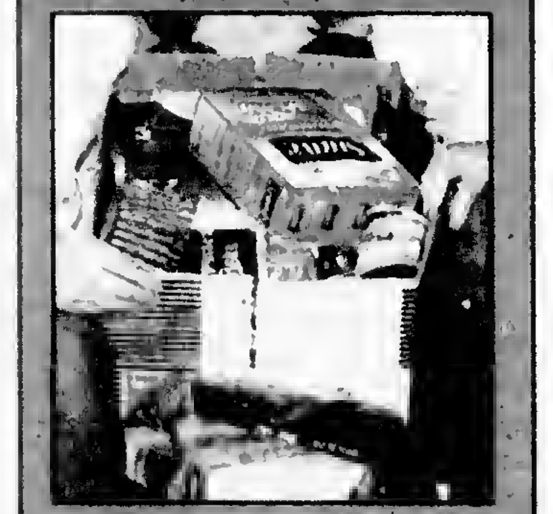

The Charlevoix Builders Club put together a care package and video for soldiers.

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Dog ban

Charlevoix City Council is moving forward with plans that will lead to a public [illegible] proposed dog [illegible]

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[illegible] Charlevoix Area [illegible] Foundation will be hosting its [illegible] Annual Holly Daze dinner and auction at 6 p.m. [illegible] at the Charlevoix Country Club.

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Vandals damage VFW Hall

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153 was recently vandalized when four rocks were thrown through two different windows on the north side of the building.

David Goldstick, the quarter master for Post 1153, said the incident occurred sometime between 9 p.m. on Nov. 18 and 8 a.m. Nov. 19.

The rocks broke through the 48 inch by 41 inch windows and storm windows and created about $500 in damage, Troy La Count and Tony Postmus of Twin Bays Glass said.

However, Goldstick said with added cleanup costs the incident will result in about $1,000 worth of damage.

Brady's Carpet Cleaning and Janitorial cleaned up the glass while Goldstick and Bill Brady, board of trustee member and assistant quarter master, got the hall ready for that night's game of

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153 was vandalized by unknown persons who threw four rocks through two of the building's north facing windows.

District champions

Photo courtesy of the Petoskey News-Review

Charlevoix High School's varsity girls' basketball team won the district championship last week. They are: (front, from left) Genevieve Kochanny, Laura Nitchman, Jaime Pettis, Madison McKenzie, Shannon Dibble, Madison Ramsey, Liz Jadwin, (middle) assistant coach Liz Grunch, Sally Haselschwardt, Betsy Dennis, Sarah Cross, Kari Way, Grace Farrell, Caitlin Cole, Bethany Pearson, Stevie Murray, manager Chelsey Haske, (back) assistant coach Bret Erskine, coach Keith Haske and assistant coach Jim Gels.

Township planners vote for size cap

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission voted 3 to 1 to recommend a 90,000 square foot cap size for large big box buildings during their meeting on Nov. 17.

Nancy E. Rajewski, chairman of the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission, said the cap size is one proposed amendment for the township's zoning ordinance and isn't finalized.

The commission's vote represents the size most people could live with and will be presented in a public hearing in the near future, Rajewski said.

During the previous month's

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Russha Ray-Cal Grace, 18, Detroit. Uttering and publishing. Bound over to circuit court.

Craig Allan Wagner, 32, Charlevoix. Disorderly person/drunk. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Gene Almond Brooks, 27, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana and impaired driving. One year probation; 180 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 164 days held in abeyance; $1,315 in fines and costs.

Lisa Mona Dante, 41, Sterling Heights. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Twenty-four months probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 90 days on electronic monitor, 214 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,410 in fines and costs.

Anthony James Barren, 53, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Garrett James-Gordon Brandt, 17, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $950 in fines and costs.

Lisa Marie Balabon-Gunnerson, 29, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 31 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance; $550 in fines and costs.

Michael Scott Bradley, 41, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. One year probation; 180 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 10 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 138 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,100 in fines and costs.

Carl Clarence Murray, 23, East Jordan. Reckless driving. One year probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 74 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $555 in fines and costs.

Carl Clarence Murray, 23, East Jordan. Fireworks-possession. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Patrick James Roache, 22, Waters. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Karen Lynn Wasageshik, 36, Rapid City. Embezzlement under $200. Nine months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for three days, serve five days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 75 days held in abeyance; $1,654.69 in fines and costs.

Vincent Frank Nalevayko, 41, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Eighteen months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for 14 days, serve 35 days, 44 days held in abeyance; $850 in fines and costs.

Bruce Lee Bartlett, 60, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $960 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Christopher Stephen Tyler, 31, Hillman. Probation violation-operating under the influence of liquor, third offense. Sentenced to a minimum of 24 months to a maximum of 60 months in jail with a credit for 452 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Joshua Allen Vallad, 18, Boyne City. Attempted uttering and publishing. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to nine months in jail with credit for 89 days, serve six months; $1,165 in fines and costs.

Joshua Allen Vallad, 18, Boyne City. Criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree, victim between 13 and 16 years old. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to nine months in jail with credit for 66 days, serve six months; $120 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Boyne City Tea and Herb, 230 Water Street, Boyne City, by Matthew Yeager and Pamela Butz.

Mattabi Power Wash, 5767 Main Street, Lot #17, Lexington, by Denis Erin Aruilla.

Mattabi Graphics, 5767 Main Street, Lot #17, Lexington, by Denis Erin Aruilla.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Ronald E. Grogan, 85, Boyne City and Janet Lydia Thomson, 64, Boyne City

Scott Alan Stults, 20, Charlevoix and Melissa Marie O'Neal, 19, Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Patricia Jane Allen vs. Timothy Eugene Allen

Megan Argetsinger vs. Joshua Argetsinger

Roberta King vs. Robert King

Suzanne Wahl vs. Thomas Wahl

Janice L. Partica vs. Earl G. Partica

Correction

Several readers reported that a picture on page 16 of a goose in last week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier is not a visitor to Round Lake, but a local. Charlevoix reader Zita Winn, was one of those who informed us of our mistake. Here is what she wrote to us about the goose:

"I just thought you might like to know, the picture you took of the goose you saw swimming in Round Lake Monday "on his journey south" is not a visitor. He has lived in Round Lake for four years.

His name is Buddy and he has many friends in the harbor and around the lake including my dog, Clipper. Buddy is not afraid of Clipper and amazingly, Clipper is not afraid of Buddy. Buddy's signature honk, a very, very loud honk at that, can be heard day and night from May until the snow flies, whenever he is hungry. If he sees someone he recognizes as a friend, he starts honking and swims to you looking for a handout of lettuce, his favorite treat. He can be a little demanding, depending on how much time has elapsed between feedings. If car alarms go off downtown or the bridge bell sounds or a boat horn honks, Buddy immediately honks back, not once, but as many times as the horn honks.

My neighbor, Dave Guance, is Buddy's keeper and is kind enough to let Buddy reside in his boathouse where he has his own small floating perch and a good supply of food. When the lake freezes to the point where Buddy has trouble moving around, Dave transports him to a farm just outside of Charlevoix where he can enjoy the rest of the winter finding his own food. Then in early spring Dave brings Buddy back to Round Lake. He is definitely some of our local color.

I have been told by some DNR people that Buddy was probably dropped off here a few years ago because his type of goose does not have the ability to fly great distances, so they pretty much stay very close to one spot. Like any pet, Buddy knows his name, so next time you see him, have some lettuce ready, call his name and hand feed our special friend. You will have a friend for life."

File photo

This goose is actually a regular feature of Round Lake.

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Builder's Club sending troops care packages

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Six fifth graders at Charlevoix Middle School are doing their part to help the soldiers currently serving in Iraq.

Madison Zimmerman, Megan Peters, Carley Price, Austen Lobenherz, Cristin Cole and Chelsie Hoffman are a part of the Builder's Club at the middle school, a student-led community service organization and a part of the Kiwanis International family, and comprise the Community Committee.

Karrie Gaffney, staff advisor and counselor at the middle school, said the Builder's Club does a lot for the school and community, but these six students took it upon themselves to create a care package and video for the soldiers.

The students did all the work, Gaffney said, which included gathering the materials, researching the information and finding an address to where they could send the package of supplies.

Gaffney said the idea for a care package stemmed from the students themselves who wanted to do something to help the soldiers.

This project is important for the students, Gaffney said.

"It just gets them to think of things beyond themselfs," she said.

Gaffney said sending a care package and video to the soldiers also creates a more patriotic awareness for the students.

"They realize turmoil is going on in the world," she said.

For the video, the students choreographed the movements and created the dialogue they speak while introducing themselves to the soldiers they intend to continuously support.

"I think it's helpful and it's nice and it lets them know that people care about them," Peters said.

Peters said making the video was her favorite part and she finds the project important because the soldiers are fighting for freedom.

"It was important to us because they don't have this stuff in Iraq," she said of the many entertainment and hygiene items included in the care package.

Lobenherz said he enjoyed making the video and is interested in making more in the future.

"I just felt this was fun doing it," he said.

Hoffman, the chairperson of the committee, said she enjoyed gathering up items for the soldiers because she wants to help them.

"It's a good project because they're trying to help us so we should come and try to help them," she said.

Price enjoyed making the video because she and the other members were able to identify themselves to the soldiers who will receive their package and wish them luck.

"It's important just to keep them happy and keep their spirits up," she said. "So they can have confidence and do better with the war."

Cole had fun with the video as well, but she said her favorite part was that they were doing something good for the troops in Iraq.

"It's important because troops have been fighting for our country and its just a gift to give to them for fighting for our country," she said.

Zimmerman said she enjoyed gathering all the needed supplies and creating a care package for the troops. She said her mom was helpful in getting the supplies she thought the troops needed.

"It's important because they're helping our community and it's really nice for them to be brave and fighting," she said.

With future care packages, Zimmerman said she would like to gather more items and extend the length of the video.

Price, Peters and Cole have family members currently serving in the military.

Price's cousin, James Wiklanski, is set to be deployed to Iraq this winter. Peters and Cole's cousin Neal Green is currently serving overseas as a member of the U.S. Navy. Their other cousin Randi Delamater and her boyfriend Ryan Hunter are no longer in the Navy but previously served.

The Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix sponsors the Builder's Club.

"So the kids in the schools will start learning at a young age to give back to the community and help others and not expect something in return," said Gayle Gennett, the Kiwanis advisor for the fifth and sixth grade members.

Larry Roth is the Kiwanis advisor for the seventh grade members.

Gennett said the club recently sent items to the Charlevoix Food Pantry and took time to make 65 cards, one for each resident at Pine River Place, and sing Thanksgiving songs.

The cards and songs were well received and Gennett said the group is invited back for Christmas.

There are about 40 active members, Gennett said, and they are always participating in projects and maintaining active participation in the community such as raking leaves.

Gennett said the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix helps the Builder's Club out financially and offers the student officers a chance to have lunch with them so they can see how adults manage meetings. This knowledge can then be used for how they manage their meetings, Gennett said.

"It's a good thing all the way around," she said.

Builder's Club is open to anyone and for more information call Gaffney at 547-3214 or Gennett at 547-5598.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Members of the Community Committee of the Builder's Club at Charlevoix Middle School gathered supplies to make a care package for the troops. Pictured (from left to right) front row are Madison Zimmerman, Megan Peters, Carley Price and Austen Lobenherz. Second row are Cristin Cole and Chelsie Hoffman.

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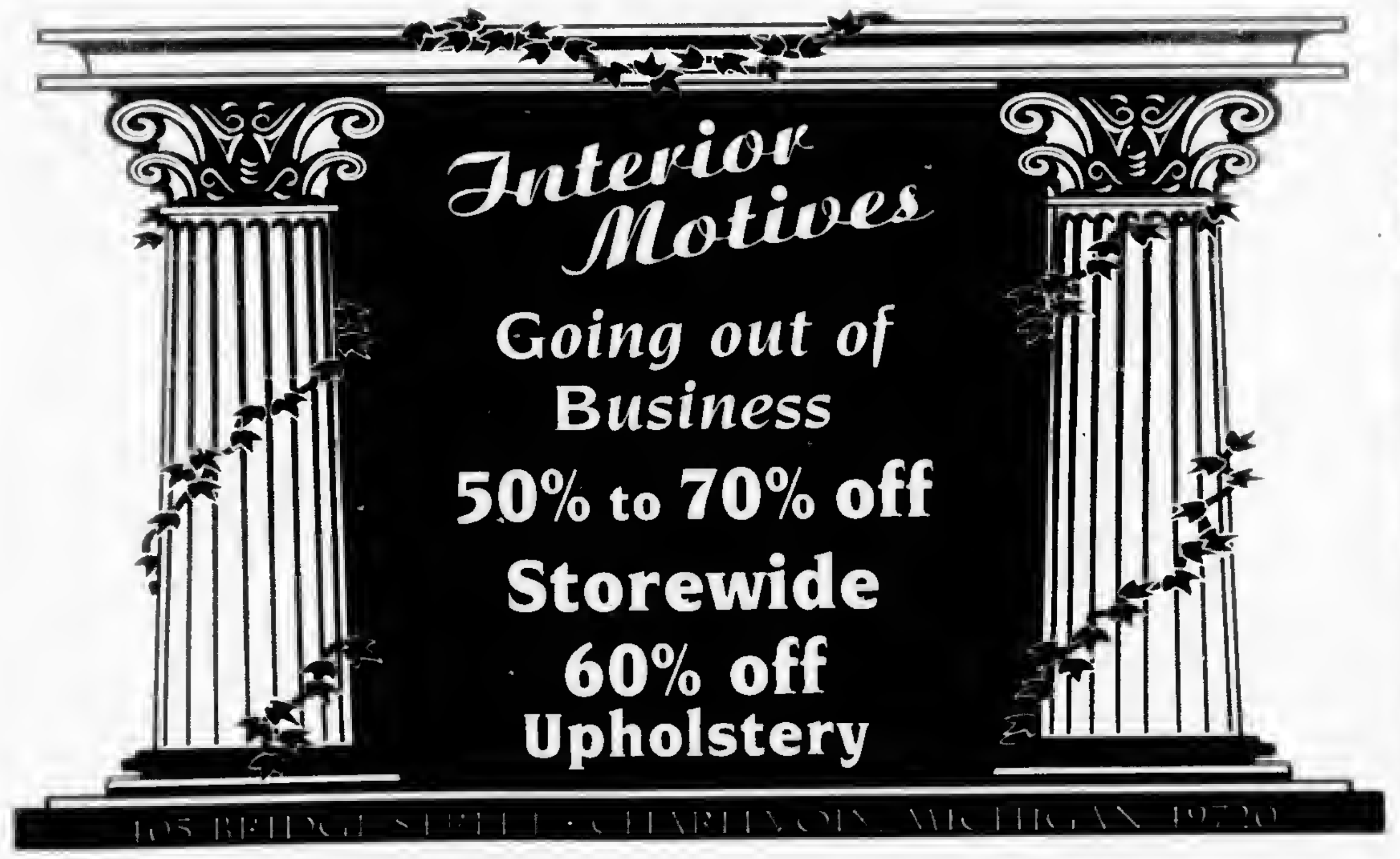

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Stay sober on the roads this holiday

EDITORIAL

With the holiday season upon us, we would like to remind every one of our readers to keep it safe when out enjoying time with family and friends.

By keeping it safe, we mean staying sober when driving on the roads.

Throughout this season we find ourselves at many functions and gatherings where alcohol is being served. But, too many times during this year, journalists must report how the joy of the season was smashed due to a death on the roads caused by alcohol being served.

Too many times we hear of families being destroyed due to drunk driving. There are too many funerals, too many tears and too much sadness during a time that should be filled with happiness, all because someone wanted to drive home after drinking too much alcohol.

We have heard all the excuses before. People saying they feel fine after downing several beers, saying they will drive slower or saying they will have someone follow them home. In reality, none of these excuses work, you are still risking your life and the lives of other people on the roadway.

When someone is arrested for drunk driving in Charlevoix, we at the Courier have no sympathy for them when they spend the night in jail, pay several thousands of dollars in fines, see their insurance rates increase and read their name in our On The Record section. By that person even getting behind the wheel of a vehicle after drinking, they were showing no sympathy to the other, innocent, people on the roads that they could have killed if they were not stopped by that officer.

We urge our readers to refrain from drinking before getting behind the wheel this season. We suggest you bring along a designated driver, hire a cab or even walk home from whatever event or gathering you are planning on taking part in. And, if you see a friend or relative about to get behind the wheel after drinking, stop them. Help save them from making a big mistake.

Let's keep Charlevoix safe over the holidays.

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Letters to the editor

Column response

Editor:

It is with great joy that I write this letter in response to your editorial of Nov. 10 on morality of should I say, the lack of it, in the Bush administration. I commend your intelligence and courage to face the facts head on and truly bring them to light. Your opinion on the issues of abortion, gay marriage, the death penalty, ending poverty, stem cell research and most importantly, peace, ask the same questions of the right wing "Christian" Republican party that I have been asking for the past four years. You cannot have it both ways: You cannot fight against abortion, but believe in letting people die in war — both on our side and theirs — die in poverty, die from disease or be put to death in prison. If you believe in life, all those lives must make a difference, too.

I find it totally ironic that Bush criticizes human rights in so many countries around the world, but ignores it in America in our own army. He boasts democracy in the United States and says that Iraq must have it, but our voting system doesn't even qualify for former President Jimmy Carter's peace group to monitor our election. We don't even have one person, one vote; does that bother anyone else except me?

"Mission Accomplished"? I think anyone who watches the news can see that Bush's war is not over and he has unleashed more terrorists around the world than ever existed before. You cannot oppress a people, take away their dignity, force them to accept democracy, occupy their country and expect them to be happy about it.

Is Bush going to attack every country that has an official who doesn't measure up to his Christian right so-called morality? Is Iran next? How about North Korea or Pakistan or any one of a hundred countries? Bush is beginning to act like the leaders he despises in condoning and promoting the same religious zealousness in America that he is fighting in Iraq, but he doesn't even recognize it.

Thank you, Mr. McBain, for showing me that this is still America and we can express our views in opposition to our government leaders. Thank you for your courage, your insight, your intelligence. You will be greatly missed when you leave the Courier. Till then, make every word count!

In search of morality,
Christina Abramowski
Norwood

Concerned about park, marina plans

Editor:

I have concerns about East Park and our marina becoming too urban and losing the quaintness of Charlevoix. I agree that we need new docks and a new sea wall, but keep in the soft lines following the curve of the park.

Round Lake is a water painting. Presently there are buoys which indicate where the docks will extend. The height of the dock alone does not impede the view of the water, however, if you stand on the dock next to the Coast Guard boat or sit in the Memorial Park, two or three story boats would block your view.

The present plan is an unnecessary infiltration of the public surface waters, both by obstructing the view and blocking recreational use to the public.

I am concerned about permanent cement arena seating for the band shell. This cold, urban renovation, although functional, does not give the warm, comfortable atmosphere that makes Charlevoix so popular.

And the fish pond will be gone, forever. The two small ponds that are planned to decorate a marina should be put in the Coast Guard building or remodel or replace the chamber building.

A viewing dock, why? If you keep the docks and soft lines of the seawall as is, you see all the view you want from the park and Bridge Street.

Do we need the grant money so fast that we are pushed to make quick decisions with minimum public input? Can't we carefully plan a suitable renovation for everyone?

We all have an interest in the future of Charlevoix. Please, let's express them to the city council and the Courier.

Sandy Beaudoin
Charlevoix

Get moving on marina

Editor:

As residents who may be most impacted by the new marina in Round Lake, we feel compelled to voice our opinion. We live very close to the docks and mooring area. We are also boaters who frequent many marinas in the north, including Elk Rapids, Traverse City, Petoskey and other points beyond. Consequently, we attended as many meetings as we could and closely studied the plans as they were presented. Naturally, we care deeply about water quality, the environment and our view; we also care about safe, quality docks and facilities for boaters.

After dozens of hearings and meetings over several years, most of which were well-publicized and well-attended by citizens of this city, a plan was developed. This plan was a scaled back version of the original plan, designed to satisfy the diverse opinions and interests of the citizens. Time marched by, deadlines expired, funds evaporated and still we made no progress. In the meantime, surrounding communities went ahead and developed wonderful facilities which the boating public could enjoy. Charlevoix still waited and debated. Our city government continued to bicker and snipe at each other and the agencies which sought to bring this plan to fruition. The negativism expressed in many of these meetings and the press was unproductive and frankly, tiresome.

Now, we look out at a very clear, graphic display of the plan, marked by orange buoys. It appears that while it does extend into Round Lake, the docks will swerve the needs of boaters, perhaps cut down on haphazard moorings, be safe for pedestrians in the park and impact Charlevoix in a positive way. We are whole heartedly in favor of the dock and

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facilities plan and look forward to a positive change. Let's stop the non-productive bickering and get on with the construction so that we can all enjoy our beautiful lake.

RJ and Sandy Button
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

Recently I was involved in a life threatening accident involving the collapse of a hoist that I was under while working on my truck at my home.

Most times catastrophic events like this end up as a fatality.

I truly believe that I survived this because of the expertise, rapid response and care given to me by the City of Charlevoix/Charlevoix Township Fire Departments, EMS and the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department. It is hard to put into words my gratitude and thanks to these heroes.

People like this make our community strong, safe and a great place to live. My family thanks you, and I thank you.

Mark Dupuis
Charlevoix

Judge politicians on actions

Editor:

I want to thank you for your insightful editorial regarding morality in our country.

Actions are the true measure of one's beliefs, and I hope in future elections voters will judge our politicians on their actions, not their rhetoric.

Connie Saltonstall
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

The Norwood United Methodist Church and the Norwood Area Historical Society would like to thank all of those who participated in the successful Hunters' Lunch in Norwood on Nov. 15. We appreciated all of the donations of soup, chili, bread, pies and the work that was done to produce those gifts.

We also would like to thank all of those who waited tables, washed dishes and set up before and dismantled after the luncheon. Finally a big thank you to all who came to the luncheon. See you next year.

Marion Shea-Light
Norwood United Methodist Church
Norwood Area Historical Society

Thank you

Editor:

As this season of Thanksgiving draws closer, I want to take this opportunity to appreciate some people who helped make a recent project a wonderful success.

On Nov. 6, Freedom House sponsored a fund-raising silent auction and bake sale to benefit the Brad Crowell family. I want to first of all thank the *Petoskey News-Review* for running the story in the late summer about the accident that Brad suffered; it was that story that God used to enable us to open our arms to a man and a family that we did not know, had never met, and only knew that there was a need.

I thank Freedom House for embracing the vision to show the heart of Jesus by supporting and getting involved in the benefit. So many donated items for the auction, baked for the sale, promoted and were generous and contributed items for the auction. All of the people who attended, purchased, and made donations even beyond their purchases are to be thanked as well for making this event a success.

As a church, Freedom House learned the truth of the scripture that says it is more blessed to give than to receive.

We were rewarded beyond any expectation when we went to Brad, met the family, and gave them the check from the benefit. As they graciously accepted our blessing to them, we in turn were blessed by their thankfulness and the prayer Brad prayed for us.

Finally, I want to thank area churches who have been motivated by this need and are making plans for their own avenues of ministry to the Crowell family.

When we initiated this in September, it was my hope that others would learn of the need and also find an expression of love and blessing to the family.

Because of everyone working together, supporting, and contributing their part, the total to date that has come from the benefit is over $4,550.

Calls are still coming in and we are hearing of others who have heard of the need and have sent assistance on their own.

It looks like the truth of the Bible of doing and living as Jesus did has played itself out in contemporary times and it truly is a beautiful thing for which we give thanks.

Connie Bradley
Charlevoix

Marine Corps League collecting for tots

A traditional toy solicitation program will again take place this fall throughout the area.

The Marine Corps League, Northern Michigan Detachment, announced its annual "Toys for Tots" donation program which began Saturday, Nov. 20 and continues through Friday, Dec. 17.

Specially-designed boxes will be placed in area stores, banks and other establishments throughout Emmet and Charlevoix Counties.

In aggregate, over 70 stores, in eight cities will collect new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages. Look for the boxes in Petoskey, Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan, Harbor Springs, Indian River, Cheboygan and Alanson.

In Charlevoix, toy boxes will be found in the following locations: Kmart, Rite-Aid, Oleson's Food Store, Glen's Market, Ace Hardware, Pat McKeown Ford, Harbor Industries, The Clothing Company, Charlevoix Elementary, Lexalite Corporation, Dollar General, Brumm Showroom, Don's IGA, Copy Plus, Shop of the Gulls, Band of Odawa Indian Center and Bolt's Gallery.

Toys donated in this area will stay in this area.

Last year, about 2,500 youngsters received nearly 13,000 toys from a large number of individuals and corporations.

Toys collected will be distributed by The Salvation Army beginning Dec. 19. Donations are also accepted, please make your check payable to: Toys for Tots Foundation.

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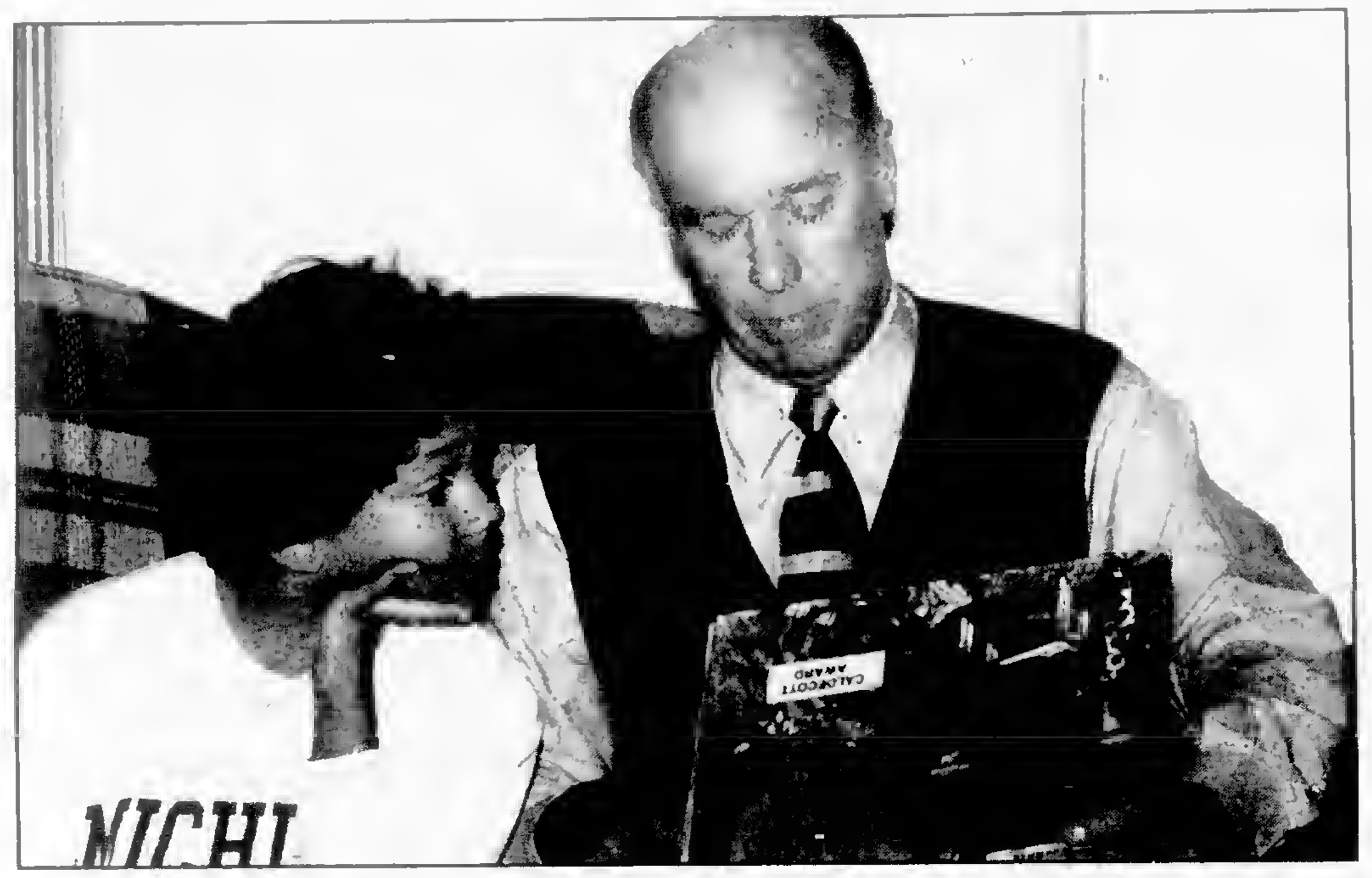

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Reading house call

Charlevoix Elementary School Principal Richard Swenor reads to second grader KeNen Borths, 8, on Nov. 22. Swenor came to Borths' home as a part of a yearly tradition where he goes to the homes of students who's names are drawn and reads to them. Swenor brought several books for Borths to choose from and he read three of them and did a magic show at the end. Borths is the son of Marci Borths.

November is Hospice Month

November marks National Hospice Month, celebrated each year in November, focusing on living life as fully as possible up until the end of life.

"Most people think hospice is what you do when there's nothing left to do," said Nancy Bottomley, Director of Adult Health and Aging Services for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. "That couldn't be farther from the truth. Hospice provides a wide range of services to the family and patient that maximize quality of life and help people live as fully as possible, on their terms."

The health department, in partnership with Hospice of Northwest Michigan, uses an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals and trained volunteers to provide pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support, and spiritual care to dying clients, helping them to live with dignity, comfort and compassion.

Hospice is a covered benefit under Medicare, Medicaid, most private insurance plans and HMOs.

"National Hospice Month provides a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness of the options of care available," Bottomley said. "Far too many people wait until they are facing a health crisis to learn about care options. The best time to learn about end-of-life care is before it becomes a serious issue."

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

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Wedding

Loucks — Powell

Erika Loucks and Matthew Powell, of Clearwater, Fla. were married Aug. 28, 2004 in front of 200 guests at an outside ceremony at the waterfall in Bayfront Park in Petoskey.

Erika is the daughter of John and Sherrie Loucks of Charlevoix.

Matthew is the son of Mike and Cathy Powell of Clearwater, Fla.

The Pastor Jeff Walton performed the ceremony.

The bride wore an ivory dress with hand embroidered flowers and sequins along the bottom and top. It was strapless and two pieces with an a-line skirt.

She also wore a multiple colored Swarovski crystal tiara with a gold trimmed veil, that also had crystals on it.

She carried a bouquet of four dozen pink roses, with ivy cascading from it.

The maid of honor was Carrie Militello.

Lisa Sokolowski was the bridesmaid.

They wore pink, satin, halter-top, floor-length dresses with embroidery beaded around the neck. They carried bouquets of red roses.

The flower girl was Ashley Louiselle.

She wore a pink and ivory satin dress.

Thomas Louiselle and Cameron Powell, the son of the groom, were the ring bearers.

The best man was Charlie Waldo.

Adam Coffey was the groomsman.

Ushers were Corey Loucks and Matt Sokolowski.

A reception was given at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey.

The couple will be making Clearwater, Fla. their home.

Matt is a second class petty officer in the United States Coast Guard in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Erika is a sales manager for a marketing company in Safety Harbor, Fla., while attending college part time.

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The Charlevoix City Planning Commission will meet to consider a development plan for the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 Clinton Street. The Library desires to renovate and expand the former Middle School building.

The Charlevoix City Council will meet to consider a development plan review at its Monday, December 20, 2004 meeting.

Interested parties may contact the City Manager's Office at (231) 547-3270, to verify the date of City Council's review of the project.

The proposed plan may be viewed at the Zoning Administrator's office at 210 State Street during office hours. Oral and written comments from the general public are welcome.

Gerry Harsch, City Planner

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Obituaries

Claire A. Chew: Feb. 27, 1910 - Nov. 5, 2004

Claire A. Chew died Friday, Nov. 5, 2004 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

Claire was the son of Archie and Fern Chew. He was born on Feb. 27, 1910 in Hayes Township, Charlevoix County. He was raised on the Chew farm with his four brothers, Addison, Byron, Alton and Edwin; and one sister, Margaret. A fifth brother, Stanley, died in childhood.

Claire graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1928. He attended Charlevoix County Normal and Eastern Michigan College where he received a special teacher's certificate. He taught sixth grade at the Bendle School District near Flint. During summer recesses he worked at a variety of jobs in Flint or Charlevoix County. Claire worshipped at the First Church of God in Flint where he met his future wife, Pauline Reynolds Scull, and her young son, Ancil. Claire and Pauline were married in February of 1938. They were blessed with two more children, Vincent and Cheryl.

During World War II, Claire went to work for General Motors doing defense work. After the war, he continued working at GM where he became a journeyman toolmaker in the experimental engineering department of Buick. He furthered his education at General Motors Technical Institute.

Although Claire raised his family in the city of Flint, his heart was always in the north country. Every summer, as soon as school recessed, the family would head for Burt Lake where they would set up their tent at the state park. Usually Claire would return to Flint during the week to work at Buick and would join Pauline and the children at the lake on weekends.

The family would stay the limit at Burt Lake then move to another state park and set up camp again. Claire built a small outboard powered skiff that the family used for fishing and joy riding. Claire was an avid sportsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, softball, golf and scouring the woods for berries. He also enjoyed cooking and baking and took classes in bread making.

After Claire retired, he and Pauline moved to Gaylord where they built a home on Alba Road. Claire worked part time for a while at the White Tool Corporation. While still in Flint, Claire had been active in the Big Brothers organization. He was instrumental in starting the Big Brothers in Gaylord and served a term as director. He enjoyed having a little brother, Rick. Claire and Pauline were devout Christians and worshiped regularly at the Evangelical Free Church of Gaylord.

When Claire and Pauline both became legally blind with macular degeneration and could not drive, they moved into an apartment in town. Following Pauline's death in 1997, Claire came up with a plan to combat loneliness. He requested a guestbook for Christmas. With assistance from his dear friend Helga Heath he began preparing meals at his apartment for two to four guests one evening a week. Each guest was asked to sign the book. The book contains 118 names. Needing a way to exercise his mind, Claire began memorizing poetry. He was especially fond of Longfellow's epics. With great perseverance, he would work with a powerful magnifying glass learning a word at a time until he had memorized the entire "Song of Hiawatha," "The Skeleton In Armor," "The Cremation of Sam McGee" and several others. He could be counted on to offer one of these with great dramatic flare whenever the occasion arose.

After living four years at Alpine Alten Zimmer, Claire spent his last few months at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

Claire is survived by: his son, Vincent (Mary Ann); his daughter, Cheryl (Lee) Alexander; Pauline's son, Ancil (Mary) Scull; grandchildren, Carmen (Leonel) Rosales, Mark (Analee) Alexander, Michael (Lisa) Chew, Susan (Joseph) Carvalho, Daniel Scull, David (Carla) Scull, John (Michelle) Scull; great-grandchildren, Emily, Timothy and Coralee Rosales, Connor Chew, Nicholas and Jerod Carvalho, Andrea, Christopher, Lyndsey, Erin, Skylar and Haley Scull; brothers, Alton (Bea) and Edwin (Wanda); and sister, Margaret (Richard) Burgess.

Claire was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Stanley, Addison, and Byron; his grandson, Timothy Alexander; and his wife, Pauline.

His remains will be interred beside those of his beloved wife, Pauline, and their grandson, Timothy, at Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, Mt. Morris.

A celebration of Claire's life was given at Evangelical Free Church on Friday, Nov. 12.

Danford Daniel Gallagher: Aug. 21, 1918 - Nov. 21, 2004

Danford Daniel "Chick" Gallagher, 86, of Charlevoix, died Nov. 21, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

The Rev. Thomas Neis will officiate and burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Chick was born Aug. 21, 1918, on Beaver Island, the son of Peter Owen and Vivian (Roddy) Gallagher. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1936 and went to the state finals with the basketball team.

He attended Alma College from 1940-41 and was a part of the varsity track, basketball and football teams. Chick served in the Army Air Corps as a Sergeant in World War II from 1942-45.

He married Edna Novotny on Aug. 18, 1947, in Charlevoix. Chick worked for the State Department of Transportation as bridge tender in Charlevoix for over 30 years retiring Jan.14, 1984.

Chick attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; daughters, Mary C. (Steven) Wilson, of Charlevoix, Lilly (Joel) Donaldson of Petoskey; grandchildren, Abbigail, Trevor and Corbin Donaldson, Stephan, Toby and Shawn Young; step-grandchildren, Rex, Steven and Crystal; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by sister Helen Phillips and brother Jim Gallagher.

The family suggests memorials to Charlevoix High School athletics.

Roberta Helen Smith: Feb. 26, 1911 - Nov. 18, 2004

Roberta Helen Smith passed from this life Thursday, Nov. 18.

Roberta was born Feb. 26, 1911 the second daughter to Robert and Bertha Stafford of Charlevoix, Michigan. Her sisters were Doris and Viola.

Roberta was married to Casper Smith and had two children, Sidney and Marcia, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She also lived in Jackson and Dade City, Fla.

Her son, Sid, is a missionary in Uganda, Africa. Her daughter Marcia is married to Tim Thomas and lives in Raleigh, N.C. Her grandsons are T. Scott Thomas of Durham, N.C. and Stephen Thomas of Raleigh, N.C.

Roberta moved to Raleigh, N.C. in June of 2003. She will be buried next to her husband at the Garden of Apostles in Dade City, Fla.

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Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer....536-2161

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Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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Pastor: James D. Green....547-4300

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Sunday School 11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society 12:15 p.m.
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President Michael Robbins....588-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore....547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut
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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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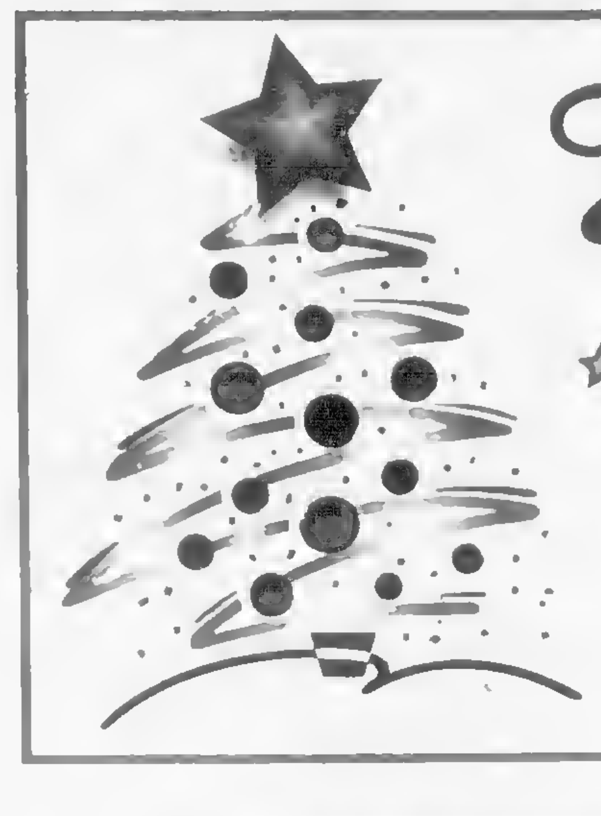

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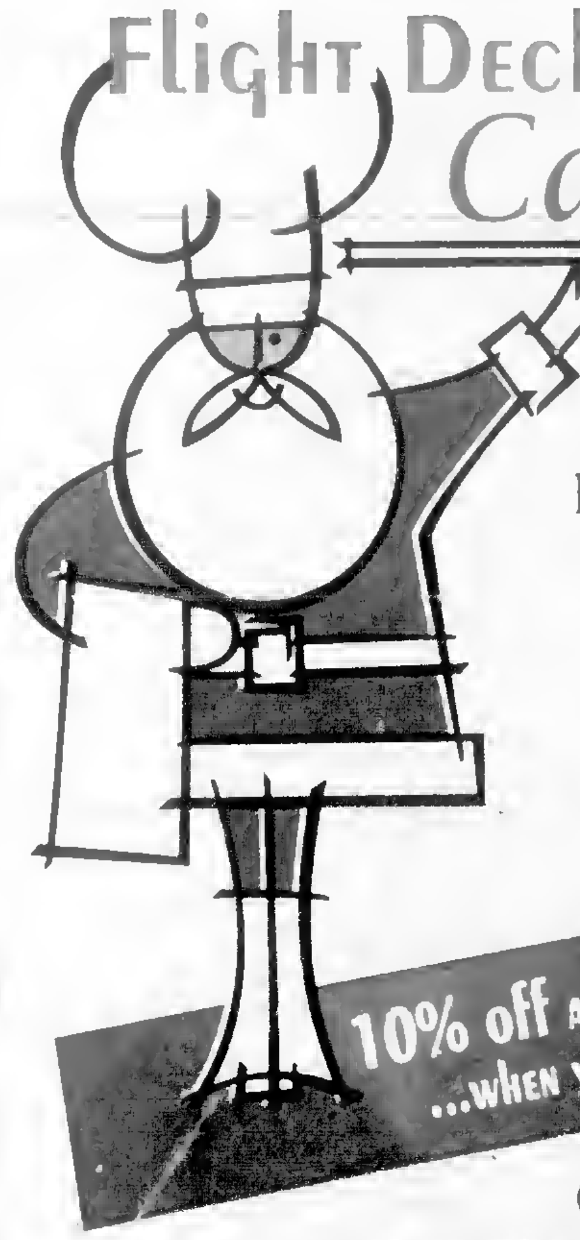

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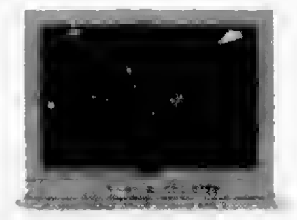

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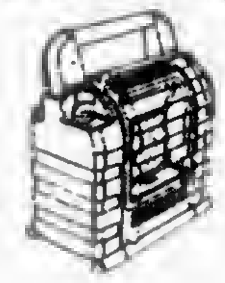

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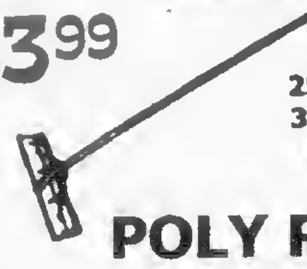

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Obituaries

Anne Marie Staley
June 14, 1912 - Nov. 20, 2004

Anne Marie Staley, 92, of Charlevoix, died Nov. 20, 2004, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Nov. 2 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Michael Mauer will officiate, and burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Anne was born June 14, 1912, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Charles and Mary (Ruzicka) Tuny. She graduated from Charlevoix High School and attended Davenport Business College in Grand Rapids, graduating in 1932. Anne married Clare Staley in Charlevoix on Oct. 25, 1936. She worked for the District Health Department Number Three for 10 years. They moved to Frankfort in 1948 and returned to Charlevoix in 1953 to operate the family business, Staley Hardware, until retiring in the 1970s.

Clare preceded Anne in death on June 28, 1996.

Anne enjoyed playing cards, reading, cooking and gardening, and especially her faithful companions, her Pomeranians.

Anne was a member of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, the Charlevoix Senior Center, Charlevoix Hospital Guild and the Charlevoix Historical Society.

She is survived by her two daughters, Nancy Staley and Susanne (Bud) Lee, both of Charlevoix. She was preceded in death by a brother, and a sister.

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Charlevoix Camera expands to serve digital

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix Camera has added many new additions to its business to stay current with today's technological trends.

"We are a full service studio for both traditional and digital photographers," Marell Staffel, owner of Charlevoix Camera, said. "This gives us the chance to provide more customer service and high quality, which we are already known for."

Staffel said the increase in digital camera use has allowed her to expand her business into new areas. One of those areas is the addition of machines that will make "archival quality" prints from a digital camera up to 12 by 18 inches. These prints can be made from most digital cameras.

Archival quality prints will last up to 140 years.

Staffel added she also has purchased a machine that allows her customers to see the digital photographs on their camera or memory card and choose which ones to have printed, all right at Charlevoix Camera's front counter. These images can be printed right away.

Plus, with the holiday season right upon us, Staffel has added digital to her list of photographs that customers can use for their holiday cards. Customers just need to bring in their digital camera or memory card, pick a card style, pick a picture and Staffel can have the two merged into a personalized card for the customer to send to family and friends. This process works the same way for almost every other type of print.

Staffel has also added a service for those who do not have digital cameras, but want their photographs digitized. She said she is offering customers with 35 millimeter film a free computer disk of their pictures along with their traditional prints. This disk can be used by the customer to send out their pictures to relatives over e-mail or place the pictures on a personal web page, in additional to many other digital uses.

While she has expanded her business digitally, Marell has also expanded her business physically to meet the needs of her custom framing clients. Charlevoix Camera has offered custom framing for many years, but recently the business was expanded by 400 square feet to pro-

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Charlevoix Camera's staff (from left) Heather Harrod, Marell Staffel and Jacque Paul.

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Shop also expands framing business

CAMERA

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vide more framing room.

Staffel said she can frame anything a customer wants, including children's artwork, posters, photographic prints and original artwork. She can also provide "conservation framing" for that artwork that you want protected for generations.

When framing Staffel can also give her customers the perfect frame for the item they are framing and their home. Staffel is known for her designer's eye when framing.

Staffel bought Charlevoix Camera in 1992, after working there since 1984. She has been very involved in the community as a business person and has given free pictures of children with Santa and the Easter Bunny in connection with the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce since the mid-1980s. She is also a vice president of Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, a board member of This Is Our Town and a member of the Pilgrim Handbell Ringers.

Charlevoix Camera is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday. It is located on Bridge Street next to Oleson's market.

For more information, call 547-2561.

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If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail news@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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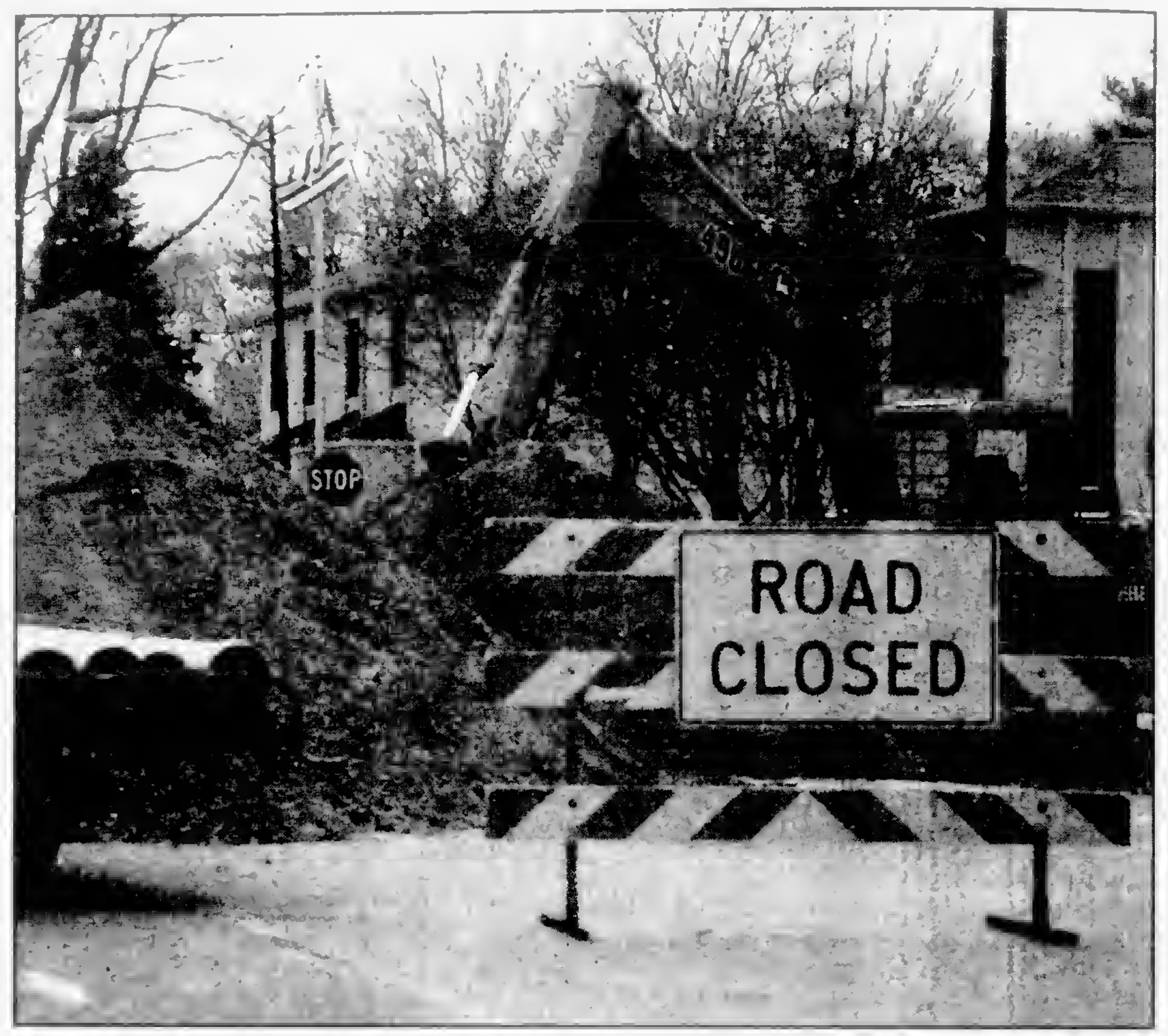

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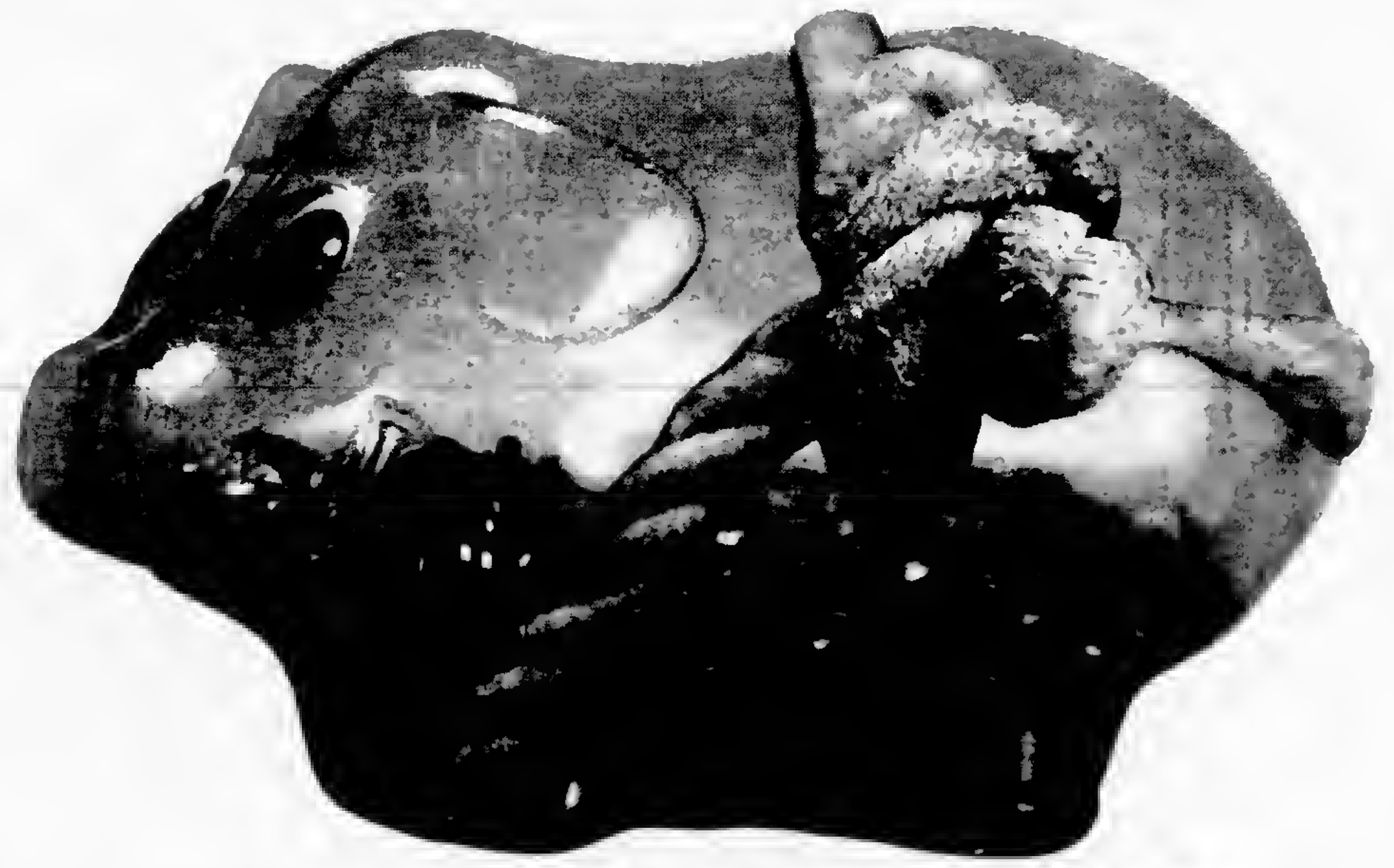

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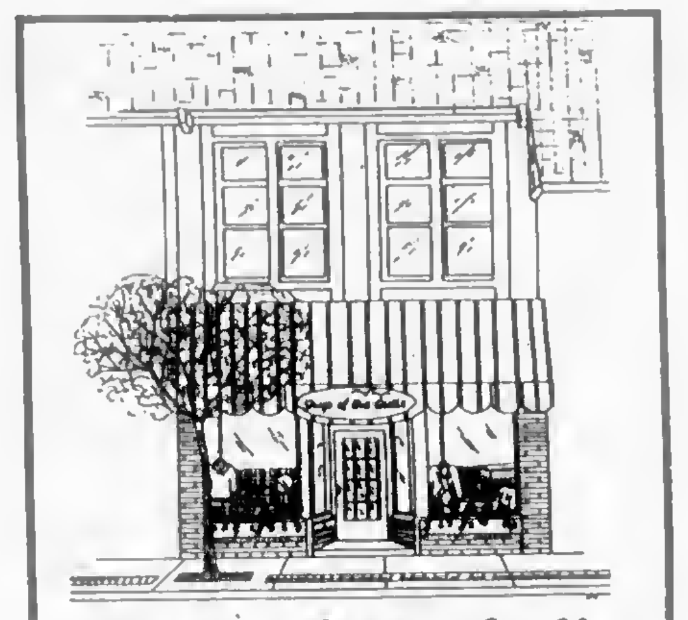

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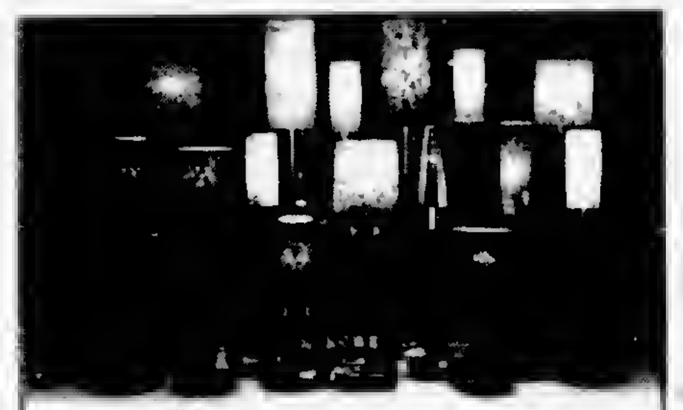

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(From left) Marsie Gowdy, Jim Ledahl, Mary Kengle, Alice Harvey, Mary Phillips, Diane Jerome, Marge Dinwiddie and Karen Stankevich.

Garden Club honored by governor Granholm

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club recently received a certificate of recognition for 15 years of service from Governor Jennifer Granholm and the State Transportation Director Gloria Jeff.

One of Michigan's original volunteer groups, the garden club's Adopt-A-Highway committee cleans up roadside litter along US-31 between Charlevoix and Petoskey for a two mile stretch east of Big Rock.

According to Governor Granholm's proclamation of Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Week: "Adopt-A-Highway volunteers possess strong commitment and are dedicated to keeping our state beautiful for visitors and residents alike. An average of 15,000 volunteers participate in pickups three times a year, representing more than 2,500 groups that have adopted 5,740 miles of state highways. These services save taxpayers millions of dollars annually while removing an incredible 13 million bags of trash from Michigan highways since the inception of the program in 1990."

Garden Club committee members attest to the satisfaction of making an immediate difference for good along one of Michigan's most scenic roadways.

Infant found in area with whooping cough

> *"Someone with a chronic cough may visit a newborn, not realizing that the cough is a symptom of pertussis, and the baby could end up very ill with pertussis."*
>
> **Patricia Fralick**,
> Director of Family Health Services

An infant from Emmet County was recently diagnosed with pertussis, or whooping cough, according to officials at the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Pertussis is a disease that is prevented with immunization, but the first DTaP "shot" which protects against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis, isn't given until a baby is two months old.

"Babies too young to immunize against pertussis, or children whose immunizations are not up-to date, are the most vulnerable," said Patricia Fralick, Director of Family Health Services for the health department.

"Someone with a chronic cough may visit a newborn, not realizing that the cough is a symptom of pertussis, and the baby could end up very ill with pertussis."

Adults with pertussis often do not feel particularly ill, except for a cough that won't go away. But it causes spasms of severe coughing in infants and children so bad that it is hard to eat, drink, or breathe.

These spells can sometimes last for weeks and can lead to pneumonia, seizures and death.

Infants in particular can get very ill from whooping cough and often have to be hospitalized in an intensive care unit for two weeks or more.

Major complications are most common in infants and young children and include pneumonia, seizures, malnutrition and brain infection.

"Early in the twentieth century, pertussis was one of the most common childhood diseases and a major cause of death for children," Fralick said.

Since the widespread use of vaccines, the incidence of pertussis has decreased significantly, but Michigan has seen an increase in the number of reported cases of pertussis this year.

Persons with whooping cough should be treated with certain antibiotics, both to help modify the course of the illness (if given early enough) and also to limit the spread of disease to others.

In addition, a course of preventive antibiotic therapy is recommended for household and other close contacts of a case.

Anyone diagnosed with pertussis should stay home and away from public activities — including school, childcare and the workplace — to avoid exposing others until appropriately treated with antibiotics.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.

Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities. For more information about pertussis or the DTaP vaccine, visit www.cdc.gov, contact your physician, or telephone the health department at (800) 432-4121 during regular business hours.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, November 15, 2004 - 7:00 pm
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Mayor Norman L. Carlson and Council members Bill Haggard, Karen I. Campbell and Sherm Chamberlain were sworn in.
- Motion adopted to accept the audit presentation from Rehmann Robson
- The City Attorney was directed to draft an ordinance banning dogs from East Park from Memorial Day through Labor Day and Apple Fest weekend for the Council's consideration at a later date.
- Motion adopted to approve the Board of Canvassers election results.
- Motion adopted to direct City staff to begin work on a "Big Box" ordinance.
- Resolution 2004-11-04 adopted to vacate the alley located between Clinton-Grant-Mason-State Streets.
- Motion adopted to approve the sale of the old middle school property and authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the deed pursuant to final easement wording.
- Ordinance 697-04 passed restricting dangerous animals from the downtown business district.

Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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JV ~ 20-0

The 2004-2005 Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball team includes (from left to right) first row: Kali Crain, Emily Heffling, Robyn Petzak, Sasha Spencley, Lori Zimmerman and Zita Anderson. Second row: Janay Drost, Lindi Edger, Ashlie Bradley, Bethany Pearson, Jourdan Holecheck, Charisse Rogers, Kaitlyn Wojan and Coach Elizabeth Grunch. Not pictured is Teresa Potter.

Freshmen ~ 19-0

The 2004-2005 Freshman Girls' Basketball team includes (from left to right) first row: Brooke Whittaker, Caitlin Mitchell and Leah Kelly. Second row: Desi Faust, Sondra Bennett, Meighen Havens, Ariel Ramsey and Jess Gauthier. Third row: Emily Foster, Kandis Way, Shelby Goss, Murphy Gillespie, Megan Cross, Emilee Colvin, Kaleigh Blanchard and Sara Muladore.

8th Grade ~ 11-1

The eighth grade basketball team for this year is: (front from left to right) first row: Alyssa Smith, Tanya Wynkoop, Shauna Spencley, Marine Greene, Amber Hoffman, Ericka Faust. Second row: Paige Martin, Tammy Potter, Katie Withrow, K.C. McCory, Meredith Rich, Bridget Peters, Coach Potter.

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Cookie houses to be at walk

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Each of these children of the First Congregational Church is hoping to be one of the lucky winners of one of these houses. They are: (front, from left) Alex Killam Latiesha Bell, Tara Hufford, (back) Sara Hufford and Brad and Andrea Rizzo.

The Annual First Congregational Church Cookie Walk, to be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Dec. 4 , has added a new cookie to its vast selection — one in the form of a house.

This year the Cookie Walk committee asked Charlevoix residents Barb and Tim Clagett, who have been making Cookie Houses for their grandchildren to decorate for 20 years, to share their expertise in making cookie houses with other members of the church. They willingly obliged and turned their kitchen into a hands-on Cookie House workshop where eager participants learned everything from making the dough to the assembling the pieces with royal icing.

The houses turned out at the workshops along with others that have been baked by church members will be available for sale at the cookie Walk for $15 for those wishing to have the fun of decorating their own.

Two of the ready-to-decorate houses were given to pastry chef, Kelly Romano, co-owner of the Grey Gables, who decorated them with a colorful assortment of candies, royal icing and molded chocolate. These houses will be raffled off and are on display at the First Congregational Church. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5 and are on sale at the church until 12 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4 when the drawing will take place following the Cookie Walk.

The Annual Cookie Walk has been a much anticipated event for many years. Lines form before the doors open at 9 a.m. It's no wonder people look forward to this event since there are over 500 dozen homemade in a large variety of holiday favorites. Cookies are sold by the pound ($7 per pound).

Craft items and pre-wrapped plates of cookies for gift-giving will also be for sale.

Draft of city dog ban to be created

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix is on its way to designing a new ordinance banning dogs from East Park.

On Nov. 15, council voted unanimously to direct Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young to draft an ordinance that would prohibit dogs from East Park, from Clinton to Mason streets, from May 15 to Oct. 15.

Originally, council was considering an ordinance draft that would ban dogs from East Park, from Clinton to Antrim streets.

It was determined this would harm the boaters that come to Charlevoix and bring their dogs, because the Charlevoix Harbormaster's Office was included in that ban.

Charlevoix Harbormaster Hal Evans said many boaters bring their dogs with them with they visit the Charlevoix marina.

He estimated half of the seasonal boaters bring dogs each year.

In a letter to council on the matter, Halverson said, "Because of the historic access to the marina office by boaters and their dogs, Hal (Evans) would like the city council to consider moving the southern boundary to Mason Street. The boaters who visit our marina would not receive prohibiting dogs between Mason Street and Antrim Street very well."

This new plan would make the entire area around the Harbor Master's office open to dogs, which some on council said would eliminate the need to create a dog run in East Park.

In addition to the boundary change, Halverson also suggested making the dog prohibition from Memorial Day to Labor Day to coincide with the dog ban on city beaches.

However, council members were not responsive to that, saying that plan would not include the Apple Festival.

Council Member Bill Bellows suggested looking at a ban that would exist from May 15 until Oct. 15.

This would include the Apple Festival and not keep dogs out of the park during the slow off season months.

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Fifth-grader Jenna Battle (left) can't control her enthusiasm as the bridge her team built withstands another weight added by Donna Stambaugh, fifth/sixth grade teacher at Beaver Island Community School. Looking on beside Jenna is fifth-grader Dan LaFreniere.

The recent hurricanes in Florida had a direct hit on a project undertaken by fifth and sixth-graders at Beaver Island Community School.

As part of a recent math activity in Donna Stambaugh's class, students formed construction companies and assigned duties within the cooperative learning group.

After studying ancient and modern bridge designs, each group was assigned to design and build a bridge that met certain specifications.

They were given a budget of $1.5 million to build a bridge that could withstand the specification weight load.

And that's when the impact of the hurricanes were felt.

Students had to fill out purchase forms, write checks and balance their accounts daily as the building progressed and they purchased their building supplies — toothpicks — from Mrs. Stambaugh's Lumber Co.

As with all "real life" construction projects, problems arose.

With the hurricanes repeatedly hitting Florida, the price of lumber — the toothpicks — soared.

Some groups ran out of money prematurely and couldn't purchase the volume of toothpicks they originally hoped to buy.

The class activity culminated in a "strongest bridge contest" when each bridge was stressed to the breaking point.

Math continued during this exciting time, Stambaugh explained, because students needed to add up the weights used to stress the bridge.

All the fifth and sixth graders experienced great pride in their completed projects.

Student evaluations of the project included descriptions such as "awesome" and "I loved it."

Health Department reports Norwalk outbreak

Public health officials announced today that lab results confirm Norwalk virus as the cause of stomach flu symptoms in Charlevoix County.

About 30 people from Charlevoix County had reported gastrointestinal symptoms to the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the local health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

"We carefully investigate outbreaks like this one," said Joshua Meyerson, M.D. and Medical Director for the agency. "We have nurses and sanitarians trained to conduct investigations of communicable diseases. They've talked to everyone who was ill to determine possible causes and the lab results confirm Norwalk virus."

Meyerson said hand washing — thoroughly and often — is the best defense against contracting a communicable disease like Norwalk virus.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, November 18, 2004 - 12:00 noon
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members except Shirley Gibson were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to reconsider the November 15 notion regarding the deed to the library of a portion of the old middle school property.
- Motion adopted to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the new deed without the easement on the condition that the library sign an easement agreement.
- Motion adopted to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an easement agreement with the library.

Council adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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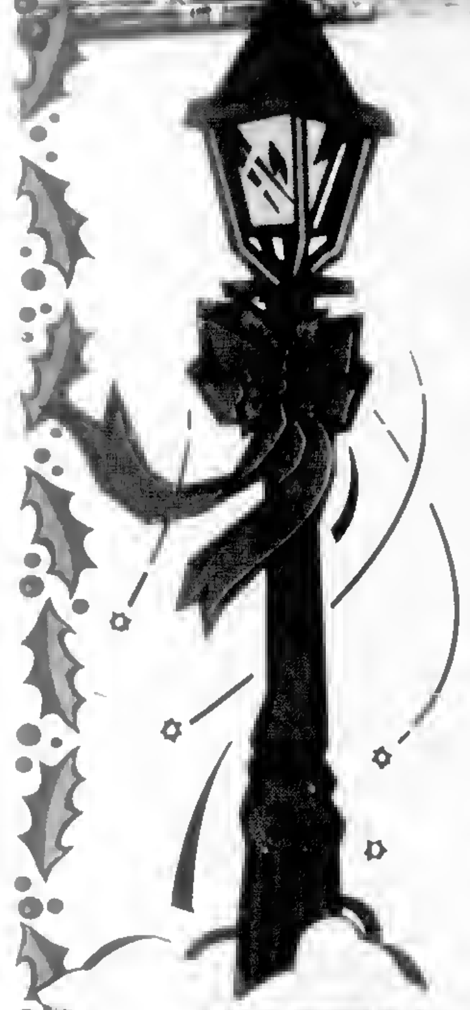

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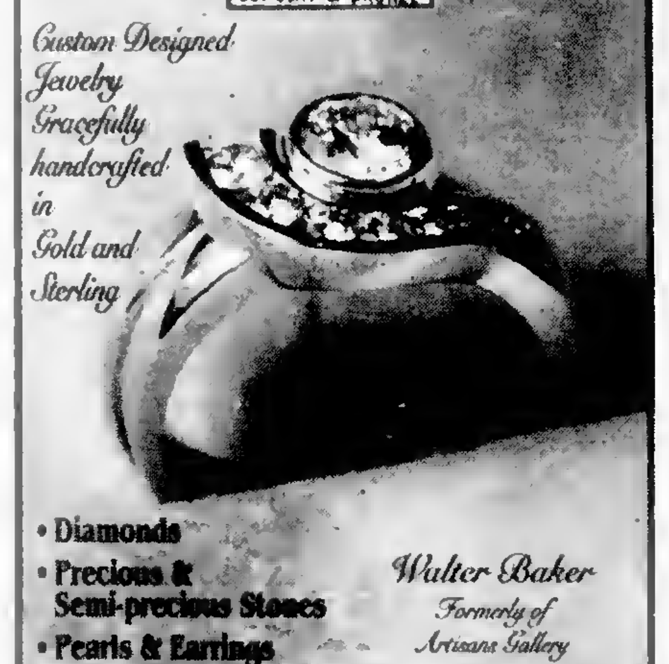

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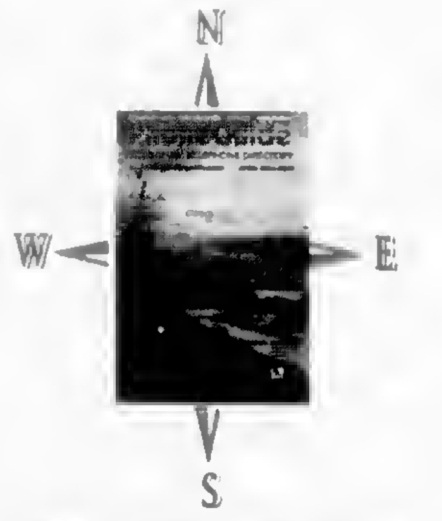

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Hospital to host annual Holly Daze

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation will be hosting its 12th Annual Holly Daze dinner and auction at 6 p.m. on Dec. 1 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

The event will only occur on one day with both the live and silent auctions occurring simultaneously. Patti Barraw, event coordinator for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, said the change will enable things to flow more smoothly and continue the five year tradition of having the event at the country club.

"It's a community event and it lets people know what the foundation is funding," Barraw said.

"It also gives local artists and businesses the opportunity to help the hospital."

Local artists and businesses donated all the items that will be available for both auctions.

"It means a lot and it shows the community's support for the hospital," she said.

Holly Daze has always received support from the community, Barraw said, and this year's goal is set at $60,000. However, Barraw hopes history will repeat itself and the funds generated by Holly Daze will surpass the goal.

The funds will go toward the purchase of a Computer Aided Detection (CAD) Mammography System for the Charlevoix Area Hospital's Imaging Department that Barraw said is able to detect breast cancer in its early stages.

Barraw said funds will also go toward the expansion of the Boyne Rehabilitation Center and to help underwrite the hospital foundation's community outreach programs.

An abundance of original artwork will be available along with numerous gift certificate packages, travel packages and much more.

The live auction items vary in size, value and adventure. One item up for bid is historic print of Charlevoix, which proceeds will be split between the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

Another item is a package that includes an autographed baseball by Hall of Famer and Voice of the Detroit Tigers Ernie Harwell and 14 former Detroit Tiger members who participated in a fantasy baseball camp.

Barraw said the package also features a print by Boyne City folk artist Deneille Spohn Moes of a baseball game that features several famous baseball icons playing the game in East Jordan.

The print, Barraw said, is number 888 out of only 950.

Another hot item is a 10 foot dinghy featuring life jackets, a life preserver and a bottle of champagne for purposes of christening the boat.

Barraw said Charlevoix Screenmasters will print the name of the boat the winner chooses on the boat and on sweatshirts and T-shirts.

There are also travel packages available such as a one week stay in a condominium in South Carolina and an adventure package featuring a site-seeing flight over northern Michigan, a hot air balloon ride and other adventurous experiences.

Several other unique items are up for bid including the opportunity to dine at Richard and Virginia Lepman's historic home while eating food prepared by City Park Grill Chef John Norman.

Barraw said numerous original pieces of artwork will be available including a garden gazing ball donated by the Bergmann Center Inc. in Charlevoix.

The gazing ball is a mosaic of broken tile and Barraw said this one is unique because it features tiles with the Holly Daze logo.

Other items include a yellow and white gold necklace valued at $1,800, a hiker's package, wreaths, topiaries and several original watercolors.

Tickets are $100 per person and can be purchased at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's office.

For more information call the Charlevoix Area Hospital at 547-4024.

Who: Charlevoix Area Hospital
What it is: Holly Daze, a fund-raiser for the hospital
When: 6 p.m., Dec. 1
Where: Charlevoix Country Club, on US-31 North

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 697-04

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTIONS 9.145, 9.146, 9.147 AND 9.148 TO TITLE IX, CHAPTER 113 OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN ANIMALS FROM PUBLIC PLACES.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 9.145 is added to Chapter 113 of the City Code and shall read as follows:

9.145. Definitions.

As used in section 9.146, the following definitions shall apply:

A. "Central Business District" shall mean downtown district boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority as described in section 1.276 of the City Code as that section currently exists or as it is later amended.

B. "Dangerous animal" shall mean:

(1) any animal which because of its size, vicious propensity or other characteristic, would constitute a danger of human life, property or domestic animals if not restrained or kept in a cage; or

(2) an ape, a monkey of any species, alligator, crocodile or snake.

C. "Special event" shall mean a festival recognized by the city or other public gathering for which approval has been given by the city council.

SECTION 2: Section 9.146 is added to Chapter 113 of the City Code and shall read as follows:

9.146. Prohibition in public place.

No person shall possess a dangerous animal in any sidewalk, public road or other public place within the Central Business District. This prohibition shall not apply to a dangerous animal which is being transported in a vehicle or container which is capable of preventing injury to a person by the dangerous animal.

SECTION 3. Section 9.147 is added to Chapter 113 of the City Code and shall read as follows:

9.147 Exception.

Section 9.146 shall not apply to a person or entity which obtains permission from the city manager to possess a dangerous animal in a prohibition area. The city manager shall grant permission when the applicant presents information to the city manager that the dangerous animal will be used in conjunction with a special event and the animal, although technically meeting the definition of a dangerous animal, is not a danger to persons or domestic animals because of its training, behavioral history or other circumstances.

SECTION 4. Section 9.148 is added to Chapter 113 of the City Code and shall read as follows:

9.148. Violation - Civil infraction.

A violation of section 9.146 shall be a civil infraction.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ADOPTED, this 15th day of November, 2004.

Motion by Councilmember Timms, supported by Councilmember Campbell, to adopt Ordinance 697-04.

Ordinance 697-04 was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas: Councilmembers Bellows, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard, and Timms.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Roof work

The Charlevoix Senior Center is undergoing construction that will renovate the kitchen area and an addition to the dining room. The center will be receiving two grants on Dec. 1 that will go toward construction costs. (Above) James G. Fiedler, a building contractor, puts shingles on the roof at the senior center in Charlevoix.

Crooked Tree Arts Center hosting holiday theater

Who: ArtsPower National Touring Theatre
What it is: Hans Brinker's Christmas
When: 3 and 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4
Where: Petoskey Middle School

The story of a loving family captures the spirit of the holiday season in ArtsPower National Touring Theatre's production of Hans Brinker's Christmas at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Petoskey Middle School.

The performance is about 55 minutes in length. This is in connection with the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Mary Wiklanski, Community Cultural Coordinator at Crooked Tree Arts Center, said, "ArtsPower National Touring Theatre brought "A Little Princess Christmas" to northern Michigan last December and we were very impressed with the actors, who all stayed in character and talked to the wide-eyed kids after the show."

Based on Mary Mapes Dodge's classic "Hans Brinker and The Silver Skates," and set in 1840s Holland, this original musical affirms that those who act nobly are eventually rewarded. For ticket information, call Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337 or order on line www.crookedtree.org

In the small rural town of Broek, Hans Brinker dreams of becoming a doctor in Amsterdam. Unfortunately, his father's crippling accident has forced him and his sister Gretel to remain at home and support the family.

Though times are hard, Hans and Gretel remain optimistic with the coming of Christmas and the annual ice skating race, for which an expensive pair of silver skates is the first prize.

In the song "Our Luck is Bound to Change," the two imagine their prosperity if Hans were to win. The race also attracts famed surgeon Dr. Boekman and his nephew, Peter.

Hans knows that Dr. Boekman can cure his father's condition; however, the Brinkers are too poor to afford the operation. With even more incentive to win, Gretel sells her favorite necklace to buy her brother a better pair of skates. Hans prepares for the race with the song, "When I Win."

Unfortunately, the elitist Dr. Boekman has no intention of operating on Hans's working-class father. He knows that if Peter wins the race, the Brinkers will remain too impoverished to pay. Peter is also eager to win in order to prove himself to his uncle.

On the day of the race, Hans and Peter are poised to compete until disaster strikes. Dr. Boekman tells Hans and Gretel that under no circumstances will he operate on their father. Making one final appeal to the doctor, Hans and Gretel remind him of his estranged son, Lawrence, who ran away from his father to be a doctor to the poor. Dr. Boekman finally agrees to operate.

The most important race already won. Hans is now able to realize his own dreams.

Presented with the warm-hearted excitement of the holiday season and celebrating goodwill toward all mankind, "Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates" was written by ArtsPower's artistic director Greg Gunning with a score by Richard DeRosa. The costumes were designed by Fred P. Sorrentino.

Mark and Gary Blackman founded ArtsPower in 1985 and have been steering its course ever since. ArtsPower has grown into one of America's premiere producers of professional Equity theater for young and family audiences, the second largest such company in the nation. Its 19 professional touring productions have been seen by nearly seven million people in 43 states — from Alaska to Florida — in some of the nation's top cultural centers, including The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and Lincoln Center in New York.

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Annual tree lighting to be Friday

The annual Charlevoix Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be in Charlevoix's downtown East Park on Friday, Nov. 26.

Beginning at 4 p.m. children may visit Santa Claus at his Charlevoix House located at 222 Bridge Street and have a free photo taken with him compliments of Charlevoix Camera.

Decorate the Community Christmas Tree from 4 to 6 p.m. with handmade ornaments. For children who don't have an ornament they can make one at "Santa's House" thanks to Annette Nesburg and the staff of the Charlevoix Children's House who will help children create decorations.

The tree is decorated thanks to the City Electric Department crew who provides a bucket truck and places the children's ornaments where they wish on the tree.

Everyone is invited to watch the children decorate the tree and enjoy music by the Keep Charlevoix Beautiful petunia truck.

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At 6 p.m. Santa Claus will officially light the Christmas tree, which is located in East Park, downtown Charlevoix.

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St. Mary's to host holiday craft show

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again and St. Mary School is kicking off the holiday season by hosting it's 11th Annual Charlevoix Open House and Holiday Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 4.

Janet Troppman, principal of St. Mary School, and Mary Shepard, secretary of St. Mary School, have worked together and invited several crafters to come for the event and display their wares.

Troppman said she's expecting about 300 people or more to come and attend the event, which has become a part of the craft show circuit in northern Michigan.

Shepard said there will be approximately 40 booths set up for patrons to view the various artistic talents of those who crafted the items.

Some of the crafts available include carved wood items, hand-painted glassware and birdhouses, homemade crocheted items, candles, handbags, jewelry, stained-glass items and some quilts and pillows.

If that isn't enough to find a present for someone special or for oneself, there will also be handcrafted soaps, painted driftwood items, various flower arrangements, fleece blankets, American Girl doll clothes, other doll clothes, Native American Crafts, Christmas wreaths, various Christmas center pieces and more.

St. Mary School will have concession stands with items available for lunch. There will also be a bake sale and cookie walk.

The bake sale items include brownies, pies, cakes, cookies and breads, which are made by the parents of students and members of St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society.

If cookies are more the focus, the cookie walk will feature various types and designs.

"All our parents make these cookies and we encourage them to put artistic flair into it," Troppman said.

The containers for the cookie walk cost $13 for the large, $8 for the medium and $5 for the small. However, one is allowed to fill their container with as many cookies as it will hold.

The concession stand, bake sale and cookie walk proceeds will go toward basic operation costs for St. Mary School.

A Chocolate Lover's Basket raffle will be going on during the craft show. The basket will feature anything related to chocolate, Troppman said, which could include items such as chocolate, chocolate flavored specialized coffee and such things as a novel with chocolate in the title.

This year something new has crept into the Holiday Craft Show. Troppman said St. Mary School will be taking donations to help raise money for swimming lessons for the students.

Troppman said the school has participated in the swimming lessons provided at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool every year. The funds came from a private donor last year and this year the school is conducting various fundraisers to meet the total.

During the craft show, St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society will be raffling off a framed numbered print of an original painting done by local artist Jim Annis.

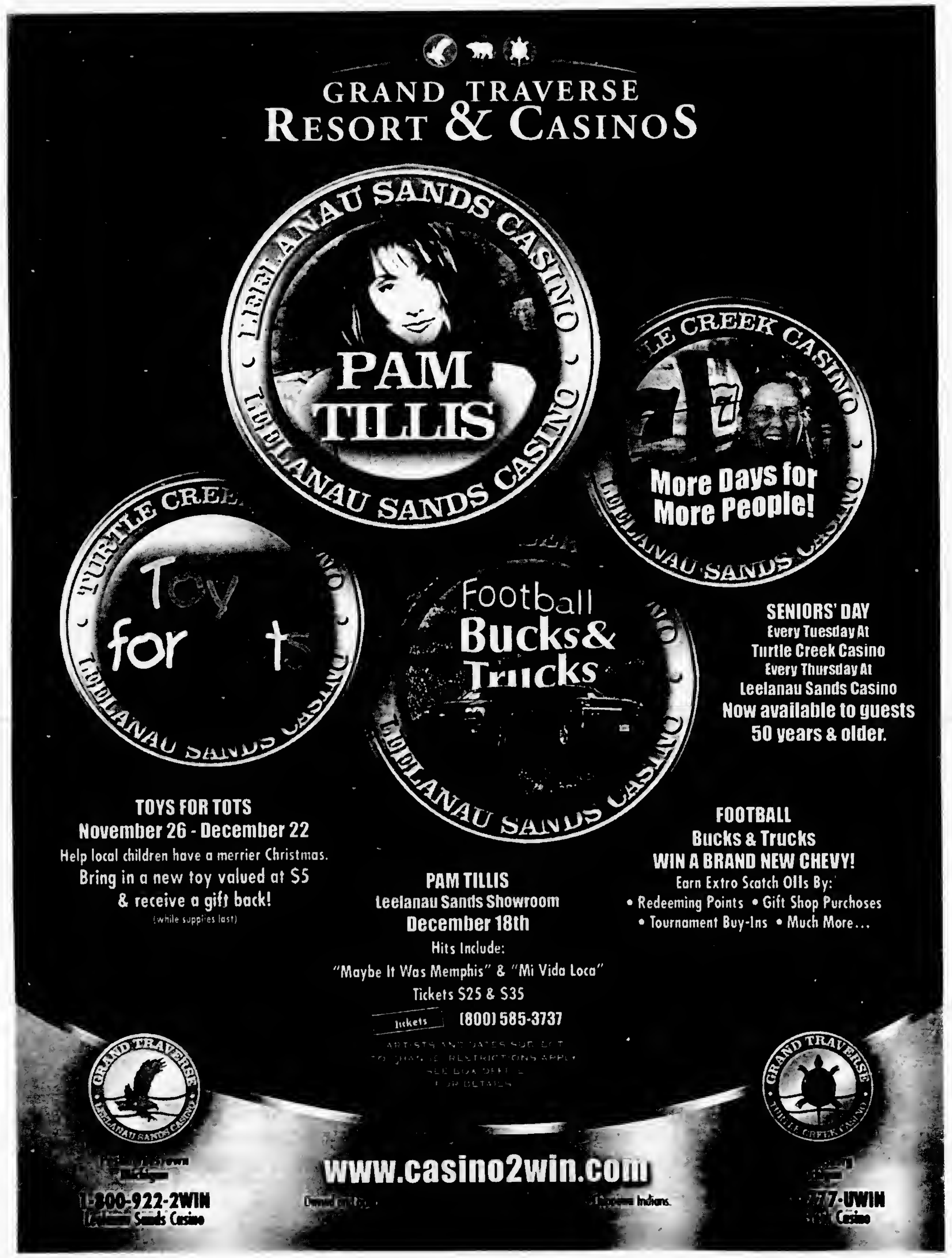
Rita Orlowski, who co-chairs the raffle with Maryann Stephan, said the painting was named by the St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society as "Charlevoix of Yesteryears" because it features old ships in Round Lake that used to be seen in Charlevoix.

Who: St. Mary's School
What it is: Annual open house and craft show to raise funds for the school
When: 3 p.m., Dec. 4
Where: St. Marys on Bridge Street

Homes that were there at the time the painting depicts can be seen in the background, Orlowski said, and some of the homes are still there today.

Tickets for the raffle cost $1 each or $5 for six tickets.

For more information on all the activities occurring during the Holiday Craft Show call St. Mary School at 547-9441.



AAA estimates more on the roads this holiday

An estimated 1 million Michiganians — 25 percent more than last year — said they will travel during the 2004 Thanksgiving holiday period, according to AAA Michigan.

The vast majority (82 percent) will visit relatives. In 2003, only 800,000 Michigan residents said they had Thanksgiving holiday travel plans.

Statewide, motorists will find gas prices at record high levels during the holiday weekend, paying an average 49 cents more per gallon than last year at his time. The statewide average for self-serve regular (as of Nov. 8) is $2.007 per gallon — a record for the Thanksgiving holiday period.

Cars, trucks and vans represent the most popular form of Thanksgiving transportation (69 percent). More Michigan residents, however, will travel by air in 2004 compared to last year (28 percent versus 13 percent).

"Thanksgiving traditionally represents family-oriented travel," said Cathy Green, vice president of sales and service for The Auto Club Group (ACG). "The increased interest in air travel reflects the overall growth we've seen in the leisure travel industry since the first quarter of the year."

According to Green, Thanksgiving falls during firearm deer hunting season and the start of the holiday shopping season, so travelers should be prepared for intermittent traffic congestion on major roads and near airports.

Among those planning a Thanksgiving vacation, 72 percent plan to go more than 100 miles from home and 51 percent plan to travel outside of Michigan.

Nearly half (49 percent) of travelers intend to stay with relatives during their journey, and 23 percent will stay at a hotel, motel or resort. Ten percent will stay with friends and 5 percent in a rented cottage or home.

The average trip will last four to five days at an average cost of $377. Peak travel dates include Wednesday, Nov. 24, and Sunday, Nov. 28.

To help cope with heavier-than-normal traffic volumes and heightened airport security, AAA recommends that travelers allow plenty of extra time to reach their destination. Check-in requirements for commercial airlines can result in loss of reserved seating for travelers who do not arrive on time (contact each airline directly for check-in rules and regulations).

AAA recommends arriving at the airport at least two to three hours before scheduled departure times. Other travel tips:

- Confirm flight schedules. Check with your airline either online or through a toll-free number to confirm flight schedules one week prior to departure and the day before departure.
- Print your boarding pass at home. Many airlines provide e-ticket services that allow you to print your boarding pass at home, complete with seat assignments. If you are checking luggage, you will still have to wait in line. If you have carry-on luggage only, you may proceed directly to security check-in.
- Be aware of airline carry-on luggage requirements. The size and number of carry-on items may be limited. Don't wait until you board the plane to find that an item needs to be checked in.
- Expect heavy congestion in front of the terminals around curb fronts. Curbs will be reserved for active loading and unloading only. Drivers dropping off or picking up passengers will not be allowed to wait. Park in short-term parking and meet your party in the baggage claim area.
- Airport security measures mean more hand-searches of checked and carry-on baggage, which may cause slowdowns at check-in and screening checkpoints.
- All passengers are required to have photo identification at the ticket counter and checkpoints. This is true regardless of the type of ticket issued (paper or electronic). Travelers heading outside of the North American continent need a valid passport.
- Wrap gifts after you arrive at your destination. Security personnel may request that gifts be unwrapped at screening checkpoints.
- Stay calm in lines and during inspections. Don't make jokes or take actions that may be construed as threatening.
- Consult airport web sites for maps and information on parking availability.

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A black squirrel tries to block himself from the wind while eating a nut on Nov. 23. Animals, just like humans, are getting ready for the start of winter, which we may be getting a taste of very soon.

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Complete description and all pertinent data may be examined at the office of the Clerk at 12491 Waller Rd. from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please send any written comments to the Clerk at the same address or Nancy Rajewski (Planning Commission Chairperson) at 14590 Park Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Auditors say city finances look good

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

According to an independent audit of the city of Charlevoix, the community is on good financial ground.

An audit by Rehmann Robson, certified public accountants, of Cheboygan, showed the city has done a good job in lowering its debt, keeping its budget balanced and planning for future expenses.

"I would like to commend the budget process the city has. The city manager and the city treasurer do a great job," said Mike Konicki, of Rehmann to the Charlevoix City Council Nov. 15. "The city is in a very solid financial position."

The auditors wrapped up their work in the city of Charlevoix for this report in July 2004. They presented their findings to city council at its Nov. 15 meeting.

Konicki was particularly impressed that the city spent $1.6 million on capital improvements during last year, but did not have to ask the citizens for a millage to borrow any of it due to proper planning.

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi said this audit shows the city is doing well financially as of March 31, 2004. But, Brandi cautioned that there are challenges for the city ahead, in the form of cuts to the state revenue sharing and high business costs, such as health care.

"We have a lot of problems coming at us," he said.

But, Brandi said the city is planning for those problems by looking at two years instead of one when budgeting.

This gives the city more time to really look at its services, revenues and costs to determine what kind of financial changes need to be made.

"This is so you don't have to make a quick decision and shoot from the hip," he said.

Brandi said the city is currently in the process of working on its 2005 budget.

According to the audit, the city of Charlevoix will have $10,685,381 in revenues for 2004 and $10,606,513 in expenses. In 2003, the city had $10,788,381 in revenues and $10,228,932 in expenses.

The audit also said the primary total net assets of the city increased by $78,868. And the city has $440,295 or 12 percent of the total General Fund expenditures and transfers in an unreserved, undesignated fund balance for the General Fund. Of that, it has appropriated $1221,500 for spending in the 2004-2005 fiscal year budgets.

According to Brandi, this is on the low end of fund balances for cities.

The audit did suggest two additions to city policy.

The first being a disaster recovery plan and the second being a conflict of interest policy.

According to the audit, disaster recovery plans are intended to minimize the extent of interruption to normal business operations, establish a means for orderly recovery of programs and data and instruct personnel how to handle emergency situations.

The audit pointed out the city has such a plan for specific areas of city operations, such as public safety and the airport, but recommends creating a plan that addresses citywide operations.

Brandi said the city is looking into that recommendation.

As for a conflict of interest policy, the audit said this would be needed in the event that a member of the city council is employed by a corporation or business, or has a financial interest in a corporations or business which furnishes goods or services to the city, the council members shall declare his or her interests and refrain from debating or voting on the matter.

The auditors do believe the city has handled those situations in the past appropriately, but could not find a policy on the books.

Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young said at the Nov. 15 city council meeting, when the auditors were presenting their findings to the council, that the city does have such a policy in writing.

However, Brandi said Monday that matter is still beings looked at as to what kind of conflict of interest policy the city actually has on the books.

Zonta accepting applications for award

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its annual Young Women in Public Affairs award, which awards $500 to an outstanding young woman living in Charlevoix County and currently enrolled in a secondary school.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County High Schools or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snabes at (231) 547-9969.

The deadline for receiving applications is Feb. 1, 2005 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura A. Snabes, P.O. Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in late February.

The recipient of the local award will also have her application forwarded to the district, which awards an additional $500 to the District Winner.

Amber Heath from East Jordan High School was named the winner of last year's Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award competition is designed to encourage women to pursue decision - making positions in their communities in order to impact the policies that affect the lives of women locally and throughout the world. The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs program looks to the young women of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. The Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award is one of the many programs for young women sponsored by Charlevoix Area Zonta.

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Dangerous animals banned downtown

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Charlevoix has banned "dangerous" animals from its downtown area in a unanimous decision by the city council Nov. 15.

After a public hearing with only one comment, council voted on the new ordinance which states: "No person shall possess a dangerous animal in any city park or on any sidewalk, public road or other public place within the Central Business District. This prohibition shall not apply to a dangerous animal which is being transported in a vehicle or container which is capable of preventing injury to a person by the dangerous animal."

The ordinance defines a dangerous animals as "any animal which because of its size, vicious propensity or other characteristic, would constitute a danger to human life, property or domestic animals if not restrained or kept in a cage or an ape, monkey of any species, alligator, crocodile or snake."

According to Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young, the ordinance language includes an exclusion at certain times for such animals. This exclusion was added because the Charlevoix Venetian Festival brings an elephant into East Park for its annual Kids Day in July.

Under the ordinance, the elephant would be banned from the park. However, thanks to the exclusion, the Venetian Festival or any other organizations can bring such animals with permission.

This exclusion applies to all "special events" which is defined as "a festival recognized by the city or other public gathering for which approval has been given by the city council."

During the public hearing portion of the ordinance review Nov. 15, the only speaker was Charlevoix resident Bob Hoffman, who questioned the definition of the Central Business District.

Under the ordinance, the Central Business District means the boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority. However, Hoffman questioned what would happen if the Downtown Development Authority was dismissed. A Downtown Development Authority is meant to be a temporary organization formed for the purpose of construction of a downtown project.

It was decided that matter would be looked into when the time comes to disband the Downtown Development Authority in Charlevoix — something that is not being planned for several years.

This new ordinance banning dangerous animals will take effect Dec. 15. A violation of the ordinance is a civil infraction.

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Ready for the winter

With sand piles built up high to protect against the wind and the lifeguard chairs taken down, Michigan Beach is ready for another wintery season in Charlevoix. But, as always, after a winter covered with ice and snow, the beach will return to its normal self, packed with bathers, next summer.

Sheriff offering to help clean up

Sheriff George T. Lasater announced the Fall Clean Up Program for senior citizens of Charlevoix County.

Lasater will be assigning county jail prisoners, supervised by a sheriff's officer, to assist senior citizens with raking and general clean up of their yards.

The program also includes townships in Charlevoix County where prisoners may be assigned, under supervision, to clean cemeteries, parks and other areas.

Lasater said only prisoners who are not a security risk to the community will be assigned this detail.

Anyone who is interested please contact the Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Marina to be topic of joint city meeting Nov. 29

There will be a 7 p.m. meeting, Monday, Nov. 29 on the Charlevoix City Marina at Charlevoix City Hall.

The meeting was called by Charlevoix City Mayor Norman Carlson to get the community information on where the city is at with the project.

Carlson said this was needed in light of problems reported with the marina by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the possibility of "tweaking" the plan to fit the needs of the community more.

The Charlevoix City Council, Downtown Development Authority and project designer Peter Polloack will be going over the project.

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School district to consolidate elections

By **COURTNEY E. PACE**
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Public School Board voted to change the regular election date from June to May each year during the Nov. 8 meeting.

Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent John Sturock said new legislation was passed last year that intends to try and consolidate elections around the national November elections.

Sturock said part of the reasoning behind the election consolidation bills is that people could get elected to positions without a large voter turnout.

He said unless there was a money issue on the ballot, very few people turned out to vote.

"It's a concern in other parts of the state," Sturock said. "Not so much here."

Sturock said schools were given the choice to have their elections in November or May. If schools didn't choose, the election date would have automatically been November and Sturock said that would have caused the school board terms to become six year terms instead of four year terms.

He said choosing to move the election up one month was the best choice in order to keep everything flowing nicely.

Nothing much has changed except that the elections will be held a month earlier and Charlevoix County is now in charge of overseeing the election process.

County Clerk Jane Brannon said nothing is finalized yet concerning the exact nature of how the county will run the elections, which will be given at individual township halls and city hall.

Some thought was that the consolidated elections would increase voter turnout.

"It was never designed to enhance voter turnout," she said.

Brannon said some thoughts were that having one place to vote would make it easier on the voter.

However, since most schools had a designated place for voting, Brannon said things might become more confusing.

"I think they're going to make it a little more difficult," she said.

However, Brannon said the only way to know if the new process will work or won't work is to see how the elections go at the new locations.

The elections are just another added responsibility to the county, Brannon said.

Brannon said she plans to meet with city and township clerks and school officials, which is required by law, in the coming months to finalize everything.

Dennis Halverson, Charlevoix Public School Board president, said the board voted to approve a May election date because it coincided the best with the school board's terms and schedules.

Currently, Halverson doesn't have any concerns about the changes at hand.

"I think we'll have to give it some time and see," he said.

Now that the election process is no longer the school's responsibility, Halverson said the administrative staff will have a little less work they have to do.

"They have enough going on; they might appreciate having time off," he said.

The change may affect voter turnout, which Halverson said will help determine if the change was for the good and he doesn't have a reason to believe otherwise.

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>
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SPORTS

Rayders take district, advance in regional

By **ALLEN TELGENHOF**
Sports writer

The Rayder Express rolled on in tournament play with three more victories and the district championship.

Charlevoix defeated Boyne City, 75-51 and East Jordan, 75-47 to win the girls' basketball district held in Charlevoix last week.

The 24-0 Rayders then rolled over Whittemore-Prescott, 81-49 to open regional action.

Charlevoix plays Suttons Bay on Wednesday, Nov. 24 in the regional final with the winner advancing to the elite eight in Class C.

"The kids have a renewed energy playing in the tournament," coach Keith Haske said. "We're playing some of our best basketball right now."

Against the Ramblers, Charlevoix raced out to an 11-4 lead midway through the first quarter, keyed by six points by Grace Farrell. The trend continued throughout the first half as Farrell scored 14 and the Rayders led 30-17 at intermission.

Charlevoix led by as many as 18 in the third quarter but Boyne City held tough, cutting the margin to 12 at the end of the quarter.

Boyne inched to within 11 as Farrell picked up her third foul with 7:42 left in the game. Undeterred, however, Charlevoix went on a 10-3 run in the next two and a half minutes to blow the game open at 59-41.

Farrell's three-point play off a putback seconds later put the game away for good.

On that night, Farrell scored 28 points and grabbed 17 rebounds. Laura Nitchman had 12 points, four assists and three steals.

Sarah Cross and Kari Way contributed to a strong rebounding effort with nine and seven boards respectively.

East Jordan held tough early as their game was tied 6-6 early on. The Red Devils could never get over the hump though as Charlevoix never trailed. A 7-0 spurt gave the Rayders a 13-6 advantage and East Jordan could never draw closer than seven the rest of the way.

Charlevoix led 19-11 after the first quarter, keyed by Jaime Pettis's seven points in the stanza. The Rayders extended the lead to 32-11, scoring the first 13 points of the second period. Shannon Dibble had a three-pointer and a drive in the key run.

The Rayders led 44-27 at halftime. East Jordan was no closer than 13 points the rest of the game.

Pettis finished the night with 15 points. Farrell had 14 points, five rebounds, four steals, three assists and three blocks. Laura Nitchman and Madison Ramsey each had eight points and five steals.

Charlevoix opened regional play with an impressive win over a Whittemore-Prescott team that came into the contest with a 20-3 record.

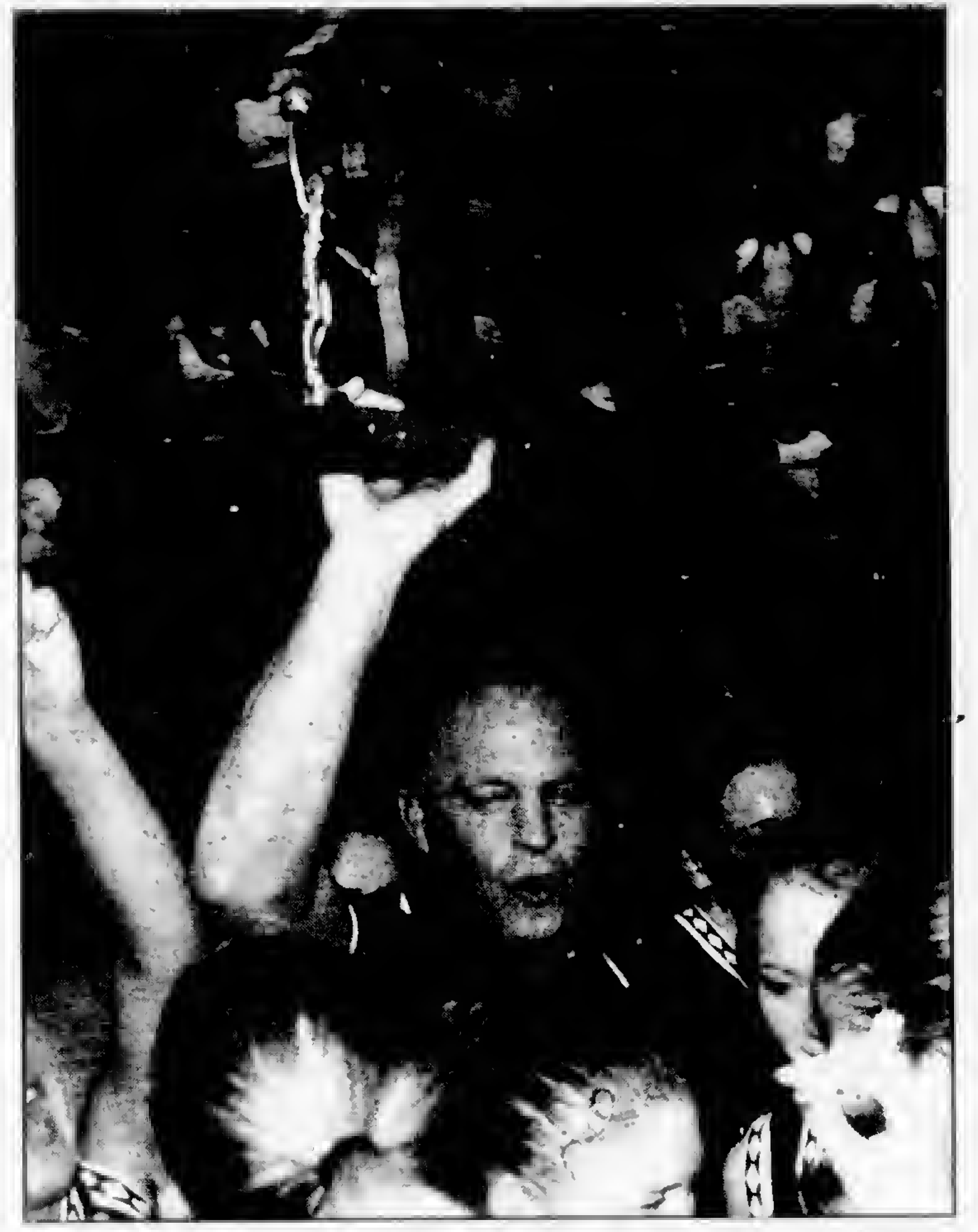
"They wanted to run with us," Haske commented. "And we kind of like that."

Fourteen of fifteen Rayder players scored in the game, led by Farrell's 20 points and nine rebounds. Way added 13 points and seven rebounds. Dibble also contributed 10 points.

"It isn't often to get to have all the players play and so many score in a regional game so that was especially nice," Haske said.

Charlevoix led 21-8 after one period, 47-20 at the half and 70-36 after three quarters.

The winner of Wednesday's regional final in Boyne City will play in the quarterfinals at 7 p.m., next Tuesday, Nov. 30.



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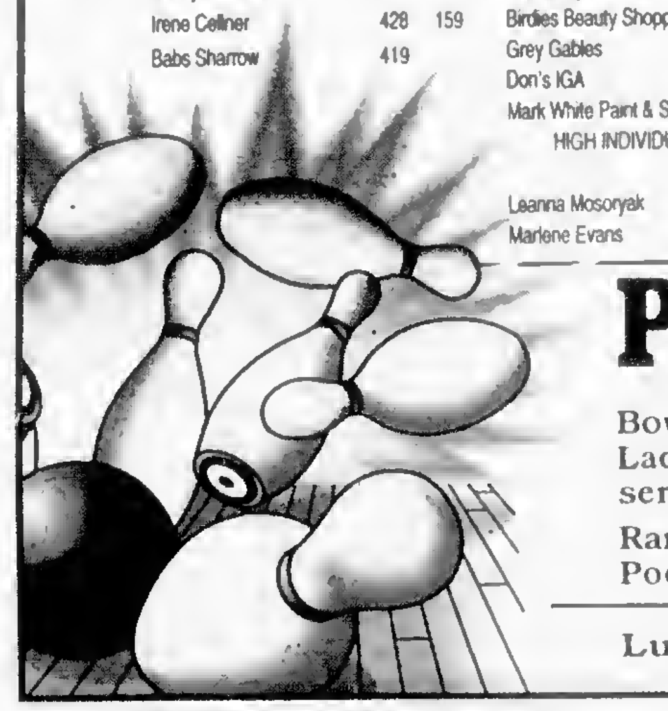

Young at Hearts League
November 18, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	30	14
Past Timers	25	19
Misfits	24	20
Irish Rollers	22	22
Sparetime	21	23
Alley Cats	20	24
Has Beens	18	26
Twilighters	16	28

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenheit	482	186
Art Ruis	487	
Ralph Kitson		178
Bill Herriman		173
Don Bambach	448	
Mary Lakies		161
Nancy Bambach	455	160
Irene Cellner	428	159
Babs Sharrow	419	

Church League • November 17, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	343	207
R & C Roofing	312	238
Ferguson & Chamberlain	278	272
Lutherans	275	275
Mark White Paint & Stain	261	289
The Inner Circle	251	299
St. Mary's	243	307
State Farm Insurance	237	313

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	607	216
Jim Potter		215
Larry Potter	573	211
Ray Browe	530	

Tuesday Night Ladies • Nov. 16, 2004

	W	L
Twin Lakes Enterprise	29	15
Central Drug Store	24	20
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	23	21
Paul Bunyan Lanes	23	21
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	22	22
Grey Gables	21	23
Don's IGA	18	26
Mark White Paint & Stain	16	28

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	540	196
Marlene Evans	516	204
Lisa Herriman		201
Mary O'Brien	517	
Patty Sitzema		196

Casino League • November 18, 2004

	W	L
Crackpots	60	10
Vegabounds	42	28
T.K. & The Boozers	40	30
At Least a 6 Pack	40	30
4 Fun	26	44
Brooklyn Rats	12	58

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	491	277
Joel Stradling	439	225
Tony Kiernan	269	145
Carolyn Blanchard	444	233
Lynette Webb		211
Carrie Blanchard	386	
Rita Oliver		202
Debi Towsley	368	

Double Deckers Mixed League
November 14, 2004

	W	L
Bradley	16.5	3.5
Sladek	15	5
Spencer	13.5	6.5
Blanchard/Crain	12	8
Novotny	12	8
Russell A & J	12	8
Koffman	12	8
Witthoeft	11.5	8.5
Stein	11	9
Webb	9.5	10.5
Russell C & R	9	11
Blanchard	8	12
Nordman	6	14
Ferguson	6	14
Patton	3	17
Hart	3	17

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	570	202
Aaron Nordman	462	189
Joe Sladek	464	
Scott Blanchard		169
Deb Blanchard	480	191
Lynette Webb	432	168
Lisa Bradley	430	164

Gutter Gals League • Nov. 18, 2004

	W	L
Burger King Charlevoix	127	93
Paul Bunyan Lanes	112	108
Argonne Supper Club	109	111
Express Yourself	92	128

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	518	215
Mary Keem	440	191
Bennie VonHelens	453	179

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ESTATE OF JOSEPH E. GALLAGHER
ESTATE OF ANNA J. GALLAGHER
Defendants
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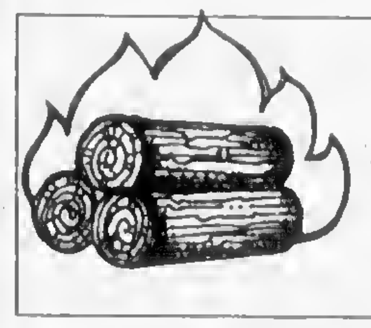

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The Charlevoix Ministerial Association invites the community to gather together at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, to give thanks at the 2004 Community Thanksgiving Service. This ecumenical service will be at the Community Reformed Church and will be led by pastors and leaders from Charlevoix churches.

As a gift of gratitude, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Charlevoix Food Pantry. Monetary offerings received during this service will be used hy the Charlevoix Ministerial Association to meet emergency needs in the community.

Community Reformed Church is on the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street, about a mile north of the bridge, in Charlevoix.

Thanksgiving service

You are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Day Service at the Christian Science Society at 11 a.m., on Nov. 25, at 205 Clinton Street in Charlevoix. All are welcome to attend and no collection will be taken.

Tuna Christmas

Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre, Beaver Island's brand new professional theater, presents the holiday comedy, "A Tuna Christmas." Executive Director Brian J. Porter and Artistic Director Kyle W. Barnette take on nearly 20 characters in this follow-up to "Greater Tuna."

Show dates are Wednesday, Nov. 24, Friday, Nov. 26, and Saturday, Nov. 27. Tickets are $20 adults and $12 for students. Call (877) 616-2289 for reservations!

Republican meeting

Charlevoix County Republicans scheduled their county convention at 7 p.m., on Dec. 2, in the county commissioners room. All current members are invited to participate for the election of the officers for the upcoming two years.

Teddy Bears and Eggnog

The annual Teddy Bears and Eggnog Children and Young Adult's Christmas Party to benefit the Family Independence Agency will be from 2 to 5 p.m., Dec. 5, at the Charlevoix Country Club on US-31 North. Admission is one gift per person to be donated to a community child in need. All gifts are to be wrapped and identified for a boy or a girl. Please include an age recommendation for each gift.

Children will be treated to great dance tunes, a light show, fog and bubble machine, a wide array of finger foods, and prizes as well as a visit from Santa Claus. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wingate of Charlevoix and Green Valley, Ariz. sponsor this event.

Photo Depot will be providing a complimentary photo with Santa.

For more information regarding this event, please call 547-9796.

Worldwide Candle Lighting

The Safe Harbor Chapter of The Compassionate Friends, an international support organization for families who have experienced the death of a child, grandchild or sibling, is planning a Worldwide Candle Lighting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 12, at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs. They will be part of a global effort lighting the candles at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 7940 Cemetery Road, Harbor Springs. The 24 hour remembrance is for all children who have died.

For information please contact Helen Lambert at 231-347-1832 or hlamb@umich.edu.

Story hour

Charlevoix Public Library offers story hour every Thursday morning. Beginning at 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. Lapsit for children 0-3, followed by traditional story hour 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for children 3 to 5. Call 547-2651 for more information. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday.

Coats for Kids

The Coats for Kids Program kicked off and is sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet FIA. Their goal is to be sure that children are kept warm this winter. The drive is accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. They will also accept gently worn coats, hats, gloves and mittens in good condition. Please clean the worn items before donating. Donations can be made at Boyne City and Petoskey Glen's, and Charlevoix and Petoskey Kmarts.

Those in need can pick up coats at any of the following distribution points:

- Friends and Neighbors Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1404 S. Howard Street, Petoskey from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 326 North Park, Boyne City from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Salvation Army at 712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey.

Food pantry

The Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Immunizations

Immunization appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid.

Area meetings

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flapjack Resturant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

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Sheriff offering reward for vandals

VANDALS

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Bingo.

Goldstick said nothing inside the building was damaged, except for the possibility of a few minor scratches on some of the tables where the rocks landed on or skid off of.

The tables are homemade and Goldstick's glad more damage wasn't done to them.

Goldstick said the only other problem the post had in regards to vandalism was five years ago when the building was broken into during a string of break-ins in the area. That incident cost the post about $10,000 worth of damage and those responsible were prosecuted.

"We don't really have enemies," Goldstick said of VFW Post 1153.

He said Post 1153 doesn't have any accusations or reasons why someone would throw rocks through two of the buildings windows.

"We'd love to personally catch them," he said.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department was quickly at the scene, Goldstick said.

Anyone with any information about this incident is requested to contact the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office at 547-4461.

Charlevoix sheriff's office is offering $300 reward for information leading to the arrest of the responsible party.

Township may place cap on building sizes

CAP

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meeting, the commission voted on a cap size of 80,000 square feet. The vote resulted in a tie with Rajewski and John Dixon supporting the size and Dave Christiansen and Stanley Martin voting against it.

Although she would have preferred a smaller cap size, Rajewski said she is happy with 90,000 square feet.

"I think the 90,000 square feet will work," she said.

Martin originally voted down a cap size of 80,000 square feet because he said he thought a different size would better suit the needs of the community.

However, he made the motion for the proposed cap size of 90,000 square feet, which he found to be a compromise between 80,000 and 100,000 square feet.

Dixon originally supported 80,000 square feet, which he said was a workable size and would be consistent with the characteristics of the Charlevoix community. He voted in favor of the 90,000 square feet proposal.

Christiansen voted against a 90,000 square foot cap size and was unable to be reached for comment before press time.

During the meeting, Robert Hoffman said the cap size is just another tool to help guide the community.

"That's what the zoning ordinance is," Hoffman said. "A tool the planning commission uses to assure that the township and the community are following what the community wants for the master plan."

He said the proposed cap size at 90,000 square feet is a little larger than the current Kmart store in Charlevoix. Hoffman said he'd like to see smaller stores, unless something large would positively affect the community.

Township resident Al Wojan attended the meeting and expressed concern about limiting the size of retailer that can come into Charlevoix. Wojan's property on US-31 was previously being considered as the location of a Wal-Mart, but the company pulled out.

During the meeting he said a zoning ordinance isn't a tool for growth, but is something that limits free enterprise.

Wojan questioned a statement made during the meeting that Wal-Mart isn't competitive but a monopoly. He said a customer gets the best value for their money at a store like Wal-Mart.

"Money goes where it's treated best," Wojan said during the meeting.

Resident Marell Staffel attended the meeting and said she thinks a cap size of 90,000 square feet is a start but is larger than she would prefer.

Staffel said most people live in Charlevoix because they choose to live in a small town and want the accompanying lifestyle.

However, if the open spaces are filled in with buildings she said Charlevoix wouldn't be a small town anymore.

"We don't stay here because we want it to be a big town," she said during the meeting.

Free HIV tests to be given on Nov. 30

In recognition of World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan will be offering free HIV tests on Nov. 30 and will be handing out red ribbons in the lobby of the health center.

The regular cost of an HIV test is $22. Appointments are necessary to receive a free test.

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan uses the Orasure — an HIV test, which does not involve needles or taking of blood.

To be tested, a testing wand is held in the mouth for a few moments, similar to having a temperature taken. The whole procedure, including risk assessment and counseling, takes about fifteen minutes.

Results are available within two weeks of testing. The tests are completely confidential, and patients can opt to remain anonymous. Counseling and follow-up education are included with every HIV test.

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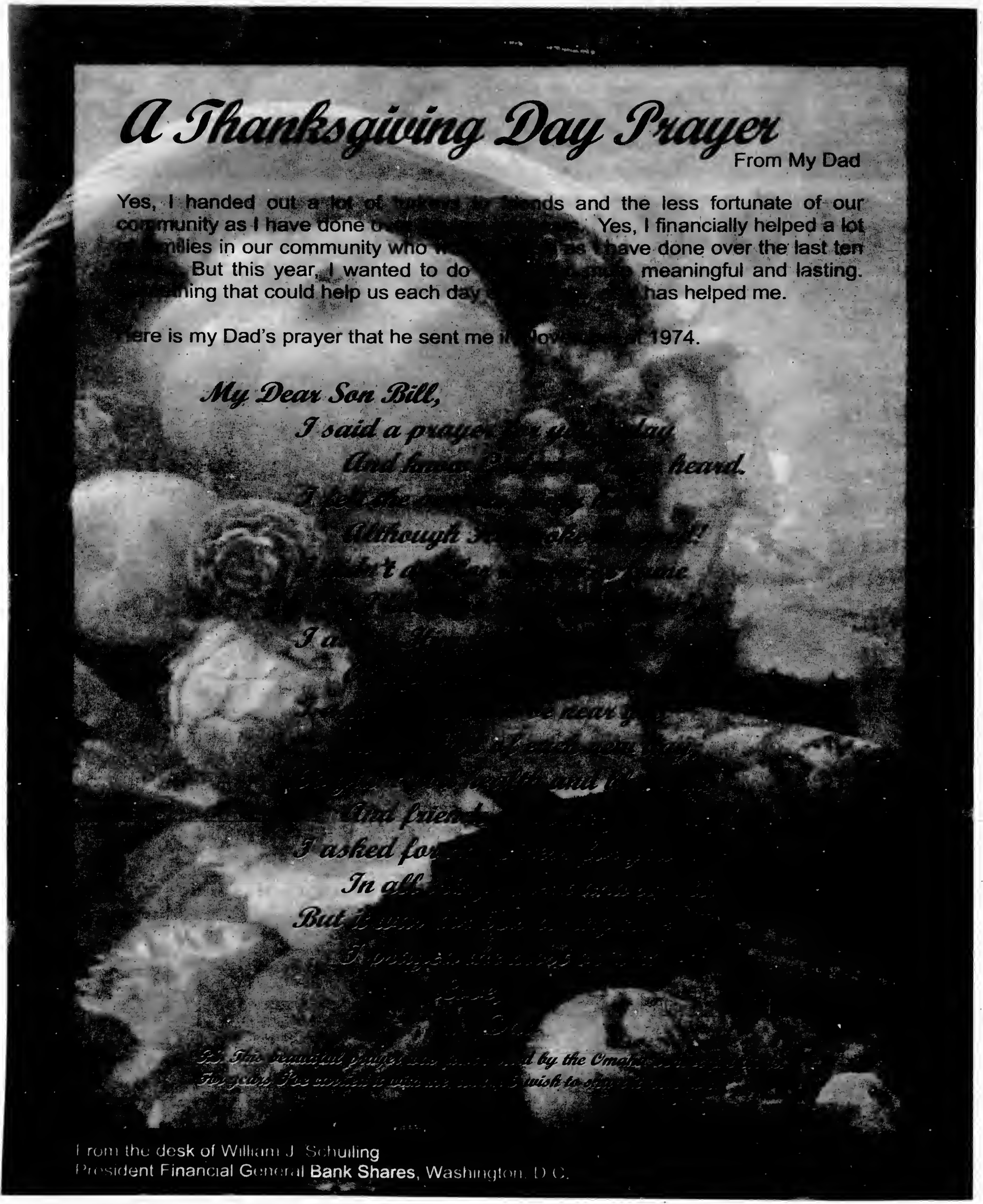

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

From My Dad

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[illegible] ere is my Dad's prayer that he sent me i [illegible] 1974.

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And friend [illegible]
I asked fo [illegible]
In all [illegible]
But [illegible]
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P.S. This beautiful prayer was [illegible] by the Omah [illegible]
For years I've carried it with me [illegible] wish to share [illegible]

From the desk of William J. Schuiling
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Council, DDA look at marina, park plan

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix City Council and Downtown Development Authority decided to move forward with plans to build a new Charlevoix marina and renovate East Park at a joint meeting Monday night.

The council and DDA gave city officials and the project designer Peter Pollack the OK to continue pursuing permits for the marina and park from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Army Core of Engineers. However, the Monday meeting also gave the city officials and many members of the community a chance to learn more about the project and dispel some misconceptions.

According to Pollack, of Pollack Design Associates in Ann Arbor, the total marina and East Park project will cost about $10,570,207.97. Of this, $6,809,674.48 is being paid for by the state Waterway's Commission — about 75 percent.

This leaves the community with a bill of $4,324,613 — this total amount includes a 15 percent cost for bonds that will be used for the project. However, this tab will be picked up by the Charlevoix Downtown Development Association, who will use existing funds for it.

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This means the taxpayers of Charlevoix will not be footing the bill for the project, Wiesner said.

"Your taxes will not be raised," he said.

However, many people at the meeting did express concern that city taxes would be used.

Charlevoix resident Jill Picha questioned how accurate the figures were, saying she is concerned the actual price tag will be higher and the taxpayers will be stuck with the bill.

Pollack said the estimate given is very conservative. He said the estimates were formulated in 2003, but used 2004-2005 figures. However, Pollack said there are some unknowns that could raise the costs of the project.

"What we can't account for are steel prices. They have gone up tremendously," he said.

Pollack said the city will be

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'Tis the season

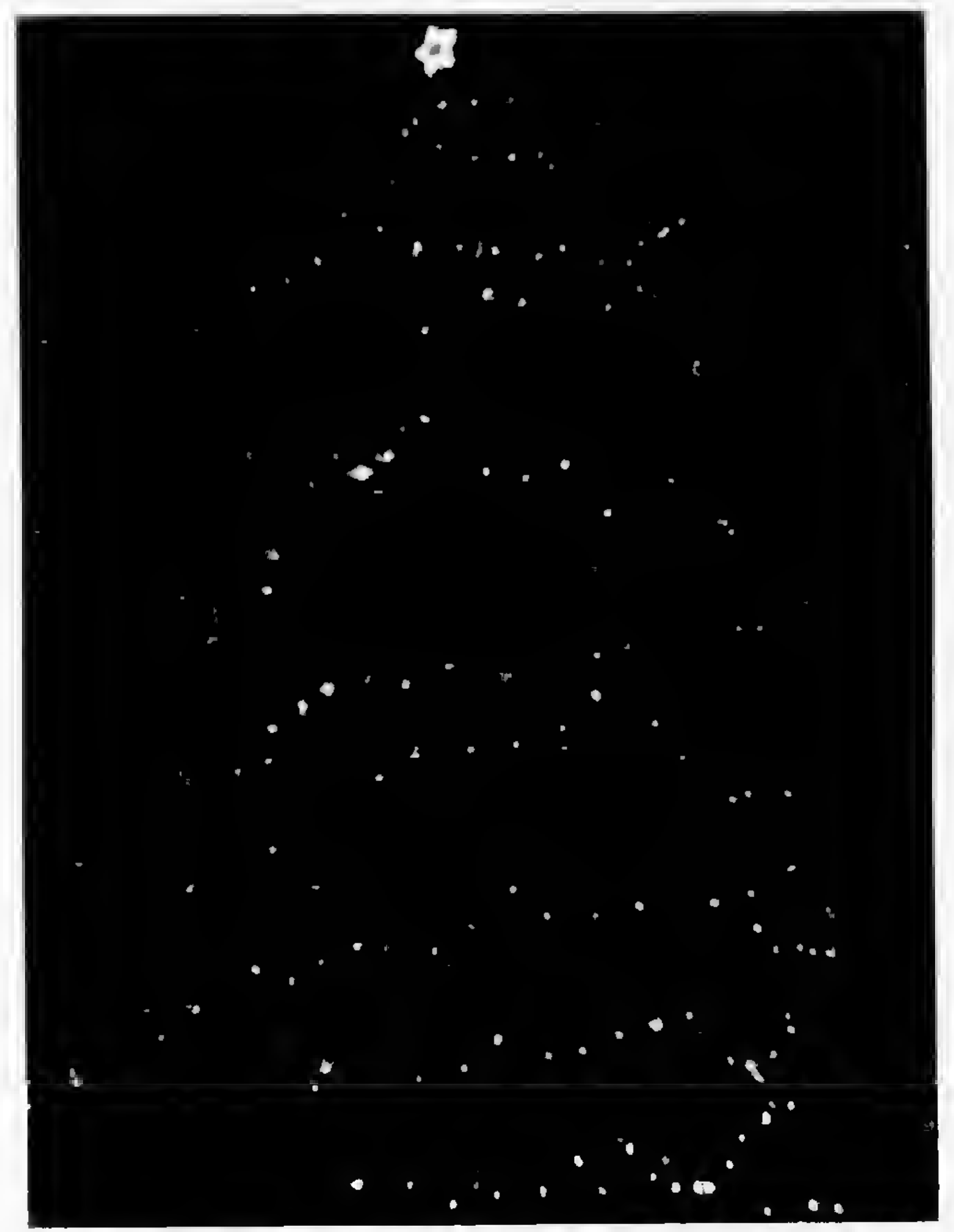

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Residents and visitors gathered in East Park Friday evening to watch the annual lighting of the community Christmas tree.

Rayders win the regional title

Photo by Jeremy McBain

The Charlevoix girls' basketball team won their first regional title Wednesday. They are: (front, from left) Shannon Dibble, Genevieve Kochanny, Jaime Pettis, Madison McKenzie, Liz Jadwin, Laura Nitchman, Madison Ramsey, (second row) assistant coach Liz Grunch, coach Keith Haske with manager Chelsey Haske, assistant coach Bret Erskine, Betsy Dennis, Bethany Pearson, Sarah Cross, Kari Way, Grace Farrell, Caitlin Cole, Stevie Murray, Sally Haselschwardt, assistant coach Jim Gels.

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On the record

District court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

William Claude Castle, 38, Charlevoix. Operating a vehicle while license suspended. $260 in fines and costs.

Teresa Delafuente Gallardo, 33, East Jordan. Operating without a license. $500 in fines and costs.

Randy Michael Jaroniewski, 19, Elmira. Operating a vehicle while license suspended. $500.

Dustin Andrew-Allen Dutcher, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. $200 in fines and costs and attend intervention classes.

Eric Michael Dionne, 36, East Jordan. Check, non-sufficient funds under $100. $375.29 in fines and costs.

David Edward Stockford, 40, East Jordan. Domestic violence. $700 in fines and costs, 93 days in jail, with credit for one day, 92 days in abeyance and one year probation.

Zachary Dane Whitley, 17, Boyne City. Possession of a weapon in a school zone. $250 in fines and costs, serve 50 days in jail with one day credit, 49 days in abeyance and probation for six months. May not possess any weapons.

Andrea Kaye Cooper, 20, Mt. Pleasant. Minor in possession of alcohol. $100 in fines and costs, 60 hours community service. Must attend BASES classes.

Nicholas Lee Kulhanek, 20, Chesaning. Minor in possession of alcohol. $100 in fines and costs, 60 hours community service work.

Adrian G. Serbanescu, 35, Chicago, Ill. Fail to stop and identify at a personal injury accident. $475 in fines and costs.

Paula Sue Stanley, 30, Boyne City. Operating a vehicle while intoxicated. $750 in fines and costs, serve 34 days in jail, with credit for one day, 30 days in abeyance and three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail. Six months probation.

Karen Marie Blanchard, 48, Boyne City. Operating a vehicle while intoxicated. $750 in fines and costs, 34 days in jail with one day credit, 30 days in abeyance and three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail. Six months probation.

Chad David Yachasz, 26, Alpena. Operating a vehicle while intoxicated. $1,110 in fines and costs, 93 days in jail with one day credit, serve 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 92 days in abeyance and 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail. Probation for 12 months.

Nick Edward Czyzewski, 28, Toledo, Ohio. Embezzlement over $200 and under $1,000. $35,114.51 in fines and costs, 365 days in jail, with one day credit, serve 120 days, 214 in abeyance and 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail. Probation for two months.

Sonny James Wabanimkee, 18, South Haven. Minor in possession of alcohol, second. $200 in fines and costs. Must attend Impact Weekend.

Merrill William Dole, 25, Boyne Falls. Operation of a motor vehicle without security. $350 in fines and costs.

Assumed names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office:

Frank's Total Service, 166 Shaler Road, Boyne City, by Frank D. Shaler.

Boyne City Computers, 716 Wenonah Street, Boyne City, by Shannon Shane Horn and Linda Marie Westbrock.

Bonita Designs, 06123 Old US-31 South, Charlevoix, by Celia Partida Kelly and Nicole Partida.

Alpine Ridge Carpentry and Services, 4284 Maple Ridge Road, Boyne City, by Chad Ernst.

Northern Management and Engineering, 02247 Springbrook, Boyne Falls, by Raymond and Lorraine Hood.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office:

Daniel James Bowman, 22, Boyne City and Sabrina Ann Brockette, 24, Boyne City.

Matthew Jon Fogg, 27, Beaver Island and Wendy Anne Harwood, 30, Beaver Island.

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Jennifer A. Walton vs. Samuel D. Walton

Melissa A. Snowden vs. Theodore W. Snowden

Joyce Ann Elliott vs. Robert Joseph Elliott

Michael Ryan Belford vs. Michele Lyn Howard

Births

Tannis Randall Guzniczak weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Jillian and Randall Guzniczak of Boyne City on Nov. 19, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His brother is Devvin Starkus. Grandparents are David and Robin Guzniczak, Glen and Debbie Coon and Michael Moore all of Boyne City.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain	Snow
Nov. 23	46	34	—	—
Nov. 24	47	35	—	—
Nov. 25	37	31	—	tr
Nov. 26	37	28	—	1
Nov. 27	38	29	.17	—
Nov. 28	43	36	.7	tr
Nov. 29	40	33	tr	—

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Driver's windshield struck by shotgun round

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater reported on Friday, Nov. 19, a woman's vehicle was hit by gunfire while traveling south on US-31, just south of the intersection of Barnard Road at the Norwood-Barnard intersection.

Bonnie Lou Wilkinson of Alanson, reported her vehicle windshield was struck by pellets from a shotgun round.

Air 5 of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources responded and checked the area, but found no hunters who would have been in the proper location to have fired this shot.

Wilkinson's windshield showed three impacts with what appeared to be pellets in her windshield.

Wilkinson said she heard a shot and thought someone must have gotten a deer. She then heard a second loud, close, shot and her windshield was immediately hit. The area of the impact was directly in front of her face.

None of the pellets penetrated the safety glass, but the windshield was destroyed.

Deputies responded to the location and coordinated with the DNR, but no hunter could be located. The hunter had to be really close to the highway, undoubtedly shooting across the highway for shotgun pellets to have reached her vehicle.

Clean up help for fall offered by Sheriff

Sheriff George T. Lasater announced the Fall Clean Up Program for senior citizens of Charlevoix County.

Lasater will be assigning county jail prisoners, supervised by a sheriff's officer, to assist senior citizens with raking and general clean up of their yards.

The program also includes townships in Charlevoix County where prisoners may be assigned, under supervision, to clean cemeteries, parks and others.

Lasater said only prisoners who are not a security risk to the community will be assigned this detail.

Anyone who is interested please contact the Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

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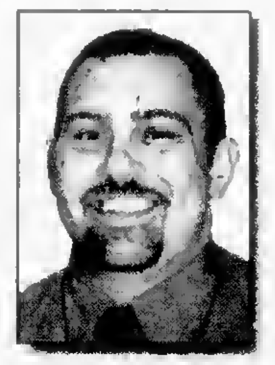
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Christmas decoration

Above, Alex Crisan, 7, of Charlevoix shows off the Christmas decoration he made for the Community Christmas Tree Friday. The tree is covered with decorations made by area children.

Chamber hosting annual Merchant Open House

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

To kick off the holiday season, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Merchant Open House from noon to 8 p.m. on Dec. 4.

With activities for all to enjoy while shopping for family and friends, both children and parents are encouraged to come.

Jacqueline Merta, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, said the object of the Merchant Open House is to give local businesses the opportunity to showcase their wares.

However, the event also occurs to allow members of the community to see what the merchants have to offer, while enjoying the treats and activities available at various businesses.

This year, Merta said, is the first time entertainment will be available in several stores. She said live music was added as a way to make the traditional event more festive and to give shoppers something else to make their time enjoyable.

"I think the shoppers will enjoy it," Merta said.

The day is filled with several activities starting with the arrival of Santa Claus at noon in East Park on a fire truck provided by the City of Charlevoix Volunteer Fire Department. Santa will hand out candy canes before heading back to the North Pole.

After they meet with Santa, children are invited to see a free full-length feature film at 1 p.m. at Charlevoix Cinema III.

Bill Supernaw, owner of the Charlevoix Cinema III, said there will be two films shown at that time, one being G-rated and the other of a PG-rating. The showings are sponsored by the Charlevoix State Bank and children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Charlevoix County Food Pantry.

The other activities occurring during the Merchant Open House will be located in several businesses downtown.

Children's storytelling by Jim Ribby will be at noon and 4 p.m. at the Bridge Street Book Shop along with book signing opportunities at 2 p.m. with John Deckinga, author of "An Enemy in Shadows," and at 7 p.m. with Jeffrey Schatzer, author of "The Bird in Santa's Beard."

The Bridge Street Book Shop will also feature music at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. by the Northwest Academy Instrumental Christmas Ensemble and will also have music at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. by concert flautist Ashleigh King of Lansing.

The Coffee Shop will feature music at 4 p.m. by Andy Tuck, a local violin prodigy. There will also be a book signing by Nancy Swan Drew at 5 p.m. at Elements in Charlevoix.

Other activities will be taking place at most downtown businesses including arts and crafts and tasteful treats.

For more information on the Merchant Open House call the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 547-2101.

Community Christmas Choir to have musical

The Charlevoix Area Community Christmas Choir, made up of 50 plus people representing over 10 area churches, will present its annual musical "Festival of Lights" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and again, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12.

This is hosted by Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix located at the corner of US-31 and Meech Street in Charlevoix.

There will be inspirational songs of the musical, enhanced by the fine craftsmanship of Chuck Britton and crew.

Rachel Titus, 10, will open the musical and local soloists, Rick Torres, Donald Heeres and Sharon Batdorff will also be featured, along with the mother/daughter duet of Dianna and Veronica Shull and with a selection led by Sarah Klooster.

Mickey Grooters is the narrator, with assistance from Rachel Shull. Theda Williams provides the piano accompaniment with support from instrumentalists, Beth Barnadyn, David Otis, Dee Hoadley, Treasure Eggers, Mary Beth Kur and Elizabeth Kur.

The musical is directed by Cindy Mansen. There is no admission fee, but a free gift opportunity will be available.

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Top ten ways of the north and new parents

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

Here are a few thoughts to start out this holiday season (and the start of winter).

Still here

Yep, I am still here. As many of you know, I will be leaving the Courier in the near future to take a position at the *Petoskey News-Review* — our sister paper.

However, I will not be leaving until a suitable replacement is found for me. Therefore, I am still here as we search through the many applications we have received for the Courier editor's position.

Northern Michigander

With the winter season starting to make its presence known to us here in northern Michigan, I started thinking about all of our seasonal friends who are spending their winters in sunny, warm locations like Florida.

So, in order to let them know what kind of people live here in the north throughout the year, here are my top ten ways to know you are from northern Michigan:

10) You know firewood is a useful home heating fuel and not just something for campfires.

9) When you go sledding, your sled generally can go up to 70 mph and runs on gas.

8) When shopping for a new vehicle, its ability to stay on roads covered in great amounts of snow ranks higher than looks and fuel economy.

7) You know how to drive the speed limit during winter storms and have disdain for those "out-of-state" licensed vehicles driving 10 mph.

6) You have seriously considered putting your vehicle in the garage for the winter and just using your snowmobile for transportation.

5) Just because there is ice on the lake and it is 30 below doesn't mean you must stop fishing.

4) Opening day of deer hunting season is a work-free holiday.

3) You have actually experienced "cabin-fever" due to being snowed into your home.

2) In addition to shoveling your driveway, you can also be seen shoveling your roof after each snow storm.

1) Fashion means "whatever is warm."

New parents

Since I am on this "top ten" kick and a new parent, I have also made up a "top ten ways to know you are a new parent" list. (Hey, I had some time to let my brain wander last week due to the holiday. Besides, top ten lists are fun and easy to read.)

10) Due to a particularly messy incident involving baby, you have learned you can actually touch human fecal matter and not vomit immediately.

9) Every shirt you own has a small stain on the shoulder due to baby vomit and it doesn't phase you one bit.

8) Even if you hated dancing before, if it puts baby to sleep, you will dance (or something you call dancing) for up to an hour in your living room with her.

7) You actually know the words to more children's songs than top 40 hits.

6) You videotape every little thing your baby does, including that really, really cute burp she belts out after eating.

5) You have actually said to your friends, "I am sorry I cannot attend that cool party you are throwing Saturday. The wife and I are going to give baby her first taste of solid food and one of us has to work the videocamera."

4) A wonderful intimate moment with your wife is being able to sit on the couch together, watch a television program and drink a beer while the baby is taking a nap — even if it is only for 15 minutes.

3) You think it's cool that you can change baby's diaper in 5 seconds flat. Your wife doesn't think it's cool you put the diaper on backwards in the process and she has to redo it.

2) A full night's sleep is just a distant memory for you. Now you are just hoping for three straight hours...just this one night, please, God, please.

1) You are completely in love with this little being you have created and are not afraid to share that fact with total strangers. Even though she cries at you, vomits, farts, poops and drools on you and makes you look like the walking dead due to lack of sleep, you would give and do anything for her, especially if it makes her break out into a big toothless smile — although even a grin will do.

Have a good winter and keep warm.

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New technology may help change the lives of many

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Only infrequently does some new sort of scientific instrument make possible a real change in the way we see ourselves and the world around us.

Such a rare moment seems to have happened recently — something comparable to the invention and use of the microscope and the telescope.

The earliest development of the microscope in the 1600s by Robert Hooke and Anton van Leeuwenhoek rendered visible things that had since the beginning of human history been invisible. Bacteria could be seen and their role in disease and decomposition could then be understood. Without a microscope blood was just a red fluid. With a microscope it was for the first time understood as innumerable red and white cells floating in a clear liquid. Our understanding of immunity and the treatment of AIDS ultimately depends on that long-ago microscopic view. Microscopes have improved in the intervening centuries and can now produce images of even the atoms that we believed to form the basis of all matter.

During those same 1600s Galileo and others used the primitive telescopes of the time to reinforce a completely new view of our astronomical neighborhood. The heavenly bodies were not perfect as the theory of the time claimed, but had hills and valleys like the earth. The planet Jupiter had moons that could be seen with a telescope.

Telescopes have since been improved and even placed away from earth in space. They now bring us information about the first years of the universe and about a multitude of otherwise invisible wonders indescribably far away.

Scientists and technologists at the University of Wisconsin have in recent years developed a remarkable new way of seeing that might have the same potential that microscopes and telescopes have. As reported by the New York Times, the new device which is called a "Brainport," appears to have the potential to change the ways in which we can see our

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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Letters to the editor

Please help

Editor:

Now that the trick or treating is over and the Thanksgiving turkey only a memory, many people's thoughts turn to Christmas — shopping, mailing cards, decorating, Christmas music and others.

Some people, though, have been thinking Christmas since October, well before Halloween and Thanksgiving. Those are the committee members of the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project.

This group, which operates under the umbrella of the Charlevoix Ministerial Association, sponsors this project to help those who may need a little extra boost at holiday time.

This year we have had 108 households referred to us by various agencies, and that includes almost 200 children. However, this number was our count before Thanksgiving, and we will certainly receive more names now that December is upon us. With the price of gas, groceries, heating, and others, all higher this year, we expect a large number of referrals in the month ahead.

To provide for them requires numerous volunteers, many gifts, and lots of money. All of our money comes from donations, and last year we spent $4,000 on food alone. You can understand, then, that this is a project that requires a lot of faith that God will provide for us and He always has. Of course, He does that through our Charlevoix friends and neighbors.

If you belong to a club, class, business group, organization, coffee klatch or if just on your own you and/or your family would like to help, it would be most appreciated.

You could donate toys to the group (call 547-2078), volunteer your time to help (call 547-9515) , supply gift wrap, tape mittens or socks or, most helpful of all, send a check to Carolyn Batdorff, 4903 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, MI, 49720. Checks should be made out to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project.

The committee will appreciate any help you can offer, but the families and children who receive these Christmas presents and this food will enjoy a more bountiful Christmas than they might otherwise have had. And you will receive a gift also, that wonderfully happy feeling you get when you give to someone else.

We live in such a beautiful community, let's remember to share some of our blessings with others. Thank you in advance.

Rosemary Horton
Committee Member

Marina change wrong

Editor:

All the articles that I have read about the new marina, I have not heard one word about the amount of traffic through the bridge. With all the boats from East Jordan, Boyne City and Charlevoix coming through now, the car traffic in the summer is a terrible traffic jam. What is going to happen to the traffic if we add 50 more boat slips in Round Lake?

There are times now that it takes an hour to get through town. I have seen traffic lined up from St. Mary's Church on the south side all the way to Don's IGA on the north side. State Street traffic is also backed up to Antrim to wait for the light to change on Clinton. Then you have to wait for the pedestrians to walk across the street. That leaves about enough time to get two or three cars through.

There are times that people have had to wait for two bridge openings. By the time the boats get through the bridge it is up for 15 to 20 minutes. Then it is down for 10 to 15 minutes to clear traffic, and it is up again.

We have to consider the look of Round Lake! With all those docks and boats in, the park will look like a sales room for boats instead of a peaceful, restful place to sit and look at the lake, sky and clouds.

I think it is a terrible mistake to put any more docks in.

Audrey Lehman
Charlevoix and Avon Park, Fla.

Great job Rayders

Editor:

I would like to express how proud I am of the Charlevoix Rayder Ladies Basketball program.

The coverage on their accomplishments has been dismal and disappointing at best.

Being a father of a eighth grade and sophomore girls I've been gifted to see no less then stellar seasons out of all the teams from eighth through varsity levels. The freshmen, junior varsity and varsity all ended with a 20-0 season where as the eighth graders ended with an 11-1 season.

I don't know of too many schools who can put that in their record book. The expectations of our kids today is so far beyond what I remember at that age. The work they put in on and off the floor is exemplary and I look up to them all.

Girls' athletics has come so far and these girls prove with hard work and dedication comes success. Congratulations ladies. Keep up the great work.

One of your biggest fans.
Dean Spencly
Charlevoix

Blood drive success

Editor:

The American Red Cross brought their staff to Charlevoix on Nov. 11 for a blood drive at Bethany Lutheran Church for donors with O type blood. Edith Dale coordinated the event. The results were wonderful as we collected 33 pints. The following week, on Nov. 18, the Red Cross conducted a community blood drive for Charlevoix at the Reformed Church. Once again, blood donors in Charlevoix responded to the need of the sick and injured. Our goal was 70 pints; the Red Cross was able to collect 69 pints. Five of those pints came from first-time donors. Awesome! I want to thank both the churches for the use of their multipurpose rooms. I'm also very grateful for all of the volunteers who worked at each blood drive and the bakers who produced delectable treats that rewarded each donor. The Charlevoix Lions Club did a great job setting up and removing all the Red Cross equipment.

Many hands are always needed to ensure a successful blood drive. I believe that I work with the best of the best in Charlevoix. Thanks to all of you!

Please mark Jan. 20, 2005 on your calendar and plan to donate blood on that day at the Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

Ellen Schuiling
Coordinator

Device could help people see

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world.

The Brainport makes use of the idea that our brain is able to transform information normally obtained by one sense into another sense. That might make it possible to see smells or to hear colors, but why would anyone want to do that? Are there practical uses for such a device? Consider the situation of a blind person who is so because the eyes or optic nerves have been irreparably damaged. Apparently the brain can, with some training, use information from the sense of touch to form images similar to those that might be formed by an intact eye.

An array of electrodes on the skin can send images directly to the brain. The expectation is that within a year or so, devices which use a tiny video camera to collect the image and electrodes to stimulate the sense of touch will enable some blind people to "see" images of their surroundings.

Since cameras are available that can in effect see warm objects in complete darkness, such a Brainport connection could be modified to allow someone with or without normal vision to see those warm objects in complete darkness without night vision goggles or other such aids.

Like the early microscopes and telescopes, this is only the beginning. In the future it should be possible to connect almost any information that can be perceived, by any instrument, directly to our brain. This is getting close to nature in a very new way.

Is this technology good or is it bad? Like the microscope and the telescope centuries ago, it has the promise of altering the way we see our world. Older ideas may have to be changed as they had to after Leeuwenhoek and Galileo expanded our vision.

The future is indeed filled with wonder. We should expect it and maybe even welcome it.

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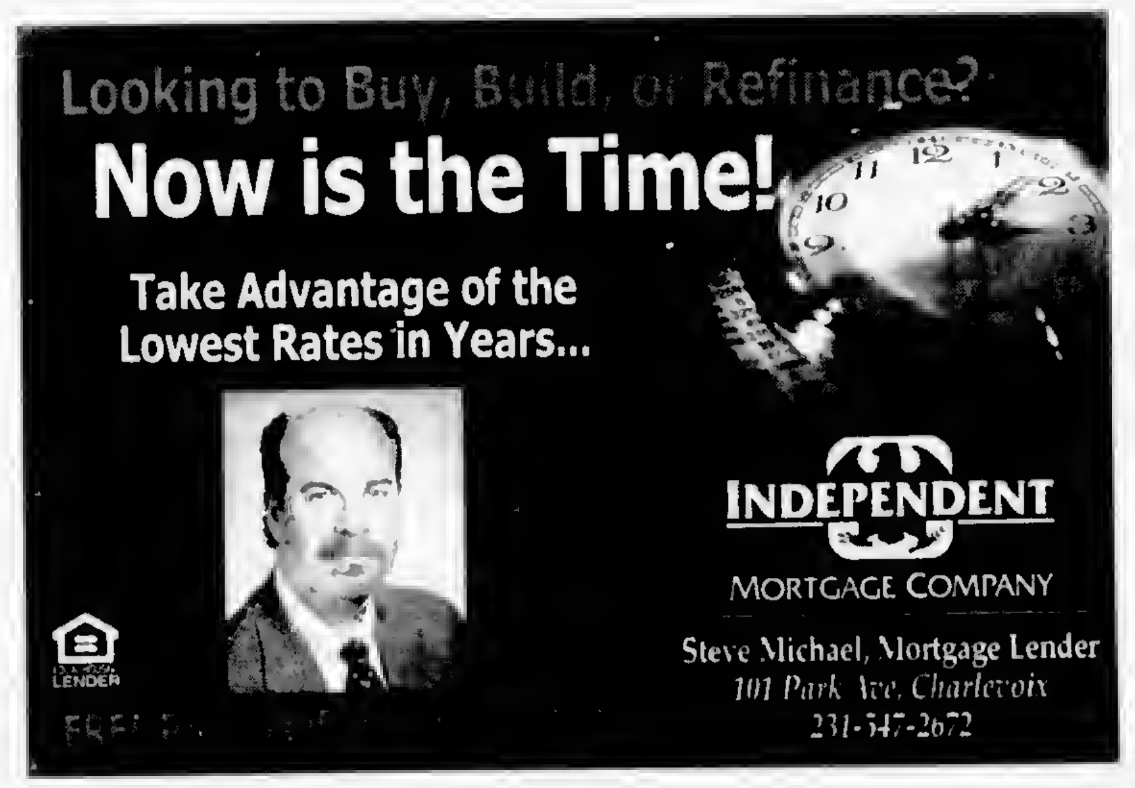

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Anniversary

Theodore and Nadine Penney

Theodore and Nadine (Batt) Penney, of Manton, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Nov. 6 at the Timbers in Cadillac.

The couple were married on Nov. 6, 1954 in Cadillac by the Rev. Leona Winegarden.

Theodore is retired from Mich-Con and Nadine is a waitress.

Their children are Anthony and Cindy Penney of Fort McCoy, Fla., Tim and Joanne Penney of Manton, Tamara Penney of Kalkaska and Teresa Pitts of Kingsley.

They also have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A historical open house

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

In connection with the annual Charlevoix Open House on Dec. 4, the Charlevoix Historical Society will once again have its own Christmas open house at the Harsha House on State Street.

The Harsha House Open House will have its museum store open, stocked and manned for Christmas gift sales. Light refreshments will be served.

Some of the items on sale at the Harsha House will be: Bob Miles' Charlevoix II, A 476 page pictorial history of Charlevoix; Christmas bulb ornaments, featuring the 2004 Charlevoix Historical Society bulb with the old water tower above the channel and a snow-frosted embankment; Gold lighthouse handing ornaments; Charlevoix Lighthouse replicas, magnets, pull chains and ornaments; Jim Annis Depot with train prints, all signed and numbered; Irene Young's 1934 map of this section of Michigan; historic photo note cards; Beaver Island history journals; children's books, Depot t-shirts; Round Lake schooners plaque and many others.

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Junior lifeguards practice at the Charlevoix Area Pool.

New lifeguards graduate

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool recently graduated nine students from its Junior Lifeguarding program.

The students spent five weeks studying about the responsibilities of lifeguards including: CPR for the professional rescuer, standard first aid and water safety.

The Junior Lifeguards participated in the current lifeguarding class being offered at the pool. They also participated in drills and scenarios to help the lifeguard candidates practice the skills needed to be a certified lifeguard.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool's Junior Lifeguard program was started to educate students from 10 to 14 years of age the different responsibilities and characteristics of being a lifeguard.

This program is a way to get the kids excited about lifeguarding which in result will make them safer swimmers at the pool and at the many local beaches.

Instructor, Betsy Granstra is excited about the interest level these kids showed in lifeguarding and water safety. She hopes that these Junior Lifeguards will remain active and take the American Red Cross Lifeguarding class when they turn 15, and hopefully lifeguard at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool,

The Junior Lifeguards will be volunteering their time at the pool. They will be paired up with a senior member of the lifeguarding staff.

They will be "shadowing" the lifeguards during their shift at the pool.

Junior Lifeguards may be asked to help with chemical checks, cleaning up the pool toys, counting patrons or other duties that fit into their skill level. They will also meet once a month to continue learning about lifeguarding and water safety.

If you would like more information about becoming a Junior Lifeguard or a certified lifeguard contact the Charlevoix Area Community Pool at 547-0982.

Crooked Tree awards exhibition winners

The Crooked Tree Arts Center has announced the winners in the 2004 Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibition and the Annual Juried Photography Exhibition.

The arts center received over 270 entries which were critiqued and selected by jurors Henry Matthews, fine arts and Monte Nagler, photography.

The Juried Photography Exhibition winners include:

- First place — Ruth Petzold, "Easy Pickins," award amount $1,000.
- Second place — Robert Swanson, "Clydesdales," award amount $500.
- Third place — Gregory D. Seman, "Evening Sky, North Manitou Island," award amount $250.
- Honorable mention — Kim Aikens, Cherie Correl, Gretchen Dorian, Holly Gedert, Rosita Gendernalik, Noah Grieves, Richard Hinton, Alison Joersz, Jan Kellogg, Michael Morris, Ruth Petzold, Tatyana Roth, Gregory D. Seman, Shadowland Photographers and Scott Smith.

The Juried Fine Art Exhibition winners are:

- First place — Angela Saxon, "Beyond Whalesback," oil on panel, award amount $1,000.
- Second place — Igor Zaytsev, "Tom's Dinner," oil on canvas, award amount $500.
- Third place — Steve Toornman, "Thanks America!" oil on panel, award amount $250.
- Honorable mention — Charles Rodriguez, Joshua Clay, Prudence Barber, Kate Marshall and Rosita Gendernalik.

The exhibition runs through Dec. 1.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located in downtown Petoskey at 461 East Mitchell Street. The arts center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday.

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Kiwanis celebrates 70 years of service

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix is getting ready to celebrate 70 years of service to the community.

Kathy Johnson, current publicity chairman for the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix and co-membership chairman, said the objective behind Kiwanis is to serve the children of the world and that's what the club has done on a local level for 70 years.

Recently, the club was honored for 65 years of support they have given to Boy Scout Troop 11 on Nov. 3 at the annual dinner for the Scenic Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

This service has not only touched the Boy Scouts, but the rest of the community through various programs.

Kiwanis International started in Michigan when a group of Detroit-area businessmen came together and founded the club in 1915.

Today, Kiwanis International is based out of Indianapolis and has nearly 600,000 members in 92 different nations, Johnson said.

However, it wasn't until Dec. 4, 1934 that Charlevoix founded it's chapter with an initial 28 members.

Since then, the Charlevoix club has grown to encompass 55 members.

John Lachman, current president of Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix, said it is significant that Kiwanis formed at that time, since money is involved and the Depression was rampant.

"There must have been a significant need in Charlevoix for public service," Lachman said.

Lachman said at one time Kiwanis was the only service club in Charlevoix.

On Dec. 4, Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix members will enjoy a celebration feast at the Argonne Supper Club. Johnson said Dec. 4 wasn't purposefully picked so the club could celebrate on the actual day they were founded, but things just worked out that way.

Johnson said the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix focuses on children.

They do so by sponsoring several youth organizations such as the Northwest Academy Key Club for high school students, Charlevoix Middle School's Builder's Club and Charlevoix Elementary's K-Kids Club.

Each club focuses on serving the community and accomplishes that in their own way with help from the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix.

One youth program, that started internationally in 1990, is called Young Children: Priority One. This program is supported by the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix and provides a way to help younger children in the community.

Lachman said the club has members that read to students once a week in the Head Start reading program. The Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix also supports the Aktion Club through the Bergmann Center.

Both clubs meet for lunch twice a month and the Aktion Club sings Christmas carols to residents at Boulder Park Terrace.

Lachman said the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix also supports Camp Dagget.

On an international scale, the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix and other clubs worldwide have raised $75 million over the past 10 years to help in the effort of the elimination of iodine deficiency defects in countries that don't have the technology to iodize salt.

Lachman said the funds help provide those countries with iodized salt that they can add to their diet and eliminate the possibility of developing serious diseases.

The Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix has several fund-raisers that help support the club's programs. The club is known as the sweetest club in Michigan, Johnson said, because of the maple syrup fund-raiser the club has all year long.

Other fund-raisers the club is known for in the community include an annual cut rose sale, installing 9-1-1 signs in people's yards, selling kielbasa during the Trout Festival, Venetian Festival, Apple Festival and three-on-three basketball contest.

Currently, the club is selling three pound tins of nuts for $20 for the holiday season.

Lachman said the club doesn't have any specific plans other than continuing with its programs and fund-raisers and heading up a major membership drive in the coming year.

Local marines collecting for annual Toys for Tots drive

A traditional toy solicitation program will again take place throughout the area.

The Marine Corps League, Northern Michigan Detachment, announced its annual "Toys for Tots" donation program which began Saturday, Nov. 20 and continues through Friday, Dec. 17.

Specially-designed boxes will be placed in area stores, banks and other establishments throughout Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

In aggregate, over 70 stores, in eight cities will collect new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages. Look for the boxes in Petoskey, Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan, Harbor Springs, Indian River, Cheboygan and Alanson.

In Charlevoix, toy boxes will be found in the following locations: Kmart, Rite-Aid, Oleson's Food Store, Glen's Market, Ace Hardware, Pat McKeown Ford, Harbor Industries, The Clothing Company, Charlevoix Elementary, Lexalite Corporation, Dollar General, Brumm Showroom, Don's IGA, Copy Plus, Shop of the Gulls, Band of Odawa Indian Center and Bolt's Gallery.

Toys donated in this area will stay in this area. Last year, about 2,500 youngsters received nearly 13,000 toys from a large number of individuals and corporations.

Toys collected will be distributed by The Salvation Army beginning Dec. 19. Donations are also accepted, please make your check payable to: Toys for Tots Foundation.

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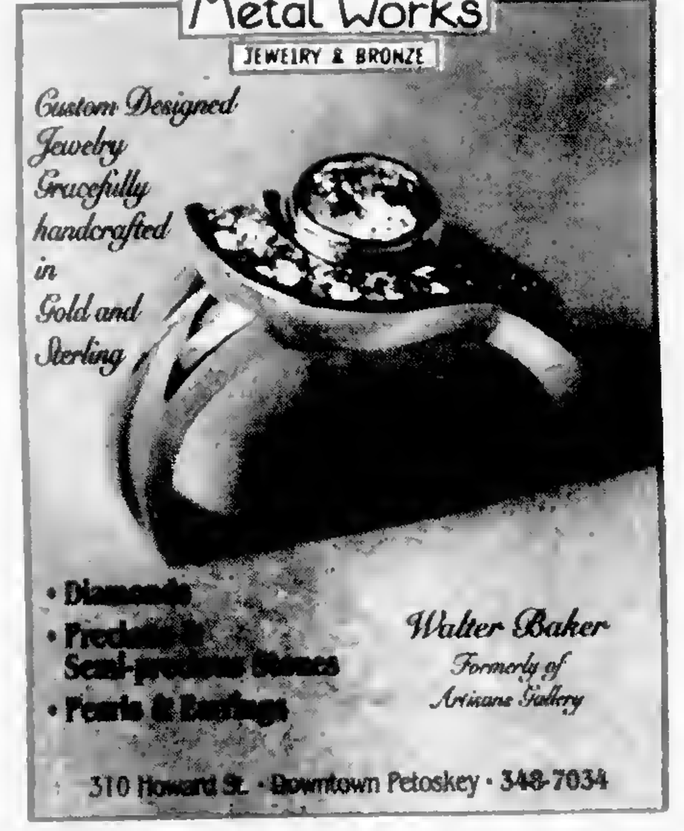

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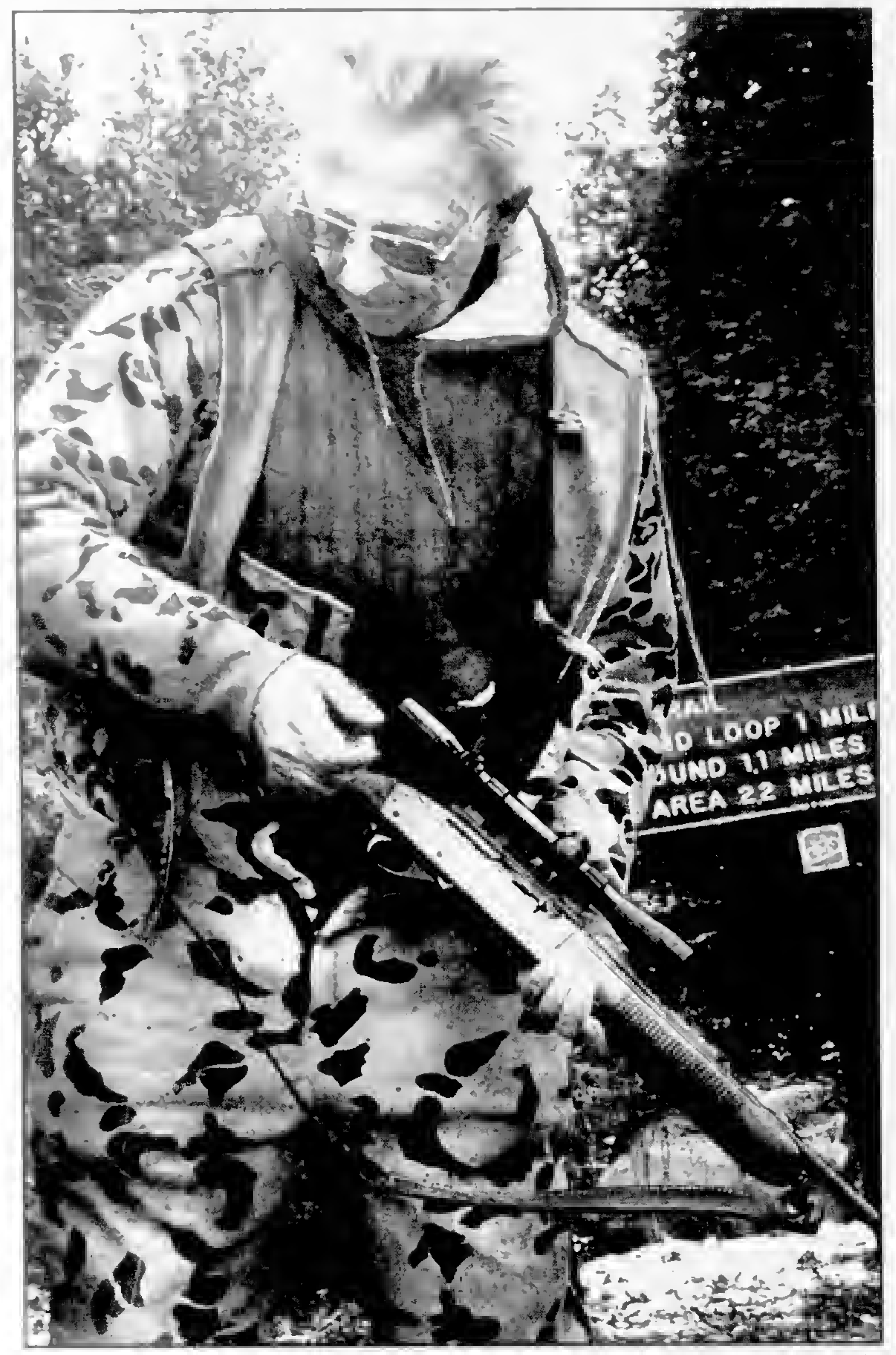

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Hunting season

Above, Al Stewart, of Charlevoix, puts rounds into his shotgun in preperation for another night in the woods at Fisherman's Island State Park. Michigan's rifle deer hunting season ended Tuesay. Bow season continues until Jan. 2, 2005.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
BOARD OF REVIEW

December 14, 2004

On Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. the Charlevoix Township Board will hold a special meeting to correct a **mutual mistake of fact or a clerical error.** An owner of property that is a "homestead" or is "qualified agricultural" property on May 1 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the immediately preceding year if the exemption was not on the tax roll.

PA74 of 1995 authorizes December (and July) BOR to hear appeals for **poverty exemptions**, but not poverty exemptions denied by the March Board of Review.

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Wynkoop wants to heal Norwood wounds

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Wayne Wynkoop wants his township to heal from bitter conflicts that have almost torn it apart and to do this, this new Norwood Township supervisor is going to lead by example.

Wayne Wynkoop

"My primary goal is to put the township right back on track. I want to open the doors of the township hall to people and prove they can voice their opinion without being ridiculed," he said.

Norwood Township over the past few years has underwent intense infighting among its officials, faced lawsuits and harsh criticism from various members of the public.

Wynkoop, 47, took over as the new Norwood Township supervisor on Nov. 22 following a nasty August primary election. In that election, he beat incumbent Wayne Boss, 175 votes to 110.

During his first meeting on Nov. 22, he got right to work changing the township's ways of doing business by getting resolutions passed that would make all meetings run according to Robert's Rules of Order and make all township employees and officials sign a code of ethics and conduct.

Wynkoop said the township was not running under the Robert's Rules of Order — a guide for government officials to efficiently run meetings. By applying these rules, he said more work will get done at the meetings and more people will have a chance to give their input.

Under the new township meeting rules, all audience members will have a chance to speak on every topic that is up for consideration during a period of debate on that topic, but before the board votes on the topic proposition. Wynkoop said people wanting to speak on the various topics will all be given a chance to voice their questions or concerns.

There will also be a miscellaneous public comment section at the end of the meeting. In the past, Norwood Township has always had a miscellaneous public comment section at the end of the meeting, but people were not permitted to speak during any other time, Wynkoop said.

Wynkoop said he enacted a code of conduct and ethics to further prove to the township residents that he means to be a fair supervisor. Basically, under these rules, a township official or employee must not benefit financially from any decisions he or she makes as a township official or employee, shall not accept gifts or loans, shall not use the township office for his or her personal gain, shall not represent their personal opinion as that of the board or commission they serve on.

"All this is for a direction. We need to put the township in a proper direction," he said of the new meeting rules and code of conduct and ethics.

"I can't stress enough to unite this township is the main priority overall," he said. "We need to get people to feel good about where they live. We want people of the township to feel they are a part of this."

Wynkoop said he thought his first meeting as a township supervisor went well.

"A lot of people commented to me on it. I think it eased the pain," he said.

Now that he has his first meeting under his belt, Wynkoop said he will be focusing on filling the vacant seats on the township planning commission and getting the township going on a new master plan.

Wynkoop has lived in Norwood Township since 1979 — with the exception of a stint in Alaska from 1980 to 1983. He is the owner of an automobile body repair shop called Wyknoop's Truck and Auto Body Repair. He is married and has four children.

Wynkoop said he decided to run for township supervisor after attending a few township meetings and seeing Norwood had "serious problems." He added several people asked him to run for supervisor.

He said at first he did not want to run for supervisor and was more interested in getting a seat on one of the township's various boards. However, he was not nominated and decided the best way to serve was hy running for supervisor.

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Saltonstall to appeal to public on library

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Connie Saltonstall is appealing to other governmental agencies to pressure the Charlevoix School Board into selling the current library in an effort to help pay for the new library.

"I am trying to use public opinion to get the school board to do what they should do," she said. "All of the community support is on the side of the library selling it."

What Saltonstall is referring to is an issue she and her family have been having with the Charlevoix School Board over ownership of the current library.

Saltonstall said her family donated the land the current library sits on.

But, the donation came with the stipulation that if it ever were no longer used for a library or educational purposes, then the land's ownership would revert hack to the Saltonstall family.

She said the land and building currently belongs to the library, so the library should benefit from its sale by using money gained from it to pay off the new building. The former Charlevoix Middle School building on Grant Street is going to be made into a new library.

But, the school district has other plans for the current building.

Charlevoix School's superintendent John Sturock said the building will be used for educational purposes, as was outlined in the clause. He said it will be used as the administration building for the school district, a training center for the district and many have other educational uses.

Saltonstall added her family will not sign off on the land if the school wants to use it as an administration building.

But, Sturock says this is a moot point, and claims the current library building will belong to the school district once the new library is built.

According to school attorney Gordon VanWieren, Jr., in a previous story on this issue, back when the library and the schools were splitting in 1997, there was a reverter clause over the library building written. This reverter clause says the library's ownership reverts back to the school district when it is no longer being used for a library.

But, due to a mistake in paperwork, that reverter clause was never filed with deed. However, both the school and the library's attorney have said that clause should have heen filed with the original 1997 deed.

Sturock argues that the school district can say the library belongs to them because of this reverter clause that was suppose to be filed.

Therefore, if the school district then owns the library, Sturock claims school code forbids the district from giving it away.

But, Saltonstall claims the library will still own the building.

She says the library is not leaving Charlevoix, just moving to a new location.

In her fight to get the school board to sell the library, Saltonstall has appealed to the Charlevoix School Board, Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority, Charlevoix Public Library Board and the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library.

All of these governmental bodies have passed resolutions supporting Saltonstall's position and asking the school board to sell the building and give the proceeds to the library for the new library's construction.

And Saltonstall said she is planning on going to the townships for help when she returns to Charlevoix in April. Currently, Saltonstall is at her winter home in California.

But, Sturock said this will not effect the school district's decision to use the current library.

"They can get all the support they want and resolutions from the Charlevoix City Council and other places, the law is the law," he said.

> *"I am trying to use public opinion to get the school board to do what they should do. All of the community support is on the side of the library selling it."*
>
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Unemployment numbers down in area

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

The Michigan Department of Lahor and Economics is reporting Charlevoix's unemployment rate has improved over last year.

According to the latest unemployment numbers, the city of Charlevoix had an unemployment rate of 4.7 percent in October, which is down from October 2003's rate of 5.8 percent. This is very good news for the economy of the area, according to Jim Rhein, labor market analyst for the state department of labor.

"Basically from what we have been seeing over the last year, employers are starting to hire again," Rhein said.

Rhein said in 2001 there was a short recession that seemed to freeze the job market. For some reason, employers were not quick to recover from that recession and did not want to really start hiring more employees.

"Employers weren't still quite convinced that we would pull out of it (a recession). There was a lot of uncertainty," he said. "But with the economy starting to grow, I think employers are starting to get more confident."

Rhein added, "It did take a long time though."

Rhein said the worst employment numbers posted in Charlevoix were in 2003, which had steadily declined since 2000. In 2003, the county of Charlevoix showed an unemployment rate of 7.1 percent for September. But for September of this year, that county unemployment rate had fallen to 5.7 percent.

In the city of Charlevoix, September of this year saw an unemployment rate of 4.5 percent. But in September of 2003, the unemployment rate was 5.6 percent.

As for wages, Rhein said they have stayed flat over the past few years. He said, the labor department records show in the first quarter of 2000, the average weekly wages for a person working at a private business in Charlevoix was $527 a week. In the first quarter of 2004, those wages had risen to $605 a week — about a 13 percent increase over five years or 2.6 percent per year.

According to Derek Chowen, a broker with Edward Jones Investments in Charlevoix, from 2000 to 2004, the average inflation rate was 2.5 percent per year. In 2000, Chowen said the inflation rate was 3.4 percent, in 2001 it was 1.6 percent, in 2002 it was 2.4 percent, in 2003 it was 1.9 percent and in 2004 it was 3.2 percent.

Charlevoix, and much of northern Michigan, has a seasonal unemployment rate. This means, the unemployment rate changes throughout the year, based on the season.

The highest unemployment rate in the area is usually in March. For example, in March 2004, the city of Charlevoix posted an unemployment rate of 8.1 percent and Charlevoix Township had an unemployment rate of 7 percent.

Those rates gradually lowered as the year went on. In June, the city had an unemployment rate of 5.3 percent and the township had a rate of 4.6 percent and in August the city posted a rate of 4.3, while the township posted a rate of 3.7.

"This is very typical. Things are extraordinarily seasonal up there (northern Michigan)," Rhein said.

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4:30 p.m.	Coffee seminar & tasting	*Woolly Bugger*
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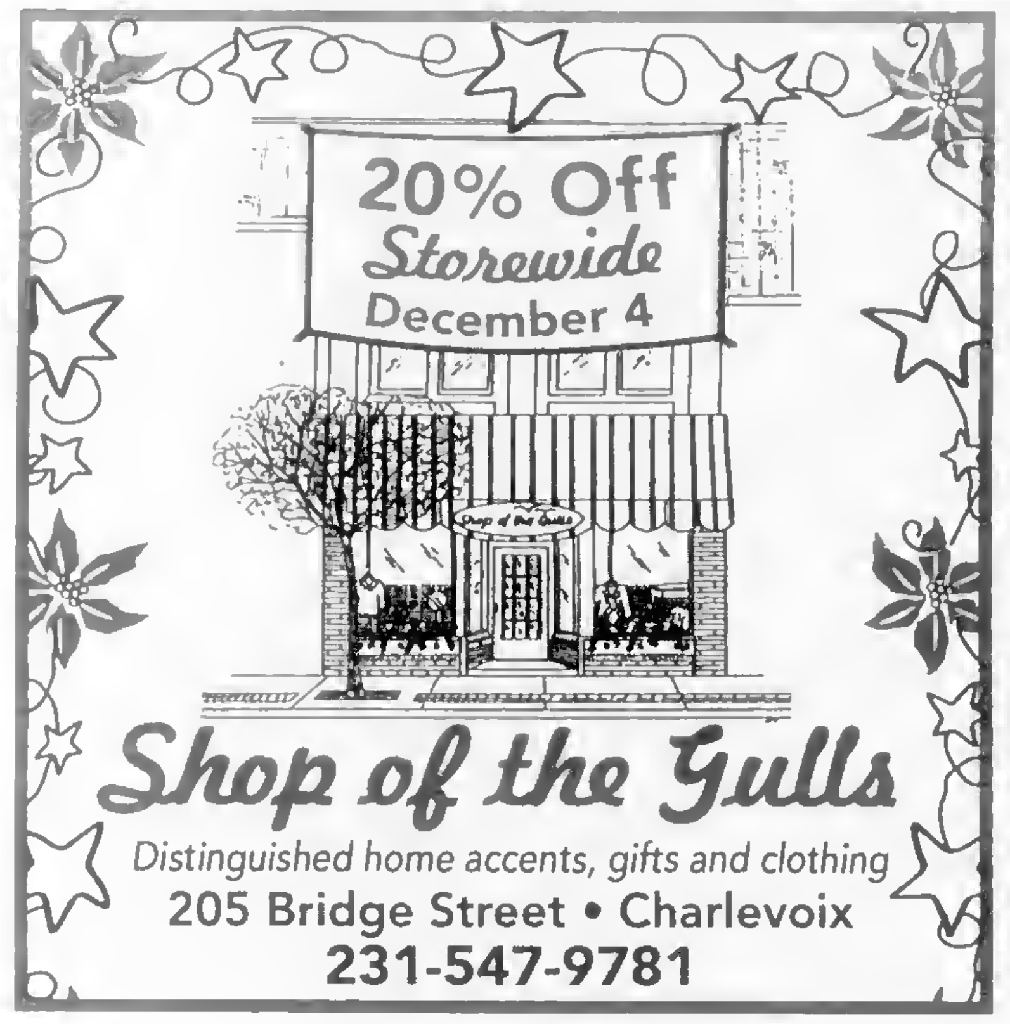
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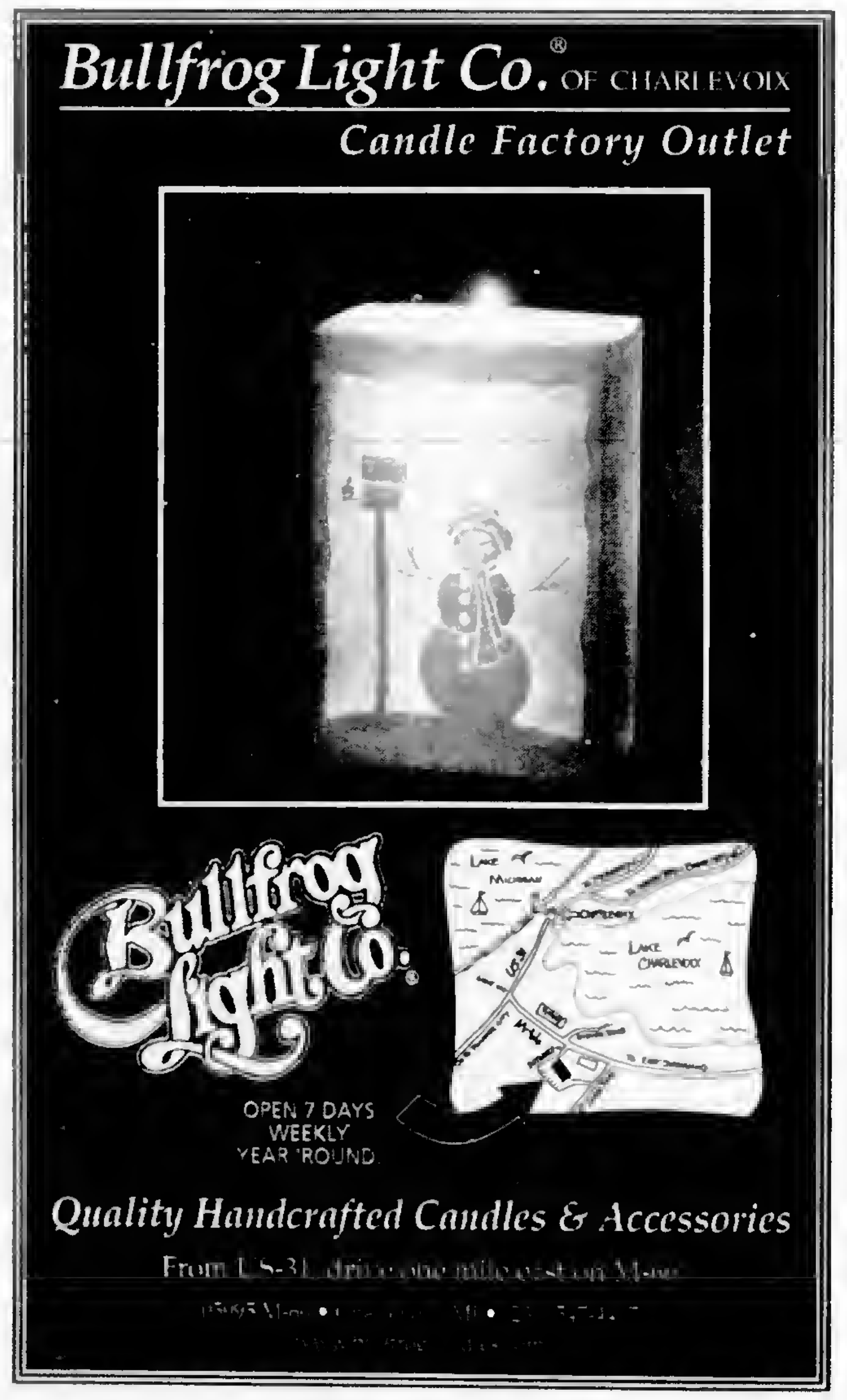
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Center hosting holiday bazaar

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Senior Center will be hosting it's Christmas Bazaar Craft and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 10 and Dec. 11.

This is the first time the center will be hosting a bazaar on this large of a scale, as it used to be a part of the St. Mary School's Holiday Craft Show.

Rosalyn Goldstick, secretary of the Charlevoix Senior Citizens Board of Directors, said she didn't know if the new location and date of the bazaar would draw in more people or a different group of people than before.

"There are a lot of beautiful items, for low prices," she said.

The event is open to everyone and Goldstick said there's a kaleidoscope of available items such as homemade jams and jellies, afghans, crocheted and knitted items and some paintings.

The bake sale portion will include various treats that individuals create.

A lunch will be available during the bazaar from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is also served five days a week. The lunch includes soup, salad, entree, vegetables, bread, dessert and a drink. The cost is $3 for anyone over 60 years old and $4.50 for those under 60 years of age.

For more information call the Senior Center at 547-5361.

Former county employee arrested for embezzlement

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office has arrested a 47-year old South Arm Township woman on felony warrants for financial crimes.

Brenda Lee Guarisco was charged by the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office with three counts of embezzlement by a public official and one count of NSF (non-sufficient funds) Check over $500 stemming from separate incidents.

According to the sheriff's office, the embezzlement charge involved Guarisco taking cash from deposits while an employee of the Charlevoix County Treasurer's Office and substituting NSF personal checks. The NSF charge was from a $6,108.75 personal check written by Guarisco to a Boyne Falls business for lumber.

Guarisco has appeared in front of a 90th District Court Magistrate and bond has been set at $20,000 personal recognizance.

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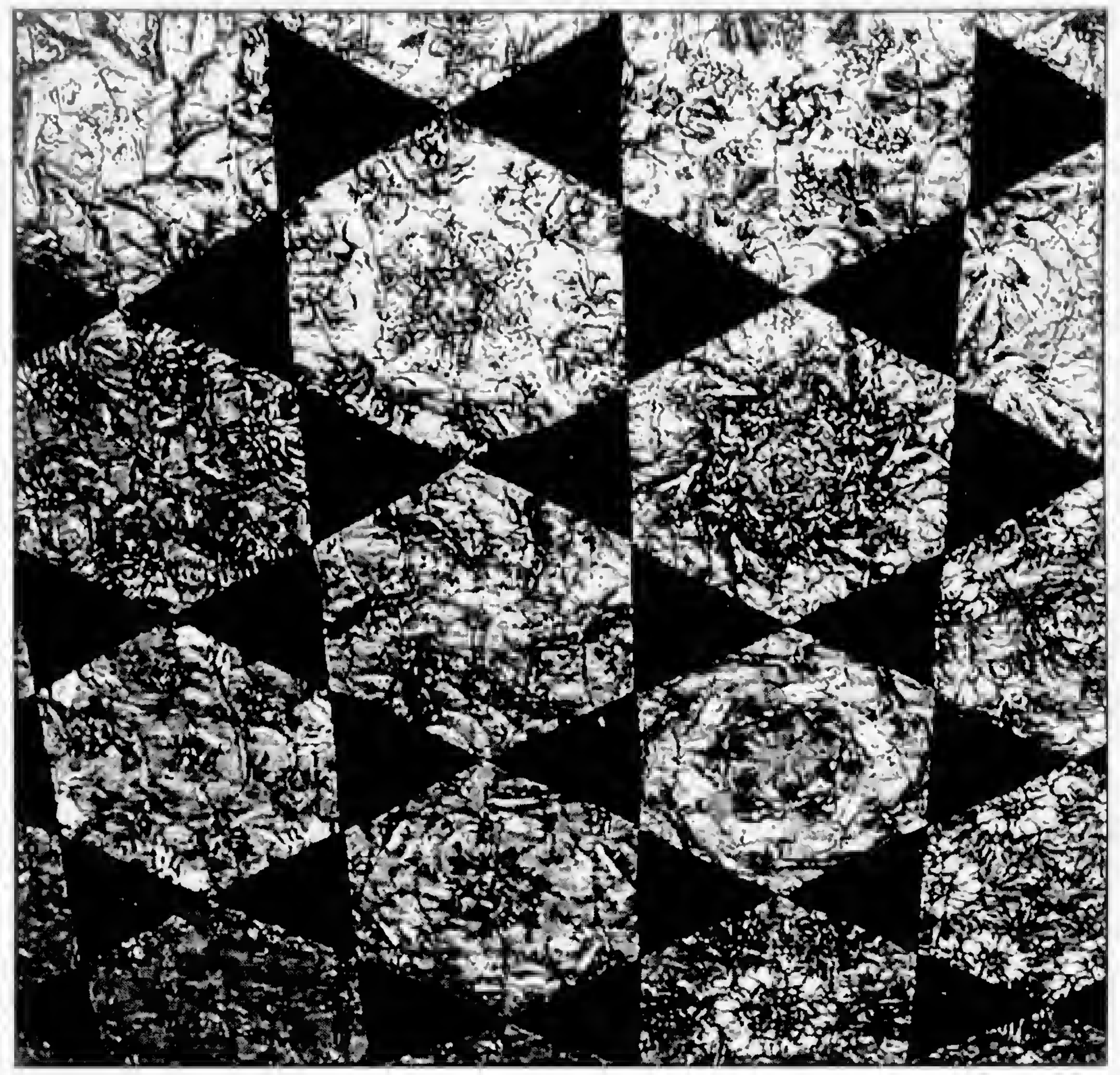

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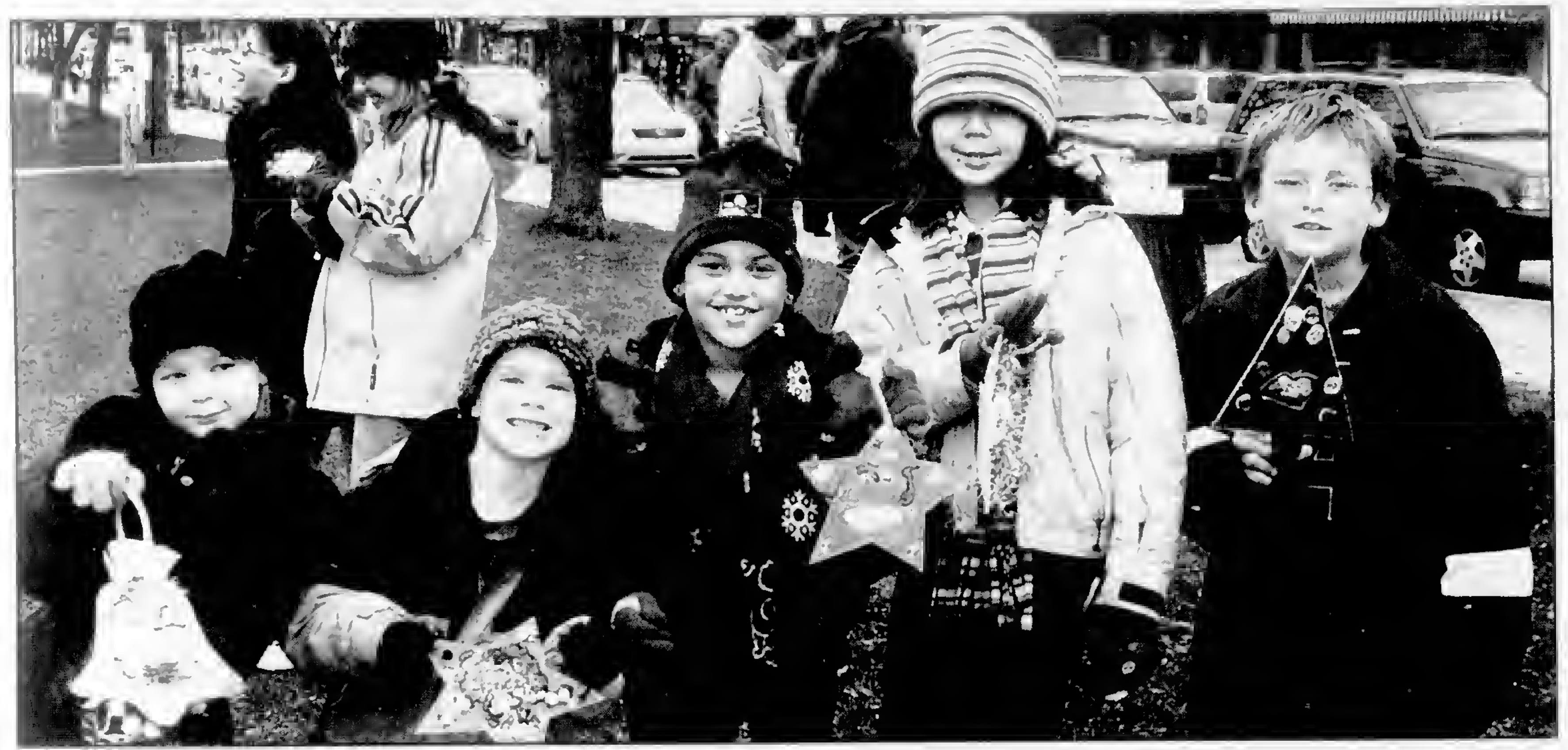

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Little decorators

These children all made their own decorations for the Charlevoix Christmas Tree in East Park. They are (from left) Angela Kile, 7, Rick Kile, 6, Kandra Bootsma, 7, Deanna Devincent, 12 and Michael Shaffer, 8. These children were just some of the many that decorated the community tree Friday before the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. In addition to decorating the tree, children were treated to hot chocolate and cookies.

Church to have its cookie walk

The Annual First Congregational Church Cookie Walk, to be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Dec. 4 , has added a new cookie to its vast selection — one in the form of a house.

This year the Cookie Walk committee asked Charlevoix residents Barb and Tim Clagett, who have been making Cookie Houses for their grandchildren to decorate for 20 years, to share their expertise in making cookie houses with other members of the church. They willingly obliged and turned their kitchen into a hands-on cookie house workshop where eager participants learned everything from making the dough to the assembling the pieces with royal icing.

The houses turned out at the workshops along with others that have been baked by church members will be available for sale at the cookie Walk for $15 for those wishing to have the fun of decorating their own.

Two of the ready-to-decorate houses were given to pastry chef, Kelly Romano, co-owner of the Grey Gables, who decorated them with a colorful assortment of candies, royal icing and molded chocolate. These houses will be raffled off and are on display at the First Congregational Church. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5 and are on sale at the church until 12 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4 when the drawing will take place following the cookie walk.

The annual cookie walk has been a much anticipated event for many years. Lines form before the doors open at 9 a.m. It's no wonder people look forward to this event since there are over 500 dozen homemade in a large variety of holiday favorites. Cookies are sold by the pound ($7 per pound). Craft items and pre-wrapped plates of cookies for gift-giving will also be for sale.

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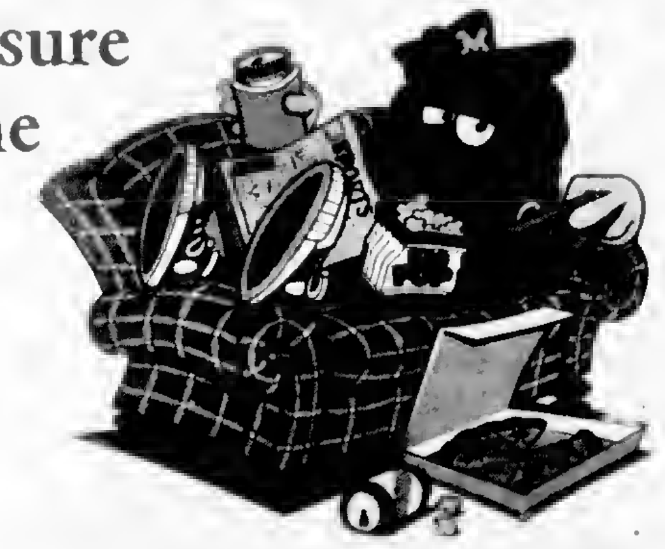

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Hospital Guild to have annual bake sale

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will be having its annual Bake Sale this Friday, Dec. 3, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Along with this sale, there will be the drawings for two raffle items, which include an afghan, as well as a beautiful golden tea light tree. Tickets will be sold until they are drawn in the afternoon.

New this year, the guild will be having a volunteer and customer appreciation sale in the gift shop, and will be setting up a "children's store" for kids to come and shop for loved ones, at a discounted rate, and be able to receive help with gift wrapping. The Gift Shop and children's store will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This is a fund-raiser for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild, and all proceeds benefit the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The Guild, in keeping with the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's desire for this to be A Year for Women's Health, has chosen to support the foundation's goal to purchase a Computer Aided Detection Mammography System and fund the expansion of Boyne Rehabilitation Center in Boyne City.

For more information, please call 547-8651.

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Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

It should be noted, each story and picture is dealt with on its individual merits. Any policies outlined above may be suspended by the editor or general manager of the Charlevoix Courier if necessary.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

A visit with St. Nick

(Above) Hailey Burr, 4, (on left) gives her Christmas wish list to Santa along with her sister, Bree Burr, 7, both of Vicksburg. Santa made a stop at Color Wear in downtown Charlevoix Friday to meet with area children. The visit was part of the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in East Park.

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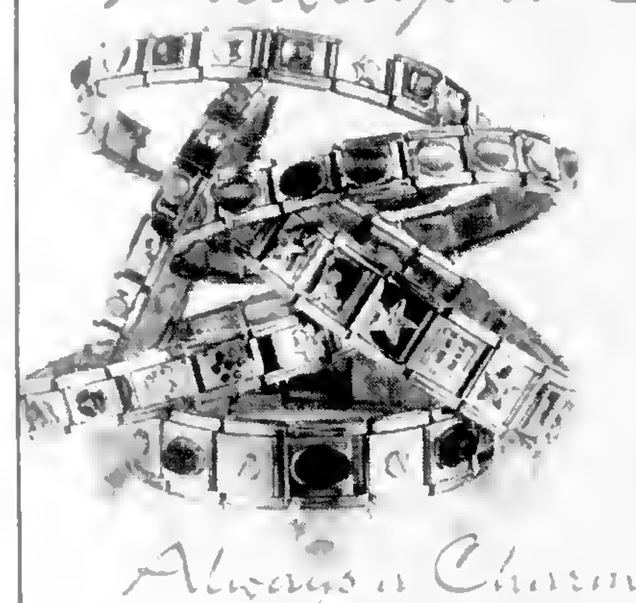

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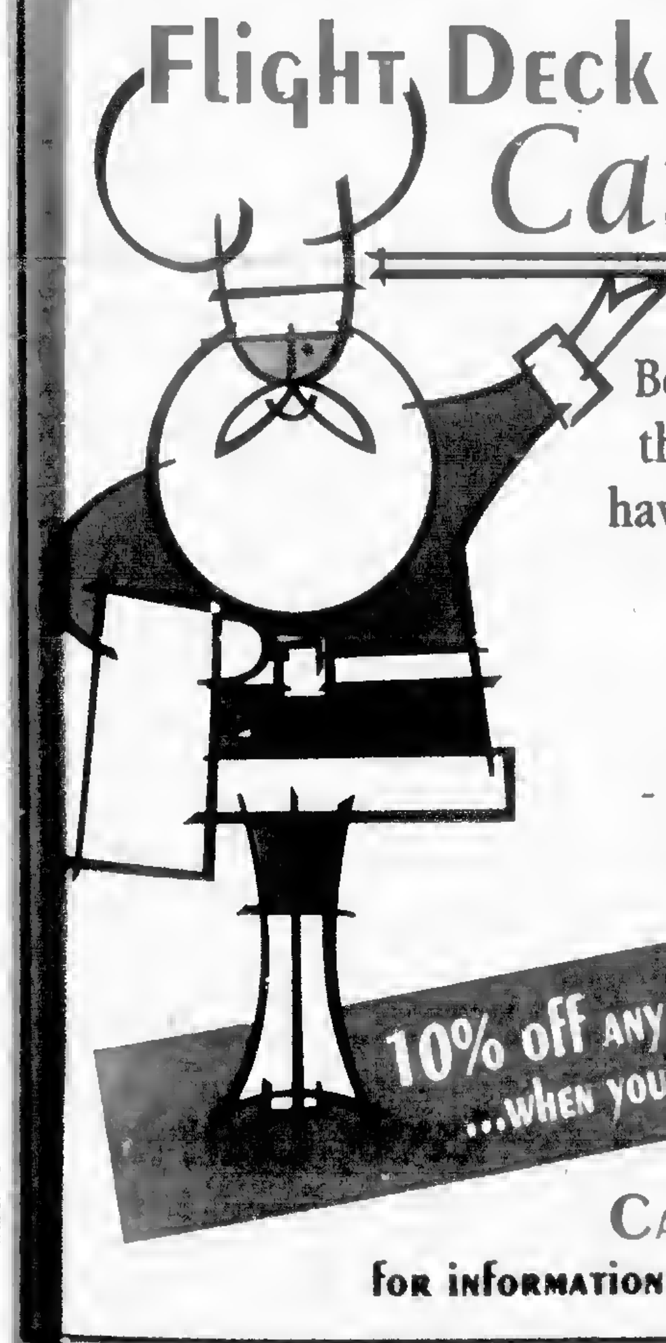

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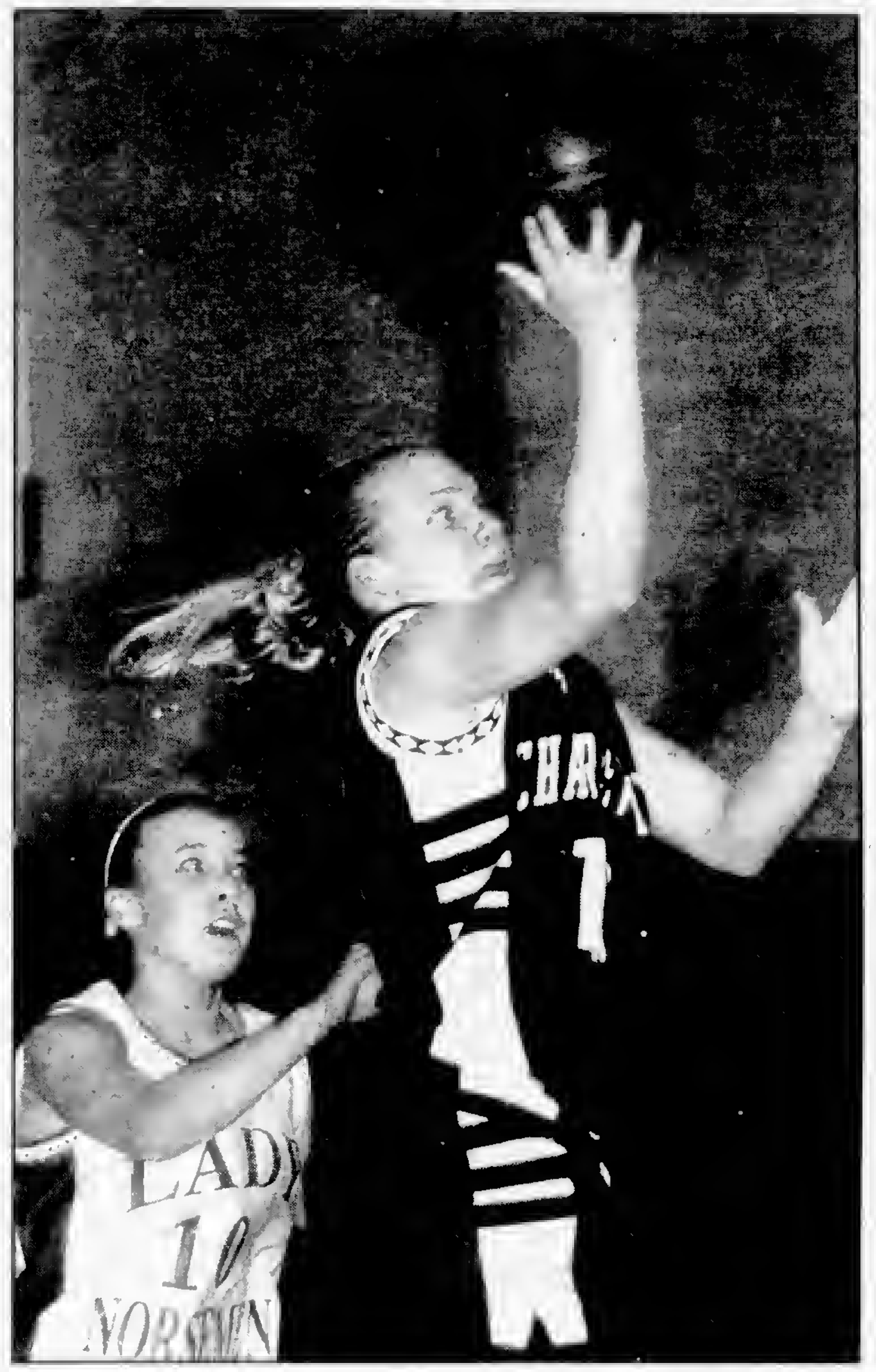

Photo by Jeremy McBain
Madison Ramsey goes for the basket in the regional championship game.

Rayder girls' basketball wins first ever regional

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. Or so they say.

The old maxim has held true for the Charlevoix Rayders as despite playing tougher competition as they march through the state tournament, they continue to wind up victorious.

The latest victim was Suttons Bay, who finished 18-6 on the season. The Rayders, now 25-0, turned back the Norse 61-48 for the school's first girls' basketball regional championship.

"It is real nice to win the regional," coach Keith Haske said. "It wasn't one of the better games we've played this year but I credit that to Suttons Bay and what they were doing to us."

Early on Suttons Bay tried to slow down the game's tempo but their efforts were thwarted as Charlevoix pulled out to an early 8-0 lead.

The Rayders led 13-5 at the end of the first quarter and extended the lead to 33-22 at the half.

In the second half, Charlevoix pulled away, led by Madison Ramsey who came in off the bench.

"Madison played maybe her best half of the season in the second half," Haske said.

Ramsey finished the game with 11 points, four assists and eight steals.

The Rayders led 47-31 after three periods.

"I thought our pressure eventually just wore them out," Haske said. "We were up by 22 points at one point in the middle of the fourth quarter. I felt good about that, especially in a regional final."

Grace Farrell had 13 points, 12 rebounds and six steals on the night. Sarah Cross and Shannon Dibble each scored 10 points as Charlevoix posted four players in double figures.

Charlevoix played against ninth-ranked Iron Mountain (25-0) in quarterfinal action in Petoskey on Tuesday, Nov. 30. Results will appear in next week's Courier.

If victorious, the Rayders would play at the Jack Breslin Student Event Center on the campus of Michigan State University on Thursday, Dec. 2 against the winner of Flint Hamady (23-3) and Shelby (20-5).

The Class C state finals are also held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Breslin Center.

Photo by Jeremy McBain
Shannon Dibble drives for the open court in Wednesday's regional championship game.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Church League • November 24, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	385	215
Ferguson & Chamberlain	322	278
R & C Roofing	320	280
Lutherans	299	301
Mark White Paint & Stain	287	313
The Inner Circle	271	329
State Farm Insurance	267	333
St. Mary's	243	327

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Larry Potter		249
John Fiedorek	580	
Ken Schoenherr	579	233
Scott Kehrer		222
Ed Holm	575	

Tuesday Night Ladies • Nov. 23, 2004

	W	L
Twin Lakes Enterprise	29	19
Paul Bunyan Lanes	27	21
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	26	22
Central Drug Store	25	23
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	25	23
Grey Gables	22	26
Mark White Paint & Stain	20	28
Don's IGA	18	30

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cindy Mansen	506	217
Leanna Mosoryak	517	192
Patty Sitzema		195
Diana Speigl	504	

Gutter Gals League • Nov. 22, 2004

	W	L
Burger King Charlevoix	131	103
Argonne Supper Club	123	117
Paul Bunyan Lanes	118	122
Express Yourself	102	138

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	524	186
Mary O'Brien	502	181
Bennie VonHelens		162
Diana Speigl	446	

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
November 21, 2004

	W	L
Hill/Martinchek	20	4
Golovich	19	5
Herboldsheimer	17	7
Bradley	16	8
Novotny	14	10
O'Leary	12	12
Griffin/Novotny	12	12
Titus	10	14
Cunningham/Mikulski	9	15
Lasky	8	16
Hart	5	19
Team 12	2	22

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jeff Novotny	492	190
Matt Novotny	470	168
David Herboldsheimer	454	165
Cindy Novotny	429	152
Margie Golovich		148
Linda O'Leary	385	143
Kathy Bradley	377	

Men's Senior League
November 22, 2004

	W	L
Kerr's Racing	25	15
J Arnold Painting "A"	24	16
B Vanloo & Sons	22	18
Cemex Cement	22	18
Central Drug Store	19	21
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ron Chapman		226
John Fiedorek	590	
John Lignell		225
Dick Putman	587	
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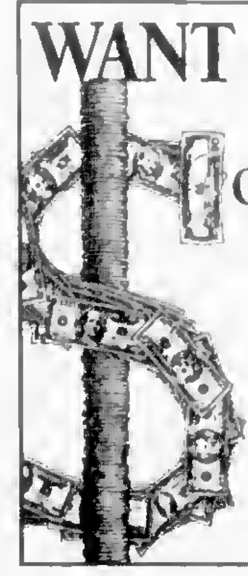

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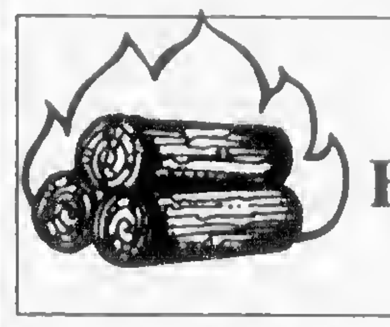

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Lunches will be available.

The Senior Center is located at 06906 Norwood Road, (Corner of Carpenter and Norwood roads) 5 blocks west of Pizza Hut. Come and bring your friends.

Praise and prayer

There will be a Praise and Prayer Healing Service at 4:30 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 5, in the Fellowship Hall of Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix. The service is jointly sponsored by Christ Episcopal Church and the Tree of Life Healing Prayer Ministry of Traverse City. Music will be provided by a local praise band. Everyone is invited and prayer ministers will be available.

Children's musical

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, will present the children's Christmas musical, "Sing A Song of Christmas" at the 6 p.m. service, on Sunday, Dec. 12. They are located at 05291 M66 North . The public is cordially invited to come and see this special program.

Chorus concert

The Charlevoix High School Bands and The Charlevoix Men's Chorus Concert is at 7 p.m. on Dec. 2 , at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium located at 05200 Marion Center Road. The Charlevoix Middle School Bands will present their Holiday Concert at 7 p.m., on Dec. 7.

Cookie Walk

The First Congregational Church of Charlevoix's Annual Cookie Walk and Craft Sale will take place from 9 to 11 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the corner of Park and State streets. Over 500 dozen holiday cookies will be for sale by the pound. Craft items and pre-wrapped plates of cookies for gift-giving will also be for sale. A new feature this year will be ready-to-decorate cookie houses which will be available for purchase for $15. Two fancifully decorated cookie houses created by Kelly Romano of the Grey Gables will be raffled off at 12 p.m. following the Cookie Walk. Tickets, $1 each or 6 for $5, are available at the church.

Republicans to meet

Charlevoix County Republicans scheduled their county convention at 7 p.m., on Dec. 2, in the county commissioners room. All current members are invited to participate for the election of the officers for the up coming two years.

Open house

The Eleventh Annual Charlevoix Open House and Craft Show is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 4 at St. Mary's School and Family Center located at 1005 Bridge Street in Charlevoix. They are featuring the Secret Santa Gift Shop, Cookie Walk, Bake Sale, raffles and concessions.

Teddy Bears, Eggnog

The annual Teddy Bears and Eggnog Children and Young Adult's Christmas Party to benefit the Family Independence Agency will be from 2 to 5 p.m., Dec. 5, at the Charlevoix Country Club on US-31 North. Admission is one gift per person to be donated to a community child in need. All gifts are to be wrapped and identified for a boy or a girl. Please include an age recommendation for each gift.

Children will be treated to great dance tunes, a light show, fog and bubble machine, a wide array of finger foods, and prizes as well as a visit from Santa Clause.

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For more information regarding this event, please call 547-9796.

Compassionate Friends

The Safe Harbor Chapter of The Compassionate Friends, an international support organization for families who have experienced the death of a child, grandchild or sibling, is planning a Worldwide Candle Lighting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 12, at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs. They will be part of a global effort lighting the candles at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 7940 Cemetery Road, Harbor Springs. The 24 hour remembrance is for all children who have died.

For information please contact Helen Lambert at 347-1832 or hlamh@umich.edu.

Story hour

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Coats for Kids

The Coats for Kids Program kicked off and is sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet FIA. Their goal is to be sure that children are kept warm this winter. The drive is accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. They will also accept gently worn coats, hats, gloves and mittens in good condition. Please clean the worn items before donating. Donations can be made at Boyne City and Petoskey Glen's, and Charlevoix and Petoskey Kmart's.

Those in need can pick up coats at any of the following distribution points:

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- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 326 North Park, Boyne City from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Salvation Army at 712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey.

Food pantry

The Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Immunizations

Immunizations appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

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The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

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The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

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MDEQ seems to be more favorable to revised marina

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

According to Charlevoix officials, a slightly new marina plan that has been submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is getting a more positive reaction.

Peter Pollack, of Pollack Designs, who is designing the city marina, presented a slightly changed plan to the Charlevoix City Council Monday night during its joint meeting with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The plan has not been officially resubmitted to the MDEQ, but the city has been in talks with the department about it.

"The MDEQ said this is about 85 to 90 percent in compliance," Pollack said of the new design. "I should stress the MDEQ has not approved anything yet."

In April 2004, the city was informed by the MDEQ that the department had some concerns about the Charlevoix marina plan. The department was concerned about the width of the piers, the location of a new bulkhead and the size of some of the docks.

Pollack said the revised plan addresses many of these concerns.

On the bulkheads, Pollack said the MDEQ was concerned because the plan called for constructing new bulkheads in front of the existing ones. The MDEQ felt this was an unnecessary intrusion into Round Lake.

However, Pollack said the reason these bulkheads were designed to be built in front of the existing ones was to minimize the impact on the soils behind the existing bulkheads. This is because the soil has been found to be contaminated with a fuel compound.

To cut out the existing bulkhead and get into the soil behind it would increase the costs of the project.

But, Pollack said the new plan makes a compromise with about half of new bulkhead remaining in front of the old, but half behind the old bulkhead. He said about 110 feet of the existing bulkhead will be removed under the new plan.

As for pier width, Pollack said the MDEQ was concerned that the piers were 12 feet wide and said it was excessive. Pollack said the piers were designed at this width to allow room for boaters and people walking on the docks.

There are 67 slips in the new plan — an increase from the current 34.

To answer the MDEQ's concerns, Pollack said the northern-most pier will be left at 12 feet in width. However, piers to the south will be lowered to 8 feet, with ends at 12 feet due to structural needs. The piers have also been pulled back slightly from Round Lake to about 212 feet being the longest.

A benefit to this is due to the smaller widths on some of the piers, the viewing corridor into Round Lake has increased slightly, Pollack said.

Questions about the location of shopper's docks and the riparian rights with Ward's Brothers are still being worked on Pollack said.

In the Ward's issue, there was concern that the southernmost pier would encroach upon the riparian rights of this private business located next to the marina — the Ward Brothers run a fueling station at that location.

Pollack said the pier in question has been moved back about 30 feet from the riparian line. However, a shopper's dock next to it is still in question.

Don Ward, of the Ward Brothers, said the new plan is better. He said he is concerned about the smaller shopper's dock at the southernmost portion of the plan.

"We already have a great deal of congestion. I think the shopper's docks ought to stay to the north. With the extra space, this would help," he said.

Ward added the southernmost pier should be moved back even further to prevent large boats from using it. If too large of a boat is put at that pier, it would add too much congestion to that area.

Pollack said a new drawing of the marina plan will be submitted to the MDEQ in a couple of weeks. He expects more information from the

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Christmas treat

Libby Sterrett, 3, of Charlevoix munches on a cookie at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in East Park. Sterrett was just one of many children who helped decorate the tree.

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Mayor: Plan will add to view of Round Lake

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working to keep the project at this estimate when it comes to bidding.

Picha also questioned including East Park into this plan. Under the East Park portion of the plan, the park will be renovated and a new band shell will be built at the southernmost point and a new harbor master's building will be built at the northernmost point, leaving the middle of the park open with a fish pond and ice skating rink. However, this portion of the project amounts to $1,490,642, which will not be covered by the Waterway's Commission and is included in the DDA's cost.

"I think what you want to do to this park is really a waste of money. I hate to see the (band shell) come down. I hate to see the park built up with that fancy stuff," she said.

Dick Georgi, Charlevoix resident, said he also has concerns about the East Park portion of the project, specifically plans to tear down the current band shell and build a new one. Georgi said the community of Charlevoix paid for the construction of that band shell in a funding drive.

He added he probably paid for the roof himself.

Georgi pointed out if the band shell was taken out of the plan it would save the DDA money. According to the city's figures, a new band shell would cost $1,145,042.

In response to this concern, Charlevoix resident and Waterway's Commissioner John Winn said the DDA spent a lot of money purchasing the Wharfside and Parkside buildings — former buildings located at the base of Mason Street in East Park that were torn down — with a plan to open up the park.

"I don't know why anyone would buy those buildings and leave the bandshell in the middle of the park," Winn said.

He added the current band shell has problems with its acoustics.

Other people also questioned the size of the project and its impact on views, such as if the harbor master's building and the longer docks would impact the views from the street into Round Lake.

Charlevoix resident Birdie Whitley said, "Who gives you the right to take our view of Round Lake?"

She said once the docks are extended and the boats are put next to them, the view into Round Lake will be cut tremendously.

Charlevoix City Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson, addressed the harbor master's building, saying its elevation would be equal to the elevation of the intersection of Clinton and Mason Streets. He said the new building will be lower and farther away from the street, thus limiting the impact on the view.

Carlson also addressed the docks, saying they are floating docks, so they will be lower in the water. He added viewing corridors have been added into the plan.

"I was looking at it as I was giving you more of a view," he said.

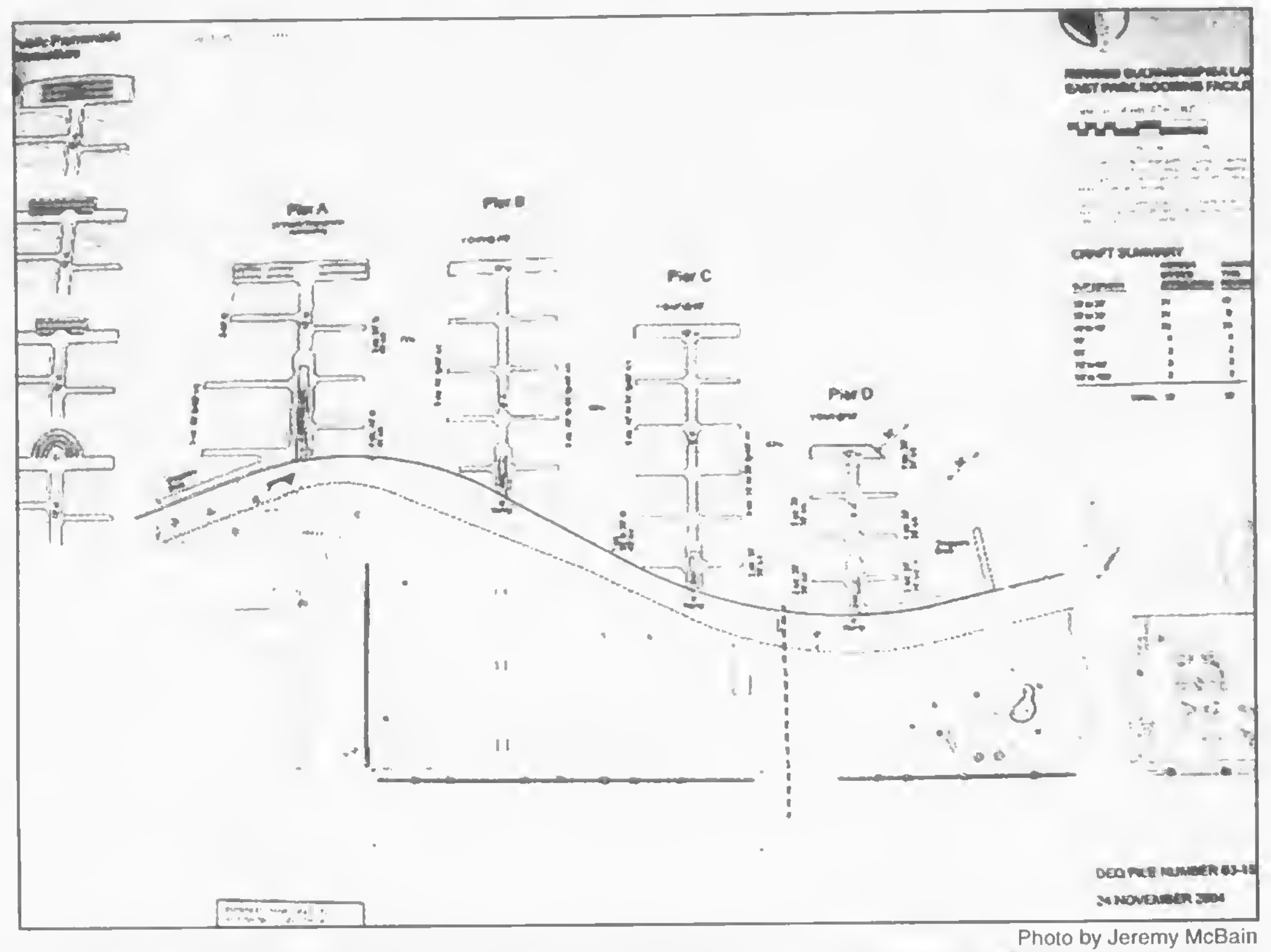
Another concern was the impact this new marina plan would have on the Charlevoix bridge in the summer. Some residents were concerned that the bridge would be up for longer periods of time, thus causing more traffic congestion on Bridge Street.

Winn addressed this saying he believes that boats that would use the new marina are already visiting Charlevoix.

He said they are either anchored out in Round Lake or doubled up on the current city docks.

The new marina plan will eliminate the boats anchored out in Round Lake, bringing more of those boaters to the Charlevoix marina, where they will then venture into downtown Charlevoix.

Winn added another solution to this problem would be to have the Charlevoix bridge tender contact the boats in the channel to let them know ahead of time when the bridge is going up and how long it will be up. This would give the boats a chance to get ready for the bridge opening, thus lessening the wait time.



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This is the revised plan being used in discussions between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the city of Charlevoix.

John Yaroch, a DDA member, also had a slight concern about the plan's number of shopper's docks. Yaroch said he wants the plan to accommodate more shopper's docks.

"We are missing the boat if we do not accommodate shoppers. We are missing a great source of revenue," he said.

Yaroch said we should look at more shoppers docks in the northern portion of the plan and making more of the docks currently in the plan into shopper docks, rather than docks for seasonal boaters.

According to plans, once the city receives the proper permits for the project, a final design will be drawn up.

The city will then decide, based on funding, how to proceed with bidding the project out and a construction timeline.

City working with MDEQ to revise parts of marina

MDEQ

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MDEQ about five weeks later.

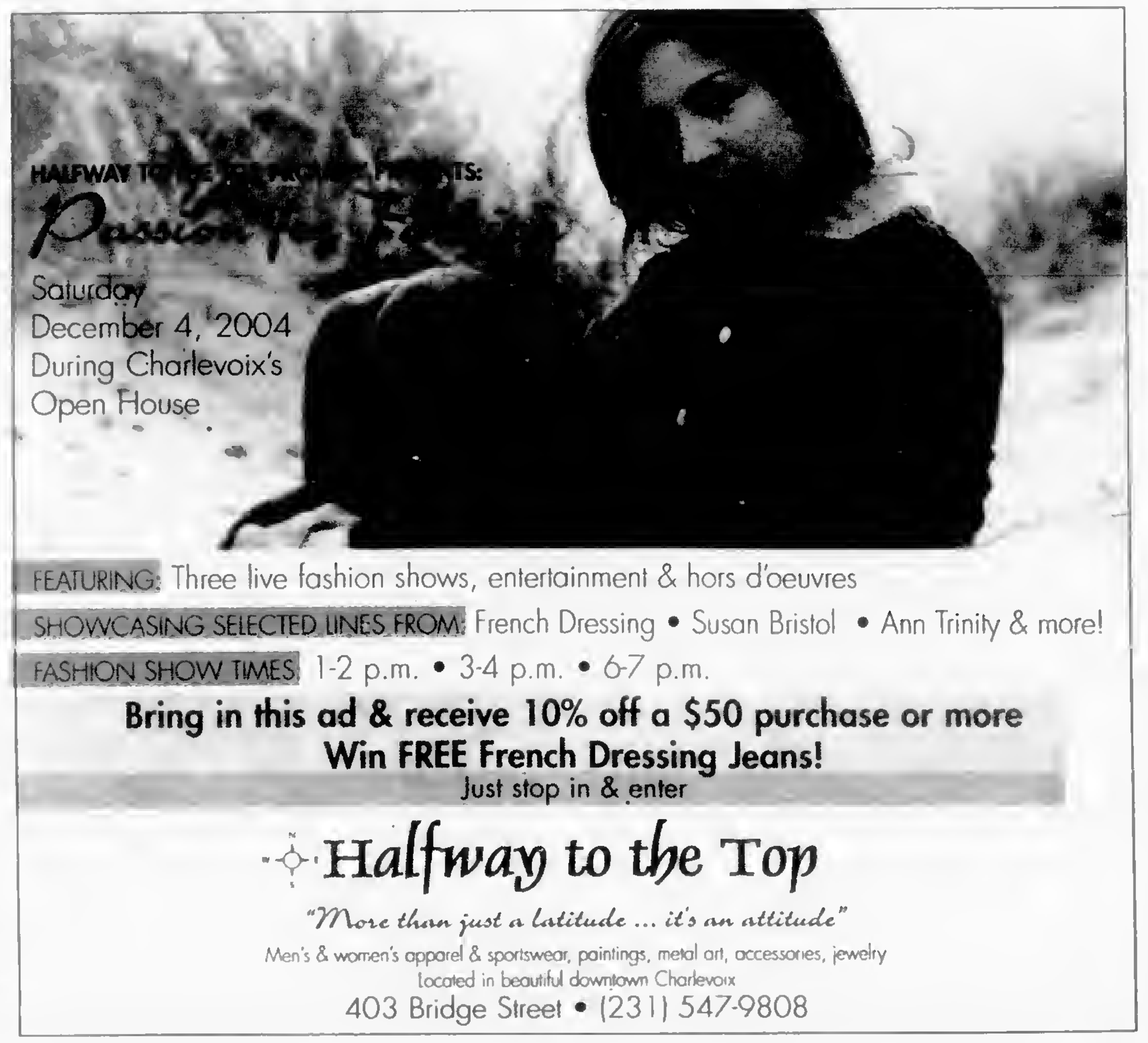
According to Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner, the plan is to submit designs to the various permitting agencies — MDEQ and Army Core of Engineers. Once those permits have been received, the city will look at a final design for the project and then decide how to proceed with bidding and construction. The project will probably be built in phases based on funding.

John Winn, Charlevoix resident and member of the Waterway's Commission, said he is hoping the bulkhead will be replaced next fall and new docks put in over the winter and spring of 2006, with a completion date of that following summer. After the summer, he said work on the park portion could begin that fall.

The marina project is part of a larger project to renovate the city marina and Charlevoix's East Park.

The total projected cost of the project is estimated at $10,570,207.97. Of that, 75 percent is being paid for with funding from the state Waterway's Commission. The remaining 25 percent of it will be paid for by the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority using existing funds.

Under this plan, the city of Charlevoix will not have to pay for the project using its taxpayer funds.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City attorney

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Our champions of the court

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2004 RUNNER-UP

Photos by Jeremy McBain

(Above) The Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team finished as the state runner up in the Class C championship Saturday at Michigan State University. They are: (front, from left) Laura Nitchman, Shannon Dibble, Kari Way, Jaime Pettis, Madison McKenzie, Liz Jadwin, (middle) Madison Ramsey, Caitlin Cole, Grace Farrell, Stevie Murray, Genevieve Kochanny, manager Chelsey Haske, assistant coach Jim Gels, (back) assistant coach Bret Erskine, assistant coach Liz Grunch, Betsy Dennis, Sarah Cross, Bethany Pearson, Sally Haselschwardt, coach Keith Haske. (Left, from left) Stevie Murray and Bethany Pearson react to a Detroit lead in the final game.

Council wants criminal investigation

CCMS still in the hot seat over check

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The city of Charlevoix is asking for a criminal investigation against CCMS, of Sault Ste. Marie, who is at the center of a mistakenly written check issue that may cost the city over $220,000.

Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young suggested to city council Monday that it have Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson contact the police agencies located in the community CCMS has its main office and ask to have a criminal investigation started. Council agreed to have Halverson contact these authorities.

"I think we are a victim. A victim has a right to ask for a criminal investigation," Young said.

Charlevoix Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson said, "I think it is something of not letting someone get away with a white collar crime that affected everyone in the city."

Halverson said he wants to get some more details on the case and then proceed from there.

According to the city, CCMS was paid over $220,000 in April 2004 for work on Belvedere Avenue and Michigan Avenue back in 2001. However, the city wrote the check to just the contractor, CCMS, when it appears it should have written the check to the contractor's insurance company, United Fire and Casualty.

The contractor, in the meantime, cashed the check and did not pay any of the subcontractors for the work, thus forcing United Fire and Casualty to pick up the tab. United Fire wants its money back, so it

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Mark Ray Cullen, 21, East Jordan. Operator-no license. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Jeremy Allan Grutsch, 28, Boyne Falls. Operating under the influence of liquor-occupant less than 16 years old-second or subsequent offense, open intoxicant motor vehicle driver, weapons-possession under influence and weapons-carrying concealed. Bound over to circuit court.

Rollie Clifford Royse, 20, East Jordan. Motor vehicle-unlawful use. Bound over to circuit court.

Kevin Karl Kowalske, 33, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Sentenced to 55 days in jail with credit for 45 days, serve 10 days.

Marshall Lee Chinevere, 36, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for five days, serve eight days, 80 days held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Jackie Lynn Schocko, 32, Traverse City. Operating while intoxicated-occupant under 16 years old. Eighteen months probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 64 days, 30 days of community service work, 60 days on electronic monitor, 270 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,110 in fines and costs.

Catherine Marie Roote, 45, Bellaire. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 71 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Judith Marie Kolp, 54, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Two year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 60 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 120 days on electronic monitor, 274 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,510 in fines and costs.

David Brian Kula, 39, Royal Oak. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $760 in fines and costs.

Justin Lee Whipple, 21, Walloon Lake. Motor vehicle operator without security. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Terry Lind Nielsen, 57, Brighton. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $960 in fines and costs.

Jason Aaron McNitt, 22, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 52 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,165 in fines and costs.

Pamela Sue Beatty, 44, Charlevoix. Operating under the influence of liquor/per se operating. Six months probation; 50 days in jail, serve six days, 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail, 34 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,055 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Rostar's Madhouse, 1016 First Street, Boyne City, by Susan Rostar.

Sweet Wraps, 07373 Springvale Road, Boyne Falls, by Kathrin S. Austin.

Mark C's Trees, 428 Old State Road, Boyne City, by Mark Contrucci.

Northern Michigan Interiors, 08020 Mulberry Lane, Charlevoix, by Heidi L. Jones.

Sewing Creations, 09480 Old 31 Road North, Charlevoix, by Vera M. Keie.

Framed & Hung, 103 Maranatha, Charlevoix, by Nita Martin.

Ugly Sisters Design, 103 Maranatha, Charlevoix, by Nita Martin.

Adams Construction Works, 05056 Carson Road, East Jordan, by Mark Adams.

Inland Lakes Drywall Inc., 723 North Park Street, Boyne City, by Corey King.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Joel Robert Rathhun, 32, New York, N.Y. and Jill Lynn Austin, 34, New York, N.Y.

Births

Ellen Josephine Dhaseleer weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Joshua and Tennille Dhaseleer of Charlevoix on Nov. 23, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Anneke Dhaseleer of Petoskey, Allan Dhaseleer of Charlevoix and Steven and Joyce Tchozeski of Belding.

Landon Micallen Carrow weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Ashley Hadix and Nick Carrow of Boyne City on Nov. 8, 2004 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Jerry and Paula Hadix and Jim and Brenda Carrow all of Boyne City.

Rebecca Lynn McCree weighing 9 pounds, 8 ounces, was born to Jason and Heidi McCree of Kentucky and Iowa on Nov. 22 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her brothers and sisters are Aaron, Kylie, Lauren and Emma. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mueggenberg of Iowa, Mr. Willis McCree of NewYork and Mrs. Pamela Kiser of Wyoming.

Veronica Anna Marie Mason weighing 9 pounds, 8 ounces, was born to Daniel and Maria Mason of Ellsworth on Nov. 24, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She has one sister named Emma. Grandparents are Thomas and Evelyn Mason of East Jordan and Guillermo and Elvira Nevarez of Post Falls, Idaho.

Emma Maureen Richards, weighing 4 pounds, 10.5 ounces, and Anna Michelle Richards, weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces, were born to John and Heather Richards of East Jordan on Nov. 23, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Helen and Ken Richards of East Jordan, Nan Hauffe of Charlevoix and Sarah and Mike Bordeaux of Lake Leelanau.

Ashlynn Marie Kluth weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Preston and Sara Kluth of East Jordan on Nov. 29, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Alyssah and Aydden. Grandparents are Joseph and Paulette Thorp of Charlevoix, Tari Laurell of Traverse City and Paul Kluth of Traverse City.

Cody Everett Ingalls, weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces, was born to Matt and Theresa Ingalls of Ellsworth on Nov. 29, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Everett and Linda Ingalls and Roger and Laurie Moses of Ellsworth.

Scott Edward Matelski, weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Chris and Kelly Matelski of Boyne Falls on Dec. 1, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sisters are Kristen, 10, Emily, 8 and Marcus, 6. Grandparents are Judy and George Kotalik and Dick and Star Raymond of East Jordan and Marge and the late Edward Matelski of Boyne Falls

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Kur offers her service to city

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Soon-to-be former Charlevoix County Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur is offering her services to the city of Charlevoix in hopes of being its city attorney.

Kur recently sent a letter to city council members, the city mayor and City Manager Mike Wiesner explaining that she will be joining the law offices of Schmoll, Martin and Kur and could offer her services to the city in municipal law at a competitive rate to the current city attorney.

Mary Beth Kur

"It is my understanding that the city has spent a considerable amount of money on attorney fees in recent years and that the current city attorney receives health insurance from the city. The members of our firm provide for their own health care costs. I believe our firm can offer the city an arrangement that is very competitive with the city's current costs for legal fees," she said in the letter.

In addition, Kur wrote she has some ideas on how the city can generate revenues through drunk driving cases and other traffic matters.

When asked about the letter, Kur said she is just inviting the council to discuss the issue.

"The ball is in their court," Kur said. "My partner and I bring a lot of experience to the table."

Kur has been the Charlevoix County Prosecutor since 1995. She was beaten in the August primary election by her former assistant chief prosecutor John Jarema, who later went on to win in the November General Election.

Kur hands over her seat to Jarema on Jan. 1. At that time, she will begin working full-time for her private law firm in Petoskey.

Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young, who was once the prosecuting attorney for Antrim County, said he understands that Kur is trying to build up a client base now that she is going into practice for herself.

"I respect what Mary Beth is trying to do," he said.

According to the April 2000 contract between the city of Charlevoix and Young, Young is paid $7,800 per year for basic legal services in addition to $105 per hour for additional legal services, plus expenses, and has his health care for himself and his family paid for by the city.

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi said, as of last week, Young has been paid $85,730 for his services to the city of Charlevoix. In 2003, he was paid $74,185. In comparison, Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner makes $82,509.

Young's total pay includes the $7,800 per year. The rest of the $85,000 making up this year's bill comes from the additional legal services the city must pay for at $105 an hour.

On top of this, Young's health insurance costs the city an additional $863.64 a month.

Brandi said the city does not pay for the health insurance for any other outside contracted workers. The only other truly contracted worker like Young Brandi could think of is City Planner Gerry Harsh. His health insurance is paid for by Garfield Township, near Traverse City, who also has hired Harsh to provide his planning services.

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said the hiring of a city attorney is handled by the city council.

"I am usually not involved," he said.

According to the city charter, a city attorney is hired by a majority vote of the council for an indefinite term. The city attorney may also be removed by a majority vote of the council or the city attorney can terminate his services upon seven days written notice.

Young said he has been serving Charlevoix since about 1988. He said he was approached by the city after the previous city attorney had resigned.

"Council decided it would be in its best interest to find someone who did not reside or have a private practice in the city," Young said. Young has a private practice in Antrim County called Young, Graham and Elsenheimer that specializes in municipal law.

By going outside of the city, Young said the council wanted to avoid any conflicts of interest with its new attorney or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

"It was rather wise and I have seen other municipalities do it as well," he said.

Charlevoix Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson said some council members have expressed interest in looking into this issue. At Monday night's council meeting, he asked the Charlevoix City Clerk to work with Young and break down exactly how much the city spends on its attorney and for what cases.

"I think the council wants to look at its options," he said.

Clarification

Two stories in last week's Charlevoix Courier are in need of some clarification.

First, in a story on page one about the proposed Charlevoix marina and East Park plans, it stated the project will be paid for using money from the Michigan Waterway's Commission and the Downtown Develoment Authority, therefore city taxpayer money would not be used. It should be noted money from the Charlevoix City tax fund will not be used, but tax money from the Downtown Development Authority will be used. While these are two different taxing entities, the Downtown Development Authority does get its funding from taxes placed on property located in the downtown district.

Also, in a story about Wayne Wynkoop on page 11, it said audience members were not allowed to speak during the meeting, except during the audience comment portion. People did speak at the Norwood Township meetings when issues were brought up, but they were not necessarily called upon and, Wynkoop said, some speakers were treated poorly.

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Congratulations to the girls' basketball team

EDITORIAL

Once again a group of Charlevoix High School students are the talk of the town.

Last week the Charlevoix High School varsity girls' basketball team continued its winning streak — the team was undefeated this season — into the tournaments and earned a trip to Michigan State University's Breslin Center as a result.

The young women on this team fought like champions throughout the tournament. They were determined to get to the state finals and they were determined to beat whoever got in their way.

Team after team fell to the lady Rayders, until there was just one team left. This team from Detroit was bigger and stronger than the Rayders, but the Charlevoix women would not be intimidated.

The faced down the competition in that final game with that same determination they had all season. And they fought for every basket and kept the game exciting to the very last minute.

Up until that final buzzer sounded, the Rayders did not give up their goal of becoming state champions. Unfortunately, the end result was not in favor of the Rayders. Detroit DePorres had beaten the lady Rayders 61-56.

But, these women did not complain about the loss and they were saddened but not disheartened. You could still see the look of determination on the faces of the ones not graduating this year, saying, "We will be back."

The Charlevoix girls' basketball team serves as an example of what you can accomplish if you set your mind to your goals. They showed that determination, heart and a good attitude can help you overcome many obstacles.

And, what is great about this team is they are not the only students at Charlevoix High School with that attitude. Look at the high number of Charlevoix sports teams that do well in each season, lasting well into their tournaments. Look at the high number of Charlevoix students who achieve high test scores, win prestigious academic awards and are granted hard-to-get scholarships.

These lady Rayders are just another example of the fine students we have representing our community. We should be proud of all of them.

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Letters to the editor

Wrong word

Editor:

Since schools seem to be failing in the proper use of our language, I suppose the last vestiges for promoting good English are our print and electronic media. With that in mind, I would bring to your attention the story on page 11 (last week's edition of the Courier), "Wynkoop wants to heal Norwood wounds." In the third paragraph you wrote, "Norwood Township over the past few years has underwent..." For shame! The word is "undergone."

The job of editor includes proofreading. I do understand that not all errors are found. I just am so aggravated with the poor state of language usage that these types of errors only seem to magnify the problem. My take on it is that if reporters use the language this way, people will think it must be okay. It's not! This is not the first time I've found improper use of English in your paper and would hope some improvement is forthcoming.

Dr. Marshall H. Cossman
Charlevoix

Great job

Editor:

Congratulations to the Charlevoix girls' basketball team and Coach Haske.

What a great season you have bad. The few games that I was able to attend this year, as I don't live in the Charlevoix community anymore, were inspiring. You girls played with heart and determination, you were steady and unwavering. It is amazing what vision; determination and hard work can accomplish. Coach Haske did a fantastic job helping you see the goals you could attain. Don't forget the lessons you learned — you will use them the rest of your life.

Keep Dreaming Big!

Melinda (Klooster) Lankford
Traverse City

Column response

Editor:

Your opinion on "What really is morality in the United States?" in the Nov. 10, 2004 paper was truly a self description of yourself. There were some things I found interesting, because you left them out.

You say you were taught as you were growing up "to end poverty, help heal the sick and promote peace." Were you not taught to give honor and credit to the service people who defend your right to do all this with their lives? After all Veterans Day was Nov. 11. No mention made in your column about them. Were you not taught to tell the truth? Not to lie. Were you not taught to respect other people and their various ideas, religions and beliefs?

Were you taught to honor your promises — no matter how difficult it could become after the promise was made? I was taught that a promise made was a promise kept. My word is my bond. Were you taught to respect life? All forms both human, animal and plants? I consider a human baby a baby no matter what the age — already born or still waiting in the womb to be born. A partial birth abortion is heartless and cruel to an innocent and also to the mother.

A lot of these questions apply to us all. If people truly want the world to he a better place, perhaps they should quit pointing fingers at others and seriously consider that there is always something we can do. Let uss pray for one another and especially our president, George W. Bush. God bless him and guide him.

Carol Morris
East Jordan

(Editor's note: I wrote that I was taught growing up that Jesus's teachings were to "end poverty, help heal the sick and promote peace.")

Great play

Editor:

Congratulations to Connie Ford and the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts. "Godspell" was everything it was written up to be. The Saturday performance was unique, diverse and vibrant.

From the set, costumes, lighting, audience participation, orchestra to actors singing it was exciting to see those students having fun and doing it so well. If you missed it, I hope you won't have to wait another 20 years for an encore.

Victoria Wallick
Charlevoix

Tax credit program promotes giving

Editor:

At year's end when many folks are considering charitable contributions, we would like to call attention to the State of Michigan's Tax Credit program for gifts to food banks and homeless shelters. This is the same type of tax credit program one hears about for Interlochen Public Radio, or Central Michigan University's public television and radio stations.

Here is how it works: An individual can make a cash donation of up to $200 ($400 for a couple) to a food bank or homeless shelter and receive a credit — better than a deduction — for 50 percent of the donated amount against taxes otherwise owed to the state. So that reduces the cost of the donation by that amount.

In addition, the full amount of the donation also qualifies as a federal income tax deduction, so there is a savings on federal taxes as well, the amount depending on one's tax bracket.

These credits apply to an individual who itemizes deductions on the their federal tax return. For example, in the 28 percent federal income tax bracket for one who makes the maximum contribution of $200, the out-of-pocket cost is $44. The comparable figure for a couple contributing $400 is $88. For those in higher brackets, the cost is even less, dropping down to $42 in the top bracket for a $400 gift by a couple. At these rates, it is quite easy to see one's way clear to help others who are down on their luck with a hot meal and a warm dry place to stay for awhile.

There are two local agencies who can receive such donations: The Nehemiah Project Hospitality House, 36 Bridge Street and the Manna Project, 13 McBride Park Drive, both in Petoskey. One's entire donation could go to either of these organizations, or could be

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divided among the two.

To complete the picture on Michigan's Tax Credit program, the credit is also available for contributions with the same limits and provisos to certain Michigan public institutions, including Michigan colleges and universities, public libraries and public broadcasting stations (which is why Interlochen and CMU cite this program). The same goes for contributions to the permanent endowment of funds of community foundations, such as our local Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

An individual so inclined could donate up to $200 ($400 per couple) to each of these three categories of institutions (such as homeless shelter, public institution or community foundation endowment fund) and receive the same tax credit for each donation.

For more information on this program, consult your accountant or refer to the 2004 Michigan Income Tax Information booklet. You're also welcome to contact us.

Now that cold weather has arrived, we hope that many of our fellow citizens will count their blessings and use this means to help out others who are not so fortunate.

Here's to a pleasant holiday season for all of us,

John and Mary Lou Tanton
Petoskey

Courtesy photo

(From left) Susan Muma of the Bergmann Center, Donna Newton and Jennifer Archambault.

United Way names award winners and campaign goal

The CharEm United Way announced its 2004/2005 campaign goal of $230,000 at an award ceremony on Nov. 30 at the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix.

The John Newton Award of Excellence is given annually to both an individual and an organization, who through their actions, give significantly to health and human services in either Charlevoix or Emmet counties.

The award was created in 2002 by the CharEm United Way to commemorate the life of John Newton. Newton was an active member of the community who served not only on the United Way Board of Directors, but also gave of his time and talents to many other local organizations.

Past recipients of the Newton Award are Big Rock Point, Harbor Industries, Greg Withrow and Scott Kelly. This year's recipients were the Bergmann Center and Jennifer Archambault.

Jennifer Archambault of Harbor Industries received the individual award because of her involvement in organizing the first annual, CharEm United Way Day of Caring. This event took place on Thursday, Sept. 16 and included 70 volunteers working for seven non-profit organizations in both counties.

The Bergmann Center is a work/activity center for mentally and physically handicapped adults. They provide both recreational and learning activities that encourage increased independence, self-sufficiency and improve basic living skills. On this year's Day of Caring, the Bergmann Center sent a group of disabled adults to paint one of the horse rings at the Bay Harbor Equestrian Center. They painted the ring used for the Exceptional Riders program.

This year the CharEm United Way increased the campaign goal from $210,000 to $230,000.

According to Mike Atchison, president of the United Way Board of Directors, "The CharEm United Way has been gaining momentum in recent years, and we plan to keep that momentum going in the current campaign. We have raised our goal from last year by roughly 10 percent. The ultimate objective is to ensure that everyone in our area who needs the help of our agencies can get that help."

Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to the United Way may send it to CharEm United Way, P. O. Box 22, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Library officially owns former middle school

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Public Library now officially owns the old middle school property.

On Dec. 3, the deed was finalized and the library took possession of what will become the new public library.

Valerie Meyerson, director of the Charlevoix Public Library, said the process took a lot longer than she had originally anticipated.

"We're pretty excited," she said.

With the change of ownership comes a change of address. The library's new address will be 220 Clinton Street.

Since the library now owns the building, the asbestos abatement process can now proceed.

The abatement started on Dec. 6 and will hopefully be finished by the end of the year, Meyerson said. It is an environmental hazard to go into the building during the abatement process.

An easement was settled between the library and the city, Meyerson said, that states when the city is ready to build a parking lot they can make use of the library's driveway.

From here, the next step on the path to building a new Charlevoix Public Library out of the former middle school is to open up demolition bids, which started on Dec. 7.

Meyerson said the demolition will start in mid-January, which is before the construction documents will be bid out in March or April of 2005.

"The reason we're doing the demolition first is so the architects can get in there and get a better feel," Meyerson said.

That way, with the walls down and the area opened up, the architects can know exactly what is a support beam and what they have to work with and can then make any necessary changes to the construction documents before they are put out for bidding.

Alice Riemenschneider of Riemenschneider Design Associate presented some of the creative ideas for the children's and teen areas of the library during the summer planning sessions.

The ideas include creating an enchanting children's area featuring a cottage with mushroom-type roofing that parallels Earl Young's architecture seen throughout Charlevoix and castle-like cobble stones and passageways made out of trees.

Other ideas include featuring a teen area that will be enclosed in glass so those using the room can have privacy, but others can supervise the room.

For now, the first step is getting the abatement completed.

"It's going good," Meyerson said of the whole project. "It definitely has a life of its own."

Official Notice

NOTICE
CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 15, 2004

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 to consider the request of Robert Chaika to rezone from Agricultural to R-1 (One Family Dwelling District) property identified by tax code numbers 15-004-033-023-10. The property is unplatted and approximately one hall acre, located at 06446 Old U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, MI.

Complete description and all pertinent data may be examined at the office of the Clerk at 12491 Waller Rd. from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please send any written comments to the Clerk at the same address or Nancy Rajewski (Planning Commission Chairperson) at 14590 Park Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Carol Martin, Charlevoix Township Clerk

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Engagement

Eaton — Boss

Rachel Eaton, of Charleston, Tenn. and Mark Boss of Smyrna, Ga. are engaged to be married.

Rachel is the daughter of Mike and Sheila Eaton of Charleston, Tenn. Mark is the son of Wilson and Judy Boss of Charlevoix.

A wedding is being planned for Feb. 12, 2005 at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Cleveland Christian Academy and is currently the office manager for Atlanta Plastic Surgery in Atlanta, Ga.

The groom-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a 2000 graduate of Hope College. He is currently the plant manager for Universal Forest Products, Inc. in Union City, Ga.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW
Tuesday, December 14, 2004
9:00 A.M.

The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at 9:00 A.M., at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, in the Conference Room on the Main Floor.

The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors, Homestead affidavits, mutual mistakes of fact, or mathematical computations.

If you have any questions please call the City Clerk's Office at 547-3250.

Carol A. Ochs

City Clerk

City council meeting to give direction to administration

The Charlevoix City Council will be having a directional meeting at 7 p.m.. Dec. 13 in Charlevoix City Hall.

This meeting was called by Charlevoix Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson. It's purpose is to get a list of goals from council members to give to Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner.

According to Carlson, this will give Wiesner a clear picture of what the council expects of him and help guide him in his duties.

Carlson said a couple of the council members have contacted him about the meeting to give their goals and a few have already started their lists.

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Engagements

Murasky — Dickinson

Katie Murasky, of Rochester, and Matt Dickinson, of Oscoda, are engaged to be married.

Katie is the daughter of Tom and Candi Murasky of Rochester. Matt is the son of David and Karen Dickinson of Charlevoix.

A wedding is being planned for May 21, 2005 in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Art and Design and is currently a photographer.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of National Resources and is currently an ecologist with the USDA Forest Service in Oscoda.

Buckner — Cox

Kimberly Marie Buckner, of Charlevoix, and Fred Cox, East Jordan, are engaged to be married.

Kimberly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Buckner of Charlevoix. Fred is the son of Arness and Dianne Cox of East Jordan.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Charlevoix High School and is employed by Harbor Industries.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Bellville High School and is employed by Waste Management.

A wedding is being planned for June 2005.

Atwood church to have live nativity

The Atwood Christian Reformed Church, 10090 North US-31, Atwood, (approximately 12 miles south of Charlevoix) will be having its second annual live Nativity. Performances are scheduled at 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17, and at 4, 4:30, and 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 18. Refreshments will be provided after each performance. Contact Pastor Dave Kroon at (231) 599-3309 for more information.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Lady Rayder fan

A fan of the Charlevoix girls' basketball team shows his spirit in a unique way while watching the team compete at Michigan State University.

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Seek idyllic harmony when celebrating holiday season

Beacons of Blessing

By FATHER TOM NEIS
St. Mary's Church

The famous Isaiahan passage (11:1-10) fills the pulpits of many Christian churches during this second week of Advent.

The shoot to sprout from the stump of Jesse will bring forth one who will judge the poor with justice because the spirit of the Lord will rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord :

"Then the wolf shall be guest of the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down the kid;
the calf and the young lion shall browse together,
with a little child to guide them.
The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,
together their young shall rest;
the lion shall eat hay like the ox.
The baby shall play by the cobra's den,
and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair." (Is. 11-6-8)

During this familiar season of blitzkrieg from merchants who want to share the best, the latest, the most durable or stylish or fashionable of goods at the most economical price, we try to find some quiet time to reflect on the final coming of the Lord (eschatology) and the final judgment, to His historical birth. There is a spirit of real hopefulness in Isaiah's dream of a leader-king who would fill this role of bringing peace and justice for people of all nations.

Today we are faced with a continuing war in Iraq, plus the on-going civil wars in some parts of Africa. With so many people suffering from the effects of poverty worldwide; the injustice of abortion, child-abuse, corporate mismanagement, lack of comprehensive health-care for all and a hundred and one other social ills, we echo Isaiah with a plea that the Lord God send us a Messiah with justice and faithfulness a belt around his waist.

But if we truly seek the idyllic harmony of nature as Isaiah did, we need to be active in preserving our environment as best we can. If we look for a Messiah of peace, we might do well to examine our relationship with the God who created us, the Son who redeemed us and the Spirit who fills us with wisdom and understanding, counsel and strength, knowledge and fear of the Lord.

We might want to examine our relationship with family and friends who ought always be our first objects of a peaceful, loving relationship. The next level of concern in our concentric circle of peace-sharing efforts should carry us to the workplace, the neighborhood, the school or the church. Finally, we look for opportunities to share peace-love-justice with people in the broader community, county, state, country and world. It's really a never-ending mission.

While we continue to look for "the" Messiah in our world, we could well look inward to see how well our discipleship of the one, true Messiah is faring!

Obituaries

Suzi Reis: Dec. 19, 1938 - Nov. 22, 2004

Suzi Reis, 65, passed away at her home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., on Nov. 22, 2004, after a lengthy illness.

She was very blessed to be surrounded by her friends and loved ones as her life came to its end.

She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Dec. 19, 1938 to Dr. Lawrence E. and Pearl M. Grate and spent a lot of time in Charlevoix before moving here. Her father was an integral part of the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Suzi fell in love with art while a student in college. It became a big part of who she was. Her love for art colored her world.

As a young woman she met the love of her life. She and Jimmie Reis married and spent five wonderful years as husband and wife before his death.

Charlevoix was very lucky to have had Suzi as one of its biggest fans. She truly believed that everyone should give back to their community and she did so many times over. Her dedication to this town took several different directions. She served as a member of the board of directors of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce for a total of 10 years. She was president of the board for two of those years. The Ambassador Club was created by Suzi in 1984. She also ran the most successful membership drive ever in the history of the chamber.

In addition to her community involvement, Suzi opened her own art gallery in town. The Reis Gallery was on Park Avenue from 1972 to 1976. It was a very classy gallery. She also started the Charlevoix Home Tour and was the driving force of the Waterfront Art Council for 20 years. She was a very successful Realtor at Ski and Shore and then Vacation Properties Network.

In 1995, growing weary of the long cold winters here, she set out on yet another adventure. She moved to West Palm Beach, Fla. where she became involved in the symphony. She met many wonderful people in her new life who shared her zest for living and her love of the arts. She was elated to establish an arts education fund to benefit children, a pet project of hers for years, with the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechnobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.

Bishop Cooney seeking info on Catholic Native Americans

James Maddix, an Elder with the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians is, at the request of Bishop Patrick R. Cooney, looking for Catholic Native Americans living within the 21 counties of the Diocese of Gaylord.

Maddix, an Elder with Unit 3 in St. Ignace and a member of St. Mary Cathedral Parish in Gaylord, has agreed to assist in gathering and compiling the data received from local Catholic Native American.

"It would be great if we could have a Native American contact in each of the parishes," Maddix said. "I feel that we can combine our Catholic faith and Native beliefs at the diocesan level, much the same as we already do at St. Isaac Jogues in Sault Ste. Marie and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Suttons Bay."

If you are a Catholic Native American who lives in the 21-counties that make up the northern half of the lower peninsula, please contact James Maddix, c/o Diocese of Gaylord, 611 W. North Street, Gaylord, MI 49735 or by phone at 231-585-7599.

All information gathered will be used for the purpose stated above only.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

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Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church.....547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer.....536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher.....547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green.....547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson.......547-2654 or -5168

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State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
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Father Jim Gunn.....547-6322

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205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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President Michael Robbins.....588-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore.....547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Neil Turner.....547-2875

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Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace.....588-7455

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203 E. Upright

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Reverend Mary Willis.....547-9122

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Senior Leader: Paul Bradley.....237-0800

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Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen.....347-3899

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Pastor: Geri Litchfield.....582-9262

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Pastor: Harold E. Kruse..... 599-2321

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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael Maurer.....536-2161

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Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
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Pastor Greg Timmins.....231-238-0052

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
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Pastor Carrol (Pete) Aronson.....547-6283

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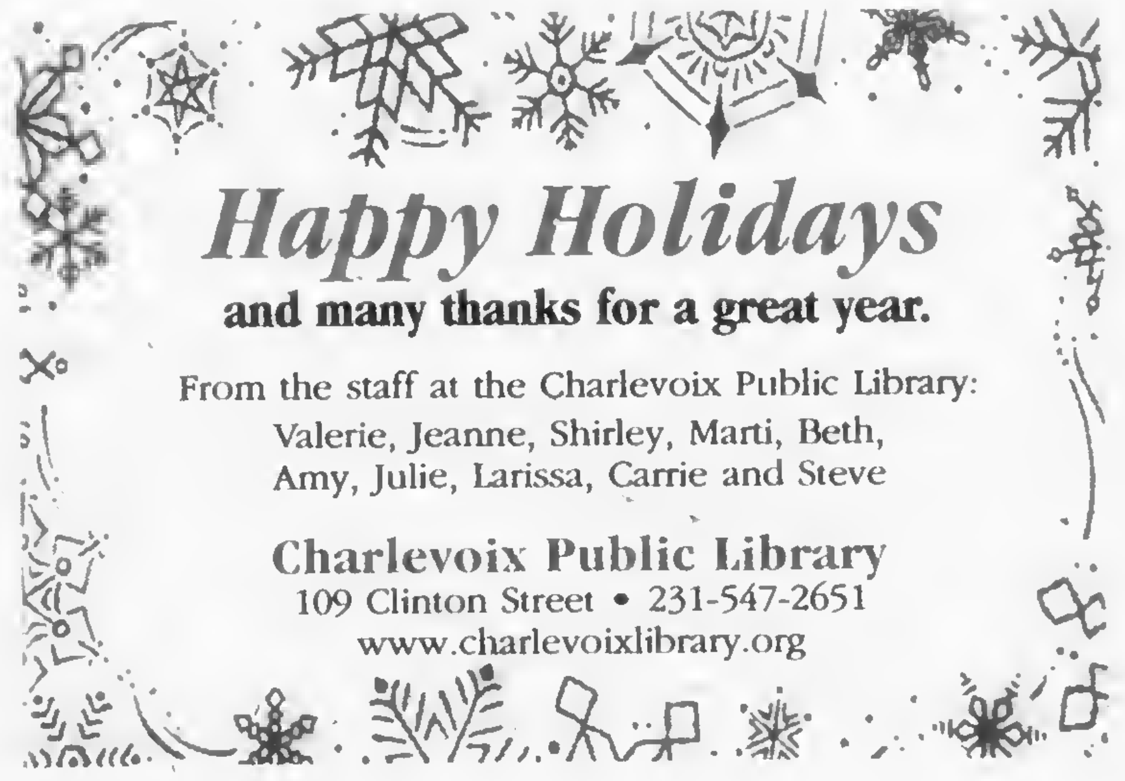

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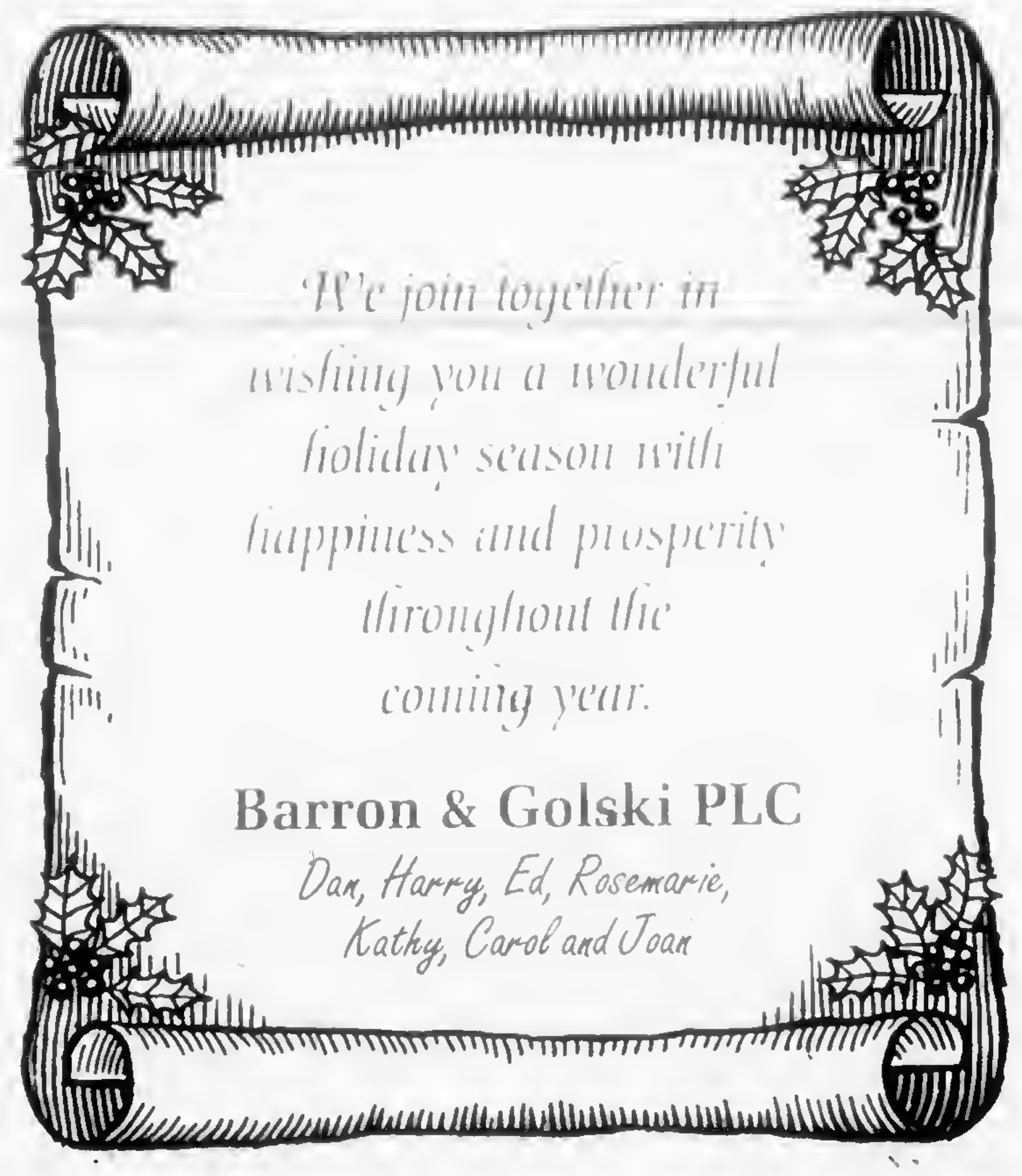

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Now in its fifth year, "Mittens for h.a.n.d.s." matches client and family wishes with holiday donors. Each wish is recorded on a paper mitten provided to local churches and individual donors. The mittens are then used as tags on the donated gifts, which are collected and distributed by volunteers and staff members of h.a.n.d.s. The project is directed by Cheri Brogan of Charlevoix.

While the first priority of "Mittens for h.a.n.d.s." is to brighten the holiday season, community involvement and client needs vary from year to year. When community involvement is high, h.a.n.d.s looks toward extending the holiday spirit throughout the winter and spring. "There is always a need for assistance with home heating, snow plowing and transportation, as well as fresh fruits, vegetables and other perishables essential for the nutritional demands of living with HIV," Brogan points out. "These needs can be met with pre-purchased fuel or food vouchers or with cash donations to h.a.n.d.s. specifically directed for client assistance.

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Sheriff offers tips for winter safety in the county

While winter is synonymous with the joy of the holiday season, there is also danger in the cold and icy weather of the winter months.

By taking precautions now, Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater hopes the residents of the county will stay safe this winter.

Swirling winter snowflakes seem to turn into a blizzard in the blink of an eye. Sheriff Lasater wants area residents to know the four most common winter weather notices so you can take the proper action.

- Winter storm watch — Be alert, a storm is likely but has not been spotted yet.
- Winter storm warning — The storm has entered, or is approaching, your area.
- Winter weather advisory — Conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous, especially to motorists.
- Blizzard warning — This is the most dangerous situation. Combinations of snow and strong winds will produce blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts and life threatening wind chill; seek refuge immediately.

Before heading out onto snow-covered roadways, Sheriff Lasater cautions residents to pay attention to travel advisories and adjust your plans accordingly.

Additionally, Lasater provides some tips on what you can do now to stay safe later.

- Winterize your car — check levels on anti-freeze, oil (10W30 is best for colder months), windshield wipers and fluid and tire pressure. Replace your battery if it is more than three years old, or if it no longer holds a full charge. Carry an ice scraper with a brush for removing snow.
- Prepare an emergency car kit which should include: Sand or kitty litter to provide traction, snow shovel, candles to provide light and heat inside your car, blankets, non-perishable food items and water, brightly-colored cloth to use as a flag.
- Always maintain a full tank of gasoline and keep your cell phone charged. Sheriff Lasater urges every person who will be on the roads this winter to carry a cell phone.

"In so many instances, the difference between life and death has been a person's ability to call for help from a cell phone," he said.

It is also highly important that residents prepare their homes for the coming winter months. Have your furnace checked by a certified technician, seal any windows leaking air, and create a home emergency kit that includes the following items: Battery-operated radio to listen to weather forecasts, candles and matches or flashlights and batteries, extra blankets including some for sealing doors and hanging over windows, non-perishable food, several gallons of water, and extra supplies of prescription medication.

For any outdoor activities this winter, Lasater advises people to put on several layers of lightweight, loose-fitting clothing, choose mittens over gloves and always wear a hat.

The combination of strain from cold temperatures and heavy exertion (shoveling, pushing a car, or walking in deep snow) can trigger a heart attack in people who are susceptible.

"With this information, the citizens of Charlevoix County can prepare themselves for winter ahead and more fully enjoy the beauty of the season," he said.

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Charlevoix second grade starts penny drive

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Second-grade students in Nicole Sterrett's class volunteered to help count and roll the numerous pennies Charlevoix Elementary School has gathered through a school-wide penny drive. Pictured is Sammy Hovie.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The holidays are just around the corner.

In order to help those in need and learn a thing or two about money, the second grade classes at Charlevoix Elementary School are hosting a penny drive to raise money that will go toward Toys for Tots.

Nicole Sterrett, second grade teacher at Charlevoix Elementary School, said the penny drive is a school-wide event that was successful last year and is receiving great support from the community this year as well.

"The whole school is wonderful in bringing in pennies," Sterrett said.

Last year Sterrett said approximately $400 was generated through the penny drive and the hope is that this year will bring in as much money as possible to go toward Toys for Tots.

As a part of their social studies curriculum, Sterrett said the second grade students learn about community and how they can be helpful, which is enhanced through raising money for Toys for Tots.

The project also helps the students learn how to deal with money. Sterrett said the students take time during class to count and roll the pennies and graph their progress each day. Charlevoix State Bank helped roll the rest of the pennies.

"It's been fantastic," Sterrett said.

On Dec. 10, Sterrett said the students will make their way to Kmart where they will receive a 10 percent discount on the toys they purchase.

Sterrett said each group of students will be given a budget to work with and they will have to decide what types of toys are the best for the money they have to spend.

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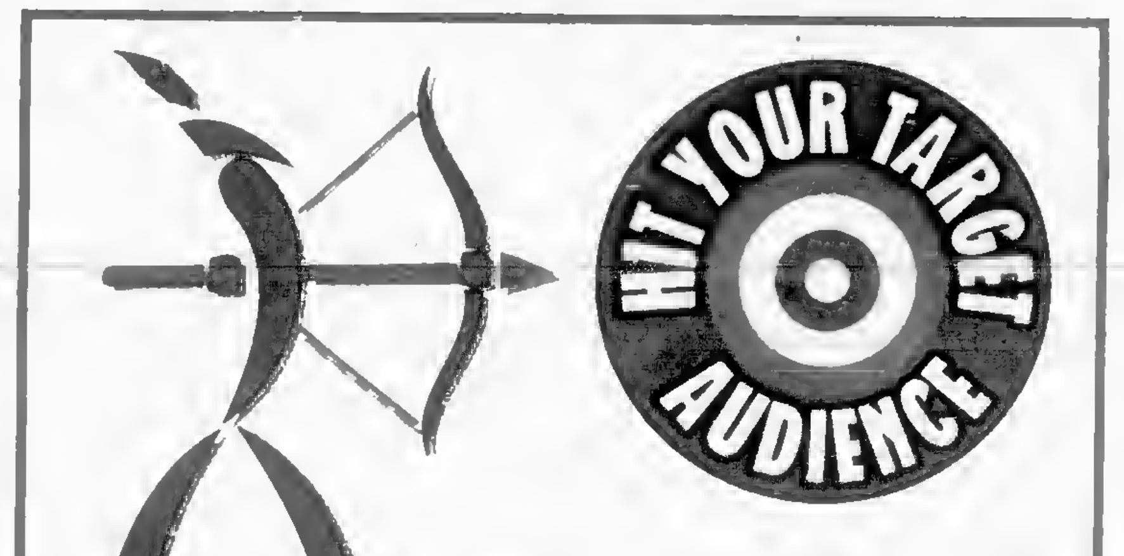

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Arvilla inspired by 'Calendar Girl' movie

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix resident is baring a new side of herself in an effort to help her mother.

Dr. Denis Erin Arvilla, 54, created a calendar in the theme of the film "Calendar Girls" in order to help offset the medical costs her mother, Lyla Arvilla, 90, has incurred over the past three years.

"I thought how neat that 50-something women are doing something unique to raise money," Arvilla said.

The idea came after her husband, Lloyd Mel Vance, insisted on viewing the film "Calendar Girls." The film is about a few women of the Rylstone Women's Institute in North Yorkshire, England, who decide to pose nude in artistic photos that are turned into a calendar in order to raise money for Leukemia research after one of them loses her husband to Leukemia.

Instead of cancer, Arvilla's situation centers around the heart.

"Sport Age with a Smile" is the title of the 12-month, 2005 calendar Arvilla posed partially nude for. Each month features a sport Arvilla personally participated in and is an attempt to show that people should be upbeat and positive about their age and continue to remain active. The photographs were taken by Mary Paquette of Petoskey and the calendars were printed by Mitchell Graphics Inc. in Petoskey.

"My motto is you've got to get out there and be active," she said.

Arvilla said her mother has suffered from chronic arthritis in the spinal column that caused pressure on her spinal chord. This situation would have left Lyla Arvilla paralyzed from the neck down, but surgery relieved the pressure.

After a year and a half of therapy at $12,000 a month, Arvilla said her mother was able to walk, but was left with a huge medical bill.

A little while after the therapy, Arvilla said her mother contracted a virus that affected her heart and caused cardio myopathy or the heart muscle to become diseased. This in turn lead to congestive heart failure.

Arvilla said her mother was told in October 2003 that she wasn't going to live.

However, on Nov. 22, 2003, Arvilla's mother went to Northern Michigan Hospital and had her pacemaker replaced with a bi-ventricular lead pacemaker. This new pacemaker features two leads that connect to both sides of the heart instead of one lead, which causes both sides of the heart to beat together, Arvilla said.

After the pacemaker replacement and proper medication, Arvilla said her mother's heart beat rose from 23 percent to 40 to 45 percent.

The bill her mother incurred from medical treatment astounded Arvilla, who has studied in Canada and thinks the United States needs to look at things differently in regards to health care. She said the Canadian system may not be the answer, but something between that and the current system in the United States may be worthwhile.

"It's great to have good medical care, but it shouldn't take everything you own to have it," she said.

Arvilla said she wants to lobby for more affordable health care for all.

"Mom can't be the only person in this situation," she said. "It's something I want to bring to the floor for all."

Arvilla said she thinks there is a better way that people can get proper care and not have to lose everything in the process.

"I think we're the only civilized nation in this world that doesn't have affordable health care," she said. "It may or may not be true, but it's pretty close.

In September 2004, Arvilla said her mother's health became worse when she developed mitro-valve regurgitation. Arvilla said the only way to correct the situation is through open heart surgery, which her mother couldn't survive.

After her mother's medical costs are taken care of through the sale of these calendars, Arvilla plans to donate the rest of the proceeds from the sale of her calendar toward continued research on heart valve replacement technology.

Arvilla said her husband and family including brothers Joel William Arvilla and Erik Fraley Arvilla and sister, Dr. Dana Ellen MacMilian, have been very supportive.

Arvilla is taking her mission to Jay Leno, as she is in the process of writing him and sending a calendar in hopes to reach a broader audience.

Calendars will be available for $15.50 at several area bookstores including Bridge Street Book Shop in Charlevoix, McLean & Eakin Booksellers in Petoskey, Boyne Country Bookes in Boyne City, Between the Covers in Harbor Springs, Moose Junction in Mackinaw City, Log Mark Bookstore in Cheboygan, Book World in St. Ignace and Saturn Book Store in Gaylord.

Arvilla said she is currently working with Player's Choice, the Hockey Pro Shop at Centre Ice, as a location for purchase of the calendars.

For more information on the calendars or to make a donation e-mail Arvilla at mel4erin@sbcglobal.net. Donations can be mailed to Lyla Arvilla Trust, P.O. Box 201, Charlevoix, Mich., 49720.

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Denis Arvilla holds a copy of her new calendar.

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Cookie walk

Many people braved the weather Dec. 4 to attend the annual First Congregational United Church of Christ cookie walk. Pictured are: (from left) Maria Seaman holding cookie boxes for June Frost with Santa looking on.

Middle School hosts holiday food drive

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

In order to get into the spirit of giving and to help reach out to members of the community, Charlevoix Middle School is starting up its annual Spirit of Christmas Food Drive.

Jane Garver, student council advisor and eighth grade teacher, said the food drive is a school-wide event, but the Charlevoix Middle School Student Council is taking the lead on the project, which they have for the past two years.

"We want all the kids to share in this whole season of giving type of thing," Garver said.

The school is collecting any non-perishable food item and monetary donations until Dec. 17 and will donate all to the Charlevoix Food Pantry.

Adding a monetary goal is new this year and Garver said this year's goal is to collect 5,000 food items and $1,000 in donations.

The food drive is set up as a competition of sorts among the middle school students. If the goal is reached, the students will enjoy an activity per grade in January after the Christmas break.

There is another incentive for students to help collect as many items as possible. Garver said the seminar class from each grade that collected the most items will be treated to a breakfast.

When all the items are collected, they will be boxed up and taken to the Charlevoix Food Pantry, which Garver said the students will have a hand in.

"It's really exciting for them to see how they can actually help someone and be able to help in their own community too," Garver said.

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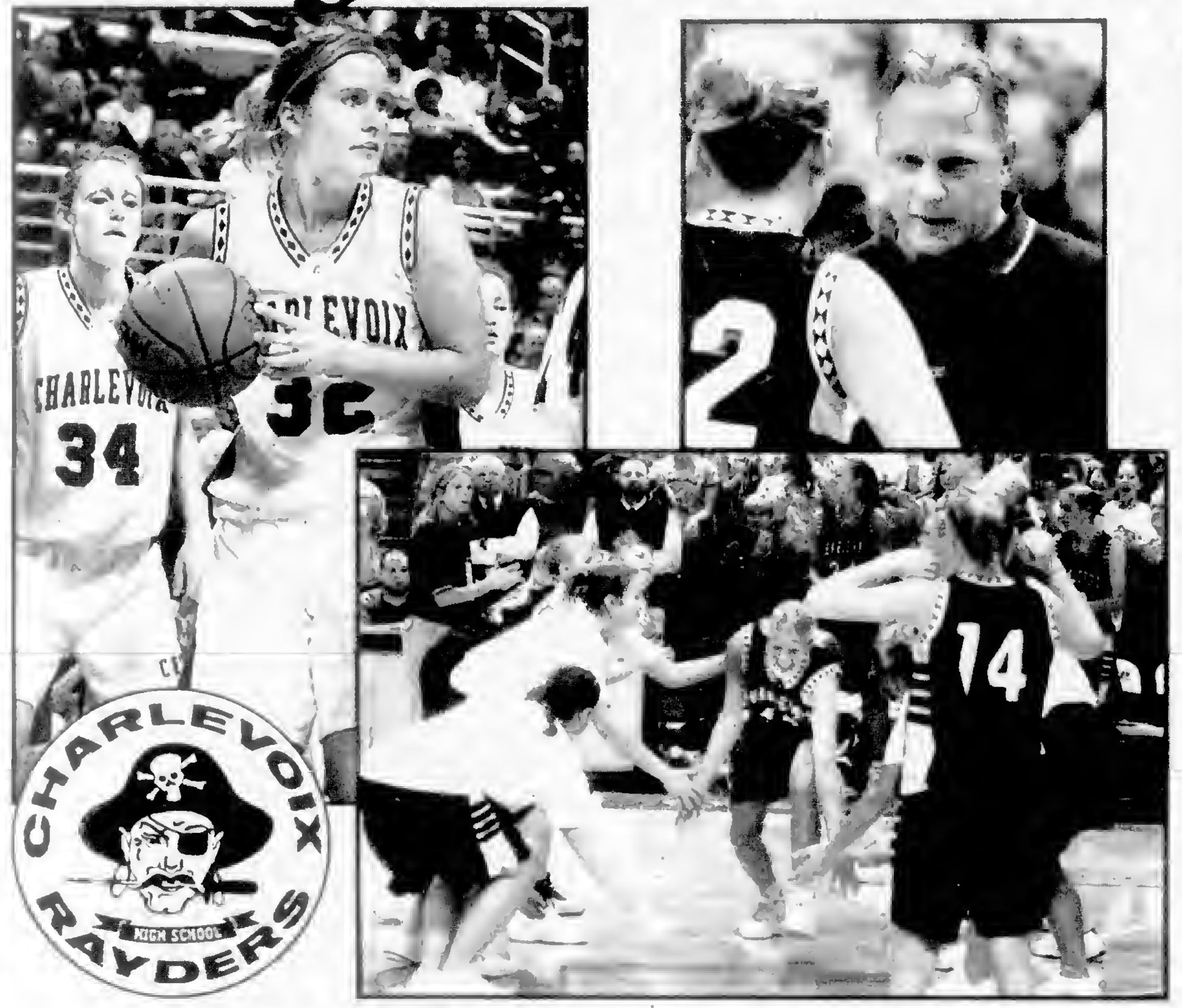
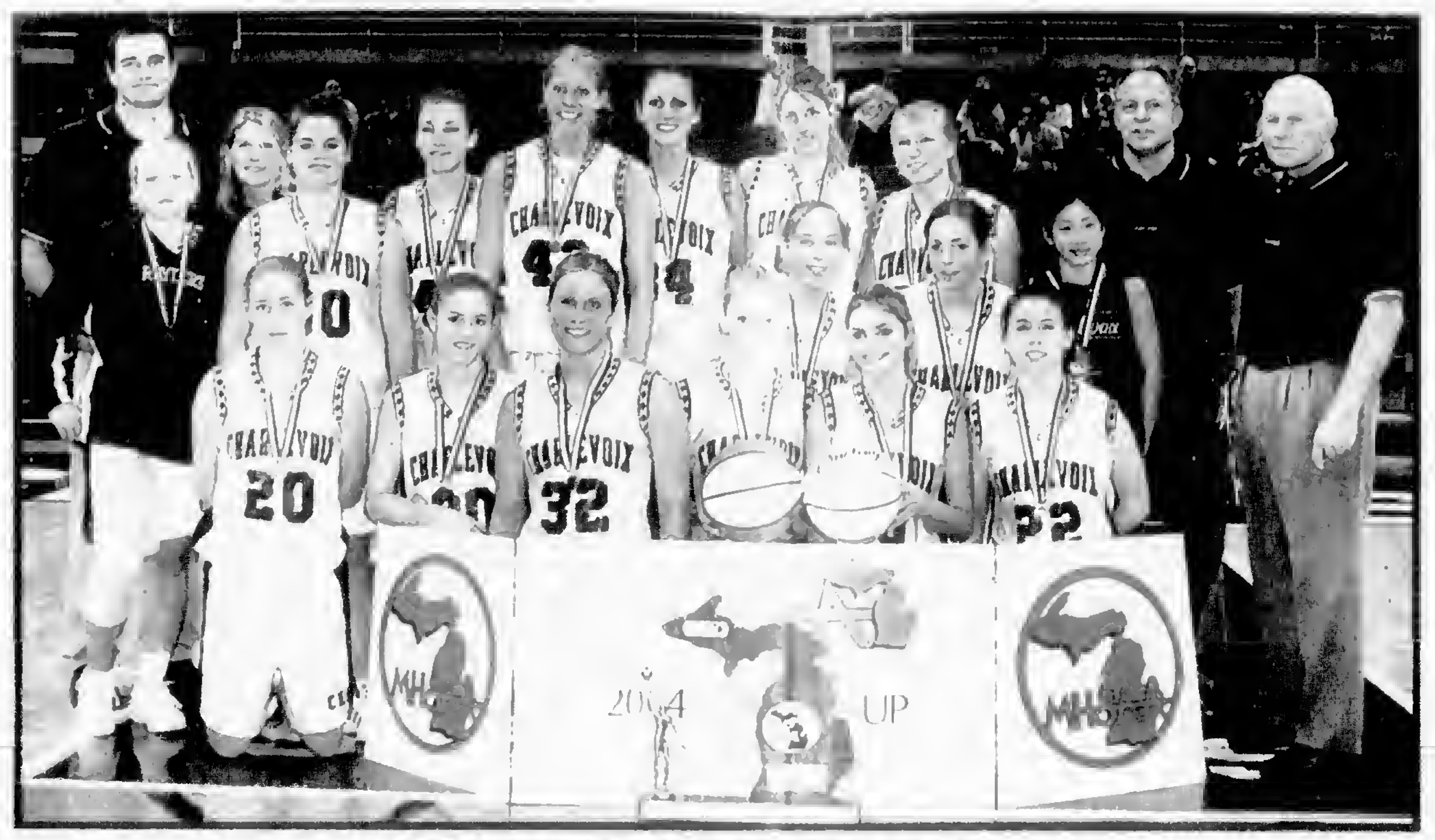
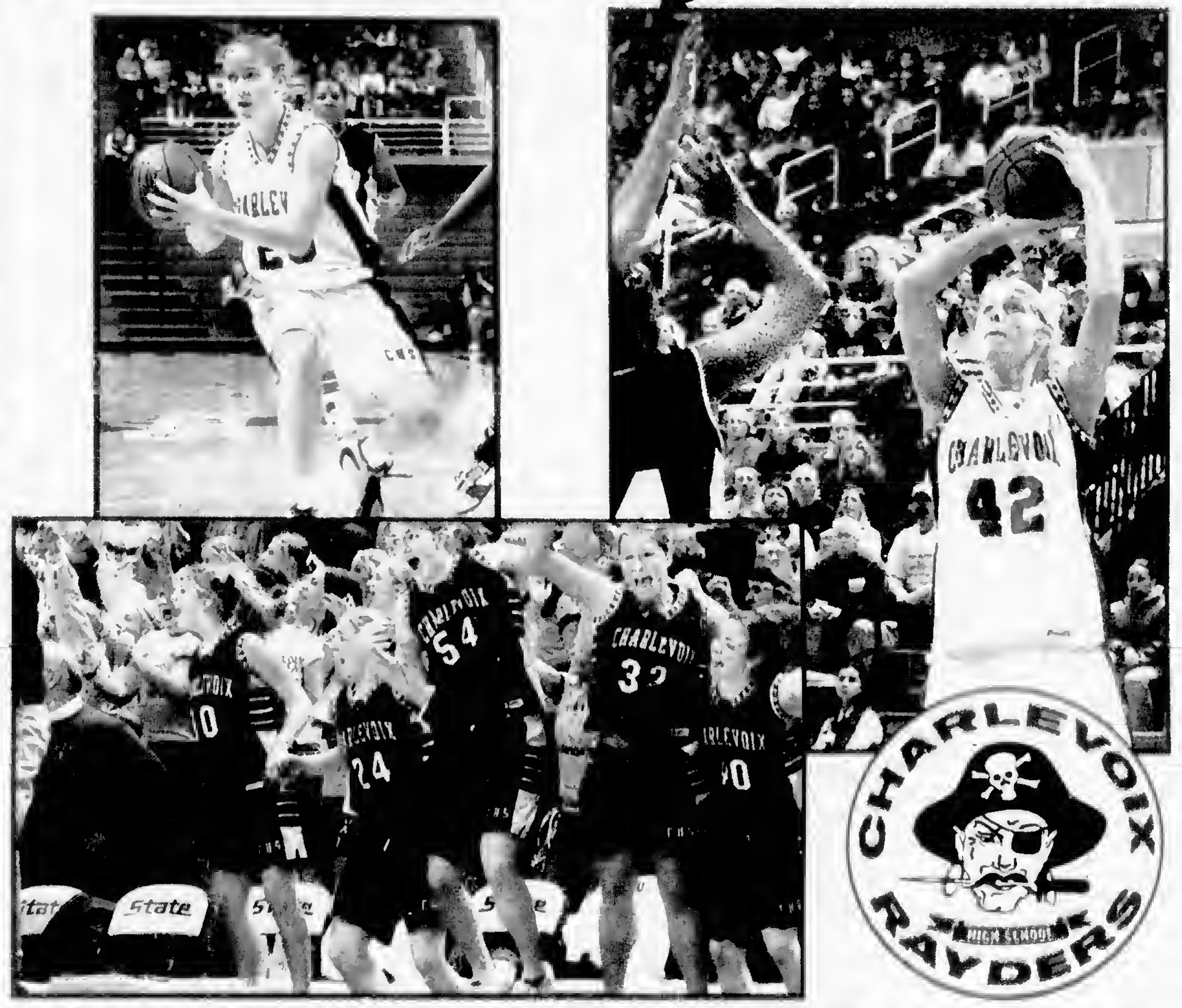




Class C Runner-Up

The Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team poses with its Class C state runner-up trophy Saturday at Michigan State University's Breslin Center. The Rayders lost to Detroit DePorres, 61-56 to end their season 27-1. Team members are front (from left) Laura Nitchman, Shannon Dibble, Kari Way, Jaime Pettis, Madison McKenzie, Liz Jadwin. Middle, Madison Ramsey, Caitlin Cole, Grace Farrell, Stevie Murray, Genevieve Kochanny, Manager Chelsey Haske, assistant coach Jim Gels. Back, assistant coach Bret Erskine, assistant coach Liz Grunch, Betsy Dennis, Sarah Cross, Bethany Pearson, Sally Haselschwardt, coach Keith Haske.



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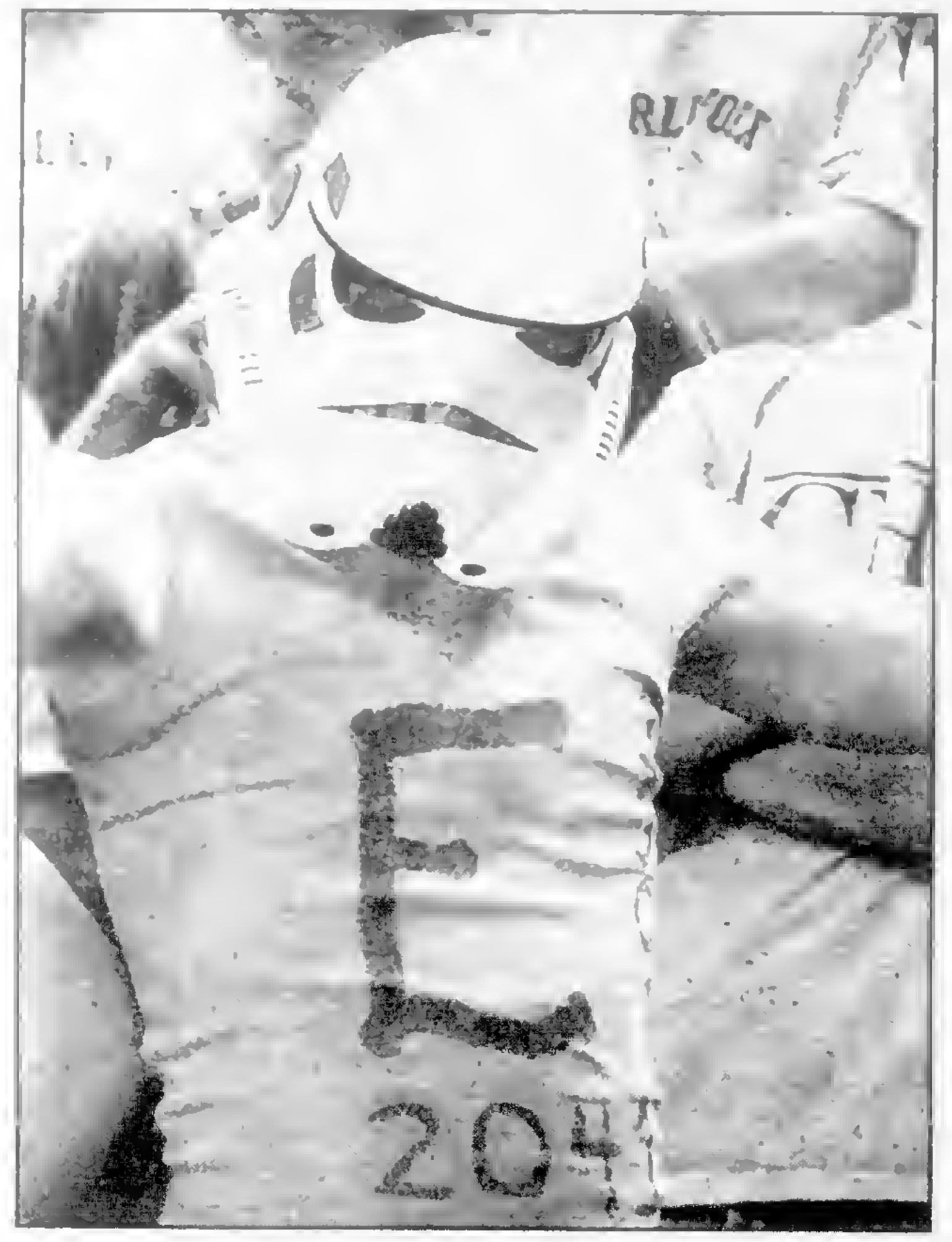

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A show of 'Force'

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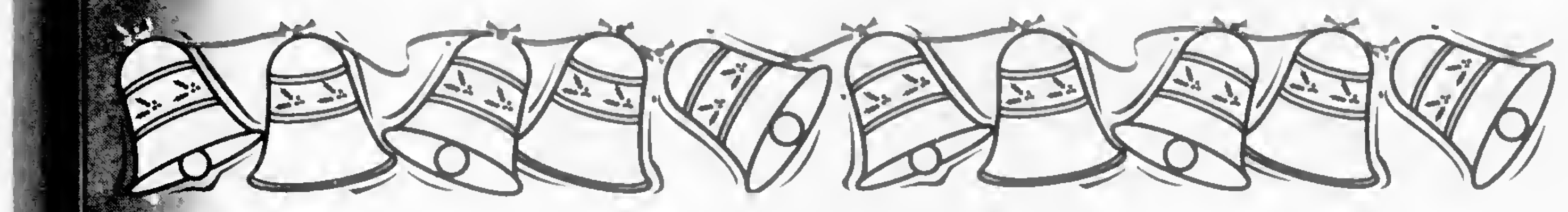

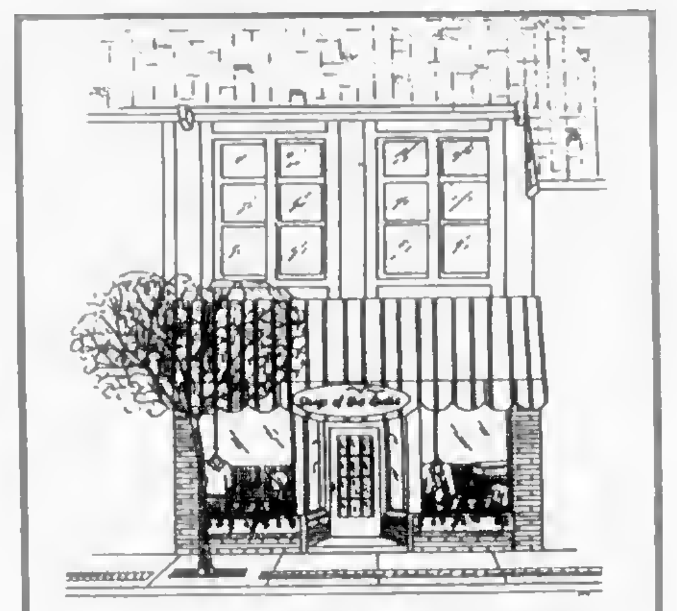

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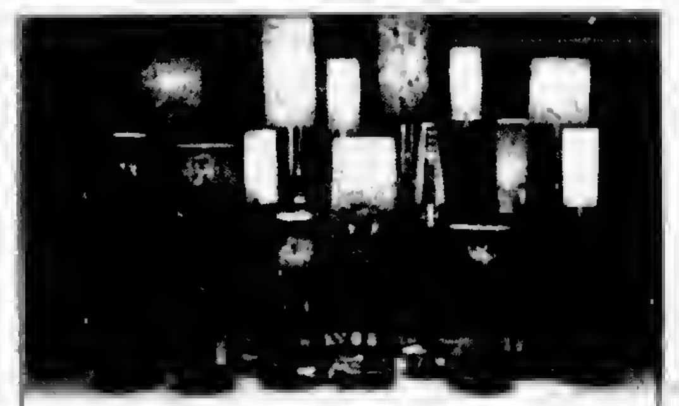

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Military update

(Editor's note: In an attempt to keep the community informed on Charlevoix citizens in the service, we have added this section to the Charlevoix Courier on a monthly basis. If you know of any Charlevoix residents who are currently serving in the military and are not listed in this section, please contact the Courier at (231) 547-6558.)

Several Charlevoix residents or relatives of area residents are currently serving in the military and are either overseas in Iraq or stateside. Their efforts are recognized here.

Currently Overseas:

ARMY

1st Lt. Anthony Doan, 26 — serving as a part of the 506th Combat Infantry; was stationed in Korea in 2003; could stay deployed in Iraq for 18 months to a year; been in the Army for three years; currently stationed at Camp Habhaniyah in Iraq since August.

Sgt. Troy Drebenstedt, 21 — stationed out of Fort Riley, Kan.; serving as part of the Big Red One, First Infantry Division; was involved in Operation Generosity I, which supplied fun items to children; involved in Operation Generosity II, which will supply winter clothing for residents in the area; currently stationed at Camp Anaconda in Balad, Iraq.

1st Lt. Waylon Gross, 24 — stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas; is a platoon leader and featured in "Stars & Stripes Magazine" hecause his platoon has been fired upon more times than all the other platoons in his division combined; currently stationed in Baghdad.

Sgt. Sean Roberts, 25 — serving as a part of 1st Division, 41st Infantry, Charlie Company; stationed out of Fort Riley, Kan.; is serving on his third tour in Iraq; currently stationed at Camp Cuervo in Baghdad.

MILITARY POLICE — ARMY

Spc. Benjamin Frederick, 20 —serving as a part of the 4th Platoon, 545th Military Police Company, 1st Cavalry; stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas; will be deployed for about one year; currently stationed at Camp Victory in Baghdad.

MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD

Spc. Jeffery Riley, 19 — stationed out of Camp Grayling; serving as a firefighter; currently stationed in Mosul, Iraq.

AIR FORCE

Airman Elizabeth Powers, 20 — stationed out of Fort Pope in Fayetteville, N.C. and is currently stationed in Balad, Iraq.

Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Thompson, 41 — stationed out of Camp Darby in Italy; was stationed in Korea for about 18 months; stationed in Saudia Arabia this summer for about four months; could face possible deployment to Iraq.

MARINES

Staff Sgt. James Ciuk Jr., 36 — stationed out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.; did a six month tour in Okinawa; currently on his second tour in Iraq.

Joshua Popenhagen, 20 — stationed out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.; presently deployed in Iraq.

NAVY

Petty Officer 3rd class Matthew J. Campbell, 24 — was in Iraq for five months at the start of the war; has been stationed aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk out of Yokosuka, Japan since 1999.

Lt. Cmdr. Mark Lignell, 43 — has served actively for two and a half years, but has been involved for eight years while educating himself; serves as the department head of anesthesiology at the naval base at Yokosuka, Japan.

Currently Stateside:

ARMY

Spc. Tara Gross, 23 — stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.; out in October.

Sgt. Country J. Middleton, 28 — recently called back for deployment to Iraq for 18 months; previously served in active duty for four years and was a part of Task Force Falcon, a multi-national peacckeeping mission in the Kosovo Campaign, which led him into Bosnia and Albania; currently stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

Sgt. Kent Newland, 24 — stationed out of Fort Richardson, Alaska; was on tour with a regiment for nine months in Afghanistan; served as a part of the Army Airborne 501st Parachute Infantry; currently facing possible re-deployment to Iraq next spring.

Capt. Douglas E. Sloan, 38 — stationed out of Fort Drum, N.Y.; was deployed to Al Fallujah, Iraq; currently facing re-deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan in May 2005; took command of Battle Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry on Sept. 29, which he served with in Iraq; has received numerous awards and decorations.

Spc. Curtis Theisen, 25 — currently home from serving in Tikrit, Iraq; inactive status, but could face possible re-deployment.

Pvt. James Wiklanski, 26 — currently stationed out of Georgia; facing deployment to Iraq sometime in January.

MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD

Sgt. Scott A. Campbell, 29 — has served for 11 years; served stateside in Homeland Security for six months at Selfridge Air National Guard Base (formerly Selfridge Air Force Base); currently stationed out of Camp Grayling.

Sgt. Gerald Zeitler, 41 — stationed out of Cheboygan; will be retiring in April 2005, served overseas in Egypt for about six months.

AIR FORCE

Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell, 24 — stationed out of San Angelo, Texas; in 2001 served in Saudi Arabia for three months; in 2002 was sent to Oman for six months, hut came home the day the war started; is a firefighter instructor.

Airman Robert Helm Jr., 20 — stationed out of Montana; part of the Space and Missile Technology Program.

Airman 1st Class Christopher Loper, 21 — has served for almost two years; could face possible deployment to Iraq; first time overseas if deployed; currently stationed out of Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Airman 1st Class Hayley Torres, 21 — has served for almost two years; is currently a medical technician; not currently facing deployment to Iraq; currently stationed out of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Airman 1st Class Jesus "Skip" Torres III, 20 — will have served two years in February; currently a medical technician; could face possible deployment to Iraq in May 2005; first time overseas if deployed; currently stationed out of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

MARINES

Cpl. Daniel Bennett, 23 — served in Iraq for eight months; been in the Marine Reserves for over four years; is currently home but could face re-deployment starting in January 2005.

Cpl. Dawson Matter, 23 — was deployed to Iraq for eight months and stationed in Fallujah; received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; will soon be out of the Marine Corps., but is subject to being called back for the next four years.

Mary Selph, 22 — currently stationed in California.

Information is not known about the following individuals except that they are currently serving or did serve: **(AIR FORCE) Dustin Albaugh, Crystal Beach, Kevin Beach, Jeff Schlinger, Brett VanderHeide, Paul Walker, (MARINES) Blake Renshaw** and **(NAVY) Christopher Hawk, Kyle Louiselle, Garry Miller** and **Phillip Slocum.**

Information is not known about what branch of the military these individuals served with: **Sophie Bootz, Jacob Clark, Nathan Clark, Tiffany Matter, Markus McWatters, Timothy McWatters, Garry Miller, LeEtta Miller, Leonard Nemeth, Christian Pashingbauer, Gregory Starr, Cody Thompson, Alvin Veenstra, Billy Werner** and **Steve Woodbeck**.

Bradley Rykse is no longer in the Marine Corps and **Kevin Ranum** is home.

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All veterans invited to annual dinner Dec. 11

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Annual Veteran's Appreciation Dinner is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 11 and all veterans are invited to attend.

Bob Drebenstedt, director of the Office of Veteran's Affairs, said the dinner will be a way to bring together all hrother's in arms for a celebration of the holiday's and each other.

"This is our thank you not only to those who served our country, but to those who continue to serve our community in a number of ways," Drchenstedt said.

The dinner will occur at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix this year due to the large turnout last year.

"It's something that we started out at the Coast Guard station and we've grown to a bigger place," Drebenstedt said.

The new location will allow for veterans to bring their family and friends to celebrate in the holidays and each other.

This is the first year the dinner is open to all veterans, for in the past Drebenstedt said the focus was primarily on the World War II veterans.

By bringing all together, Drebenstedt said the hope is to unite all veterans and not continue to have a gulf between the generations.

"If you talk to the Vietnam veterans they'll say the World War II guys never really accepted them," Drebenstedt said.

Whereas, he said the Desert Storm veterans were accepted by all.

"We hope to heal some feelings," Drebenstedt said.

The older generation of veterans are very active in their respected social organizations and volunteer their time to the community.

Drehenstedt said the veterans from Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom are young enough to still be working full force and don't necessarily have the time to volunteer.

However, Drebenstedt said there is a need for the Korean and Vietnam veterans to join in the various service organizations such as the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"We need to keep this thing alive and things like this dinner get people acquainted with one another," he said.

Service organizations originally provided a place for veterans to be amongst each other and enjoy activities such as playing cards and finding out about jobs during the World War II era, Drebenstedt said.

They also provided a place soldiers could go to for healing from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, which is seen predominately amongst the American soldier, Drehenstedt said.

"The healing took place just by talking ahout it," he said.

Some veterans from Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom will experience this disorder and they too will need people to talk to ahout their experiences.

Also, the wives of veterans play an important part. Drehenstedt said several families of veterans volunteer their time in preparing food for those in need during the holidays among other activities.

"The entire family gives back," he said.

The Annual Appreciation Dinner is a way for veterans and their families to come together and keep the torch alive that will be passed onto the next generation of veterans.

"The once a year appreciation dinner is a very little thing compared to what they also give to the community," he said.

Veterans may know one another, but they are able to come together, break bread and reminisce on experiences only brother's in arms can ever know.

The dinner will feature turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, assorted desserts and other holiday delights. The dinner is free for veterans but only $5 for guests.

All veterans are asked to hring photographs or scrapbooks to share with others during the dinner.

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Gooch raising money for educational Europe trip

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix Middle School student is preparing to take the adventure of a lifetime.

Kristen Gooch, a sixth grader, will be traveling to Europe in June 2005 as a student ambassador through the program People to People.

Gooch said she will be visiting France, Italy, Switzerland and Austria as a part of her 20 day stay in Europe.

"I'm really excited," she said, for she has never been to Europe before.

The part she's most looking forward to is getting to travel to another country, but she doesn't have any predetermined favorites at this time.

Her mother, Liz Gooch, said Kristen will be traveling with about 40 other students from the Traverse City area, including a few students from Petoskey.

The opportunity is by invitation only and will allow the students to meet with various public officials in each country and to see the different cultures.

Gooch said the program was started by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and has been going strong since.

Last year, Gooch said a group of students went to Australia.

As a part of the process, Gooch said Kristen has to attend five monthly meetings, write a report on Austria and obtain a passport.

Each student is also responsible for raising the necessary $5,000 and Gooch is helping her daughter by creating several stuffed cloth cats that the pair had for sale during the 11th Annual Charlevoix Open House and Holiday Craft Show on Dec. 4 at St. Mary School.

The Gooch's featured Liz's homemade cats that were created with fabric donated by Bartlett's Home Interiors. They also sold dog treats donated by Pet Haus Cusine Inc. in Boyne City and various artwork donated by local artist Helga Strey.

Strey said the opportunities are important, which is why she donated some of her artwork for Kristen to sell.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Kristen and Liz Gooch sold crafts on Dec. 4 during the 11th Annual Open House and Holiday Craft Show at St. Mary School in order to help raise money for Kristen's adventure abroad as a student ambassador this summer.

"You have to support that very much so," she said.

Strey said the experience of different cultures and sites along with politics is important for students.

Kristen has raised some money through selling caramel corn, raking leaves, collecting pop cans, a bake sale, various crafts and from private donations.

Donations can be made by calling the Gooch's at 547-9640.

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Snowmobile crash reported

A 20-year-old East Jordan man was injured in a snowmobile accident around 12 a.m., Saturday on private property in the 4000 block of Healy Road in Wilson Township.

A snowmobile being operated by the man was crossing private property when it struck a row of rocks which had been placed at the edge of a driveway. One of the front skis was caught between two rocks causing the snowmobile to flip over and roll several times throwing the operator off.

The man sustained head and neck injuries as a result of the crash. He was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital for treatment of his injuries by East Jordan Ambulance service.

The man was wearing a crash helmet which is believed to have prevented further or more serious injuries.

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Charlevoix girls beaten by big Detroit team

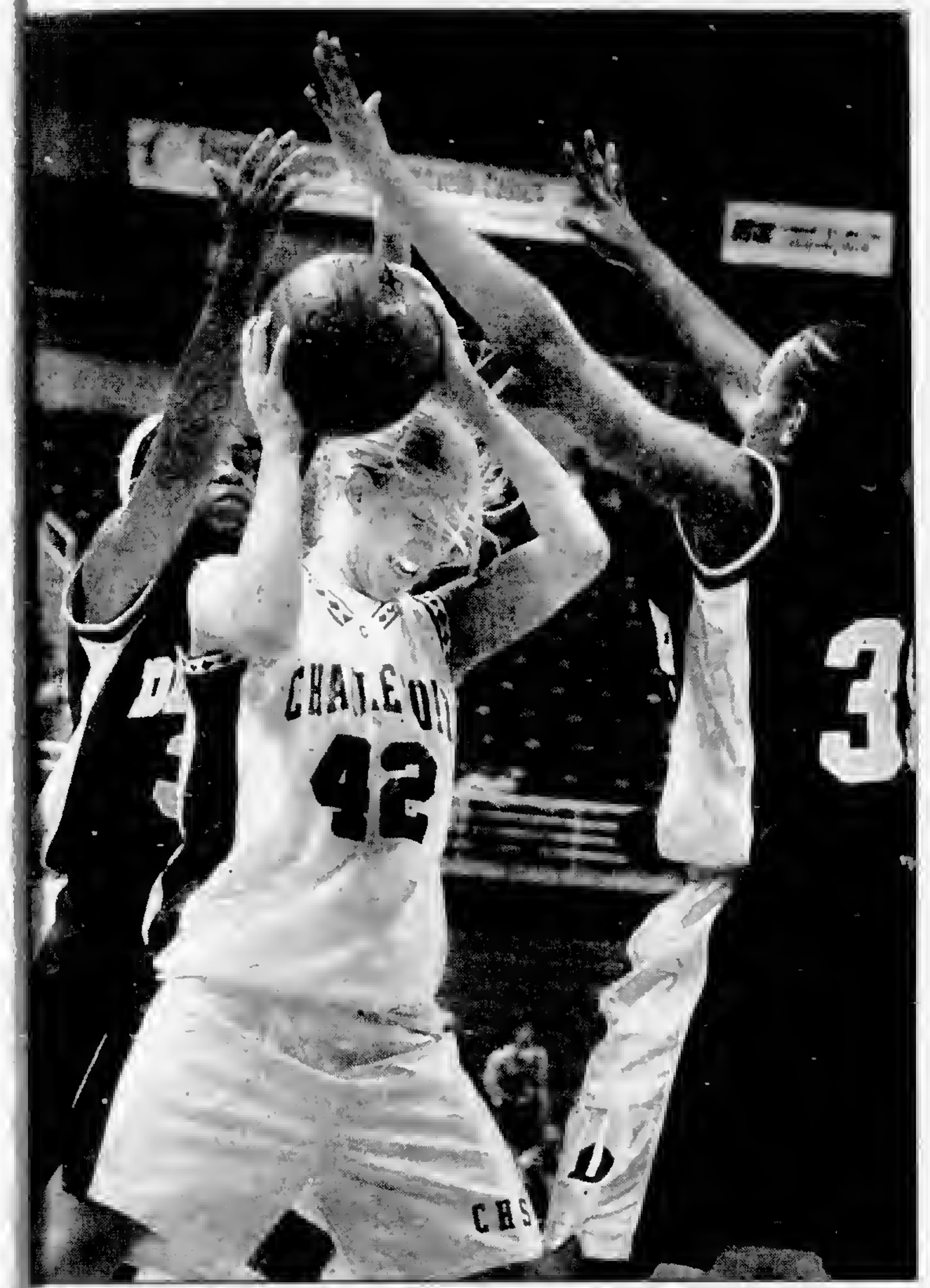

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Grace Farrell fights her way through a tough defense in Saturday's state final game.

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

For the first time this season, the Charlevoix ladys met their match.

As a result, the Rayders suffered defeat for the only time in the 2004 campaign. Detroit St. Martin dePorres showed why they were the number one ranked team in Class C for most of the season in a 61-56 win over Charlevoix for the state championship.

"A little bit bigger, a little bit stronger, could get up a little higher than we could and just a little bit too physical in there for us," Coach Keith Haske said, describing DePorres "That was the story of the game."

They didn't have more fight or guts than the Rayders, however, who finished their season with a 27-1 record and gamely hung around despite playing what Haske termed their worst half of basketball of the season in the first half.

"I'm not surprised that the kids hung in there," Haske said. "They're intelligent basketball players and just a tremendous group of girls to be with.

Charlevoix trailed by 10, 53-43 with only 2:51 left in the game. Worse yet, the Rayders were without sparkplugs Madison Ramsey, who left the contest with a knee injury early in the second quarter, and Jaime Pettis, who fouled out with 3:33 to go.

The Rayders clawed their way back to within three at 55-52, aided in large measure by a rare five-point play. While Betsy Dennis was sinking a three-point shot from the top of the key, Grace Farrell was fouled underneath on the rebound. Farrell sank both free throw attempts.

In the next two trips down the floor, the Rayders fouled DePorres guard Jazmine Ellis who missed four straight free throws. Charlevoix could not capitalize; however, as they turned the ball over off the first set of misses and on the second set, dePorres' Michelle Carr rebounded the ball and was fouled.

She made both free throws with 58 seconds remaining to make the score 57-52. The Rayders later cut the lead again to three on another Dennis three-pointer at 59-56 but they could get no closer.

DePorres sank six of eight free throw attempts in the final minute of play.

"Obviously I'm proud of the kids, the way they came back, fought back on a day that I didn't think we played one of our better games," Haske said.

"The key to the whole game was dePorres' ability to offensively rebound the basketball," Haske said. "Hats off to their kids. I thought they were very tenacious. Every rebound that went up, they seemed to just want that ball."

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DePorres outrebounded the Rayders, 38-18 in total rebounds and 18-5 on the offensive glass. They scored 22 points off offensive rebounds and 42 of their 61 points in the paint.

Dennis, Farrell and Laura Nitchman led Charlevoix in scoring, each with 16 points. Nitchman was 10 for 12 from the charity stripe, grabbed six rebounds and dished out four assists.

Farrell, earlier in the week named Class C Special Mention All-State, had five steals and four rebounds. Dennis was a scintillating five-for-nine from three-point range to keep the Rayders in the game, just two three-pointers short from the state final record for all classes.

"Betsy hit some big threes down

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Church League • Dec. 1, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	421	229
Ferguson & Chamberlain	355	295
R & C Roofing	337	313
Lutherans	317	333
Mark White Paint & Stain	309	341
The Inner Circle	303	347
State Farm Insurance	295	355
St. Mary's	257	363

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Murray		224
John Fiedorek	627	
Don Firman		223
Ron Grulke	608	221
Mike Webb	550	

Tuesday Night Ladies • Nov. 30, 2004

	W	L
Twin Lakes Enterprise	32.5	19.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	29	23
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	26.5	25.5
Central Drug Store	26	26
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	26	26
Grey Gables	24	28
Mark White Paint & Stain	23	29
Don's IGA	21	31

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Janice Thanasiu	522	210
Marlene Evans		187
Jane Holm	510	182
Cherie Helm	486	

Gutter Gals League • Dec. 2, 2004

	W	L
Burger King Charlevoix	137	117
Argonne Supper Club	137	123
Paul Bunyan Lanes	134	126
Express Yourself	106	154

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	569	231
Mary O'Brien	491	177
June Kunkle	438	158

**Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
November 21, 2004**

	W	L
Hill/Martinchek	20	4
Golovich	19	5
Herboldsheimer	17	7
Bradley	16	8
Novotny	14	10
O'Leary	12	12
Griffin/Novotny	12	12
Titus	10	14
Cunningham/Mikulski	9	15
Lasky	8	16
Hart	5	19
Team 12	2	22

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jeff Novotny	492	190
Matt Novotny	470	168
Chris Mikulski		166
David Herboldsheimer	454	
Cindy Novotny	429	152
Margie Golovich		148
Linda O'Leary	385	143
Kathy Bradley	377	

**Men's Senior League
November 29, 2004**

	W	L
Kerr's Racing	29	15
J Arnold Painting "A"	25	19
B Vanloo & Sons	24	20
Cemex Cement	24	20
Central Drug Store	23	21
Weebowl-Wobowls	18	26
J Arnold Painting "2"	18	26
Selph Trucking	15	29

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Chris Putman	643	257
Jeff Smith		224
John Fiedorek	592	
Mo Dixon		211
Ron Grulke	576	211

**Young at Hearts League
December 2, 2004**

	W	L
Half & Half	30.5	17.5
Past Timers	28.5	19.5
Sparetime	24	24
Misfits	24	24
Alley Cats	24	24
Irish Rollers	23	25
Twilighters	20	28
Has Beens	18	30

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Don Bambach	557	220
Ken Schoenheit	489	200
Mo Dixon	496	191
Babs Sharrow	437	185
Bev Sladek	410	166
Nancy Bambach	427	163

Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the Week: Don Bambach of the Thursday Morning Young at Hearts League had a high actual game of 220 and an actual series of 557.

Richard Clem was the Tuesday Night Pool Tournament Winner.

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Lady Rayders invade the Breslin Center

FINALS

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the stretch and it was apparent she was the one we were going to try to go to," Haske said. "She was feeling it. She was awesome; what a great way to finish her career."

DePorres led at the end of the first quarter, 9-4 as Charlevoix shot only 13 percent from the floor. At halftime, the Eagles upped the lead to 27-19.

"I really thought we regrouped at halftime," Haske said. "We really did what we were trying to do coming into the game. But when you can't get baskets in the paint, things change a little bit. We're used to having Grace get some good looks. They took that away from us."

Another factor was the injury to Ramsey who twisted her knee making a pass.

"In the tournament run, (Ramsey's) been one of the keys to us being successful," Haske said. "When Jaime got into foul trouble, it was hard to find that second person that we like to play there."

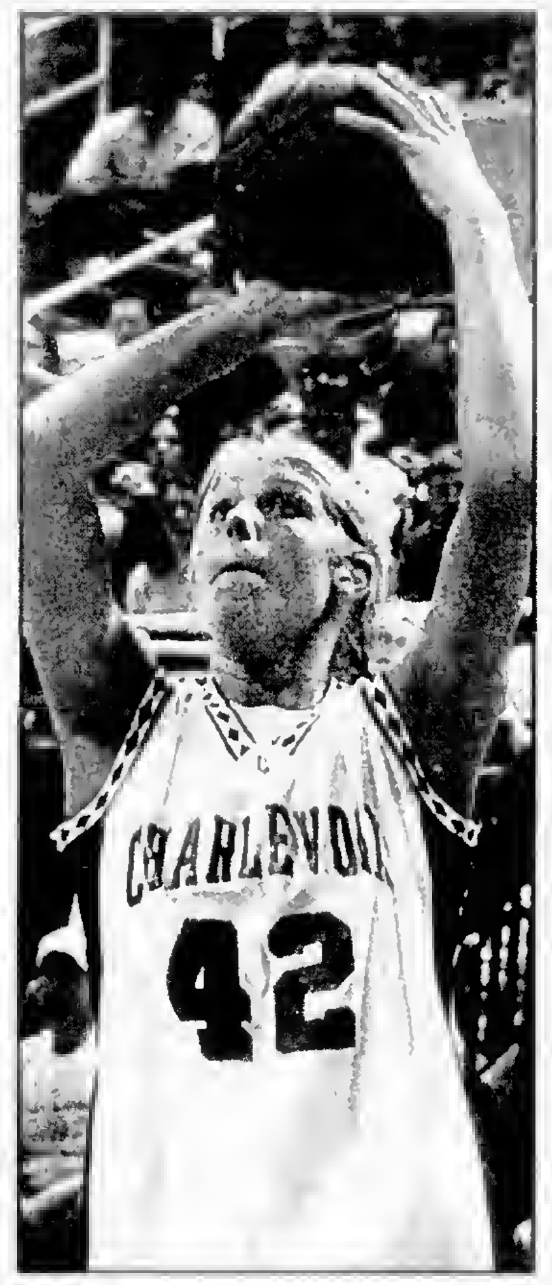
Despite the loss, the Rayders were still able to put things into perspective.

When asked whether she was nervous to play in the finals at the Breslin Center, Nitchman said, "No, I was nervous before the first game because I didn't want to go to school the next day, but I didn't really get that nervous (for the finals).

"It was amazing," Nitchman said. "I came down here last year to watch my brother play last year and he told me it was the best feeling in the world and I was like, 'no', there are better things out there."

"And then I came down here to play and it's just awesome, nothing beats playing down here."

Seniors Farrell, Dennis, Sarah Cross, Madison McKenzie and Kari Way closed out their high school careers in the final.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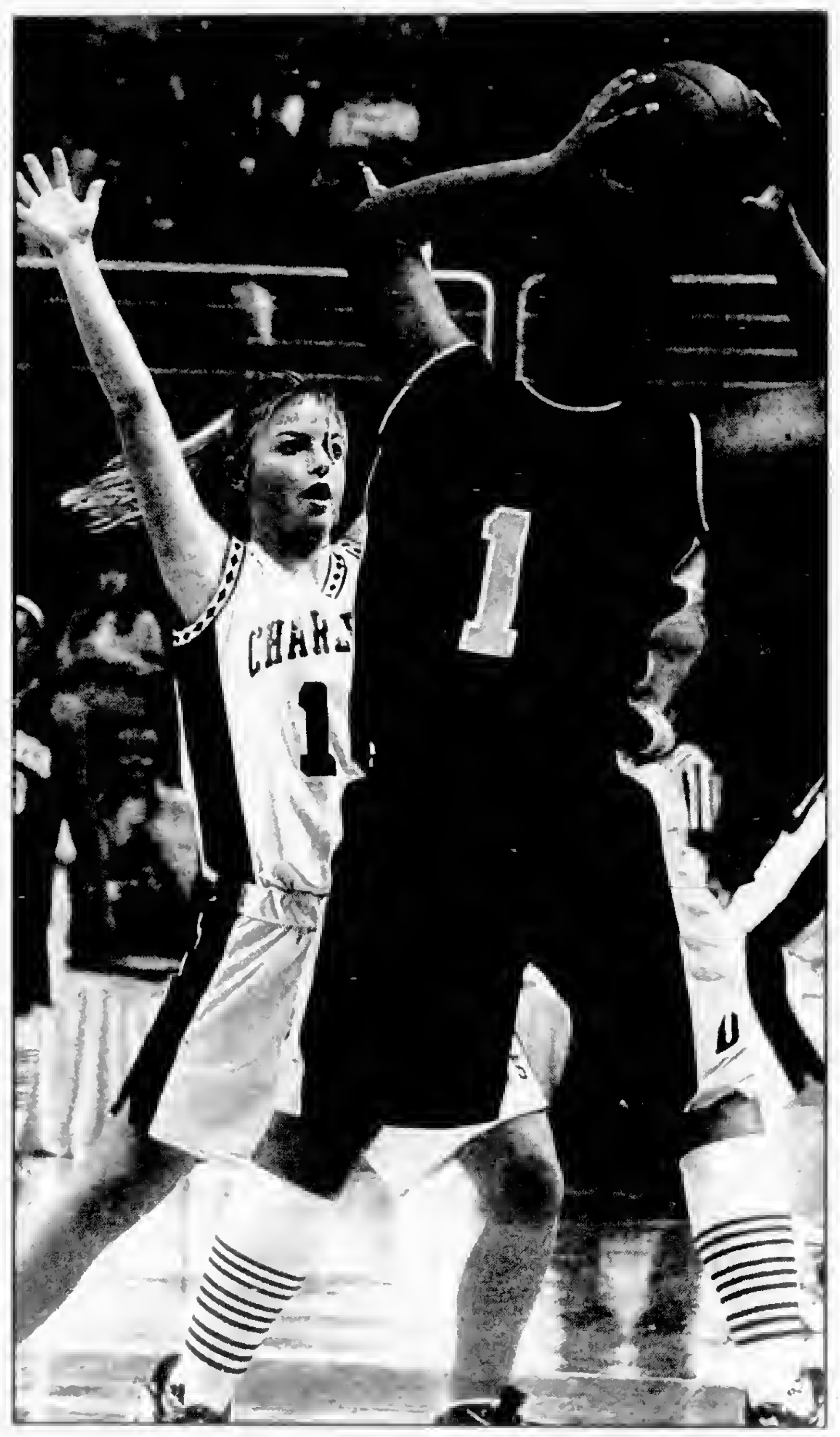
(Left) Grace Farrell goes up for a shot in the final game against Detroit St. Martin DePorres. (Below) Madison McKenzie tries to block a Detroit player from making a run to the basket.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(Left) Jaime Pettis makes a pass in the final game against Detroit St. Martin DePorres. (Bottom left) The Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team lines up for the singing of the national anthem Saturday before the state final game at Michigan State University's Breslin Center. (Below) Laura Nitchman drives her way closer to the basket during the game.

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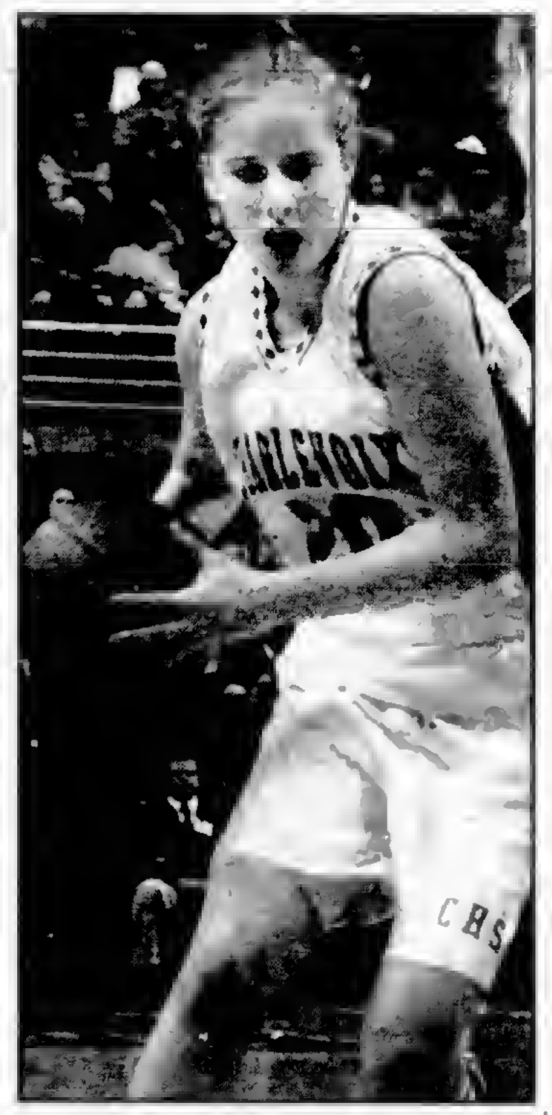
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(Below) The Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team gathers before the start of the final game against Detroit St. Martin DePorres.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Rayders beat Hamady to advance to final

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Charlevoix's Lady Rayders played their way into the state finals with two victories that were impressive for different reasons.

In the quarterfinals at Petoskey, Charlevoix trounced a previously unbeaten Iron Mountain squad, 63-39 while in the semi-finals in East Lansing; they came from behind for the first time all season to defeat Flint Hamady, 70-67.

"They're a great team," Haske said of Hamady who had defeated top-ranked Pewamo-Westphalia in the regional finals.

"I didn't think we'd come down here and win a game by 14 points. I thought it'd be a game just like we had today. Nothing out there surprised me at all."

The Rayders led by as many as 14 in the third quarter against Hamady at 53-39 but the Hawks used a 10-0 run at the end of the third quarter and start of the fourth to pull close, then a 14-4 run to pull ahead, 63-60 with 3:31 to play.

"I thought (Hamady) picked it up a little bit. They came after us with a bit more intensity and put a press on us. I thought we lost our intensity there for a few minutes," Haske said.

Laura Nitchman then sank two free throws and seconds later assisted on a Grace Farrell basket to retake the lead for Charlevoix at 64-63.

After a miss by Hamady, Coach Keith Haske called a timeout and set up a play for all-stater Farrell who responded. Farrell, at the low post, took a feed from Sarah Cross at the high post, scored and drew a foul.

She then converted the free throw to push the lead back to four at 67-63. Farrell then followed that up with a block at the defensive end of the court.

"Grace made the big plays and that's what an all-stater does," Haske said.

The Hawks wouldn't fold though, pulling to within one with seven seconds to play but Madison Ramsey calmly sunk two free throws with five seconds to go to ice the game. Hamady's desperation three at the buzzer was no good.

"The neat thing for me is that through the whole season, 27 games, and this was the first game where we've actually been in what I would call a real contest that came down to the end," Haske noted. "And to watch Madison Ramsey and Grace and the other girls finish in that situation, when they haven't been in it, I think that's quite an accomplishment."

"Only the coaches were panicking," Haske joked. "The kids did a great job keeping their composure and just hanging in there."

The Rayders were a very strong 26 for 31 (82 percent) from the free throw line. Farrell and Nitchman were both perfect from the stripe, making seven and six, respectively.

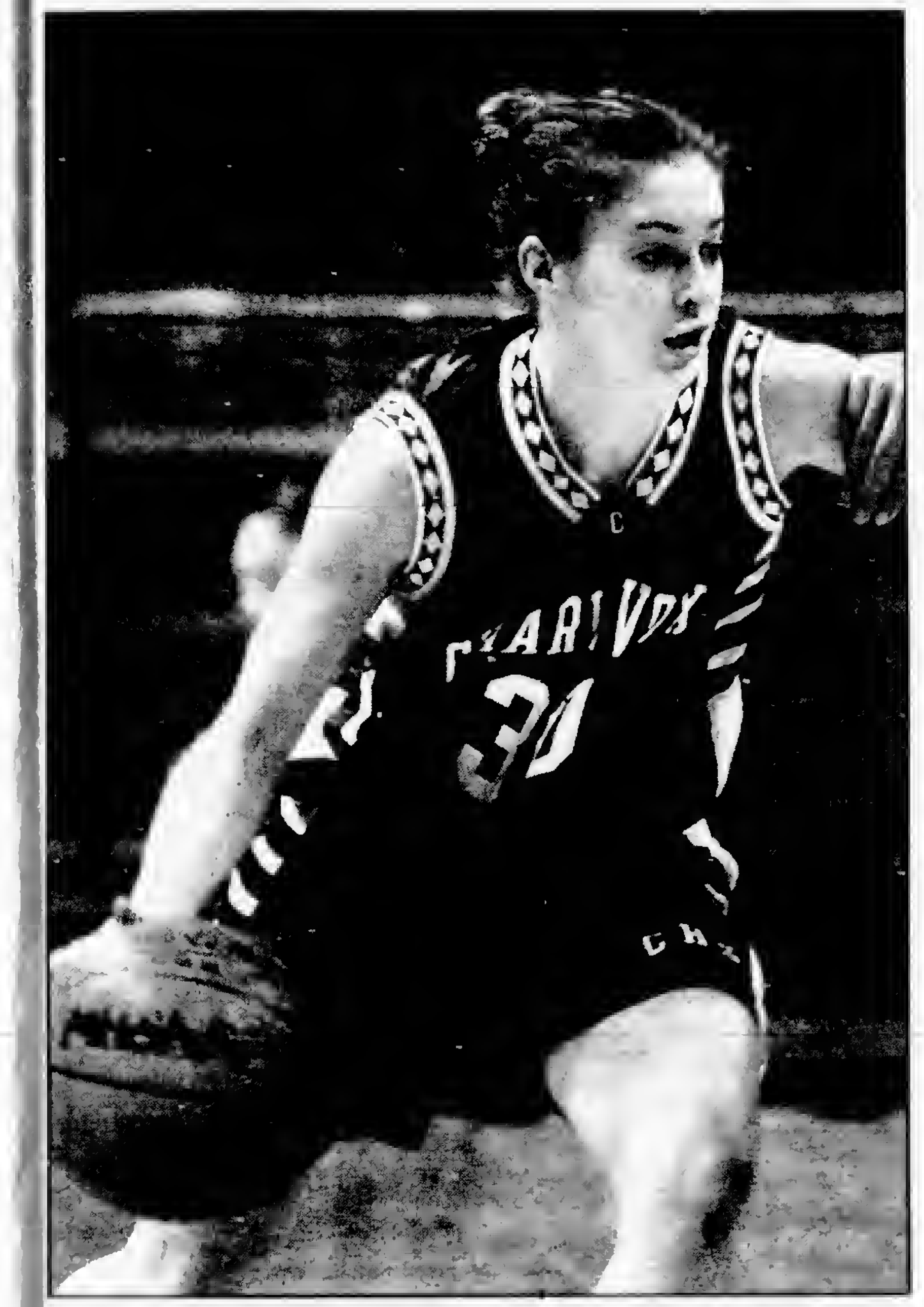
Farrell finished with 17 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Kari Way came off the bench to post 13 points and six rebounds.

Ramsey had 12 points and six rebounds. Betsy Dennis was the fourth Rayder in double-figures with 10 points and four rebounds. Shannon Dibble added eight points. Nitchman had six points and four steals.

Against Iron Mountain, after an 8-8 tie with 1:50 to go in the first period, Charlevoix used runs of 10-0 and 8-0 to jump to a 33-17 halftime lead. The Rayders won going away, leading by as many as 30 in the final stanza.

Nitchman led the Rayders with 13 points and five steals. Dibble scored 11 points.

Farrell had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Cross and Dennis each had eight points. Ramsey scored seven points while Way grabbed eight rebounds.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(Left) Shannon Dibble tries for a clear shot in the state semi-final game at Michigan State University. (Right) The Charlevoix Rayder's bench erupts near the end of the semi-final game, when victory was assured.

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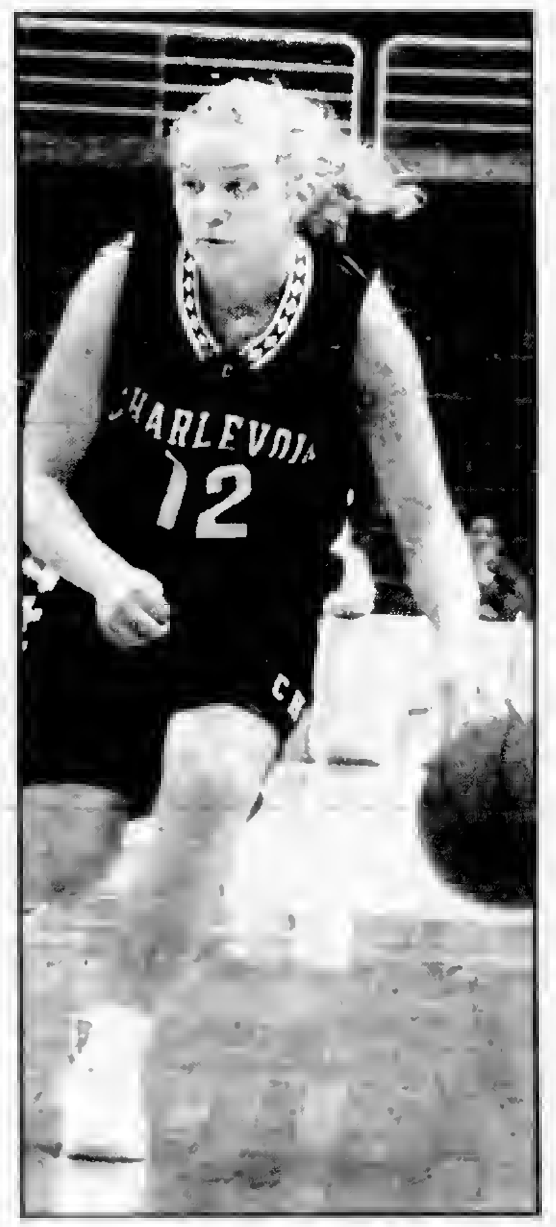
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(Left) Betsy Dennis tries to get clear to make a pass in the semi-final game. (Above) Madison Ramsey runs towards the basket during the semi-final game at Michigan State University. (Right) Kari Way prepares to block out her opponent in a bid for the basketball after a free throw.

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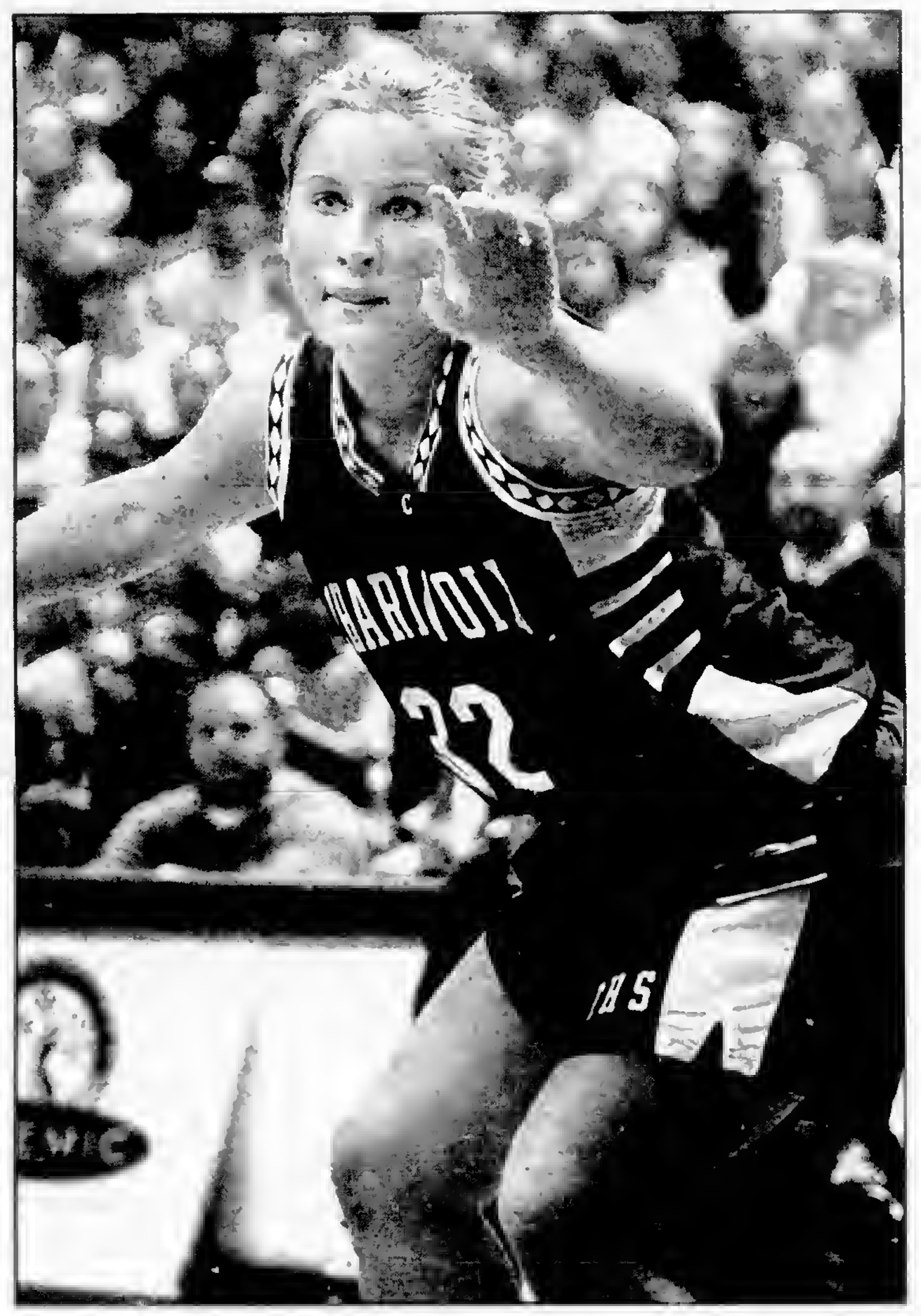
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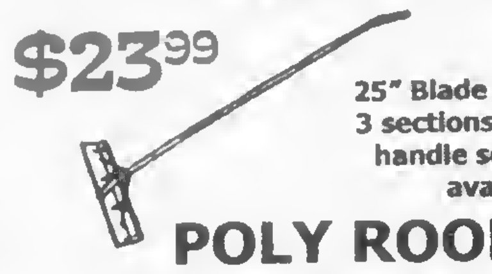

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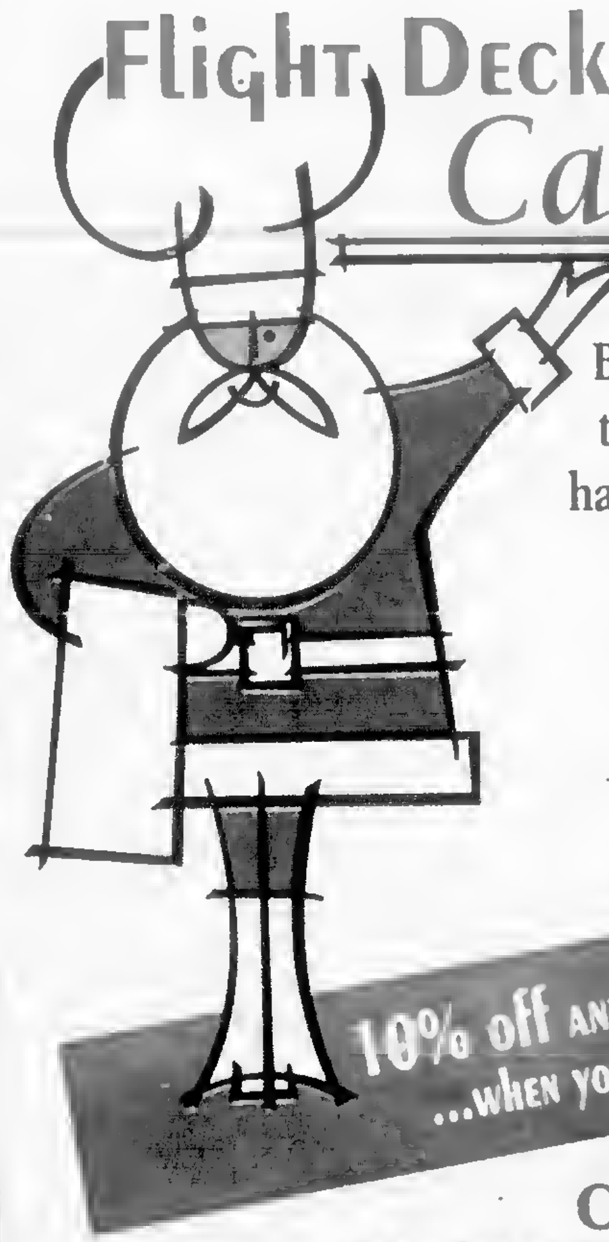

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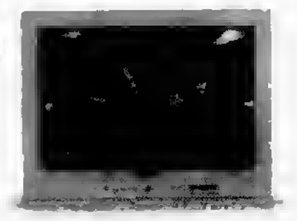

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Open house slower, but successful, this year

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With the Lady Rayders down in Lansing vying for the state champion title, Charlevoix became quiet, but activities still thrived in the downtown area despite a drop in the population.

On Dec. 4, the Eleventh Annual Charlevoix Open House and Holiday Craft Show at St. Mary School and the annual downtown Merchant Open House still drew people in.

However, Judy Bunton, who displayed her various Forget Me Not crafts during the craft show at St. Mary School for the first time, said several people that came through told her it was slower than normal.

"I did well for the first time," she said.

Bunton said the morning was the busiest time, but things tapered off by the afternoon.

"I have nothing to compare it to," she said.

Gail Seidel and Helen L. of the Bergmann Center said they noticed a little less traffic this year at the craft show.

Both women have participated in the craft show for the past two years.

"We did really well this year," Seidel said.

The morning brought in a lot of people, Seidel said, but overall there were less visitors than the previous year.

Seidel said some of the people that did come were stopping by on their way to Petoskey or Traverse City as part of a northern Michigan craft circuit.

Helga Strey, a local artist, participated in the craft show for the first time this year and displayed her various artistic talents.

"It has been going well," Strey said.

Strey said at first things were slow, but then things began to pick up.

One of the crafts that Strey had for sale were cards featuring her various watercolors of the Charlevoix lighthouse.

"I thought I'd sell more of the Charlevoix lighthouse, but it's not Christmas," she said.

The same sentiment resonated from the downtown merchants as well.

Patrice Stieglitz, store manager for J. Phillips in Charlevoix, said the store did surprisingly well.

"What I love about this day is I get to see all the locals," Stieglitz said. "I didn't get to see a lot of the locals."

Pat Marshall, a sales associate at J. Phillips in Charlevoix, said of the people that stopped in, no one seemed to be buying Christmas presents.

Instead, Marshall said most people were shopping for themselves.

"We wrapped two gifts all day," she said.

Both Stieglitz and Marshall said there seemed to be the same amount of people as last year.

"It felt busier this year than last year," Marshall said. "There were a lot of people."

The homemade food the store presented may have helped draw people in.

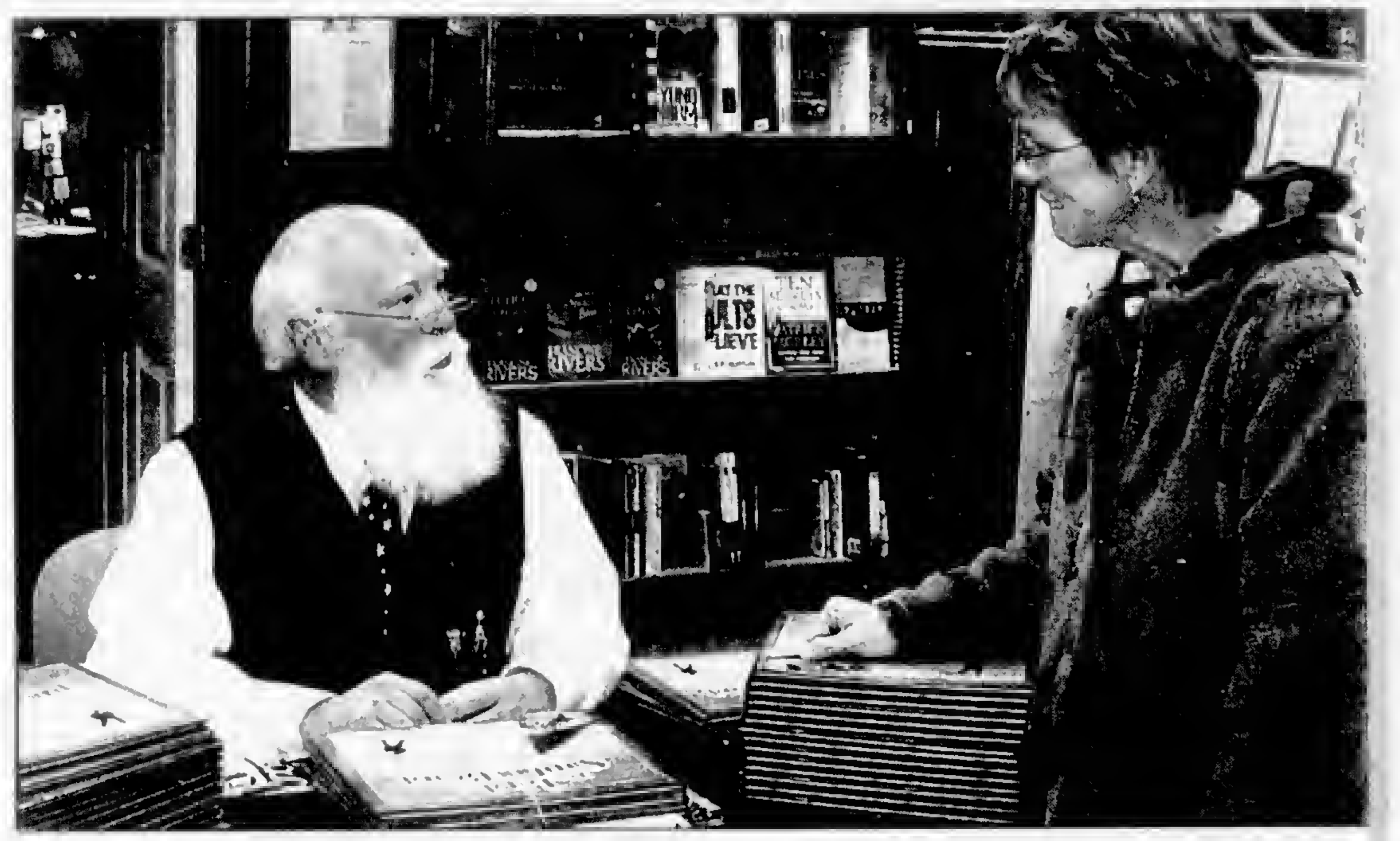
"Everyone told us we had the best food on the street," Marshall said.

Jacqueline Dipert, owner of The Clothing Company, said the open house wasn't as busy as last year but business wasn't too bad.

"I was very happy with what we did," she said.

Dipert said the night was busy as well.

"I thought there was a lot more going on than in previous years," she said.



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Santa Claus visited the Bridge Street Book Shop during the annual Merchan Open House. Jeffery L. Schatzer autographed copies of "The Bird in Santa's Beard" and spread happiness to all who came by.

The Ragamuffins performed at the store during the open house, which Dipert said always draws a crowd.

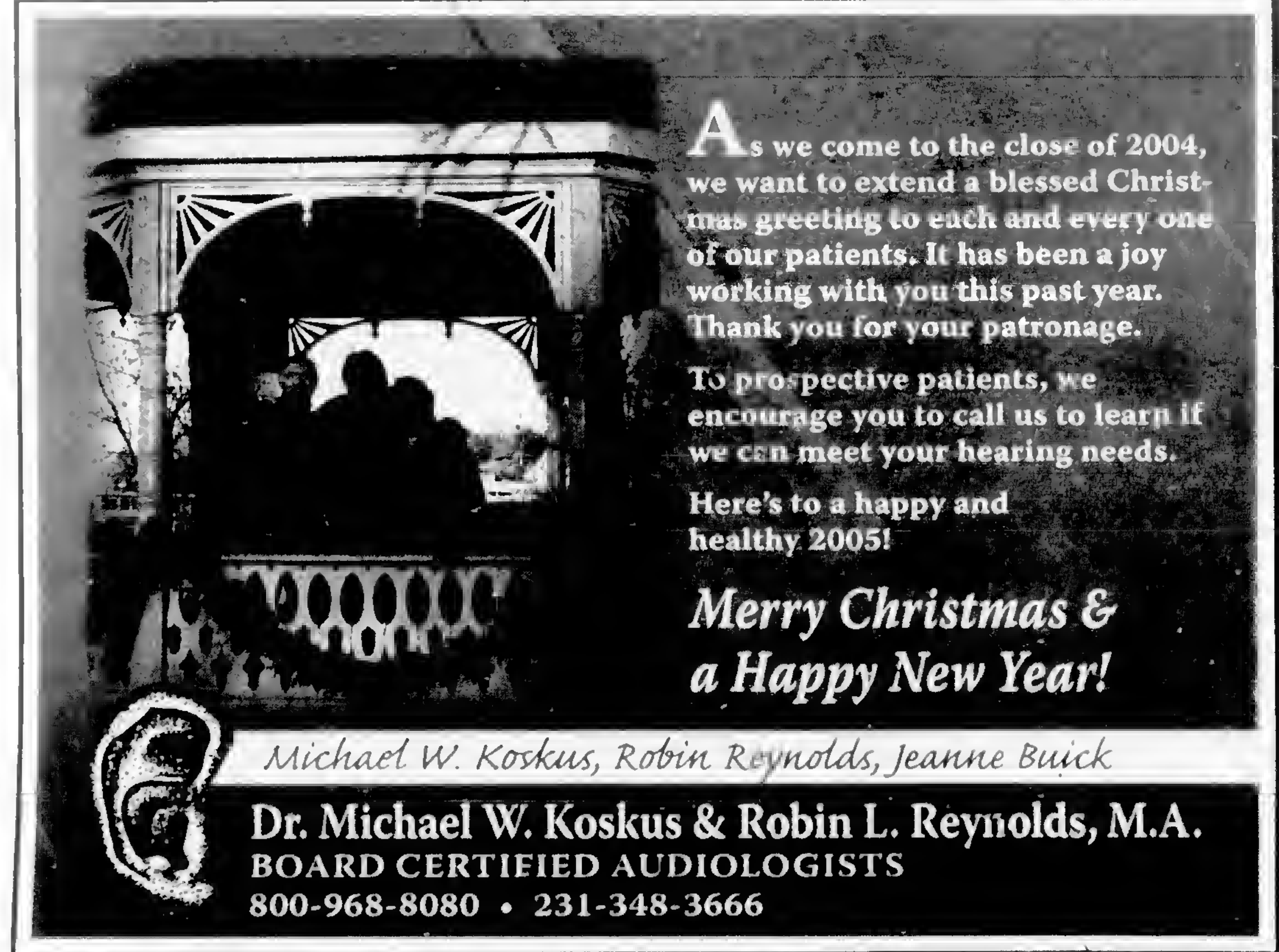
The entertainment throughout the downtown merchants was new this year and Dipert said it may have helped draw people downtown despite the weather.

"I think every year will get better," she said.

Jim Berlage, owner of The Bridge Street Book Shop, said his store was fairly busy.

"I had a better Saturday this year than last year," he said.

Berlage wasn't sure why, but said perhaps featuring book signings and entertainment all day long during the open house helped.



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Charlevoix Senior Center receives more funding

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Senior Center is coming into its own as construction is slowly coming to a close that will extend the kitchen and provide an enclosed sun area.

On Dec. 1, the center received a $2,500 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation that will go toward financing already purchased equipment.

Earl Muma, director of the Charlevoix Senior Center and chairman of the Charlevoix Senior Citizens Board of Directors, said all is going well with the construction and renovations.

Muma said a lot of help with the center comes from people knowing what the center stands for and is used for.

"It behooves us to take care of it," he said.

In order to enhance what the center already provides its members, the kitchen is being extended 10 feet and an extension of the dining room is being installed.

"We are serving a lot more people," he said.

Muma said the room will be used as a sun room since it has a wall of windows. Heat goes to the new room and Muma said he plans to have a library at one end and tables so people can put together puzzles and enjoy their day.

"Everything's going good," Muma said.

Muma said he wants to purchase a walk-in freezer and refrigerator in order to store large amounts of food that is bought ahead of time.

"To keep this place going," Muma said. "That's made what we have today."

Bob Tambellini, president and CEO of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, presented the grant along with Program Officer Maureen Radke.

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging has helped finance the Senior Center as well through a grant last year of $18,275 for operational costs. This year, Sue Bergmann, director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, said the center was approved for a grant of $12,390 to be used for the purchase of new kitchen equipment and to cover air conditioning installed last summer.

The center also received funding months ago from the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to help with operational costs.

The Senior Center is even getting Congressional attention. Muma said he received a call from Congressman Bart Stupak's office on Nov. 13 informing him that the center will be receiving a $24,500 grant. The funds will be used to finish construction on the building.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

On Dec. 1, the Charlevoix Senior Center received a check from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for $2,500 that will cover costs for renovations. Bob Tambellini, president and CEO of the Foundation and Maureen Radke, program officer for the foundation, presented the check to Earl Muma, director of the senior center and members. Pictured (from left to right) are Corrane Russell, Muma, Radke and Richard Tunison. Picture in the front are Rosalyn Goldstick and Tambellini.

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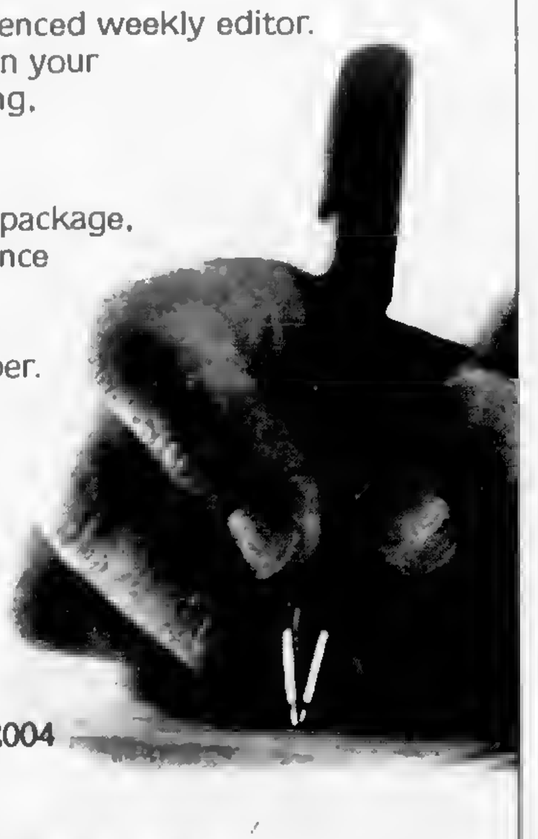

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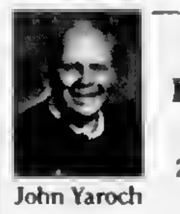

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott R. Carlston and Tammy Jo Carlston, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated January 26, 2004 and recorded March 2, 2004 in Liber 600, Page 802, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Nine and 65/100 Dollars ($102,179.65) including interest at the rate of 7.87% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at **11:00 a.m. on January 7, 2005**. The premises are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 174, Block V, Nicholl's & Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne, City of Boyne City according to the recorded plat thereof. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: November 24, 2004 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.2493 ASAP620194

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Default has been made on the conditions of a mortgage made by **MICHAEL E. BROCKETTE AND JENNY A. BROCKETTE**, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to **THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC.**, Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2002, and recorded on June 19, 2002, in Liber 474 beginning on Page 510, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Seven and 97/100 ($98,337.97) Dollars, including interest at 9.740% per annum. **No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on **Friday, January 21, 2005, at 11 o'clock a.m.**, inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 9.740%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes, and includible attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the city of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan described as:

LOT 10 and 12, C.G. LEWIS ADDITION TO BOYNE ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 440 LEWIS STREET, BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN 49712. TAX PARCEL NOS. 051-378-010-00 (LOT 10) AND 051-378-012-00 (LOT 12).

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the Sheriff's Sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower(s). In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus any applicable interest.

Dated: December 6, 2004

THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Senior craft and bake sale

The Charlevoix Senior Center will have a Craft Sale and Bake Sale at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 11. All types of hand made craft items will be available, plus some baked goods. They will also feature home made jams, jellies and pickled beets.

Lunches will be available.

The Senior Center is located at 06906 Norwood Road, (corner of Carpenter and Norwood roads, five blocks west of Pizza Hut.)

Humane society open house

The Charlevoix County Humane Society invites the public to its annual Christmas Open House from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 12. The public is welcome to tour the facility, enjoy refreshments, meet staff, board members and many cats and dogs who are seeking their new homes. Visitors are encouraged to bring Christmas presents for the animals, who always are in need of rawhides, catnip, cat and dog treats, regular cat litter (not the scoopable kind), and NutroMax cat and dog food. The Humane Society can always use office supplies, stamps, laundry detergent, old blankets and towels and regular bleach (not ultra). The Humane Society is located at 614 Beardsley Street in Boyne City. Please call 582-6774 for more information.

Christmas pageant

The Annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be presented at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix during the 11 a.m. worship service this Sunday, Dec. 12. Written and directed by Christian Education Director Maria Seaman children of all ages will be sharing the good news of Jesus' birth. All are welcome to celebrate in word and song!

Christmas program

An Old Fashioned Christmas Progam will be presented at the Barnard Grange at 4 p.m., on Sunday Dec. 12. There will be a children's poem reading with a visit from Santa and treats for everyone. A luncheon follows the program and everyone is welcome. There is no charge for lunch. The Barnard Grange is located on Barnard Road at the corner of Klooster and Barnard.

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, will present the children's Christmas musical, "Sing A Song of Christmas" at the 6 p.m. service, on Sunday, Dec. 12. They are located at 05291 M-66 North. The public is cordially invited to come and see this program.

Compassionate Friends

The Safe Harbor Chapter of The Compassionate Friends, an international support organization for families who have experienced the death of a child, grandchild or sibling, is planning a Worldwide Candle Lighting beginning at 6:30 p.m., on Dec. 12, at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs. They will be part of a global effort lighting the candles at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 7940 Cemetery Road, Harbor Springs. The 24 hour remembrance is for all children who have died.

For information please contact Helen Lambert at 347-1832 or hlamb@umich.edu.

Story hour

Charlevoix Public Library offers story hour every Thursday morning. Beginning at 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. Lapsit for children 0-3, followed by traditional story hour 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for children 3 to 5. Call 547-2651 for more information. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday.

Coats for Kids

The Coats for Kids Program kicked off and is sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet FIA. Their goal is to be sure that children are kept warm this winter. The drive is accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. They will also accept gently worn coats, hats, gloves and mittens in good condition. Please clean the worn items before donating. Donations can be made at Boyne City and Petoskey Glen's, and Charlevoix and Petoskey Kmart's.

Those in need can pick up coats at any of the following distribution points:

- Friends and Neighbors Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1404 S. Howard Street, Petoskey from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 326 North Park, Boyne City from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Salvation Army at 712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey.

Food Pantry hours

The Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Immunizations

Immunizations appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid.

Fund-raisers

The Charlevoix Sports Boosters have three fund-raisers in progress: membership drive-donation, area business coupons $25 and yard sign $10. These funds are being used to maintain the level of sports and equipment available to our students during these times of budget cuts. Yard signs are available from Ace Hardware or Charlevoix Sports Boosters board members. Coupons are available at various businesses throughout town and Charlevoix Sports Boosters board members.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flapjack Resturant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

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City's insurance company argues wording

CCMS

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then sued the city of Charlevoix for the money in federal court.

Young said by asking for a criminal investigation, the authorities can determine if CCMS committed a crime.

When asked if CCMS was cooperating with the city, Young said, "A former owner has been utterly uncooperative in terms of coming to the table."

He said he will continue to try to talk to CCMS about the issue, but added a criminal investigation can be conducted parallel to this.

Upon originally learning of the lawsuit and the mistakenly written check, the city asked its insurance company to pay. The insurance company has balked at that plan.

According to Young, the city's insurance company is basically arguing wording as a way to not pay for the check error.

In filing its case against the city, United Fire is claiming the city was in breech of contract for paying CCMS and not United Fire for the road work. The city's insurance company is therefore saying that it will cover mistakes, but it is saying it will not cover breech of contracts.

Young argues the insurance company should not be using the way the attorney for United Fire decides to frame his lawsuit through the use of words to determine if the city has coverage, but should look at the facts of the case. He said it is clear this check was a mistake, therefore coverage is available.

"The city's options now are to make one last attempt to get the insurance company to pay," Young said.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Holiday sounds

Concert flautist Ashleigh King of Lansing played favorite holiday carols Saturday at the Bridge Street Book Shop during the annual Merchant Open House.

Venture Crew 16 hosting Santa and Craft Workshop

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Venture Crew 16 will be hosting their first annual Santa and Craft Workshop from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 11 in the deli department at Glen's Markets in Charlevoix.

Priscilla Lemond, advisor for Venture Crew 16, said the workshop is something new the crew wanted to do in order to help raise funds for projects throughout the year.

Venture Crew is a co-ed branch of the Boy Scouts of America with members between the ages of 14 and 21. Lemond said the Venture Crew is able to do more adventurous activities than the Boy Scouts such as white water rafting and hiking in the mountains.

Venture Crew 16 has seven current members including Michelle Lemond, Michael Lemond, Josh Louiselle, Ellie Strong, Carry Musser, Chuck Green and Andrew Leusink. The adult advisors include Lemond, Linda Louiselle, Christi Givens, Bobby Jo Givens and Brad Waterman.

Some of the crafts featured are the opportunity to decorate a tote bag with fabric paint and various foam crafts. The public can purchase a craft and then let their artistic creations flow.

"The kids will be there to help do the crafts," Lemond said of Venture Crew 16.

Aside from the crafts, cookbooks will be available for purchase. The cookbooks, Lemond said, include family recipes from the crew members that they collected during elementary school.

The cookbook also features recipes from former girl scouts, boy scouts, classmates, teachers, from people in Charlevoix and surrounding areas and some from a boy scout troop from Zilwaukee that Lemond said Venture Crew 16 met at an international scout rally.

Aside from crafts, Santa Claus will be paying a visit for photo opportunities during the day.

Crafts will range in price from $1 to $2 and cookbooks will be available for $8. Pictures with Santa will cost $4.

All proceeds will go toward the crew's general fund to finance such as camping and bowling.

"We would like to do white water rafting," Lemond said.

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Congratulations Christmas Decorating Contest Winners

A great job was done by all of the businesses that participated in the Chamber's annual Christmas decorating contest. Businesses were judged on holiday spirit, sales appeal and use of business goods.

Congratulations to the following winners:
Grand Prize: Carey's Shoe Store
1st Place: Marvin's Gardens & Friske Orchards
2nd Place: Bridge Street Book Shop
3rd Place: Whitney's of Charlevoix
Honorable Mention: Villager Pub

Thank you to this year's judges, Caroline Smith, Kathy Mays and Irene Ferguson. All the participants did a beautiful job in capturing Charlevoix's holiday spirit!

Charlevoix's Huntington Bank Welcomes Sara Barton

Sara Barton was recently promoted to banking office manager of the Charlevoix Huntington Bank. Sara started with the bank as a customer service representative and most recently held the position of assistant banking office manager of the Grand Traverse Mall location. She earned her associates degree in liberal arts from St. Clair County Community College and is an active community volunteer.

Subway Closed for Renovations

Charlevoix's Subway will be closed for renovations during the month of December. Bring in the new-year with a sub and enjoy the newly remodeled dining area.

Jane Bremmeyr Retires From Citizens Bank

Citizens Bank will be losing one of its most experienced customer service representatives. Jane Bremmeyr will retire on December 31st after an outstanding career that spanned over 25 years. Her ever-ready smile and abounding laughter will be missed dearly by co-workers and customers alike. Citizens Bank invites you to an open house in Jane's honor on December 30th.

Charlevoix State Bank to Open 4th Location

Charlevoix State Bank has purchased the empty building on M-66 across from the Captain's Corner Plaza. The bank will open sometime in May 2005 and will function as a drive-thru facility only.

Juilleret's Will Remain Open this Winter

Juilleret's of Charlevoix will remain open 7:00 am - 1:00 pm daily this winter - closed Christmas Day. Hours of operation from December 26th through January 4th are 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. Juilleret's offers 3 breakfast specials and a new lunch special.

Visit Santa at Charlevoix State Bank

Santa will visit Charlevoix State Bank on December 10th between 4:30 and 5:30 pm. Bring the kids for cookies and punch.

Celebrate the Season at Friske's

Christmas is for Children at Friske Orchards on Saturday, December 11th. Activities will include Breakfast with Santa, cookie decorating, edible sleigh craft, story-time and letters to Santa. Don't forget your camera!!

Friske's Country Haus will hold a special Men's Shopping Night on December 16th from 6 – 9 pm. Enjoy refreshments while picking out the perfect gift.

2nd Annual Men's Night

Men are invited to shop at the 2nd annual Men's Night on December 23rd from 5:00 to 9:00 pm where they will have assistance in choosing the perfect holiday gift. Ladies can visit participating stores before Men's Night to create a "wish list". Each store keeps the "wish list" on hand and calls the person of your choice and invites him to Men's Night. Enjoy personal service from the owners of Charlevoix's unique shops and galleries.

Vacation Properties Network Welcomes Anne Kantola

Vacation Properties Network welcomes Anne Kantola as their newest Associate Broker. Kantola brings with her a broad local knowledge of real estate, having spent the past 13 years appraising area commercial and residential properties.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Dec. 10 Santa visits Charlevoix State Bank, 547-4411

Dec. 11 Friske Farm Market - Christmas Is For Children, 599-2604

Dec. 11 Raven Hill 2nd Saturday, Science for Kids, 536-3369

Dec. 16 Friske Country Haus – Men's Shopping Night, 599-2604

Dec. 18 Raven Hill 3rd Saturday: Art for Adults, 536-3369

Dec. 23 Charlevoix 2nd Annual men's Night, 547-2101

Dec. 28 Raven Hill Holiday Open House, 536-0132

Jan. 5 Depot Heritage Garden 12th Night Celebration, 547-0343

If you have news that you would like to have included in our next Chamber Monthly please contact the Chamber office.

Business Breakfast

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is February 4, 2005 at 7:30am at Grey Gables.

Retail Meeting

The next Retail Meeting is January 20 at 8:45 am at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

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VFW consumed by fire

Photo by Julie Christiansen

Above, Charlevoix Township firefighters battle the blaze that consumed the Veterans of Foreign Wars building on US-31 North Dec. 10.

Fire may have started in electrical system

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153 lost the building that has been their home since 1953 during a fire around 2 a.m. on Dec. 10.

Charlevoix Township Fire Chief Curt Thompson said the building was fully engulfed when the firefighters arrived on the scene. Thompson said when they arrived, most of the smoke and flames were located on the northeast corner of the building and flames were coming through the windows. A passerby called in the fire, Thompson said, which took two hours to get under control.

"Like most fires when no one's in the building, by the time someone drives by it gets advanced," he said.

Thirty firefighters were on the scene and received assistance from the Charlevoix City Police Department.

Thompson said the cold weather

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Arrests made in city wastewater case

Former superintendent one of those facing charges

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Two former employees of the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Charlevoix have been arrested by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

Former superintendent Samuel Louis Creswell and former lead worker James Stanley Mazur were arrested and charged with breaking both environmental law and traditional criminal law according to the MDEQ.

In a written statement, Wiesner said, "These entire circumstances are very unfortunate. The allegations against these two individuals, who served the city for a long time, involve testing and record-keeping requirements. Fortunately, there was apparently no impact on human health or the environment. The city will continue to cooperate fully with MDEQ."

Sgt. Vince Woods, a detective with the MDEQ's office of criminal investigation, said the men were charged with making false statements and providing false information to the MDEQ under environmental law.

They were also charged with uttering and publishing false information as fact under traditional criminal law.

Creswell was arrested on Dec. 14 and was arraigned later that day. Mazur was arrested on Dec. 7 and is currently out on bond.

For the false statements charge, the men could receive two years in jail and a fine that could range between $2,500 and $25,000 per violation. Right now both men have been charged with one violation of making a false statement.

The men are also facing a $25,000 fine per day that an unlawful discharge occurred.

For the uttering and publishing charge, the men could get a maximum penalty of 14 years in jail.

Problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant reach back over a three year period, which the city staff discovered last winter according to a letter written by Dustin Ordway, a city attorney to Barry Selden, chief of the MDEQ's Cadillac unit.

The MDEQ's investigation team recorded some of the problems they found in a March report that was given to City Manager Michael Wiesner. The report included that 31 total residual chlorine limit exceedences were reported to MDEQ as being in compli-

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District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Todd M. Kremers, 30, Chicago. Disorderly person/drunk. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Kevin Louis Whisler, 20, Ellsworth. Violation of restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Deana Marie Evans, 35, East Jordan. Retail fraud, third degree. Three months probation; 30 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $350 in fines and costs.

Jimmy Edward Stackus, 34, Boyne City. Breaking and entering building with intent and unlawful driving away motor vehicle. Bound over to circuit court.

Rhonda Sue Richards, 27, Boyne City. Home invasion, third degree. Bound over to circuit court.

Rhonda Sue Richards, 27, Boyne City. Two counts of uttering and publishing. Bound over to circuit court.

Paul Ernest Archambault, 60, Boyne City. Retail fraud, third degree. Six months probation; 35 days in jail, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $350 in fines and costs.

Eusebio Roberto Manolache, 21, Buford, Ga. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. Eleven months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 62 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,175 in fines and costs.

Michael Alan Kurhurski, 49, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Eighteen months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 45 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 37 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,165 in fines and costs.

Donna Marie Misner, 41, Boyne City. Children-harboring runaways. Six months probation; $400 in fines and costs.

Frederick Victor Wahanimkee, 55, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 92 days held in abeyance; $600 in fines and costs.

Joshua Daniel Pepin, 29, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Chad Alan Wells, 22, Elmira. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Brandon Michael Gregware, 26, Boyne Falls. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Christopher Eugene Hehert, 27, Ferndale. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Crystal Marie Sweet, 22, Charlevoix. Alcohol licensee sell/furnish minor. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Linda Lou Watson, 63, East Jordan. Fraud/welfare-fail information under $500. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Kimberly Denys May, 31, Boyne City. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve seven days, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 45 days on electronic monitor, 80 days held in abeyance; $975 in fines and costs.

Sandra Lee Morris, 55, Elmira. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance; $1,165 in fines and costs.

Joshua Paul-Strugis Klein, 26, Ellsworth. Controlled substance-use of marijuana and driving while license suspended, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for three days, serve 20 days, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 65 days held in abeyance: $1,305 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Kelly Ranee Balch, 34, Eaton Rapids. Probation violation-attempted police officer-fleeing, fourth degree and probation violation-driving reckless. Sentenced to 12 days in jail with credit for 12 days, serve 12 days; probation terminated.

Robert Bernard Ernst, 70, Charlevoix. Weapons-dangerous weapon- using self-defense spray device. Eighteen months probation; sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for six days, serve 60 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $3,136.10 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Lee Brodin, 45, Charlevoix. Stalking-aggravated. Sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for 63 days, serve 120 days; $60 in fines and costs.

Jason Clinton Miner, 26, Boyne Falls. Sex offender-failure to register (attempted). Sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 28 days, serve 60 days; $60 in fines and costs.

Janice Lee Conlin, 55, Ann Arbor. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Eighteen months probation; sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 14 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $1,155 in fines and costs.

Russha Ray-Cal Grace, 18, River Rouge. Check-non-sufficient funds $500 or more. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 42 days, serve 120 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $470 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recent-

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Dec. 8	42	34	—
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ly filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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Girls Just Want to Have Fun!, 13456-25 Stover Road, Charlevoix, by Patricia S. "Trish" Jones.

Brush Haugers Firewood & Tree Service, 4275 Hardwood Road, Boyne City, by Joe Hauger Jr.

Gonzo Xports, 221 West Antrim Street, Charlevoix, by Kristofer Nedwick.

CTS Communications, 11515 US 31 North, Charlevoix, by Desmond Milligan and Jacob D. Jensen.

Foster Boat Works Inn, 206 Ferry Avenue, Charlevoix, by Tom Sheridan.

Filter Cradle Supply, 3450 Pleasant Valley Road, Boyne City, by Thomas L. Haley.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michael Keegan, 54, Charlevoix and Michelle Diane Fairbairn, 37, Charlevoix.

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

David W. Newman vs. Richelle Newman

Kris Williams vs. Susan R. Williams

Jon Ralph Hoppe vs. Cheryl Joyce Hoppe

Marilyn Morehead vs. Ellis Boal

Oneda J. Wingo vs. William J. Wingo

Tanya Holmes vs. Travis Holmes

Daniel Diesenroth vs. Sharon A. Diesenroth

Births

Nathan Michael Dean, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces, was born to Traci Potter and Jesse Dean of Antrim County on Nov. 29, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He has one brother named Justiee. Grandparents are Suellen Murray and Mike Reed from East Jordan and Jim and Cindy Potter of Central Lake and Frank and Nancy Dean of Central Lake.

Heavenly Angel Jason weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces, was born to Juan and Diana Jason of Charlevoix on Dec. 3, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Siblings are Sabrina and Keishia Patrick.

Grandparents are Mike and Joanne Patrick of Charlevoix and Seumas and Sharon Gardner of Ellsworth.

Jarema announces new prosecutor staff

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix County Prosecutor-elect John Jarema has announced his new staff.

Leading off the office staff will be attorney Shaynee Fanara as the new chief assistant prosecutor. Fanara was a candidate for the Emmet County Prosecutor's race but lost in the August primary election.

She served as the assistant Emmet County Prosecutor from October 2001 until October 2003. Fanara has is also a Fraternal Order of Police attorney and has experience in defense work. She is a resident of Emmet County, is the secretary of the Charlevoix/Emmet Bar Association, a diver for the Emmet County Sheriff Dive Team and a firefighter for the Bear Creek/Resort Township Fire Department.

Fanara will be replacing John Puzzuoli, who has 12 years experience as an attorney.

Also new to the staff will be Sandra Raecke as the office manager. Raecke is coming to the prosecutor's office from the 90th District Court.

While the current prosecutor's office does not have an office manager, it does have two clerical workers — Debra Niswander and Staci Seelye. Niswander will not be staying, however Jarema said Staci Seelye will remain in her current position.

The new, full-time, child support specialist will be Brieann Carey. Carey graduated from North Central Michigan College with a degree in the paralegal program. Carey will be replacing Kerry Zahner. Zahner, an attorney, has worked with the prosecutor's office for five years and is currently the part-time child support specialist. She will be opening her own law office in Charlevoix.

Rounding out the list of new faces is Judy Telgenhof as victim advocate. Telgenhof has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in management and secretarial experience working for the lawfirm Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof and Snyder, whose practice Jarema is currently a member of.

Telgenhof will be replacing current victim advocate Shaeana Burk, who is working on a bachelor's degree in law. Burk is taking a position with current county prosecutor, Mary Beth Kur's new law firm in Petoskey.

Jarema has decided to keep assistant prosecuting attorney Brian Seelye on staff. The other current assistant prosecuting attorney, Jennifer Deegan, will not be staying.

Drive according to the road conditions

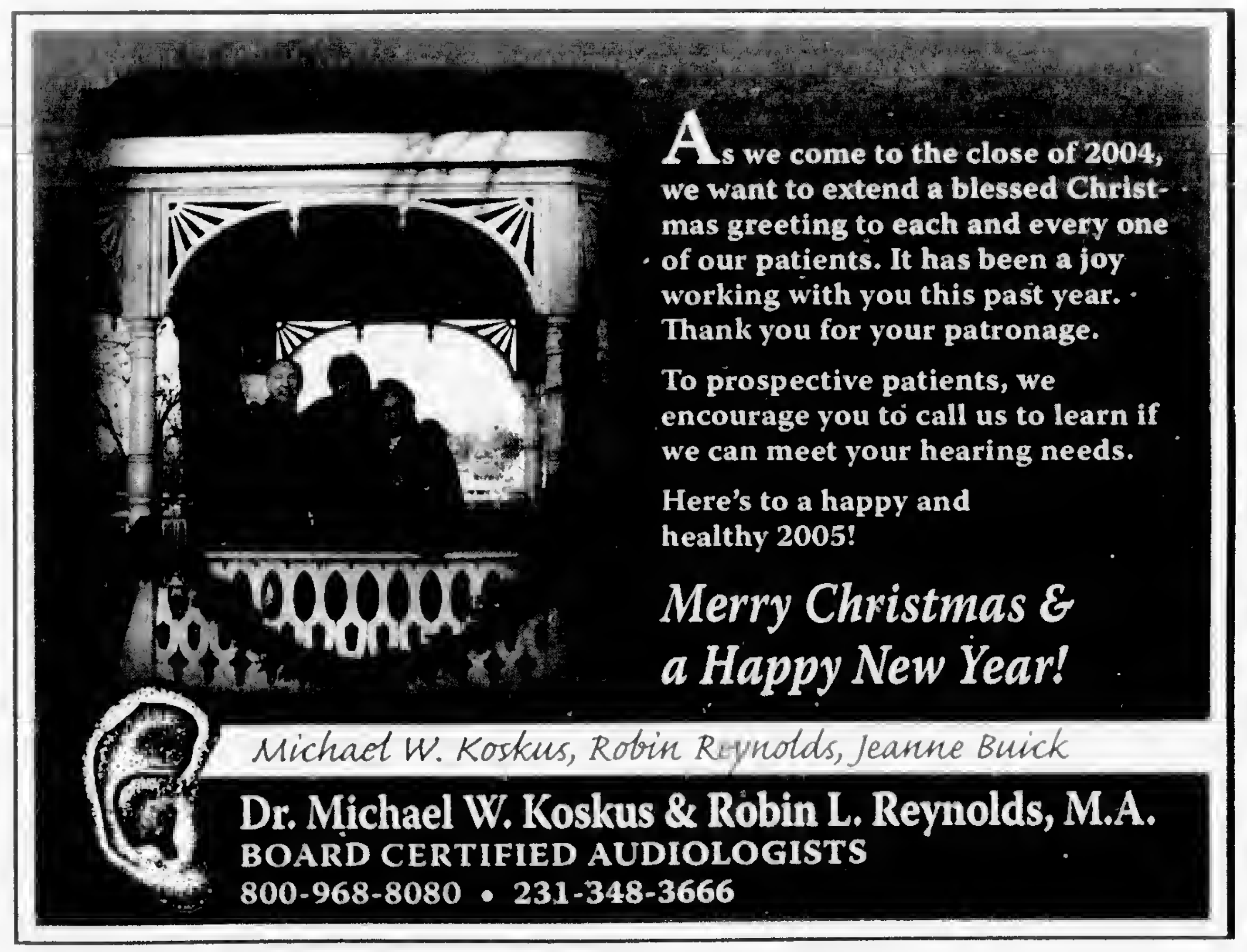
The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle crash around 7 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12 on M-66 near Shaw Road.

Deputy Jeremy McAuliff and Aux Officer Kevin Cooper were traveling north on M-66 and observed a 1997 Pontiac Grand Am lose control, leave the roadway and roll. The driver, Carmella Ann Burns, 23 of East Jordan was not injured, however she was trapped inside the vehicle, as she was unable to release her seat belt.

The Charlevoix Fire Department and EMS assisted at the scene and Burns refused transport by ambulance.

Investigation determined that the crash was the result of driving too fast for conditions. Several inches of snow had just fallen within the previous hour and the road was extremely slippery.

The deputies who saw the crash said the vehicle was traveling between 40-45 mph when the driver lost control, but due to the road conditions that was too fast. Drivers are reminded that the maximum posted speed is not always a "safe speed."


As we come to the close of 2004, we want to extend a blessed Christmas greeting to each and every one of our patients. It has been a joy working with you this past year. Thank you for your patronage.

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Act with class when cheering on the team

EDITORIAL

With the close of the girls' successful basketball season, court-side excitement in Charlevoix will not be coming to an end as the boys have started up their basketball season.

Fans of this sport will surely see some enjoyable playing from a team that is known for playing great on the court and acting with class off the court. And having ended the season last year with a second place finish in the state finals, the boys' team will bring in many fans to the stands.

However, we should take this moment to remind the fans to behave as they attend these games.

Charlevoix High School basketball is ultimately just a game being played by teenagers, who are learning how to work as a team, take direction from a leader and strive to reach goals. Being on the basketball court is like being in a classroom for these athletic students, and we should remember and respect that.

Too many times in the past have we had to deal with certain Charlevoix fans who are ruining it for the rest of us (and some of these bad fans are considered community leaders).

Too many times we hear stories about the unruly fan who is swearing at the refs, being aggressive to other spectators and just plain making a fool of themselves and embarrassing the school they say they are supporting. Unfortunately, because of a few unsportsmanlike fans like this, Charlevoix has gotten quite the reputation among other schools in the region. Charlevoix does not deserve this image, especially the students. Many coaches and others close to the Charlevoix sports program will tell you that the student athletes at our schools are very classy kids...it is just some of the fans they don't like.

It is time to turn this reputation around. We need to support these students with the same kind of class they are known for. We need to be respectful of the fact that these athletes we are cheering on are just teenagers, having fun and learning some useful lessons in the process, and we need to understand we are being judged for our actions.

Let's make this an enjoyable basketball season for all.

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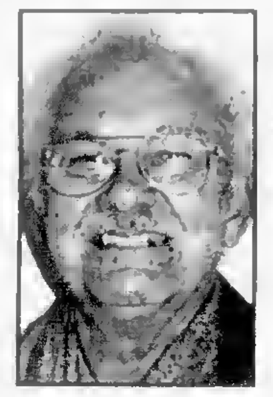
Winter Solstice deserves more recognition as holiday



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

This is a reprint of a previous article in order to bring more attention to the Winter Solstice.

We are about to observe one of the world's great est holidays.

No, not Christmas, not Hanukkah, not Ramadan, not Kwanzaa, not the New Year, although the clustering of so many ethnic and religious celebrations at about the same time of the year is no accident. What we will observe is a world holiday, an astronomical one, not an ethnic, religious or geographic one. We are approaching the winter solstice — an occasion that has been celebrated in some way for almost as long as there have been human beings living some distance from the equator.

For most of us in the modern world, the solstice is just a date on the calendar which in the northern hemisphere of our earth is sometimes called the beginning of winter. The word "solstice" literally means a stopping of the sun. Surrounded as we are with artificial light at all seasons of the year, it may be difficult to understand the significance that early temperate zone humans attached to the one day when the sun, which had been inexorably moving lower and lower in the sky, stopped its descent. Back when we believed in fickle gods who might do anything to us or for us, people built great fires and performed all sorts of rituals and entreaties in hopes of luring the sun back from its distant journey — just as we now deck our houses and businesses with lights. The day the sun stopped moving away and began to return was probably the greatest day each year. Long before we had calendars or months or weeks, people knew intimately the pattern of movement of the sun, source of warmth and life. That the hours of light began to lengthen and the conviction that the sun was surely returning, must have helped make the cold of winter more tolerable for those people who had winter. And is should make it more tolerable for us.

Even if we humans do not much note the beginning of longer days, we are surrounded by creatures who do. There is not likely any native plant or animal here in northern Michigan that is not at some level aware that the solstice has passed and that the days are getting longer. The built-in clock which almost all creatures share, is accurate to within 10 minutes, even in the most unconscious plant. So surely by the first week in January on our calendar, everything but us humans will know the solstice has passed and days are lengthening. Those little hormonal signals that guide the behavior and activities of every living thing have begun to tell them that spring is on the way and they should be getting ready. Buds on plants are months from swelling and doing anything we can see, but deep down inside, they are beginning to make ready. Little microscopic hints of cell division and growth are already under way. Our exalted humanness doesn't totally keep us from awareness that the days are short. Some number of us suffer notably from what is called Seasonal Affective Disorder, appropriately abbreviated SAD. Depression of varying degrees of seriousness is part of winter for many of us. The cure for such depression is, not surprisingly, exposure to bright light for some additional hours each day.

The solstice might appropriately remind us that we are tied to the world and all its living things by bonds much stronger and longer lasting than any of the more recently inaugurated human holidays on our calendar. Celebrate the Solstice.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

On the record

Skateboarders working to fix stereotype

Editor:

Hi, my name is Stephen Parker and I am one of the many skateboarders in Charlevoix. I am sure you have probably noticed us, crowding your sidewalks and roads, skating in your parks and just plain causing "trouble."

I, like most of us skateboarders, have been repeatedly warned regarding doing these things, as there are laws against most. However, I feel that sometimes skateboarders are not treated fairly.

We are often stereotyped as kids who have nothing better to do but cause trouble. Actually, most of us try to stay out of the way because we know that we can become a nuisance to other people. We make attempts to avoid the crowds by visiting the less busy spots during the day when there are more people around town.

We do this to benefit both ourselves, by making it less of a hassle to get around on our boards and the non-skateboarders, who tend to thin out later at night, when we go out. My crew and I have gone to the extent of skating into the wee hours of the morning to avoid crowds during events such as Venetian Festival.

Recently, thanks to the efforts put forth by some citizens of our community, a skatepark has been built. This has drastically decreased any problems associated with skateboarders on the streets.

Indeed, it is true that some skate-

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boarders ruin it for the rest of us by being inconsiderate of non-skateboarders views. This gives us all an undeserved bad rap.

I hope you will notice the efforts that some of us skateboarders actually do make to improve both your and our situations.

Stephen Parker
Charlevoix

Article response

Editor:

After reading your article in the Dec. 1 Courier, I cannot help but find the arrogance of the Charlevoix School Board and their administrator, Dr. Sturock, disheartening. The facts of the library are this:

1) The land and the current library building are owned by the library and will continue to be owned by the library as long as they use it.

2) The current building was built with library funds, not school funds. The land was donated for the purposes of a library.

3) The current deed does not have a reverter clause on file.

4) The library offered to exchange the current library for the old middle school property at the Oct. 14, 2002 Board of Education meeting. Following committee meetings, the school told the library they absolutely did not want the building and property. Then the school sold the old middle school to the city for $635,000.

5) The quit claim deed with the reverter clause that the school says is part of the agreement that transferred the library from the school to the library board was never signed. Many of the current school board members and library board members were on their respective boards at the time of transfer. Nobody knew anything about this reverter clause. It is not signed or initialed.

6) Dr. Sturock says we should ignore the fact that the reverter clause is not on the deed that he signed, but it doesn't matter that the quit claim deed in the transfer agreement was never signed by anyone. He is saying that the recorded deed is less important than the unsigned quit claim deed with the reverter clause.

7) Taxpayers have given the school a sinking fund. Why don't they use those funds to build administration offices instead of usurping valuable downtown commercial space that would contribute to the city of Charlevoix tax base? This past year the school built an athletic facility at the high school. When it came in under bid they didn't save the money, they just made it bigger.

8) Dr. Sturock says "the law is the law." This is the same administration that had to be sued to make them comply with the law regarding the sewer for the new high school

I was a student, a teacher and a former school board member for the Charlevoix School District. I am appalled at this administration's lack of regard for the public opinion of the taxpayers they represent. There was a time when the school administration honored the wishes of the community and worked to promote harmony. Unfortunately I don't think that is the tone of Dr. Sturock's remarks. The school taxpayers and the library taxpayers are exactly the same people. If they want the value of the current library to stay with the library, the school administration should respect their wishes. The law will allow it.

Lastly, thank you to all the people who continue to support the plan for the current library to be sold by the library and used to pay down the debt of the new facility.

I believe it is time for the community to remind the school board and administration that they represent the community, not rule it. After all, the next time the school asks the taxpayers to approve another millage, the taxpayers will be able to vote their opinions.

Constance Saltonstall
Charlevoix

(Editor's note: The reverter clause referred to by Saltonstall was supposed to be included in the deed. Due to a clerical error it was left out. Both the library and school district have said that reverter clause should have been included in the deed.)

Thank you

Editor:

On Sunday, Dec. 5, at the First Congregational Church; we celebrated our first Christmas Collage Concert. We are very grateful for the participation of the Northwest Academy Brasses, the Sweetwood Recorder Ensemble, the Altarnotes, the Pilgrim Bell Ensemble, directed by Roger Waters, the Charlevoix Men's Chorus directed by Terry Isenbarger, the Witthoeft Family Carolers, Andy Tuck, viola, Bev Isenbarger, French horn, the many vocal soloists, and our organist and accompanist, Don Neidert. We also had many staff members and volunteers who helped in many ways.

We want to thank all our wonderful performers, who made our concert a success. Thanks for coming. We'll do it again next year.

Fran Tollas
Coordinator

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

It's magic

Erik Lundteigen, a third grade teacher at Charlevoix Elementary School, brought his reading program to a close with a magic show on Dec. 8. Parents were invited to attend and watch their children perform magic tricks they already knew or learned from the non-fictional magic books they read in class. Lundteigen, also known as The Ruler, performed his disappearing student trick to open the show. Here, Kyle Jones and his twin brother, Cliff Jones, helped Lundteigen fool the audience into thinking Kyle had disappeared

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, December 6, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Council reviewed a draft for a blight ordinance and referred it to City staff for input.
- The Mayor asked the City attorney and clerk to break down attorney costs into categories for the next meeting.
- Motion adopted to grant authority to Mayor and City Manager to approve Charlevoix Community Skatepark to apply for grants. Grant acceptance will still be subject to Council approval.
- Motion adopted to support Charlevoix Historical Society's grant application to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Motion adopted to award the brush chipping contract to Willcome Tree Service for a not to exceed annual total of $23,000.
- Motion adopted to award the tree trimming/removal contract to Willcome Tree Service for a not to exceed annual total of $36,300.
- Motion adopted to approve the purchase of a pickup for the Electric Department from Snethkamps Lansing Dodge (through the State Purchasing Program) in the amount of $13,350.78.
- Council moved into closed session to discuss the CCMS lawsuit with the City attorney.
- Council moved into open session.
- The Mayor and the City attorney informed Council and the audience that Police Chief Dennis Halverson has been asked to inform the appropriate law enforcement agency regarding CCMS criminal action in cashing the check written to them in error.

Council adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Wedding

Sheldon — Dean

Dena Sheldon and Nathan Dean, both of Traverse City, were married on Sept. 11, 2004 at the Lighthouse Pointe Resort in St. Ignace in front of 200 guests.

Dena is the daughter of Paula Penfold, of Charlevoix, and Raymond Sheldon, of Escanaba. Nathan is the son of Steven and Janet Dean of Charlevoix.

The Pastor Dan Gilmore of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene performed the ceremony.

The bride wore an ivory strapless, satin, a-line gown with asymetirical drape skirt over a two-tone beaded schiffi lace. Her veil was ivory tulle with a beaded trim and was made by her mother. The bride arrived at the ceremony in a silver cloud Rolls Royce.

The maid of honor was Katie Sheldon. The bridesmaids were Jennifer Dean, Nicki Crocker and Megan Moline. They wore a Z-piece wine colored satin dress, each with their own unique top, made by the bride's mother.

The flower girl was Briana Sheldon. She wore an ivory satin gown with a red garnet train, also made by the bride's mother.

The ring bearer was Jacob Sheldon.

The best man was Jason Maltese. Groomsmen were C.J. Winnell, Erik Hokeness and Jeff Popenhagen.

A reception was given at the Lighthouse Pointe Resort in St. Ignace.

The couple are making Traverse City their home.

Nathan is attending Davenport University in Traverse City. Dena is attending Central Michigan University in Traverse City.

Board votes for smoking ban

Members of the Board of Health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency voted to adopt a smokefree workplace restriction at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7 after considering the issues and dangers of secondhand smoke for the last six months.

The Board of Commissioners from each of the four counties served by the health agency — Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego — must also approve the restriction before it becomes effective.

If adopted, the restriction will require businesses in these four counties, except for restaurants, bars, hotels, and motels, to provide a smokefree environment for their employees and patrons. The restriction becomes effective 90 days after the last county adopts the restriction.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.

Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities. For additional information about the smokefree workplace restriction, contact Teresa Sington, Tobacco Reduction Coalition Coordinator, at (231) 547-7659.

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Winners in Garden Club poster contest announced

Charlevoix students produced impressive entries for this year's poster contests sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Garden Club.

Club members met on Nov. 10 to determine top awards for students of both Charlevoix Elementary and St. Mary's schools. Hundreds of students participated in the two contests "Let the Bees and Birds Help Your Future Gardens" and the "Smokey the Bear/Woodsy the Owl."

First, second, and third place winners were selected for each grade level from 1-4 from the combined entries of the two elementary schools in the "Smokey the Bear/Woodsy the Owl" contest.

They include:

First grade — first place: Kelsey Engstrom; second place: Cedar Strzyzewski; and third place: Hunter Isaac .

Second grade — first place: Grace Whitley; second place: Hailee Arnold; and third place: Cassie McCraney

Third grade — first place: Cora Taylor; second place: Austin Edger; and third place: Delaney Hodge.

Fourth grade — first Place: Sydney Carlson; second place: Eric Tripplehorn; and third place: Brandon Arp.

The Garden Club also simultaneously sponsors the poster contest titled "Let the Bees and Birds Help Your Future Gardens" and local students in grades kindergarten to 6 were eligible to compete.

This contest was judged not only for its artistic merit, but also for the reasons given by the artists for choosing the plants and animals displayed in their posters.

Winners in this contest are as follows:

Kindergarten — first place: Amanda Rabon, second place: Kellie Wakulat, and third place: Marlo Schwartzfisher.

First grade — first place: Tanner Drost; second place: Serena Purvis, and third place: Sarah Rockafellow.

Second grade — first place: Eli Daman; second place: Kourtney Putman; and third place: Sydney McGee.

Third grade — first place: Wesley Drost; second place: Emily Chapdelaine; and third place: Madison Fassett.

Fourth grade — first place: Grace Glenny; second place: Anton Volovsek; and third place: Olivia Herbert.

Fifth grade — first place: Nicole Pischner; second place: Zack Merrill, and third place: Trenton Bradley.

Sixth grade — first place: Cassidy Stebe; second place: Jacob Baier; and third place: Megan Zawisza.

The first place winners of each contest at each grade level will be sent on for further competition at the state and regional level. All winners will receive a certificate to be presented by the Garden Club in the spring at a tea given in their honor.

The top local winners of each contest will receive a U.S. savings bond worth $50 at maturity, a gift from the Charlevoix Area Garden Club.

Sydney Carlson, a fourth grade student at Charlevoix Elementary is the overall winner of the Smokey the Bear/Woodsy the Owl contest and Grace Glenny, a fourth grader at Charlevoix Elementary, is the overall winner of the "Let the Bees and Birds Help Your Future Gardens" contest.

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Movie trip

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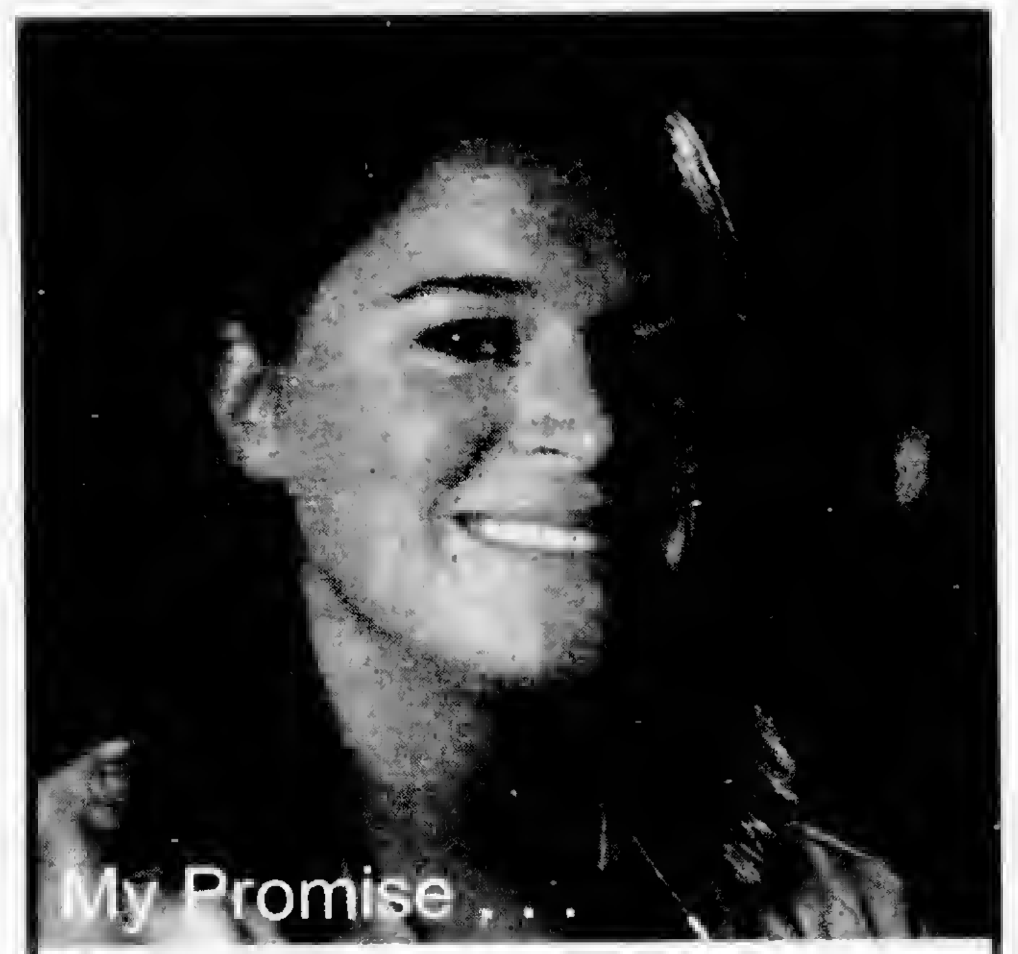

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Obituaries

Suzanne L. Nash: April 10, 1949 - Dec. 3, 2004

Suzanne L. (Zeitler) Nash, 55-year-old resident of Swanville, Minn. passed away Friday, Dec. 3, 2004 at her home in Swanville.

Suzanne L. Nash

A Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, Dec. 7 at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville, Minn. Burial will be in the Springbrook Cemetery in Swanville.

Suzanne Nash was born on April 10, 1949 in Charlevoix to Edwin and Leona (McDonald) Zeitler. She was united in marriage to Terrance Nash on June 23, 1967 in Charlevoix. After their marriage they relocated to Minnesota, eventually making their home in Swanville, Minn.

Suzanne was a homemaker raising four children. She enjoyed nature, gardening, walking, antiquing, traveling, quilting, sewing and especially spending time with her family and friends.

She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her husband, Terrance Nash of Swanville, Minn.; parents, Edwin and Leona Zeitler of Charlevoix; daughters, Annette Guthrie and her husband, Ronald of Upsala, Minn., Kristine Bierscheid and her husband, Scott of Sartell, Minn.; sons, Terrance Nash, Jr., and his wife, Jodie of Sauk Rapids, Minn., Trent Nash and his wife, Erin of Randall, Minn.; brothers, Dale Zeitler and his wife, Linda of Ellsworth, Timothy Zeitler and his wife, Emy of Beckley, W.V., Gerald Zeitler and his wife, Nancy of Charlevoix; sisters, Wenda Nuyen and her husband, Joe of Northville, and Jane Roloff and her husband, Bill of Charlevoix; and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Edwin Zeitler. Serving as casket bearers were Dale Zeitler, Timothy Zeitler, Gerald Zeitler, Troy Nash, John Robert Blake and Mathew Blake.

Arrangements are with the Shelley-Gibson Funeral Chapel, Swanville, Minn.

Thad L. Pearl: March 18, 1918 - Dec. 3, 2004

Thad L. Pearl, 86, of Big Rapids, formerly of Dearborn, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004 at his residence.

He was born March 18, 1918 in Charlevoix, the son of Thaddeus and Edith (Stafford) Pearl.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater aboard the destroyer escort USS Corbesier.

Following his discharge, he moved to the Detroit area where he was an insurance agent for the John Hancock Life Insurance Company for more than 25 years.

Thad was a former member of the First United Methodist Church in Dearborn. He enjoyed various crafts, especially woodworking, carpentry and stained glass work.

In 1947 he married Verna Putikka, who preceded him in death in 1988.

Surviving are three daughters, Karen (Bruce) Bailey of Big Rapids, Debbie (Don) Taulbee of Bad Axe, and Donna (Tom) Olinzock of Taylor; and five grandchildren, Sarah and Matthew Bailey, Anna (Jon) Ferrell and Carolyn and Michael Taulbee.

Funeral services were Sunday, Dec. 5. Entombment will be at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Mecosta County General Hospital Cardiac Rehab Unit, 405 Winter, Big Rapids, MI 49307.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Venture fund-raiser

On Dec. 11, members of Charlevoix Venture Crew 16 were at the deli department of Glens Markets providing crafts and pictures with Santa and his elf as a way to raise money for their numerous projects throughout the year. Venture Crew 16 members Andrew Leusink, 16, and Elena Strong, 17, made delicate crafts and necklaces for others to purchase and look at for inspiration in their own crafts.

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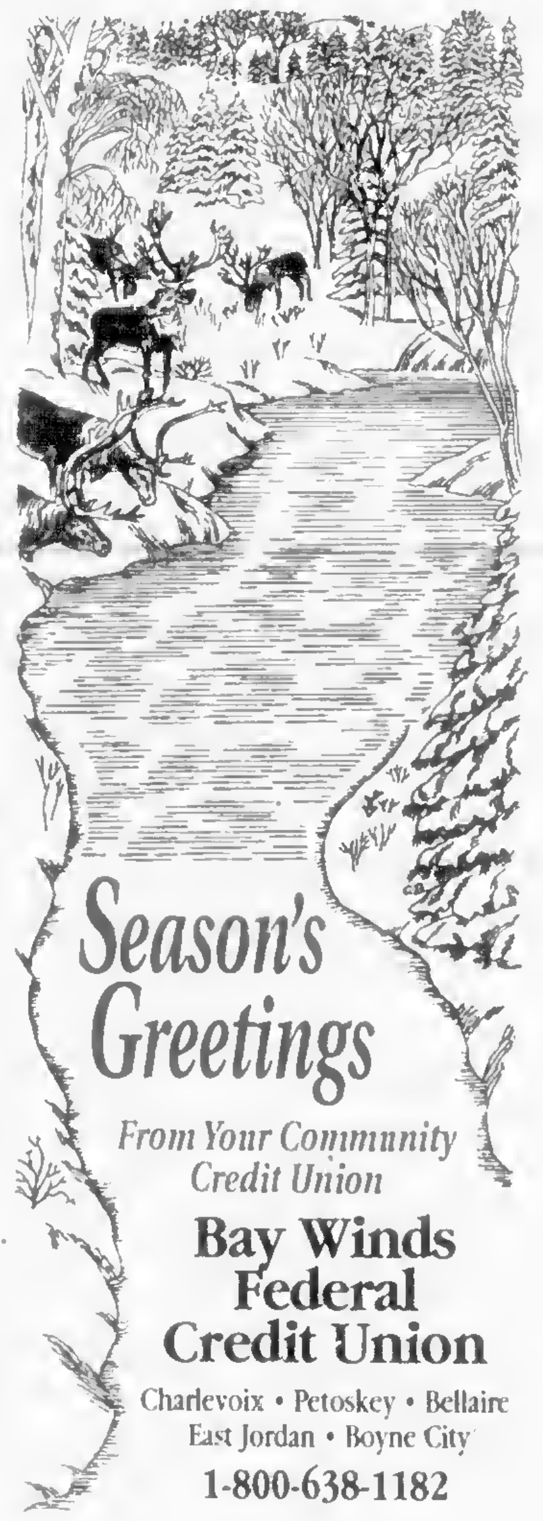

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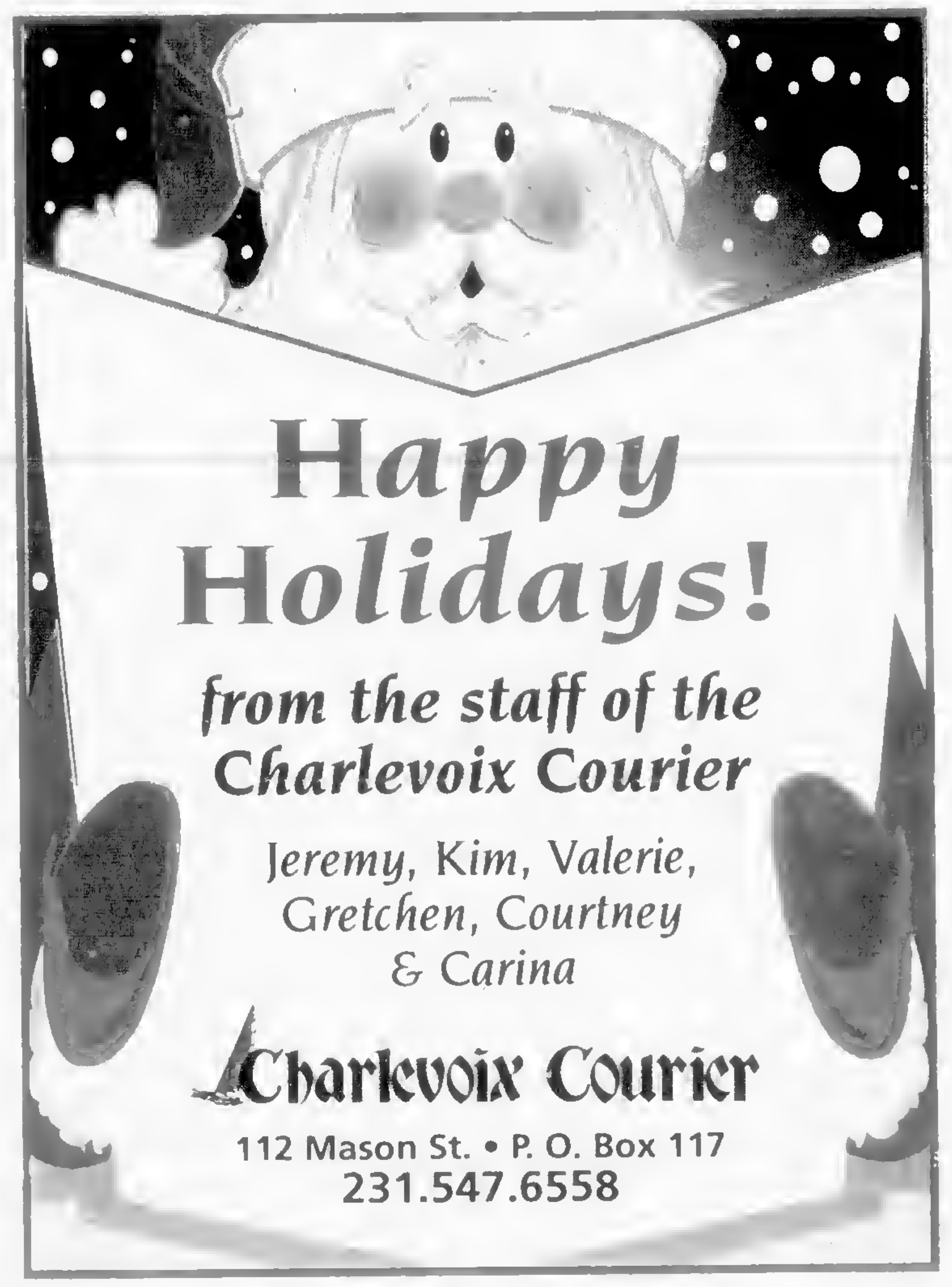

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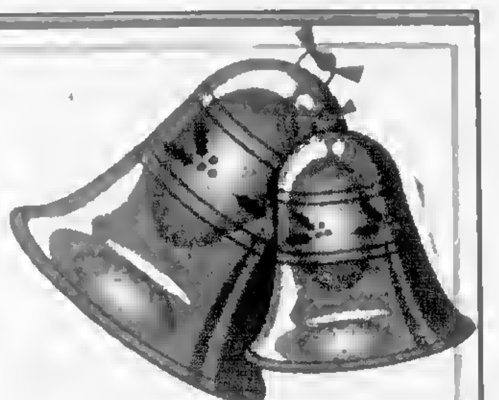

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Sunny Smiles expanding to group daycare

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Sunny Smiles Daycare, of Charlevoix, is expanding to include up to eight children.

According to owner Cindi Ann Baird, this Charlevoix daycare has recently been licensed by the state of Michigan as a group daycare for up to 12 children. Baird plans on having only eight children to get a ratio of four children to one adult, with help from her assistant Celeste Marr.

"Our goal is to provide nurturing, loving care to children...,"she said. "We want you to feel secure that your child is at the very best place he can be, next to being home with you."

Sunny Smiles Daycare has been in operation since 1990, around the same time Baird started taking care of her children full-time. She has two children, Joey, 14 and Katie, 12.

Baird and Marr are both trained in CPR, with Baird also being a nutritionist. Baird, who has trained and run a marathon before, said she uses her personal interest and knowledge in health and fitness as she prepares meals and activities for the children in her daycare.

Additionally, Baird is currently taking classes in early childhood education at North Central Michigan College for an associates degree.

Baird is also a member of the North Central Chapter of the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children.

In addition to expanding her knowledge of educating children in her daycare, Baird is pursuing the degree to further expand her daycare into a head-start program.

She said she is planning on building a separate building next to her current daycare for this.

Currently, Sunny Smiles Daycare is located in Baird's home. However, she said, her home was specifically built to allow her to provide daycare services.

"There is plenty of room to play, lots to do for creativity and it is a great place to grow and explore the unique individual that all children are," she said.

Sunny Smiles Daycare is located on the north side of Charlevoix, right on Susan Lake.

Baird accepts children around the clock, seven days a week. Call 547-0967 for more information on Sunny Smiles Daycare or see Baird's web site at www.upnorthdaycare.com.

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Cindi Ann Baird and some of the children she takes care of at Sunny Smiles.

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Charlevoix students to attend inauguration

By **COURTNEY E. PACE**
Staff Writer

A group of Charlevoix High School students are about to get the experience of a lifetime.

Government students will be leaving on Jan. 19 for Washington D.C. where they will attend the inauguration of President George W. Bush.

"I think it'll be a good experience for the kids," Curt Harwood, a math and geometry teacher at Charlevoix High School, said.

Harwood and Lorraine Niswander will chaperone the trip, which will culminate on Jan. 21.

The Presidential Inauguration will be at the nation's capitol on Jan. 20 and the students will get the chance to see a president sworn into office and take part in the "A Vision of America" theme.

The theme honors the centennial of Theodore Roosevelt's 1905 Inauguration and the bicentennial of the Meriwether Lewis and William Clark expedition in 1805.

After the Inaugural parade and address, the students will attend a student inaugural ball, but may have the possibility of attending the Inaugural Ball.

However, this would require $150 extra on top of the approximately $980 trip.

Chuck Mason, a student attending the trip, said even though the total amount is a lot of money, the opportunity doesn't come along that often.

"I think we'll come up with the money somewhere," Mason said.

Mason, who leaned toward Bush during the election, is excited about attending the inauguration.

"I love it. It's a great opportunity," he said.

"I would enjoy it to the fullest if either candidate won."

Anna Taylor, who participated in the Michigan Democratic Coordinated Campaign, is looking forward to the trip because it is a once in a lifetime experience.

"I think that this trip is going to be awesome even though my guy didn't win," she said.

Melissa Grosberg, who participated in the Michigan Democratic Coordinated Campaign, likes politics and looks forward to the trip.

"I'm very disappointed in the outcome of the election but it's a rare opportunity," she said. "I'm glad that everyone that's going is interested in politics."

The students will get to see many famous sites during their short stay in Washington D.C. When they arrive on Jan. 19, the students will see Arlington National Cemetery and witness the Changing of the Guard and other aspects of the cemetery.

They will also get to see the Iwo Jima Memorial, Capitol Hill and will culminate the day with a night tour of Washington D.C.

On Jan. 20, the students will visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, the Korean Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial and will then attend all the Inaugural events.

Before returning on Jan. 21, the students will visit the Washington Monument, National Archives, Ford's Theatre, Peterson House and then the White House.

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Government students will be heading to Washington D.C. to be present during the Inauguration of President George W. Bush. Pictured first row (from left) are Liz Madison, Annie Strawbridge, Anna Taylor and Liz Jadwin. Second row are Melissa Grosberg, Jacky Heckendorn, Brittany Niswander, Alex Heffling, Shannon Dibble and Kristin Dupuis. Third row are Burke Ramsey, Mike Wojan, Taylor Martin, Chuck Mason, Alex Weller and Kevin Kusina. Fourth row are Tom Castiglione, Robbie Braine and Curt Harwood.

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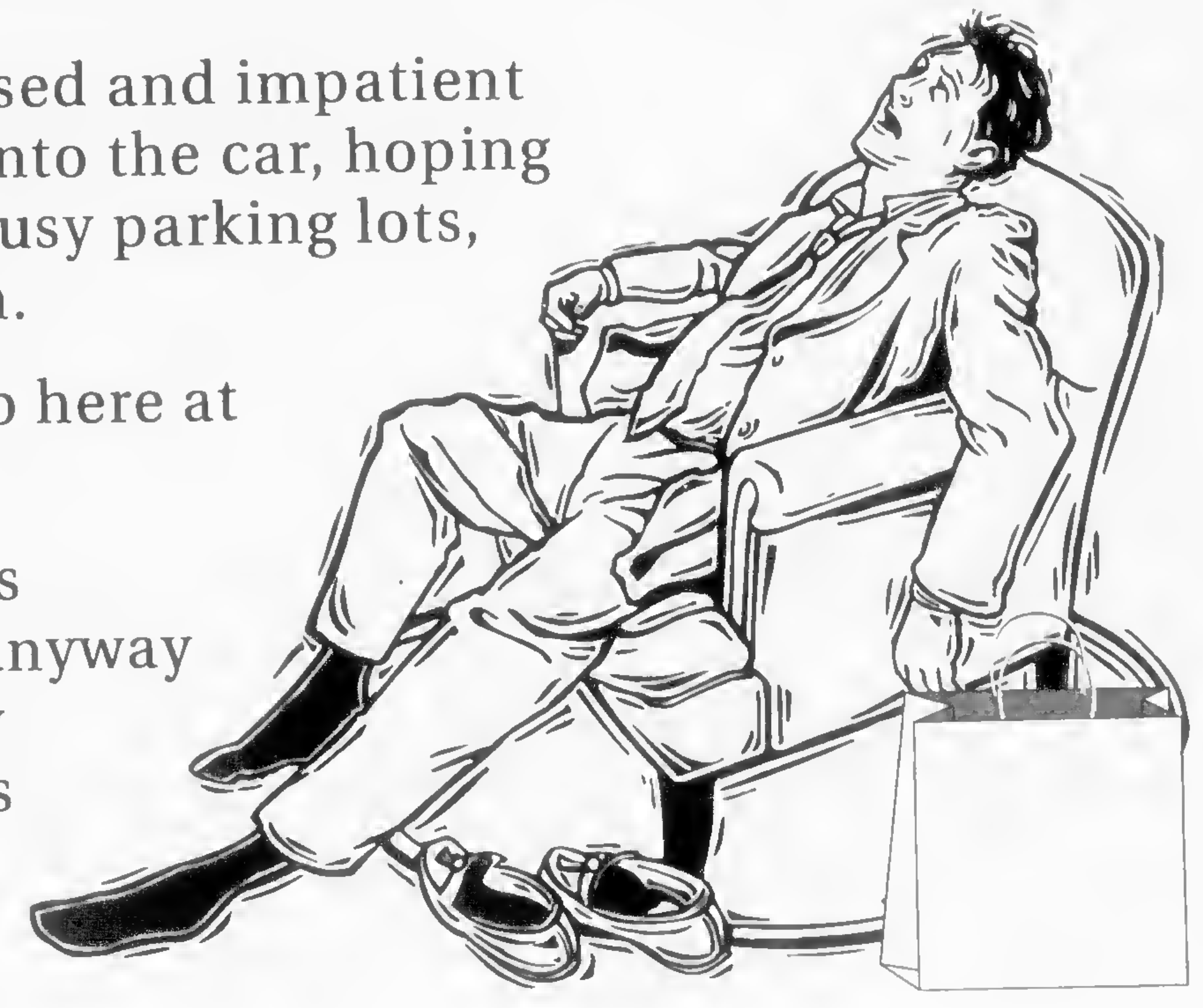

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Former candidate starts city oriented web site

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix resident and former third ward council candidate Dave Scott is starting an interactive community web site in order to allow citizens to stay informed and come together.

The web site, www.yescharlevoix.com, is currently in its beginning stages. However, it can be accessed and a newsletter written by Scott that tells what is going on in the community is available.

"Really, the web site is being set up because I want to start an organization," Scott said. "Get people more involved in the community."

Scott said the site is projected to be completed sometime after the first of the year and the newsletter will take a back seat as others write future articles and post messages.

"A lot of people have expressed interest in writing for it," he said.

The web site will feature an interactive message board, which Scott said will act as a venue for communication and allow people to openly express their opinions about what is going on in Charlevoix.

"It's like a town hall meeting without the town hall," he said.

There will also be an interactive events calendar available for anyone to post an event. Scott said everything will be set up so people can receive the same information posted on the web site through e-mail.

Aside from the what the web site itself provides, Scott said it will also feature several links to other sources of valuable information about other counties and the city itself.

"Whatever might be of interest to people," Scott said.

The web site will never have a printed version, so Scott said it will be less formal and more "sassy" in regards to the content and graphics.

Involvement in the city doesn't only have to be limited to serving on city council, Scott said. The web site will allow those who are interested but can't attend the meetings to view what occurred and what is being discussed.

Scott started the web site alone, but has received help from Gaslight Media, the area's leading Internet company, to set up the site.

"It's not the Dave Scott press," he said.

Scott wants others to become involved.

"I would like to see yescharlevoix become a social club," he said. "Kind of a fun way to get involved and serve the community."

Scott is the owner of Michigan Talk Radio Network. He also ran for city council's third ward seat in the November election and lost to incumbent Sherman Chamberlain.

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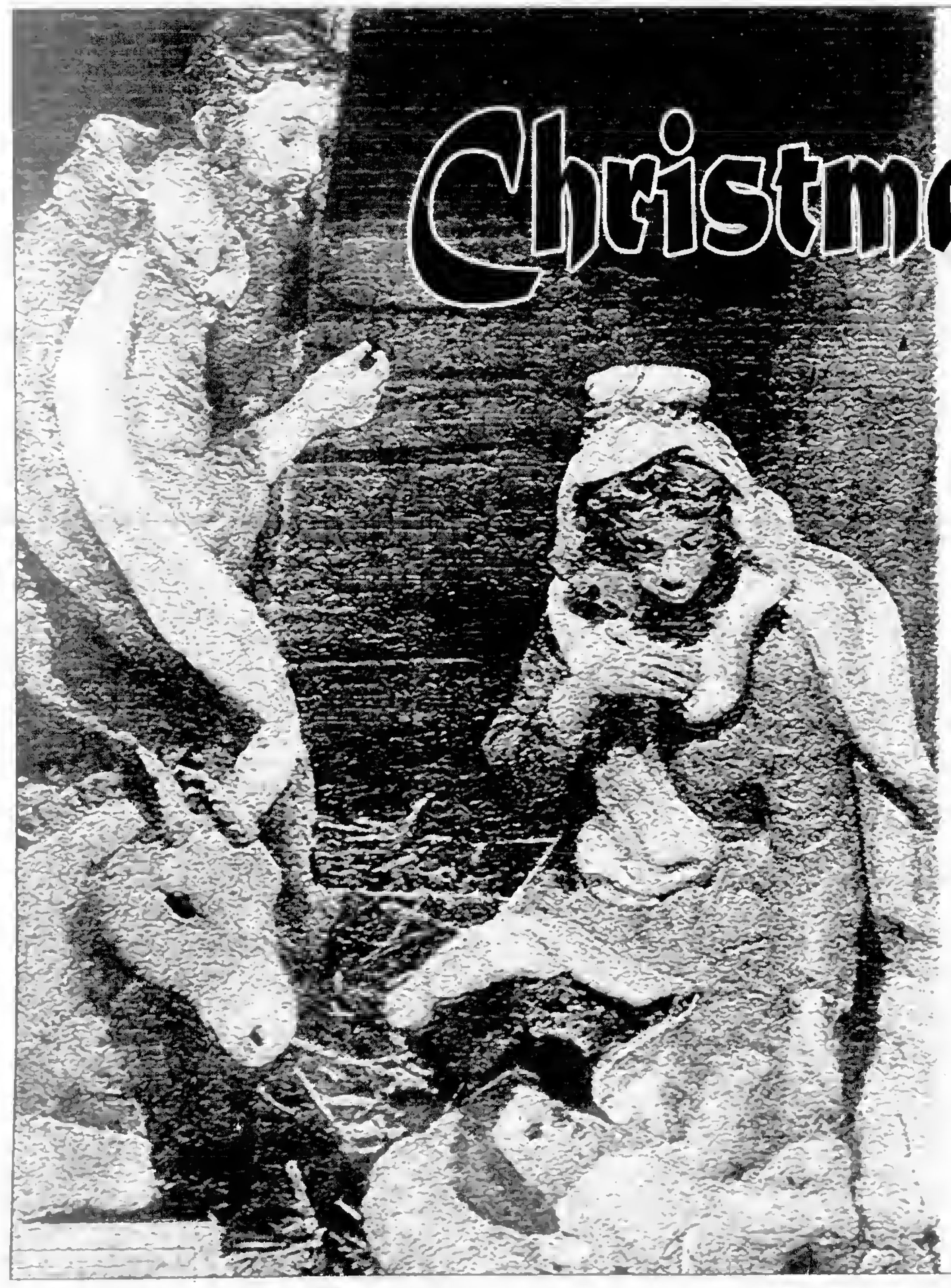
Above, Dave Scott works on his web site yescharlevoix.com.



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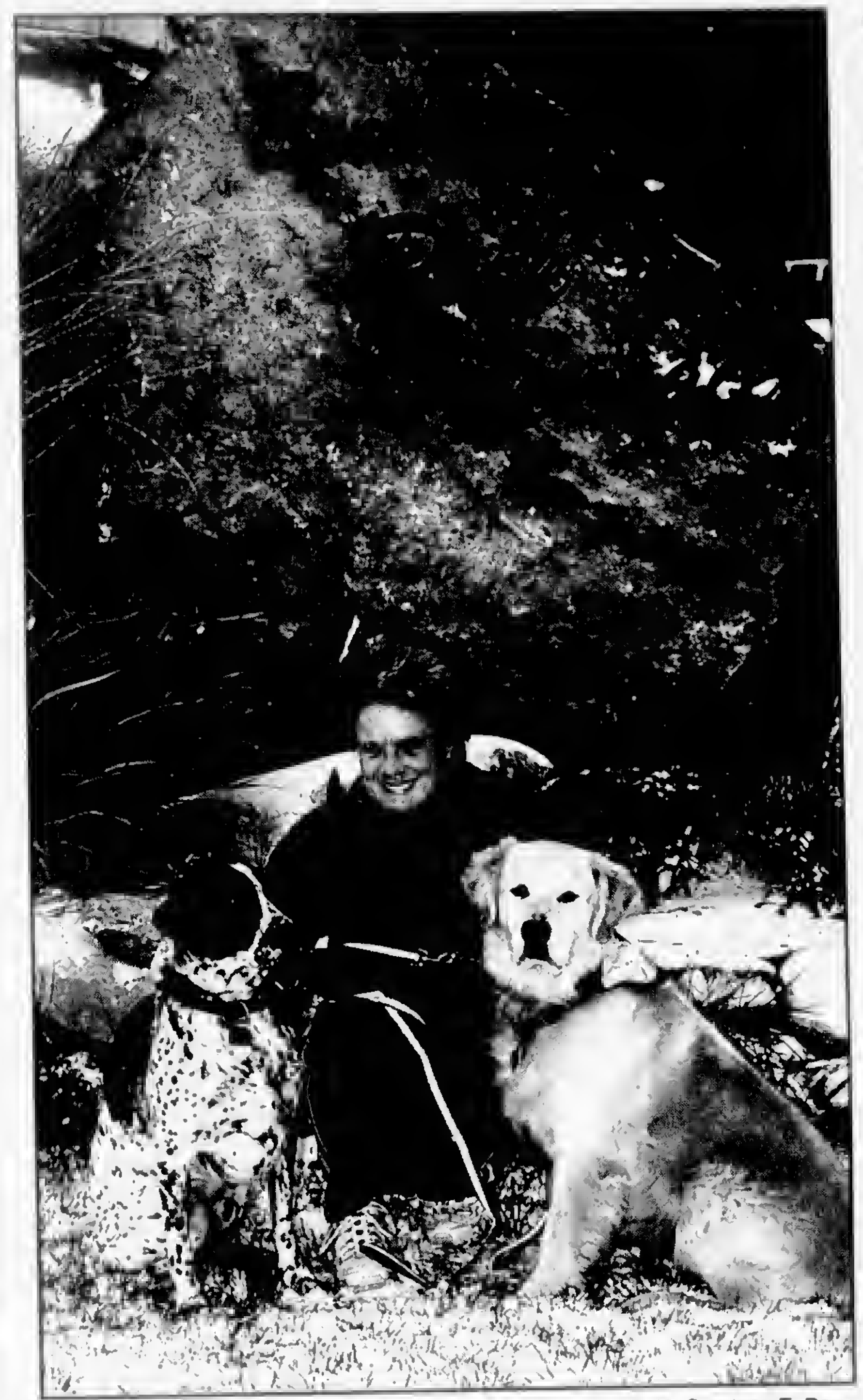

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Wendy Perrett and her two therapy dogs, Cast (left) and Samson (right) go to Boulder Park Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center once a week to visit residents bringing cheer, laughter and memories.

Women uses furry friends to help bring joy to lives

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix resident helps bring a smile to people's lives through her two therapy dogs that frequent Boulder Park Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Wendy Perrett is a member of Therapaws of Michigan, which is based out of Ann Arbor. The group's goal is to help heal or bring emotional and social support to people who are in long-term care for acute or chronic illnesses.

"You think you're doing something for others, but it's rewarding for yourself," Perrett said.

Every Wednesday, Perrett takes one of her two dogs to Boulder Park Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center where she visits with residents in order to bring laughter and cheer into what she said can be a lonely and depressing situation.

Samson, a 7-year-old Golden Retriever, is taken every Wednesday, except for the one week Cast, a 3-year-old English Pointer and Black Labrador mix, is brought in to visit.

Cast hasn't gone through the training like Samson, but Perrett said since he was a stray puppy he seeks and gives love. He was found in Roscommon and taken to the Little Traverse Humane Society.

"He knows," she said. "He's so grateful to have a warm loving home."

Perrett and her dogs have been visiting Boulder Park Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for two and a half years.

Perrett said some residents don't have visitors and visiting with people and sharing stories about past dogs helps communication and can promote healing.

"It's very therapeutic psychologically," she said.

Perrett started with Therapaws of Michigan in 1991 while she was living in Ann Arbor.

At that time Perrett's mother had just had a stroke, which promoted her to delve into animal therapy.

Perrett's first therapy dog was a Golden Retriever named Tucker. She said they had to go through a screening process to make sure both the dog and the person were right for the delicacy associated with animal therapy.

Perrett said the test and screening process shows whether the dog is too shy or excitable around people and in public situations. Tucker and Perrett passed the test and were assigned to a nursing home then

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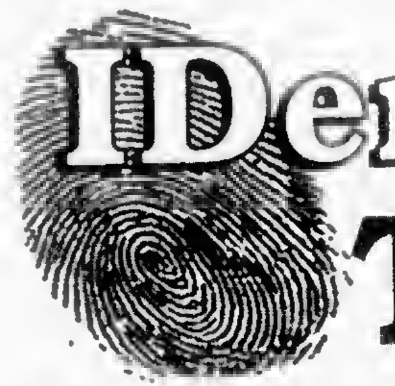

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Holiday giving

Students In Nicole Sterrett's second grade class place the toys they picked out for Toys for Tots in the cart while waiting to check out at Kmart. Kmart gave the group a 10 percent discount on the toys. The students raised money for Toys for Tots over the last month in pennies. After collecting $946 in pennies, the kids visited the local store to buy presents for the charity Toys for Tots.

Perrett's dogs help Boulder Park patients

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then to the cancer, dialysis and pulmonary units at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Eventually, Tucker got cancer and wasn't able to continue as a therapy dog while he received radiation.

Once his cancer was in remission, Perrett and Tucker visited the cancer unit to talk with people about their cancer and Tucker's.

While Perrett and Tucker were involved in the program, Perrett got Samson, who continues what Tucker started.

After Tucker died, Perrett decided to take Samson through the screening process when he was 2 years old and they were assigned to an assisted living home much like Boulder Park Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center they currently visit.

Perrett said the healing aspect of the therapy depends on the individual resident, but usually they are changed.

One woman Perrett visits each week has isolated herself in her room and didn't really respond much to visitors.

However, after repetitive visits, the woman talks energetically to Perrett.

"It brightens their whole day," she said.

For more information on Therapaws of Michigan, which is a local unit under the national Therapy Dogs Incorporated, go to www.therapaws.org.

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Popular Madrigal Singers to perform in Charlevoix

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Madrigal Singers will once again be bringing their talents to Charlevoix this Christmas.

This talented group of Petoskey High School students performs at dinner shows and one free concert each Christmas.

Julie Saunders, choir director, said this year's group is an even blend of veteran Madrigal Singers and new performers.

"It's a new group of kids and I enjoy working with them every year," Saunders said.

Saunders has been the group's director for 11 years and said her favorite part is the Christmas performances, because by this time everyone knows each other quite well.

This year, Saunders said the group will sing several traditional Christmas songs, both a cappella and with piano accompaniment, but some new songs were added.

The Madrigal Singers will wear their famous sixteenth century costumes as they sing during their several public performances this month. The group has been around for about 30 years.

Not just anyone can become a member, as entry is by audition only.

Membership is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors. Saunders said the students are judged on their singing ability, how well they read music and how confident they are of their own abilities and other criteria.

Amanda Cook, 17, a two year member of the Madrigal Singers, said she likes how close the group becomes at the end of the season.

"It's nice to have that friend base at school," she said.

Cook, who transferred from Harbor Springs High School last year, said what makes the Madrigal Singers unique is their fan base.

"We kind of established, maybe what would be a fan base; they kind of need us to make their holiday complete," she said.

Cook's first public performance occurred when she was four years old and took the stage during a Cook family reunion. Since then, Cook has attended the Interlochen Arts Camp for three summers and recently had a brush with fame.

At Interlochen, Cook sang back up for Josh Groban in a choir of 20 people.

"That was the coolest experience of my life," she said. "The best part of my entire singing career was singing with Josh Groban."

The Madrigal Singers are a holiday favorite for many people.

Cook said her grandparents on her mother's side are coming up from Florida to see her sing at Stafford's Perry Hotel.

Her favorite aunt and grandmother on her father's side are coming up from Bay City to watch her perform as well.

"I'm really excited to see them," she said.

Nikita Petitt, 17, a two year member of the Madrigal Singers, said she became interested in singing in seventh grade. One of her goals while in junior high was to eventually become a Madrigal Singer.

The songs she once longed to know will entail her final performances with the group before graduating.

"It's really, really cool to be in that tradition and actually sing it," she said.

Petitt said her favorite part of performing is meeting the audience. She said people will come up and talk with the singers about the performance and costumes.

Some of that prestige comes from the history of the Madrigal Singers and the talented students who comprise it each year.

The Madrigal Singers are performing a dinner show at the Charlevoix Country Club at 6 p.m. on Dec. 16.

They will also perform a dinner show at Stafford's Perry Hotel in Petoskey at 6 p.m. on Dec. 19 and Dec. 20.

The Madrigal Singers will also give a free concert at St. Francis Xavier in Petoskey at 7 p.m. on Dec. 21.

For more information on the dinner performances and to purchase tickets call the Charlevoix Country Club at 547-9796 and Stafford's Perry Hotel at 347-4000.

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Bazaar and tea

Tom and Esther Carey enjoy a sample of English food at the First Annual Advent Bazaar and Tea at the Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix. All proceeds benefited the Charlevoix Ministerial Associations and the Mom's and Tots Center in Ellsworth. The event raised $2,300.

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The Kiwanis Builders Clubs (above) are located at Charlevoix Middle School. Kiwanis members Larry Roth and Gayle Gennett work with these youngsters on a variety of projects including the new Butterfly Garden (done in conjunction with the Charlevoix Area Garden Club).

Some of the current Charlevoix Kiwanis Club Members

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Above: Marvin Molasky reading with Max Meyerson. Right: Ted Dumbauld with 4 yr. old Riley Coss. Below: Bill Lovett with 4 yr. old Dylan Starr.

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Council member wants stronger blight ordinance

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix City Council member Shirley Gibson said many people have been contacting her about blight in the city and she wants a stronger ordinance to address it.

At the Dec. 6 city council meeting, Charlevoix City Attorney presented council with a draft ordinance as was requested by Gibson, dealing with blight in the city. The blight in this case is run-down and abandoned buildings.

"I have received numerous complaints about deteriorating buildings. I feel we really need this ordinance," she said. "This isn't me. There are various individuals that think we need stricter ordinances. This is about buildings deteriorating."

Gibson pointed to the former Clark gasoline station at the corner of M-66 and Bridge Street as an example.

Young said the ordinance was an excellent idea and he suggested looking further into ways to uphold it, such as putting lien's on properties. However, Young said he would have to research if the city could take such an action.

But, some council members insisted the current ordinance is enough and said this new suggested ordinance goes too far. The city does currently have a blight ordinance, but it deals mostly with trash.

"I feel the ordinance we have in place now is fine," said council member Bill Bellows.

However, Young pointed out that the current ordinance deals mostly with rubbish around buildings.

"This draft is one we took from other communities and really focuses on buildings," he said.

Gibson added, in regard to the current ordinance, "There is no teeth in that. It can't be enforced."

But Bellows still had his reservations about the ordinance, saying some of the rules in it are too restrictive on private property owners. He pointed to a prohibition in the ordinance saying all wood on a house needed to be painted and said some people like the weathered wood look.

Council member Bob Timms agreed.

"Some of these rules and restrictions are counter to a person being comfortable in their own home," Timms said.

Gibson shot back saying in the future she would tell the people contacting her about shoddy structures in the city to talk to the council members against this ordinance.

Charlevoix Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson said he understands the concern of some of the council members and this ordinance being restrictive — he added under the wording he would have been in violation because he had taken the siding off of his home for a short period of time while he was renovating it. However, Carlson said he thinks the general intent of this ordinance is for someone who doesn't intend on fixing up their property or home.

"I think that maybe we can come up with something that could be agreeable to all. There are some issues here that could be addressed," he said.

It was also pointed out that some people cannot afford to fix up their homes right away and there may need to be some leeway given.

Carlson agreed, saying the ordinance could include situations such as that.

.The ordinance has been sent back to city staff for rewording and to have issues such as enforcement further answered. Carlson said he is not sure if this ordinance is really needed or if current ordinances need to be reworded to address these issues.

According to the drafted ordinance it would be unlawful for any person to own, posses or use any structure which has three or more: Deteriorating roof, siding off, broken windows, unfinished exterior, collapsing porch or deck, scaffolding (unless associated with a current building permit) and/or cracked and broken foundations/chimney's which constitute a structural or health hazard unless such structure is in the course of construction in accordance with a valid building permit issued by the city.

The ordinance further states any person that owns, occupies or has control of a property shall maintain the property's exterior and keep it sanitary, free from debris, brush, severed tree limbs, junk, rubbish, garbage, physical hazards and rodent infestation.

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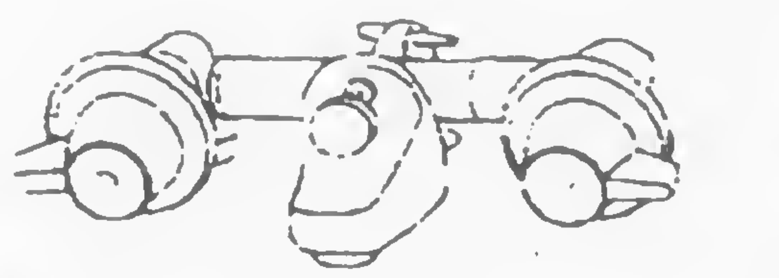

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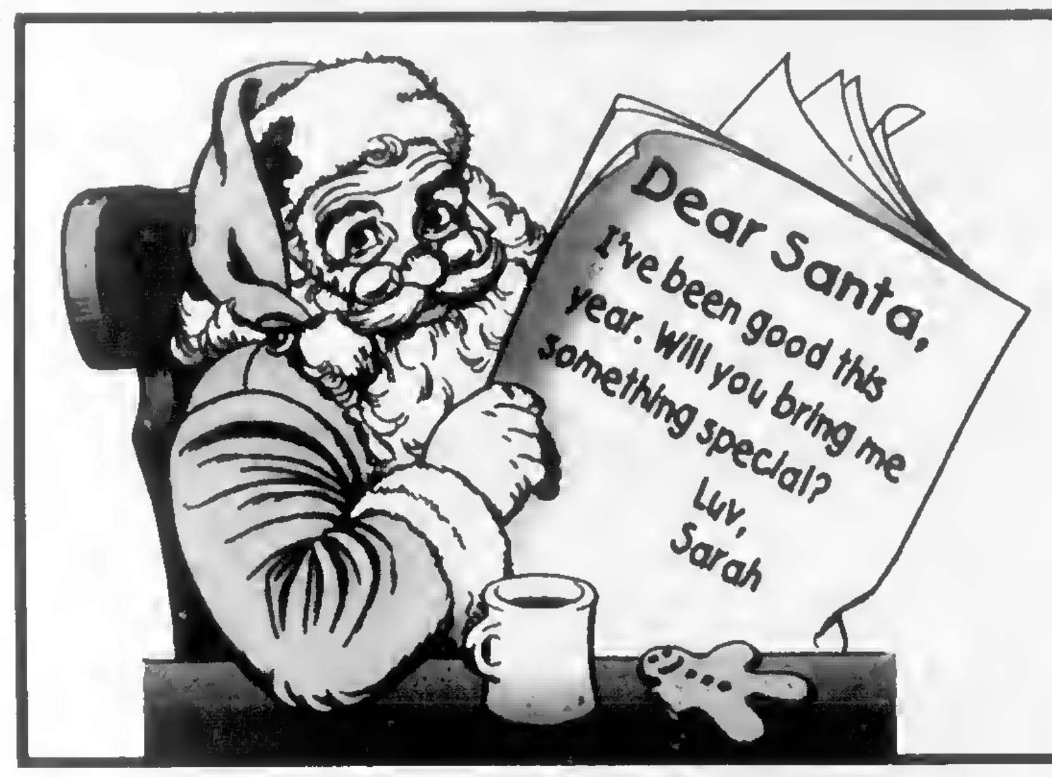
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Luv,
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Dear Santa,
I want a Thomes Train that gos all by its self. and 10 Balloons to plaez and monopole. To pleas May I pleas.
Austin

Dear Santa,
I want a Durt Bike Viduo Gam. And I want a Carvet Viduo Gam.
Love,
Trent

Dear Santa,
Har do your reindeer fid? I love you. I want for Cesmes is ewing and I want newe patr???.
Love,
Sydney

Dear Santa,
Haoe dos Rudolph The red nose reindeer hav a shiny nose? What is all the reindeers name? Haoe dos the reindeer flae? I bet trent wants a drt bike. I want SlimKano
Your frend,
Jared Wilson
J.T. Klony

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a pate boll gone. And I wish for ive wone to hove the way uso wos move. Ife you kod plse tuol me howr to moak a pate boll gone.
I love you,
Spencer Tibbits

Dear Santa,
I want a ray chrarols sede and with a home much moscic like ray chrorls sedes.
Alaina Campanella

Dear Santa,
Can you giv me a pent gun for chrismis? I wonder how do you get in owr howses so qiyit? I am wrighting a letter to you! I have ben good this year so can you ples giv me the gun. good by.
your friend,
Turner Havens

Dear Santa,
I wot a pat bo gun. I wot a popr. I wot a mine symbol.
Brandon

Dear Santa,
I will lev los and los of milck and coces for you and the bet of all is I wot to no how yra elves max tos and a no hos.
Love,
Haley Zimmerman

Dear Santa,
I have ben god for Merry Christmas I woint to no how your elsf mak toes I woint to see Christmas but Christmas is ner or far and I no how you no tat ces get in trobl but Iem not talenr you
Love,
Shelby to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want for christmas a picter of your raindeer. and all of the Mario Games for my Game Boy AD. SP. and the game Yo-Gi-oh for my Game Boy AD. SP. and the cards and the rocks and minerals field guide book. And a blue agat.
Your Friend,
Jesse

Dear Santa,
I want to know houw your rader fliy? And did you git my lettr I rot to you? Wel I got you a nuthr letty for you. And I love you a lot! And a lot! And a lot! Did you know I love you! a lot! And I want you.
Love,
Kenzie Gould

Dear Santa,
I will put milk and kakes on my tabul. I want a is-crem ??? that has reyl is-crem in it. I luv you. I have ben riley gud. I luv you. how dus yor slay and how dus yor ran der fliy.
Luv,
Nicole

Dear Santa,
I want a Babe Boy and I want a Babe girl. We will be good. and I want a te ve. and I want cameslpls. and I want a Christmas Merry tree.
Love,
Madyson

Dear Santa,
I bleving you so much. I want a vel aving maker. to bake food. I been rele good at home and school.
from Kelsey B. Engstrom
I love you santa

Dear Santa,
I want a naw scat board becws I dot no how to rid it christmas. I love you Santa I lost 4 teth I want the Spuj bob the move video gam
Love,
Ryan

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Ples can. I no. how do you. get in the hows. and how you be so qiite. it is so kool I beelef in you I luove you. Santa.
Tanner

Dear Santa,
I wad like a play stashines and sum gamse for it for christmans and sum moor gam coob. hos do yoo reindeer fliye will you saye hiye to Rudolph for me.
from Josh Hinkle

Dear Santa,
I would lic the hol set uv G.I. Jos and eoust to and Shadow Shiftr tashlo. u r the best Santa.
Your Friend,
Hunter

Dear Santa,
Ples get me a babe and I wot a pes a papr and a nutr babe and I ned tat new babe and a Sauls and sum clos and 3 Brats and tat now Brbe and a tomgoce and a ese bak uving.
Your Friend,
I love you,
Nori

Dear Santa,
Plese bring me a snoboard and sum slepans and a ginter and a Bat cav and sum shorers and a baxitball and a taktop and sum baxitball shoes.
Your Friend,
Sam David Stewart

Dear Santa,
Ples bye me a tomuguchy and a spung bob sarpans video game and the spng bob move and a tomchly and a shadshiftr and a modrsokol.
Your Friend,
Joshua Clees

Dear Santa,
I wot a fudl and a game boy advance and cum game boy gams for my game boy.
Your Friend,
Lucas

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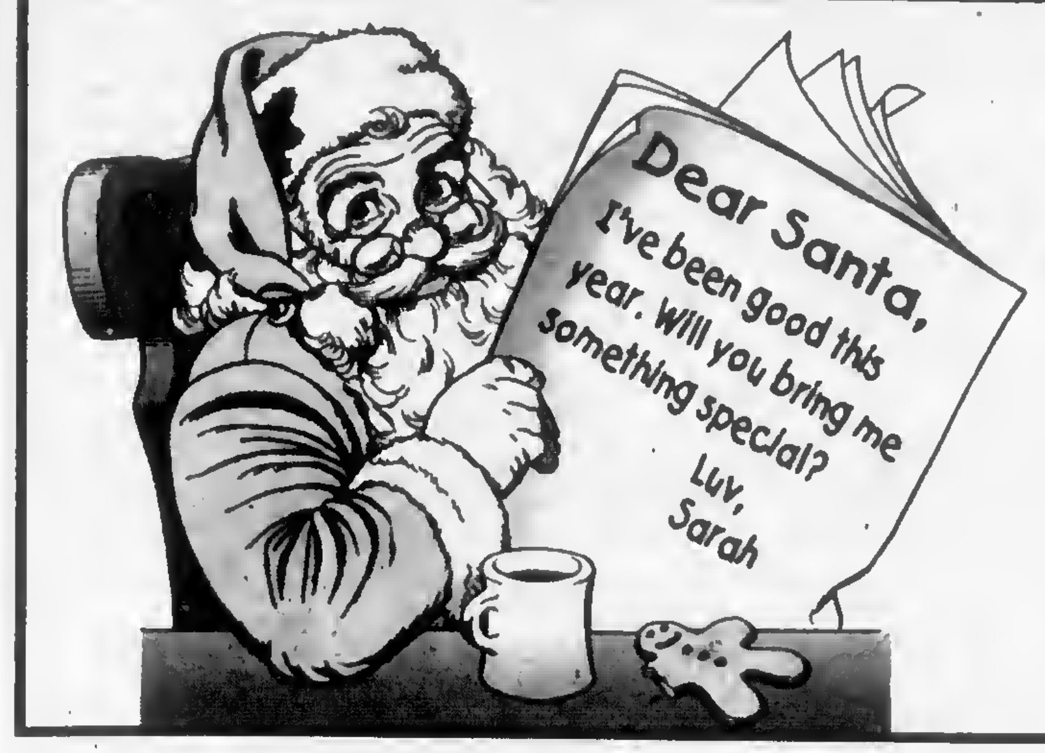
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Luv,
Sarah

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Dear Santa,
I Love you varey varey much. I will lev cokeys and millk.
Love,
Mick Hinkle

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the rander dooing? I wod like lipstick, a reg, a trupet. Can I have a picr uf the rander ples?
Love
Anisnka Pop

Dear Santa,
I hwp you cam to my hws. I wat a gam bouy. I wat love. My sisturuy Shelby wats a tamy gichy. My mom wats a gam bouy.
Love,
Hunter Isaac

Dear Santa,
My nam is Sophie. I wat for Christmas is a ball from your slay ples and a marengrl dol.
Love,
Sophie Herboldsheimer

Deyrr Santa,
I whope you bring me some good presins. How are your ranedeyrre doing?
Love,
Jason Fields

Dear Santa,
I wot a exbox and a pashn2 and 4 dinz. Coeges are in my rom on my dasr.
Love,
John Kagabitang

Dear Santa,
I wat lik Projr. sot. I wat lik a dinozrg. I wat lik a santo toy. I wat lik a incradrs clring bok
Love,
Justin Perkins

Daer Santa,
I would like a bell off you'r sleigh and if you give me that I'll give you milk and cookis I hope you like choklat milk insted of white and I'll give you'r raindeer caritss or aplless
Love,
Mason Louiselle

Dear Santa,
Plez a Por ranger gam? get me a nig gam I want a remat kantrol car.
Thank you
Casey Kiteley

Dear Santa,
I wot a moovey. It will be Garfield. And I wot a Snow a Bel. And I wot a Soccer Ball. And I wot to tel you that I Love you.
Love,
Hailey Berry

Dear Santa,
I hop that we get the hows and I want love from you and I want a Game boy. my mom said we hof to lev som caces and milk owt
Love,
Samantha Singleton

Dear Santa,
I wad lik Dran Tals. I wot a hug frum you I wont a moving hors.
Love,
Hannah Ennis

Dear Santa,
I can not wat to see you Santa Clos. Santa Clos I wnt you to go and git me a remlchcl truc.
Love,
Jamey Carter

Dear Santa,
I can not wait and tell it is Merry christmas. Babydoll.
Love,
BrieAnn Stilwell

Dear Santa,
I woot a Bowinirrow a teve Mighin pat Bool a Scat Burd a Bow hutin Book
Luve
Erik Oshaben

Dear Santa,
I want a majik bell and I want M&Ms and I want Jeigo.
Love,
Harley Argetsinger

Dear Santa,
What I wont for crismis is a gamboyvance. And a hunting gam. And a Spong Bob Sqaware Pants stft animl. And a bene babe.
Love,
Hunter Cox

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. hurdly wate tell come. I will see you suon Santa. I want a tomagotgy for Crssmiss. I want now slipers for Crissmiss. And I want a m&m mashing for Crssmiss.
Love,
Devon

Dear Santa,
Please I wont a cd player. And a stuf animal. Even ere mufs. And a stuf animal cat to. Have a grat crismis!
Your Friend,
Mia Leuliette

Dear Santa,
I hope that you git me a chrachla. And a Shato Shifter. And a jrumset. And a guter.
Your Friend,
Eli

Dear Santa,
Ples get me a pad eave papr and ples get me sem cles. Hev a mare cesmas.
Your Friend,
Jenny

Dear Santa,
Ples if you mac it can you giv me a tomitgothey and a snobrd dafitle a par uv sces. Dafitle, dafitle, dafitle breing me friendss.
Your Friend,
Leah

Dear Santa,
Pleyse bring me a pupy. Our a stufd pagwen. Our now scese. Our a now snowbrd. Have a marry Chresmes. Have a worm day! and a Harry Potter number 1 the book.
Your Friend,
Madeline Boss

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tomagochi. I also need new dolls. Have a warm winter with Ruidoff the red nosed reindeer. Merry Christmas Santa. We love you. Also we have been good.
Your Friend,
Hannah Fraley

Dear Santa,
Wil you please get me a Tomagtchee and a new game boy game and a Videogame. Sum titaneeum steel. A het mishing.
Your Friend,
Samuel

Dear Santa,
Please giv me my tow front teeth. And a tomagochi. And I wish you a mary Cerismis. Tell the elves to do thar hurtis ok? And new skats. One more, the first bell off your sila.
Your Friend,
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Dear Santa,
I hope you come to my house and is Rodof rell?
yes no.
Santa are you comeing to are class thiss year? yes no.
Your Friend,
Hero Parker Drost

Dear Santa,
I wish you a meri crismis and a happe no yer. I will giv you a cup of milk and cookes. I will giv yor ranedeer ledis and kereits I will giv you a presint and yor randeer to hav a jole krismis and I wont a mikriskop and a math set.
Your Friend,
Tucker Fenwick

Dear Santa,
This year I want some drums and a electric guitar. And a play stashen tow. And hot wheels with a thrack. And a scayt bord. And poky mon cards.
Your Friend,
Emory Whaley

Dear Santa,
Pelos wal you brg a Jump Dasr and a McFlurry maker and a now tamgje cashn and a now cos and now shos and a red cos up gam boy. And a hors and a pop and a now Barbes and now Pale Paks and a now toys and now bab dos and now ses and hev a gad mre ksms Sate.
Your Friend,
Carli Thorp

Dear Santa,
I will lave some cookies and some milke. I woted a game boy sp ans a tom it gche and a know football.
Your Friend,
Adam Michaud

Dear Santa,
I wot a blue said and. a popcornmaker and. a Toy Hores. and a moive named fear fearufakter. and a car that. I can grive. and sum cos fo my amicendoll.
Your Friend,
Serena Purvis

Dear Santa,
I hope your bree toys and I will put ot cuces and a drink and be gun.
Your Friend,
Thomas Sarasin

Dear Santa,
I will levy you sam millk and cookys. I wol the amarkin girll doll twins for cimic. I hope your cimis is the best you have ever had.
Your Friend,
Makenna Doan

Dear Santa,
Santa I want for thing for Christmas I want a computer with a flat scren and a Playstasin Ps2 and a toy thet gos trou wadr snow gras and dret and I want a toy trata toy it can go up stars can I ples hv it.
Your Friend,
Philip Chanda

Dear Santa,
I want a tomagoche four crismis and i want a toy car and a gameboy and a toy motersickl and toy dog and toy cat to and I want a toy fish with a bird.
Your Friend,
Noah Perron

Dear Santa,
Can you breing me a noow gamboe and a newow pet I will giv you sum cuces and milk and sum rander food.
Your Friend,
Acacia Duhart

Dear Santa,
I wud lik a kpul uf toes aur legos. Thak ue for the tos from the yrs.
Your Friend,
Alex Kleiber

Dear Santa,
I want toys. I wnat a tomagchi. I will leve you cookies and milk.
Your Friend,
Spencer Stewart

Dear Santa,
I want a Game boy Maryo game and armey tchransformr with noise.
Your Friend,
Brett Siegwart

Dear Santa,
I will put a cup of milk ot for u. I will put a plat of kukes.
Your Friend,
Justin Smith

Dear Santa,
I will meak cooket out of you in kes if you get hogriy if you get mor hogriy I will meak mor of you and win you get beak can you giv me a lot of animal toys?
Your Friend,
Yogi Hang

Dear Santa,
I am going to look for you on Christmas nite. Well I want a gameboy and fib finder and electric guitar.
Your Friend,
Kylee Scholten

Dear Santa,
Ples get me a gam boy auvas and a gam boy sp. Have a mere crimis.
Your Friend,
Andrew

Dear Santa,
Ples! giv me thes ting a woketoke and a telphon and got me back in Ragamuffins and a kamra ov kos a mdrish triskls. I have bin good this yir!
Your Friend,
Gracie

Dear Santa,
I will giv u some cookies and I will want a Plastation two a skateboard and my family back together. A pokemon advances and the first poke'dex.
Your Friend,
Trace Butler

Dear Santa,
Please get me a CD player and a train. Twister and a X Box and boxing glaves a snow bowerd and Gi Joes army men.
Your Friend,
John

Dear Santa,
I want lazertag and a video now color. Am going to leave you cookies. And I want a gamcube and a gamboy SP a PS2. And Santa can you leave my presents in my room?
Your Friend,
Will Telgenhof

Dear Santa,
Please bring me toys lic chrachulu and a tomic goche and a Sado Siftr and hav a grat crimis.
Your Friend,
Cedar

Dear Santa,
Is rodoff reel?
Circle yes or no.
Your Friend,
Taylor Ramage

Dear Santa,
I wont a toy casul for rescyou herose and a foolball. And a bike. And sum markers. And sum toy animals. And a piloiw. And a tv. And a fishing pole. And a poowl.
Your Friend,
Daniel Zipp

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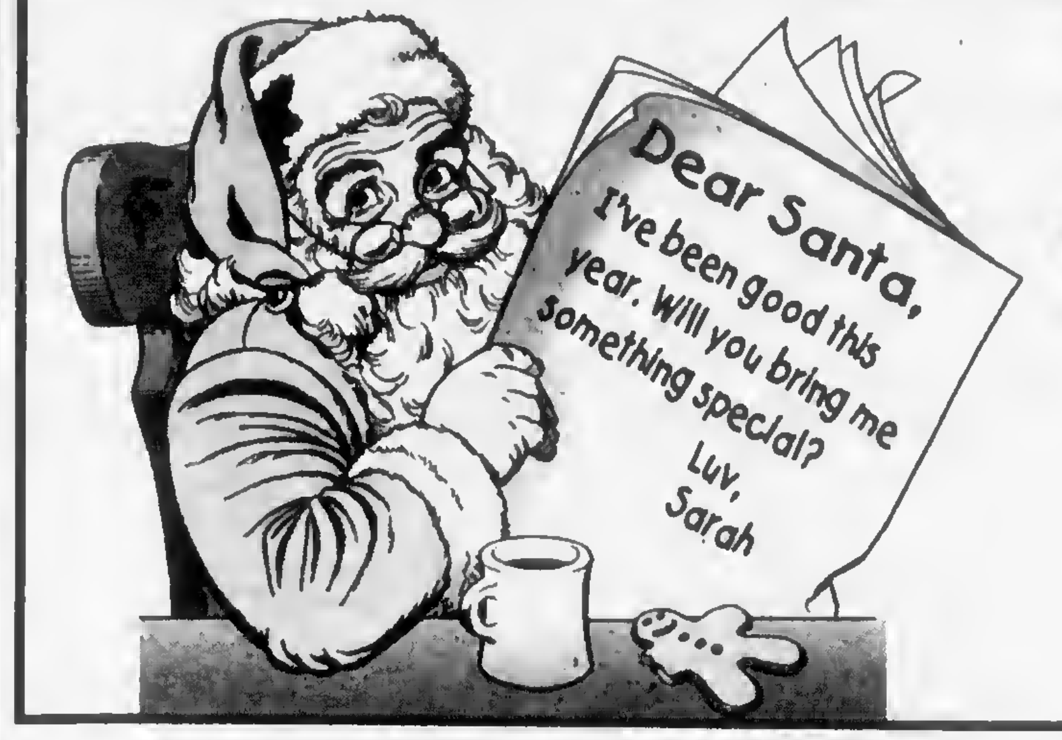
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Luv,
Sarah

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Dear Santa,
I want alot ov poke'mon. And I want alot yugioh. Is rudolph real santa. Wake me up santa. I want more game boy advance and a pack.
Love,
Brody

Dear Santa,
For Crismis I wot a spicit. You do a hord job. I jope you can find my house.
Love,
Erik

Dear Santa,
You have a hard job. And I wont for Christmas to take care of your reindeer. And I hope you come down my chimney.
Love,
?

Dear Santa,
I think you are cool. My family wants a big screen TV. How do you mace the toys?
Thank you.
Love,
Weston

Dear Santa,
I want to see you going down the chimney. I love Santa.
I wount a fire skateboard.
Love,
Walker

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. You are the best. You are Cool. Your reindeer is cool. I was good. Christmas play I what a hourse beene.
Love,
Rachel

Dear Santa,
I love you santa. You are cool! I want for Christmas is a tomagotche. I ben good. I hope you can make it. You have a hard job. You get us lot uve presents.
Love,
Hannah Zipp

Dear Santa,
I want a train! I have been good. Is Rudolph real? I like you. I want a pile of toys! I want a skateboard!
Love,
Nathan

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control truck. I have been good.
I love u,
Josh

Dear Santa,
Alot of elves work with you!! Rudolph the red nose reindeer hade a vare sane nose. I want a American girl doll.
Love,
Sarah

Dear Santa,
I love santa. You wrc rile hrd so did your eff and I hop your Rander are your rander pol your sled and you are good.
Love,
Aurora

Dear Santa,
You're awesome. Elves work hard for you. How meny reindeer do you have? Is rudolph really real? I love you you are the best.
Love,
Meredith May

Dear Santa,
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Love,
Luis

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Love,
Brandon

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SPORTS

Charlevoix Rayders start season out strong

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

There are no rebuilding years for Charlevoix hoys' basketball...the Rayders just reload.

After losing six seniors from last year's state runner-up team, including leading scorers Scott Friske and Bryce Daly, Charlevoix showed no ill effects, blowing out Suttons Bay, 70-23 and St. Ignace, 79-44 last week.

"I've been so impressed by our defense and hy our effort," Rayder coach Keith Haske said. "It's been like that since the first practice of the year."

The Suttons Bay game began looking like a replay of the battle of the Little Big Horn. The Rayders shook off the long bus ride to Suttons Bay by outscoring the Norsemen, 29-0 in the first quarter. Jared Hunt scored 10 points in the game's first five minutes.

During the eight minute explosion, Suttons Bay's coach called three timeouts in an attempt to calm his team and stall Charlevoix's momentum to no avail.

On many occasions, the Norsemen could not advance the hall past midcourt against the Rayders' stifling press. When they did get a shot off, it was hurried and offline.

Eddie Waldron scored six straight points in the blitz to push the score from 21-0 to 27-0.

In the second quarter, Suttons Bay recovered and was only outscored 14-13 but the damage was done. The shortest margin after the first quarter was 26 points, at 34-8 and 36-10.

Cody Crain came out like a house on fire to begin the second half. He scored 13 points in the first 3:40 of the half, including three three-pointers to turn the game into a laugher.

The last of the three-balls made the score 57-15 and caused a running clock for the remainder of the game.

Crain finished with a game-high 15 points. Matt Kautz scored 14.

Hunt had 13 points, five rebounds, five assists and five steals. Jake Teuscher pulled down seven rebounds and had four steals.

Derek Friske grabbed seven rebounds. Phil Steen had six rehounds and two blocks.

Charlevoix made eight three-point shots on the night, by five different players (Crain, Kautz, Sparky Nitchman, Matt Teuscher and Dustin Dibble).

"I thought it was a great defensive effort," Haske said. "If we do that every night, you've got a chance to win. I was pretty pleased by the effort."

Earlier in the week, the Rayders used a similar strategy against St. Ignace, jumping out to a 26-8 lead at the end of the first period. Charlevoix led 51-23 at the half and 71-28 after three quarters.

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>
> **Keith Haske**,
> Charlevoix boy's basketball coach

Crain again led the Rayders with 17 points. Hunt scored 15.

Jake Teuscher had nine points, six rebounds, three assists, two steals and took two charges. Ben Bergmann scored seven points.

Steen had nine rebounds and three blocks. Friske had five rebounds.

In each of the first two games of the season, 12 of the 13 Rayder players scored.

After hosting Benzie Central on Dec. 14, Charlevoix opens the Lake Michigan Conference schedule at home against Boyne City on Friday, Dec. 17.

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Christmas party

The annual Teddy Bears and Eggnog Children and Young Adult's Christmas Party to benefit the Family Independence Agency was on Dec. 5. at the Charlevoix Country Club. Admission was one gift per person to be donated to a community child in need. There were 63 children and 42 adults present and over one hundred Christmas gifts donated. All had a great time. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wingate sponsored the event. Other donations were made by: Barb and Stew Mansfield, The Photo Depot, Ted Felter, McDonalds of Charlevoix, Phil and Michelle McConnon, Katie Stone, Robert and Gretchen Tambellini, David and Paula Berry, Mary and Charles Adams.

Rayder wrestlers do well at recent meets

The Charlevoix Rayders wrestled at home Dec. 9.

Against Kalkaska, Charlevoix took the win 44-28.

Wins by pins for the varsity team went to Nick Gotshall 130, Jed Daman 140, Matt Novotny 145, and Pat Russell, heavy weight. Jaimen Waha 215 took a win by decision.

Against St Ignace Charlevoix tied 42-42 in total team points. St. Ignace won the tie breaker by having more take down points than Charlevoix.

The two exhibition matches were won by Nathan Tripplehorn and Drew Marsh each with a pin. Wins by pins for varsity were Gotshall, Daman, Novotny, Shannon Gillespie 171, Waha and Russell.

"We lost to Kalkaska last week by just four points so tonight's win was great," said Coach Craig Golovich. "The wrestler of the night was Pat Russell with an 8 second pin."

Charlevoix's junior varsity wrestlers traveled to Alpena on Saturday competing against wrestlers from Petoskey, Chehoygan, Munising, Sault Ste. Marie and Alpena.

First place medal winners were Spencer Hankins, RJ Moore and Nathan Tripplehorn. Woody Nitchman and Nick Gotshall placed second. Kris Bartling and Pat Russell finished third.

Charlevoix will travel to Rudyard on Friday, Dec. 17 to compete in the Bridge Brawl.

Area hunters winners in annual buck pole

The second annual Atwood Buck Pole Contest at Friske's Farm Market showcased some of the area's finest bucks.

There were winners in all three divisions.

In the men's division, Larry Drost of Charlevoix took first place. Second place went to another Charlevoix resident, Jon Boss. Third place was awarded to Gordon Ferweda of Atwood. All three men bagged 10 points. The spreads of the racks determined the placements.

In the women's divisions, there was only a first place winner this year: Lea Ann Elliott of East Jordan. She brought in a seven point.

Friske's youth division had two winners: Derek Friske of Charlevoix bagged an eight point. Dendra Muma of Ellsworth got a four point.

Points were received for the outside rack width measurements plus the number of tines.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Church League • Dec. 8, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	457	243
Ferguson & Chamberlain	383	317
Lutherans	361	339
R & C Roofing	359	341
Mark White Paint & Stain	331	369
State Farm Insurance	323	377
The Inner Circle	317	383
St. Mary's	263	407

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Chuck Stein	573	231
Casey Crain	609	215
Gerry Russell		213
John Fiedorek	567	

Tuesday Night Ladies • Dec. 7, 2004

	W	L
Twin Lakes Enterprise	36.5	19.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	32	24
Central Drug Store	30	26
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	27.5	28.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	27	29
Mark White Paint & Stain	26	30
Grey Gables	24	32
Don's IGA	21	35

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	536	213
Cindy Pallagi	500	192
Janice Thanasiu	515	187

Gutter Gals League • Dec. 9, 2004

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	157	123
Burger King Charlevoix	155	125
Paul Bunyan Lanes	144	136
Express Yourself	104	176

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	570	236
Mary O'Brien	555	215
Diana Speigl	545	198

Men's Senior League
December 6, 2004

	W	L
Kerr's Racing	31	17
Central Drug Store	27	21
J Arnold Painting "A"	26	22
Cemex Cement	26	22
B Vanloo & Sons	25	23
Weebowl-Wobowls	21	27
Selph Trucking	18	30
J Arnold Painting "2"	18	30

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mike Cummings		252
Bryan VanLoo	594	234
Jon Kiernan	636	224
Jeff Smith		224
Gordie Selph		224
Don Potter	588	

Young at Hearts League
December 9, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	31.5	20.5
Past Timers	29.5	22.5
Alley Cats	28	24
Sparetime	27	25
Misfits	27	25
Irish Rollers	24	28
Twilighters	23	29
Has Beens	18	34

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

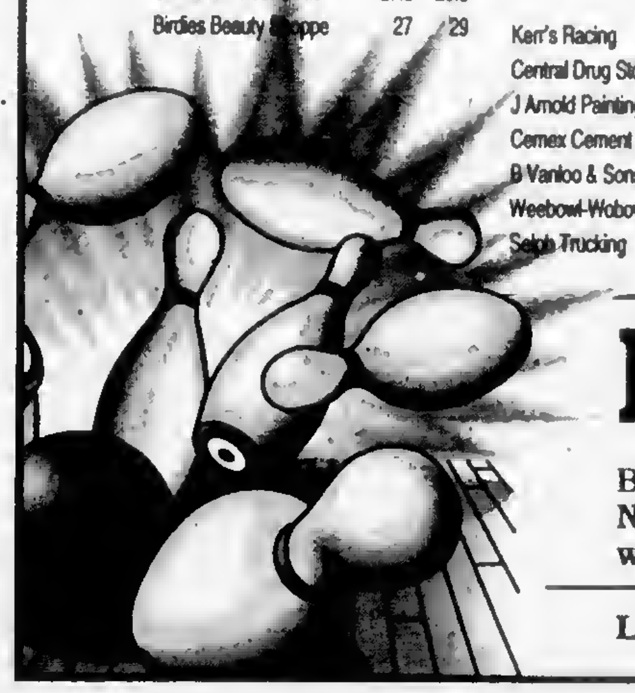
	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	542	187
Bill Herriman		176
Ken Schoenheit	497	
Dick Wells		174
Eldon Potter	457	220
Babs Sharrow		178
Shirley Flower	439	165
Nancy Bambach	437	170
Irene Cellner	437	

Double Deckers Mixed League
November 28, 2004

	W	L
Bradley	17.5	6.5
Spencer	17.5	6.5
Sladek	16	8
Blanchard/Crain	15	9
Novotny	15	9
Russell A & J	15	9
Stein	14	10
Koffman	12	12
Withoeft	11.5	12.5
Blanchard	11	13
Webb	10.5	13.5
Russell C & R	10	14
Ferguson	10	14
Patton	7	17
Nordman	6	18
Hart	4	20

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Gary Spencer	533	211
Roger Crain	594	194
Jerry Russell		184
Joe Sladek	505	
Amy Russell	478	192
Lynette Webb	482	168
Shelly Novotny		169
Carla Spencer	469	



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the Week: Casey Crain of the Wednesday Night Church League had a high actual series of υ09 with a high game of 215.

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Library Friends can bring resources to your door

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are available to help those who have difficulty getting to the library.

The group created an outreach program designed to bring books and other materials directly to a person's home and return the items when all are finished.

Mary Snider and Sharon Knutson, co-chairs of the Charlevoix Public Library Outreach Program, have been delivering and returning materials for about a year.

"I have met several delightful women I wouldn't have met otherwise," Snider said.

Snider said she and Knutson bring a human element and a positive interaction to those they serve, but there hasn't been a huge demand for book delivery.

Those who are interested in participating in the service do not have to be a member of the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library and the option is open to those who have difficulty getting to the library and to parents with new babies or young children.

"It's not just elderly based," Snider said. "Anybody that can't get out."

The current library isn't very handicapped accessible, but the new library will be once it's complete.

"I can't help but think it's a good connector for people to have available to them something their tax money supports," Snider said.

Knutson said her and Snider are very accessible and typically deliver books the same day they receive a call

Both Knutson and Snider said they talk about the books and authors their patrons are reading among other things.

Knutson said when she visits, her patrons tell her information about books and authors she didn't know and is tipped off to good novels to read. Snider experiences similar conversations.

"I think they like our visits," Snider said. "I think they love the books; The connection to the outside world."

Knutson said that has been the case for all three patrons of the Outreach Program.

Snider personally picks out the books while Knutson prefers to have the librarian choose the material. All in all, both women have only had requests for printed material, but they are able to get books on tape, books on CD, music tapes and CDs and videos.

If a book isn't available at the Charlevoix Public Library, Snider and Knutson said they will get the book from another library through an inter-library loan.

The regular check out time is three weeks, but if that isn't enough time to read all the material requested, Snider said patrons can call the library and renew the books they want to keep over the phone.

The rest will be picked up by a book runner and returned to the library.

"I think we have a very strong Friends group, they're hard workers," Snider said. "We wouldn't have difficulty getting book runners. We just need people to take advantage of the service."

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will go out of the city limits to deliver books.

Knutson said Northland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped features a Talking Books program.

This delivers materials to individuals homes, but a physician must sign the application before service can begin.

The program covers Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties. For more information on Talking Books call (800) 446-1580.

For more information on the Charlevoix program or to volunteer as a runner, call the library at 547-2651 and leave your name and telephone number and a Friend of the Charlevoix Public Library will contact you with more information.

> *"We just need people to take advantage of the service."*
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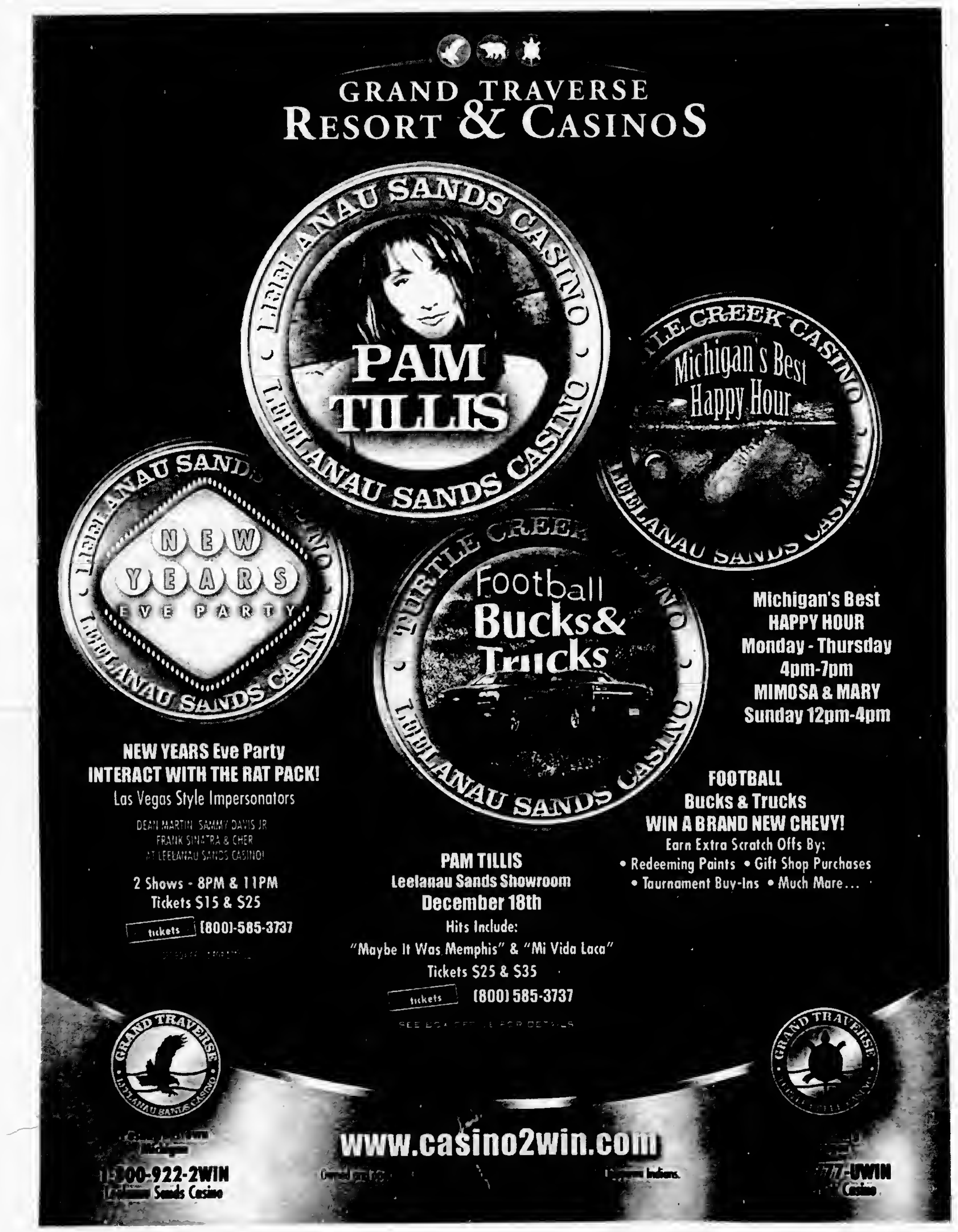
> **Mary Snider**
> Co-chair of the library outreach program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City council may look at conflict of interest

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Some on the Charlevoix City Council are considering ways to beef up its conflict of interest policy.

At the Dec. 6 city council meeting, Council Member Shirley Gibson suggested the group take a look at its conflict of interest policy as was suggested in a recent city audit.

"I really believe we need a formal process or for someone to explain it," she said.

While the city does require that council members and the mayor inform the rest of the council if they intend to bid on any projects that the council as a whole must vote on, at issue is a provision in the rules where Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner can award city projects without council approval if they are under $10,000.

In the past, city council members Sherm Campbell, Bill Haggard and mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson have benefited from this.

Campbell is the co-owner of the local surveying firm Ferguson and Chamberlain, which has done survey work on many city projects; Haggard is a co-owner of Haggards Plumbing and Heating, which has done a lot of work on the heating system in city hall; and Carlson is the owner of Carlson Construction, which has performed construction work for the city.

Many times, other council members were not aware that these members were given city projects.

"I am just saying the rest of us need to know about it," Gibson said.

Carlson said he agrees council needs to look at the portion of the current policy that allows Wiesner to award projects under $10,000, such as having Wiesner get a verbal agreement from the city or just informing the council about the award. However, he said he does not support any change to the rules that would restrict current city council members from bidding on city projects.

Carlson has said he will not be bidding on any city projects during his term as mayor.

Carlson said not allowing a city council member to bid on city projects would unfairly penalize the council-member's company, their employees and the partners in that company for them being a member of council. He pointed out the bids on city projects are sealed.

But, Charlevoix resident Becky Doan said, "It doesn't look right that you sit on council and vote on a project you might get paid for."

As for the projects under $10,000, Charlevoix Street Superintendent John Martin questioned any changes to the current system and how they relate to city emergencies.

"If we got a restroom plugged up or broken I am going to get whoever I can get as soon as I can," he said.

When asked about emergencies after the meeting, Gibson said, "Since when is there such a thing as emergency surveys?"

Carlson said the issue will be looked at further in the near future.

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Students learned about photosynthesis by building a sugar molecule and walked the trails identifying different trees and the roles they play. A demonstration of the interaction of plants and the environment was also part of the study, as well as time in the museum and with the animals. Students rotated in small groups participating in four different activities.

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Charlevoix woman former member of English army

By COURTNEY E. PACE
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Charlevoix resident Eileen Wyszynski was one of several young women who were drafted into the British Army during World War II.

Wyszynski, 84, was only 21 years old when her life transformed from one of civilian duties to that of the military.

"All 21-year-old women who had no children had to go in the Army and work," she said.

During World War II, the British registered and required national service of its female citizens.

During that time, several women did munitions work as civilians, but 125,000 were drafted into military service and 430,000 volunteered.

When she was drafted into the British Army in 1943, Wyszynski was a corporal of the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS), which was the largest of the women's units.

In 1938, the ATS started out as a women's auxiliary for the military, but was granted military status in 1941. As a part of the ATS, she and the other members did the bookkeeping for the regiment.

By the time women were drafted, Wyszynski said, the war was almost over, but between 1943 and 1945 she was actively taking part in the war effort.

When drafted, Wyszynski had to leave her home and family, including her sister, Joyce Thornton, who wasn't drafted because she had a baby.

"My father was furious and wrote a nasty letter to the war office," she said. "He said you've taken all our sons, now you're taking our daughters."

However, Wyszynski said military life wasn't all bad.

Wyszynski was born on Nov. 30, 1920 in Yorkshire, England and grew up in Rotherham. Before she was drafted, Wyszynski worked for four years as a seamstress for the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Sheffield, England.

Wyszynski and thousands of others were involved in the Sheffield Blitz of 1940. The raids by German bomber planes occurred on Dec. 12 and on Dec. 15, which killed more than 700 people.

As a seamstress for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, Wyszynski would go to people's homes and demonstrate how to use the equipment.

Her daughter, Sandra Laucher Button, said she could make a dress without a pattern.

"She was a wonderful seamstress," Button said.

Wyszynski's work with the Singer Sewing Machine Company required her to make dresses and some men's suits.

When she was drafted, she was taken to Chelsea, an area near London, which she was then stationed out of.

When she arrived in Chelsea, the Army took her weight, which was 108 pounds at the time.

"I hated it when I got in uniform," she said. "It wasn't nice material."

The khaki color was awful, Wyszynski said, and felt like a man's suit.

Wyszynski said she cried the first night she spent in the barracks with her friend, Lynn, who was also drafted.

"I hated it at first; then I got used to it," she said.

Wyszynski said Lynn would poke her in an effort to get her to stop crying. The two friends still keep in contact and have been doing so for 63 years.

Wyszynski enjoyed the weekly Saturday dances and the music of the Glenn Miller Orchestra and Henry Hall and his BBC Dance Orchestra.

Wyszynski lost several close friends during World War II, including a fiancé who was a wireless operator air gunner.

Wyszynski met Tomasz Wyszynski during the war, who she later married and had four

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Courtesy photo
Eileen Wyszynski at the time that she was drafted.

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Area hockey team gets three straight home wins

Depth on the bench, unselfish passing and solid defense took the Boyne Area Hockey Paul Bunyan Lanes Midgets to three straight wins at home at the Polar Bear Ice Arena recently.

On Dec. 4 the team played Mackinaw City and took the game 7-4.

Russell Williams and Troy Scarbrough each scored two, while Ryan Paridee, Ryan Hennessy and Nick Dunwoody tallied one apiece. Hennessy gave two assists; Will Brown, Josh Aown, Eli Barsy and Ryan Paridee one each. Charlie Courtright and Nick Ferree split goaltending.

Dec. 5 the team played two games with Gladwin.

With Nick Ferree between the pipes, Darren Looze, Dunwoody and Barsy all scored a pair of goals; Williams, Paridee and Hennessy each chipped in one. Assists came from Scarbrough and Aown; playmaker Williams gave three, while Paridee, Barsy, Looze and Evan Keller each contributed two.

The final score was 9-2. Boyne outshot Gladwin 42-4.

Game two went 7-4. Paridee gave two assists and Williams, Dunwoody, Hennessy, Gear Robinson, Gabe Korthase and Chris Loyselle each gave one. Finding the mesh were Scarbrough, Williams, and J.P. Fiedorek, Barsy and John Miller scored two apiece. Boyne put 34 shots on net, while goalie Ferree faced 14.

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Wyszynski talks about her time in English army

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children with. The two have been divorced for 30 years.

Tomasz Wyszynski was a Polish soldier who met up with the British Army. He was captured when he was 19-years-old and sent to work in a Russian labor camp. When he escaped to England, he met Wyszynski and married her around 1946.

He left for the United States, which was typical after the war. Button said her father has always said that since there were a lot of foreigners in England after the war, only certain nationalities were allowed employment.

In the United States, he lived with the relatives who sponsored his passage. He worked for a year to get a steady job and housing available for Wyszynski and their children.

"That was a pretty typical thing for war brides," Button said.

Wyszynski came to the United States aboard the H.M.S. Queen Mary on March 25, 1949.

"I got seasick," she said.

She missed home and later traveled to England aboard the H.M.S. Queen Mary in 1953 with three young children. She has since been to Long Beach, Calif. to see the old ship.

Wyszynski worked for the First National Bank of Akron, Ohio when she came to the United States.

Button moved to Charlevoix in 1987 and taught at the intermediate school district and worked with the hearing impaired at Charm-Em. Wyszynski was in Colorado near her son, but came to Charlevoix in April 2004 to be closer to Button.

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The area World War II veterans who attended the annual veteran's dinner Dec. 11 at the Knights of Columbus are first row (from left) Louis McKenzie (Air Force), Harold Holm (Navy), Chester Otmanowski (Navy), Woodrow Wilson (Air Force) and Harry Potter (Air Corps). Second row are (from left to right) Ralph Doan Sr. (Army Infantry), Tony Dvoracek (Army Engineers), John I. Gaskin (Coast Guard), Paule Simmons (Air Corps), John Coppens (Coast Guard), Russ Roach (Army) and William Brady (Navy). The area Korean War veterans who attended the dinner are first row (from left) Woodrow Wilson (Air Force), John Sladek (Army), Jim Alger (Coast Guard), Bill Bellows (Air Force), Jim Fiedler (Navy) and Jack Roberts (Army). Second row) are David Wassenaar (Coast Guard), Wilbur Wells (Army), Dale Glass (Navy), Howard Horton (Army), Bud Coyne (Air Force), Gabe Campbell (Navy), Bob Baker (Army Paratroopers), Ed Buday (Army) and Gerald Evans (Army). Third row are Paul Stephen (Coast Guard) and Jack Shields (Air Force). The area Vietnam veterans who attended the dinner are first row (from left) Woodrow Wilson (Air Force), Arness Cox (Army), Bill Bellows (Air Force), William Scadin (Air Force), Mark Simmons (Coast Guard) and Emory Sloan (Army and Coast Guard). Second row are (from left) Jim Jerkatis (Air Force), Herb Cummings (Air Force), Ed Holm (Army), David Goldstick (Air Force), Bob Rajewski (Air Force), Bill Strong (Coast Guard), Bob Baker (Coast Guard) and Dave Goodeman (Coast Guard). The area veterans who served on active duty during a time of war or conflict but didn't see combat are first row (from left) Rudy Patten (Coast Guard-Hati, Desert Storm, Kosovo, Sept. 11, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan), Lindsay Schrull (Coast Guard-Operation Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan), Kirk Less (Coast Guard-Sept. 11, Afghanistan, Operation Iraqi Freedom), Brian Vogelheim (Coast Guard-Operation Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan), Eric Williams (Coast Guard-Operation Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan) and Eric Koch (Coast Guard-Desert Storm, Haiti, Kosovo, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan). Second row (from left) are Chief John McLean (Coast Guard-Desert Storm, Kosovo, Haiti, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan), Robert Drebenstedt (Army-Vietnam, Desert Storm), Jon Kiernan (Marine Corps-deployed to Persian Gulf during Iran and Iraq war, Panama invasion; Army-deployed for Desert Storm and is a Desert Storm veteran; Coast Guard-Kosovo, Sept. 11, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan), Joe Seidel (Army-Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, Kosovo), Joe Komjathy (Coast Guard-Sept. 11, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan), Bob Harig (Marine Corps-Vietnam War), Jake Halder (Coast Guard-Sept. 11, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan), Mike Komeshak (Coast Guard-Desert Storm to the War on Terror), Jesus Torres Jr. (Coast Guard-Desert Storm, Haiti, Panama), Des Milligan (Navy submarine force-Korean War), John Peterson (Navy-active during peacetime) and Mark Simmons (Coast Guard-Vietnam War).

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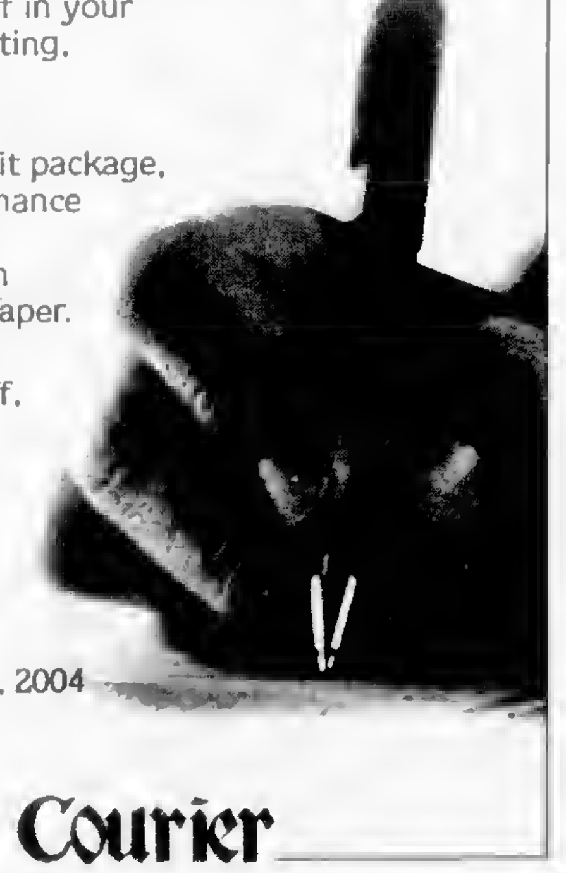

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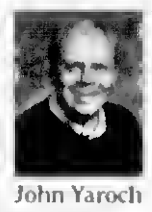

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott R. Carlston and Tammy Jo Carlston, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated January 26, 2004 and recorded March 2, 2004 in Liber 600, Page 802, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Nine and 65/100 Dollars ($102,179.65) including interest at the rate of 7.87% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on January 7, 2005. The premises are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 174, Block V, Nicholl's & Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne, City of Boyne City according to the recorded plat thereof. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: November 24, 2004 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.2493 ASAP620194

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has been made on the conditions of a mortgage made by **MICHAEL E. BROCKETTE AND JENNY A. BROCKETTE**, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to THE **CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC.**, Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2002, and recorded on June 19, 2002, in Liber 474 beginning on Page 510, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Eight thousand Three Hundred Thirty Seven and 97/100 ($98,337.97) Dollars, including interest at 9.740% per annum. **No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on **Friday, January 21, 2005, at 11 o'clock a.m.**, inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 9.740%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes, and includible attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the city of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan described as:

LOT 10 and 12, C.G. LEWIS ADDITION TO BOYNE ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 440 LEWIS STREET, BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN 49712. TAX PARCEL NOS. 051-378-010-00 (LOT 10) AND 051-378-012-00 (LOT 12).

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241A; MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the Sheriff's Sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower(s). In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus any applicable interest.

Dated: December 6, 2004

THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER
FINANCE, INC., Mortgage
By: Brian L. Groen (P-56673)
Wardrop & Wardrop, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
300 Ottawas Avenue NW; Suite 150
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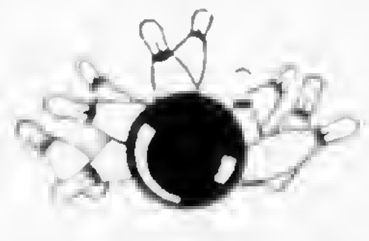

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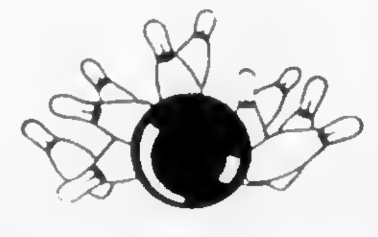

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
File No. 04-303-20-CH

DONALD R. COLE,
Plaintiff,
v
ESTATE OF JOSEPH E. GALLAGHER and ESTATE OF ANNA J. GALLAGHER,
Detendants.

Hayes, Turkelson & Groat, P.C.
by: Roy C. Hayes, III (P50042)
Attorney for Plaintiff
03488 M-66-N
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-1111

DEFAULT JUDGMENT

Date of Hearing: December 10, 2004
PRESENT: THE HONORABLE
RICHARD M. PAJTAS
Circuit Judge

Plaintiff filed a Complaint to Quiet Title, which was served on Defendants by an Order for Service by Publication/Posting and Notice of Action being published in the Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks. Defendants failed to file an answer or take any action allowed by law. A default was entered and Notice of Request for Entry of Detault Judgment was filed and both were published in the Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks prior to this hearing.

The Court, being fully advised in the premises, states as follows:

IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Plaintiff, Donald R. Cole, is and shall be the valid title holder in fee simple absolute ot the following described real estate:

Located in Charlevoix County, Michigan, and is described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwestern most corner of Lot 9, Block C of Frazer, Yerkes & Clayton's subdivision of Government Lots 1 & 2, Section 27, Town 39 North, Range 10 West, thence North 10 degrees East along the Northwesterly line of Block C in said subdivision 133 teet for the Point of Beginning,thence continuing along the Northwesterly line of Block C 98 feet, thence West perpendicular to said line 132 feet, thence South parallel with said line 98 feet, thence Easterly perpendicular to said line 132 feet to the Point ot Beginning, being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 27, Town 39 North, Range 10 West. (parcel 013-227-029-00)

B. All rights to the above described real estate of persons claiming under Defendants is hereby extinguished.

C. Service of this Judgment upon Defendant shall be made by publication pursuant to MCR 2.106(D)(1).

D. A certitied copy of this Judgment shall be recorded with the Register of Deeds for the County ot Charlevoix.

THIS JUDGMENT RESOLVES THE LAST PENDING CLAIM AND CLOSES THIS CASE.
Richard M. Pajtas (P18594)
Circuit Judge
Date entered: December 10, 2004

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First Aid, CPR

The Charlevoix Area Hospital is once again offering CPR and First Aid Classes.

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid Courses are scheduled:

- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 Adult Heartsaver CPR in Classroom B.
- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B.
- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Story hour

Charlevoix Public Library offers story hour every Thursday morning. Beginning at 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. Lapsit for children 0-3, followed by traditional story hour 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for children 3 to 5. Call 547-2651 for more information. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday.

Coats for Kids

The Coats for Kids Program kicked off and is sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet FIA. Their goal is to be sure that children are kept warm this winter. The drive is accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. They will also accept gently worn coats, hats, gloves and mittens in good condition. Please clean the worn items before donating. Donations can be made at Boyne City and Petoskey Glen's, and Charlevoix and Petoskey Kmarts.

Those in need can pick up coats at any of the following distribution points:

- Friends and Neighbors Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1404 S. Howard Street, Petoskey from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 326 North Park, Boyne City from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Salvation Army at 712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey.

Food pantry

The Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Immunizations

Immunization appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid.

Sports Booster fund-raisers

The Charlevoix Sports Boosters have three fund-raisers in progress: Membership drive donation, area business coupons $25 and yard sign $10. These funds are being used to maintain the level of sports and equipment available to our students during these times of budget cuts. Yard signs are available from Ace Hardware or Charlevoix Sports Boosters board members.

Coupons are available at various businesses throughout town and Charlevoix Sports Boosters board members.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-7545.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support Group —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call (800) 337-3827 for more information.

Historical groups —

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 103 State Street.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Harsha House. For more information call 547-0373.

Community activities —

There is a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street.

The Charlevoix Community Pool has an open swim from 6-8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. There is an additional open swim from 3 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

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VFW can use American Legion hall for now

VFW

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wasn't a problem for the firefighters, but the tin roof was.

"The tin roof probably helped keeping the fire inside so we couldn't get to it," he said.

No one was in the building and no firefighters were injured.

"No one supposedly had been in the building since early yesterday afternoon (Dec. 9)," Thompson said.

Arson is one factor being investigated, but Thompson said all fires are considered suspicious unless a logical explanation can be proven.

"You just can't help consider that with all the 'issues' they've had," he said.

The VFW Post 1153 was recently vandalized during the night between Nov. 18 and Nov. 19, when four rocks were thrown through two different windows.

The rocks broke through the 48 inch by 41 inch windows and storm windows and created about $1,000 worth of damage including cleanup costs.

The only other problem the post had in regards to vandalism was five years ago when the building was broken into during a string of break-ins in the area. That incident cost the post about $10,000 worth in damage and those responsible were prosecuted.

But, Spl./Sgt. Jerry Briolat, of the Fire Investigation Unit of the Michigan Department of State Police, said at this point the fire looks like it was an accidental fire.

The fire originated in the attic, which Briolat said is an unusual place for an arsonist to start a fire.

Briolat said two people accessed the building during the afternoon and early evening on the day of the fire. One person came in at 3 p.m. and another at 5 p.m., but neither person stayed long and everything was locked up when firefighters arrived. Briolat said a key was needed for the firefighters to enter the building.

"It is undetermined, but one of the highest probabilities of the fire is an electrical failure," he said.

The fire originated near the building's electrical service panel, but Briolat said there is no way to prove or disprove that it was an electrical fire because of the amount of damage.

"I'm going to leave it undetermined at this point," he said.

David Goldstick, the quarter master for Post 1153, said while the building is gone the VFW is still here.

"We're still a post," he said. "We'll still be going."

The home of VFW Post 1153 was formally dedicated in 1953 during the 13th District Rally. Before that time, the post and its auxiliary functioned out of the second floor of a building in downtown Charlevoix.

VFW Post 1153 received its charter on June 16, 1937 and has continuously served the community. The building that became the post's home in 1953 took two year's to build and was constructed almost entirely by volunteer labor, including the plumbing and wiring.

The only feature that wasn't built by volunteers was the Onaway stone fireplace and other stone work. The volunteers also didn't dig the well.

A second edition was added in the 1970s followed by a garage addition in the 1990s.

Ed Linse, a life-time member of the VFW Post 1153, said he is looking forward to rebuilding.

"I want to get an American flag to put on the pole (one of the few items left standing at the building)," he said. "To let them know we're still in business."

Linse said Bingo was a good fundraiser for the post and despite the casinos taking away business, Post 1153 managed to keep people coming back.

He said Bingo brought people from Harbor Springs, Petoskey and East Jordan.

"I don't know what we're going to do," he said.

Linse said all the veterans will work together and try to find a solution.

Charlie Butcher, commander of VFW Post 1153, said there isn't much they can officially decide upon until Briolat signs off on the investigation.

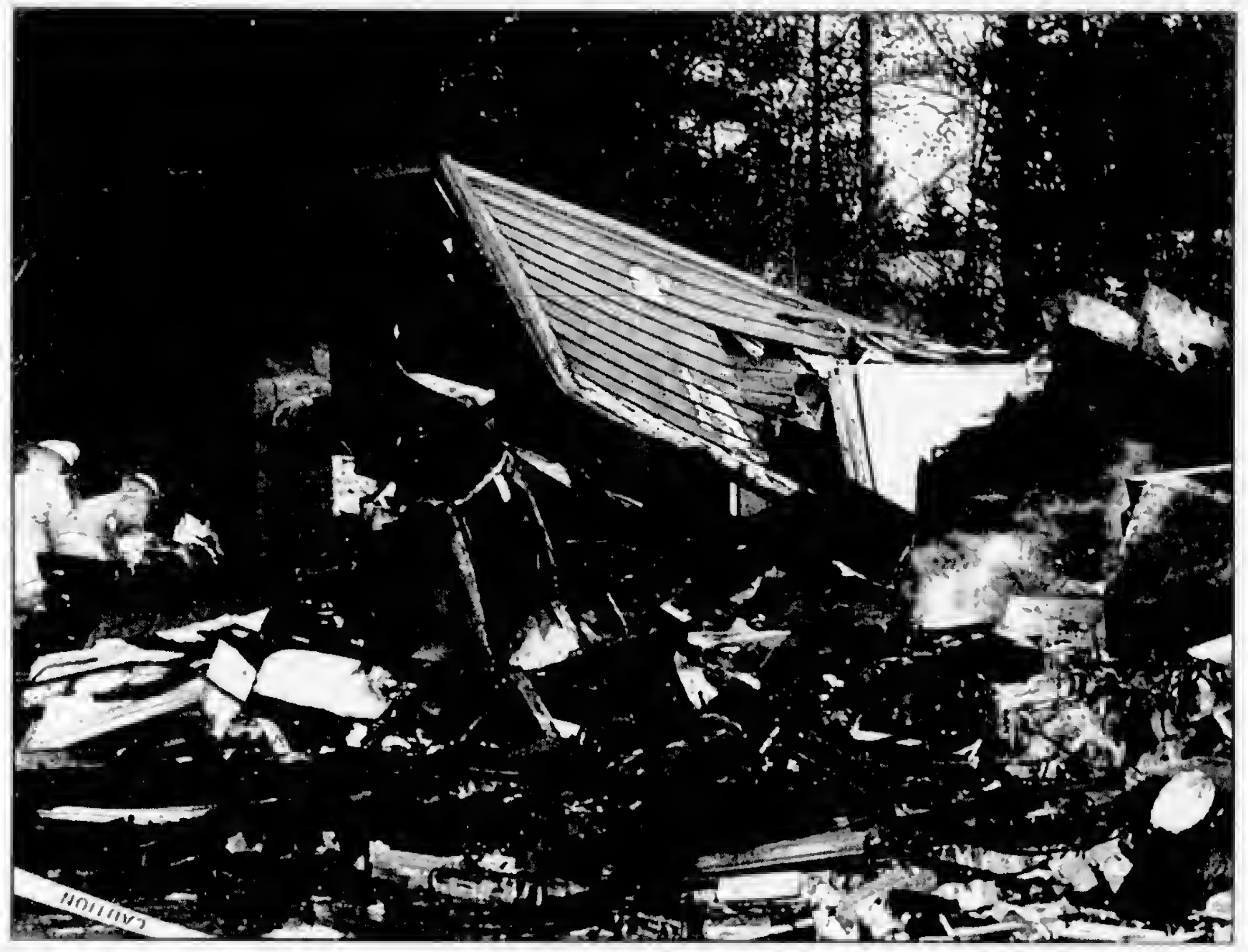
However, Butcher said he appreciates Joe Seidel, commander of the American Legion in Charlevoix, for opening the hall to the VFW.

"We sincerely appreciate that," he said.

Seidel said the hall is open indefinitely for the VFW.

"They can use our meeting rooms and whatever may be of need until we can find out what the future holds," Seidel said.

Butcher said most of the VFW members are also members of the American Legion and so the transition is natural. He said the meetings will continue at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.



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Charlevoix Township Firemen look over the remains of what used to be the home of VFW Post 1153 on Dec. 10. The fire was advanced when firemen arrived on the scene.

"We've had outstanding support from various groups and people," he said.

At this point there aren't any plans to raise funds at this point, but the VFW's has an emergency fund set up through their insurance agency.

Thompson said the firefighters thank 7-Eleven and McDonald's for the food and coffee they provided.

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Two Charlevoix Township Firemen lift a piece of the former VFW Post 1153 building as they extinguish any flames that may be leftover from the blaze.

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Former city employees arrested

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ance.

The March report also stated that reports for 15 phosphorus results and 32 fecal coliform results were falsely reported to MDEQ. The report also stated that there were 27 days when monitoring didn't take place and other areas where proper protocol wasn't followed.

Originally, bench sheets, where initial readings of the treated water are recorded before being entered into a computer system that will provide a report given to the state, didn't match up with the reports given. In some instances, the bench sheets had been doctored or erased.

During the investigation, Richard Shoemaker, the senior environmental quality analyst with the surface water quality division of the MDEQ, said in a previous interview with the *Charlevoix Courier*, that he didn't know why the operator would purposefully falsify information. Shoemaker said in the interview that he thought the person was trying to make the Charlevoix plant look good.

One problem Shoemaker said the plant had was that the formerly unnamed staff members were putting too much chlorine into the treatment process.

To kill the bacteria, the water needs to mix with the chlorine in the contact tank for 30 minutes. Shoemaker said the staff members just added more chlorine instead of waiting for the 30 minutes.

The high concentration of chlorine in Lake Michigan wasn't enough to harm fish, but Shoemaker said it probably killed some zebra mussels living near the discharge line.

Shoemaker said chlorine that concentrated dissolves in minutes once it reaches a body of water like Lake Michigan and wouldn't have affected the drinking water located over one mile away.

The plant also had problems with the pump.

In May, the city hired Tim Truax, a Traverse City based consultant, to identify what the problems were at the plant and to suggest ways to solve them.

Wiesner said in a previous interview with the *Charlevoix Courier*, that he didn't want to just look at the concerns of MDEQ and solve them. Rather, he wanted to look at the entire operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and try to decide where it should go in the future.

On March 17, Wiesner discussed suspending Creswell, who had been the plant's superintendent for almost 30 years. In a previous interview, Wiesner would not comment on the grounds for the proposed suspension because it was a personnel issue.

Creswell chose to retire instead, which became effective on March 17. He gave his notice to Wiesner's office on March 22.

Creswell said in a previous interview with the *Charlevoix Courier*, that he didn't retire due to the impending investigation, but rather because he had just turned 60 and decided he needed to leave the stressful position.

Shoemaker said in a previous interview that if the individuals responsible are convicted of falsifying the reports to the state, they could face jail time and fines.

Before the Sept. 7 City Council meeting, council members were given a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to view the updates that have been made in order to fix the problems that led to the possibility of fines from the MDEQ.

Jim Caldwell, current superintendent, said in a previous interview that a lot of the ways the records are kept and handled have been changed. He also said the Quality Assurance, Quality Control (QA/QC) manual is currently being updated.

Caldwell led the tour and informed council on what changes had occurred. One issue concerned a critical spare parts list. Caldwell said this list will include only those parts that are vital to the operation of the plant.

The list won't need to be incredibly long because the plant is able to run in two halves. When something breaks down on one side, Caldwell said the other half can handle the flow until the problem is corrected.

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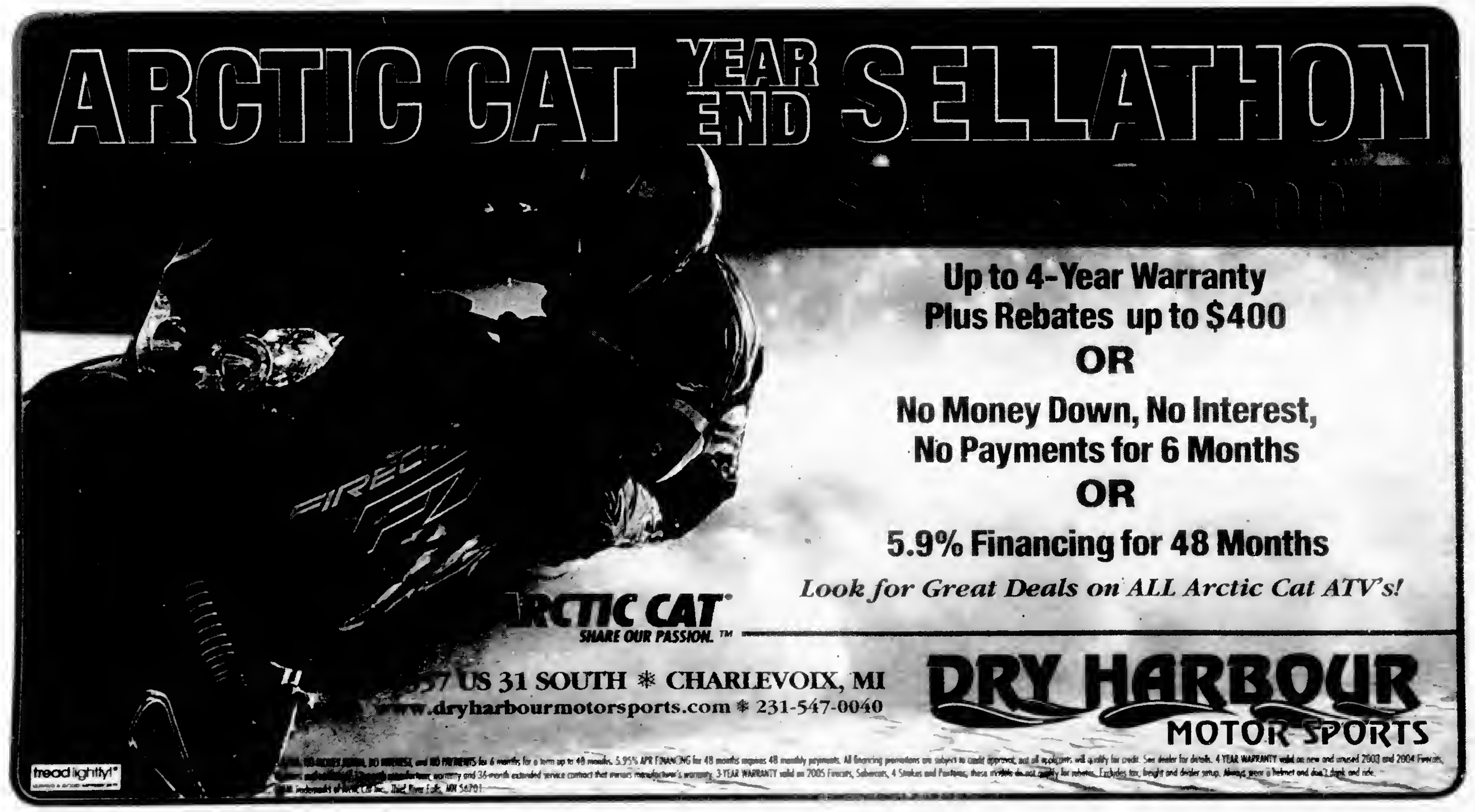
Storm surge

Charlevoix was battered with winter weather Monday, which brought high winds and heavy snows to the region. Here, waves pound the north Charlevoix pier near Lake Michigan Beach.



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Santa Claus to visit soon

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

In a rare moment, Santa Claus agreed to be interviewed by the Charlevoix Courier just days before Christmas Eve, which is the busiest time of year for him.

However, since most children have been very good this year, he agreed to an interview on Dec. 16.

He arrived in a gray sweater vest and white button-up shirt, which is a little easier to blend into a crowd with, than the red suit he wears on Christmas Eve.

Inspired by questions asked in several Dear Santa letters from first grade students at Charlevoix Elementary School, the interview started.

One question the first graders asked the most was whether or not Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was real.

Santa laughed and said yes.

"Rudolph is the youngest of the reindeer," he said.

Santa said Rudolph's nose is red because he has a severe allergy problem. When anyone has allergies and blows their nose a lot their nose becomes red, Santa said.

"I think he might be allergic to holly," Santa said, which is why Rudolph's nose stays red throughout Christmas.

Santa said Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer's origin dates back to 1946 when he appeared in a holiday catalog for Montgomery Ward in Chicago. He then was

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Santa Claus agreed to take a moment out of his busy schedule to talk to the Courier.

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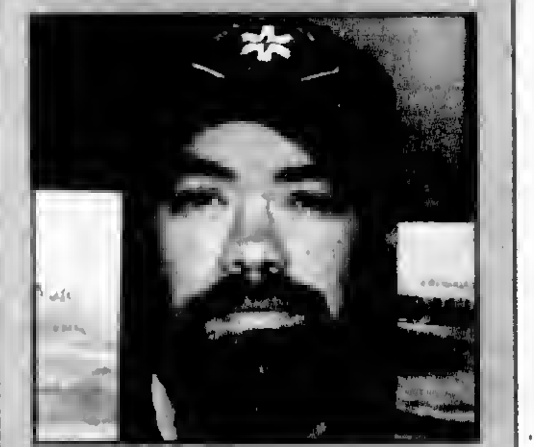

A Beaver Island native now living in Washington has returned to his island to premier his first documentary.
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Murder

A Charlevoix couple is bringing their joy of mystery to audiences in the area.
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New Year's Eve, airport building and winter fun.

Is there more runoff?

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Those who live around the Charlevoix High School say water runoff is a problem, but the school board disagrees.

During the Dec. 13 school board meeting, Drain Commissioner JoAnne Bier Beemon spoke during the public comment section about the concern many neighbors of the school have concerning the excess water runoff from the school.

Beemon read a letter she wrote to the board that stated how over the past four years people have experienced loss of farm land, loss of income, have had flooded properties and damaged and flooded roadways.

"Storm water is a liability," Beemon said.

Beemon told the school board that according to the General Rule of Stormwater Management expressed by the Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners Counsel, excess water is considered a trespass.

"Any instance where the natural surface flow of water is increased or concentrated, and a neighboring property receives more surface wa-

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

This area on the Charlevoix High School property is very wet. But the question is: Is it worse than before the school was built?

City to pay United Fire

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix City Council voted unanimously Monday night to pay United Fire and Casualty over $220,000 in two payments.

"It was more than fair, so we accepted," Charlevoix Mayor Boogie Carlson said.

United Fire and Casualty is the insurance company for CCMS, a contractor that did construction on some city roads, who the city mistakenly paid $222,978.36 in April 2004. United Fire claims the city should have paid it for the work, not CCMS and sued the city for the money. CCMS cashed the mistakenly written check.

According to Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young, under the deal proposed by United Fire to the city,

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Susan Helen Florenski, 57, Boyne City. Harboring escapees. One year probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 45 days, 44 days held in abeyance; $1,350 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Wayne Moyer, 24, Petoskey. Impaired driving. Sentenced to 80 days in jail with credit for 37 days, serve 43 days.

William Manross Jr., 44, Boyne City. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 52 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,175 in fines and costs.

James Michael Kidder, 35, East Jordan. Operating-unregistered vehicle. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Brandon Scott Johnstone, 17, Charlevoix. Operating-minor with any blood alcohol content (BAC). Six months probation; 10 days of community service work, must attend substance abuse classes; $660 in fines and costs.

Joshua Nicholas Dutcher, 22, Wolverine. Driving while license suspended, first offense. Serve seven days in jail; $800 in fines and costs.

Deborah Margaret Kyser, 41, Petoskey. Violation of restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Robert Leo Carson, 56, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, second offense and operating while license suspended, revoked, denied/allowing a suspended person to operate. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for three days, serve 120 days and sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for three days, serve 90 days, must complete rehabilitative services, must complete 480 hours of community service work; $455 in fines and costs.

John Stachura III, 48, Boyne Falls. Attempted stolen property-receiving and concealing-$1,000 or more but less than $20,000. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 60 days; $2,165 in fines and costs.

David James Kuzmik II, 28, Harbor Springs. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 180 days; $290 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Walloon Village General Store and Deli, 4036 South State Street. Walloon Lake, by Penfold, Inc.

Walloon Lakewear, 4036 South State Street, Walloon Lake, by Penfold, Inc.

Rita's Revente, 123 Water Street, Boyne City, by Rita L. Olmstead and Clyde M. Olmstead.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Raymond John Whisler Jr. II, 23, East Jordan and Jenilee Renee Ann Bunting, 20, East Jordan

Michael A. Kurburski, 49, Charlevoix and Eva Irene Guest, 34, Charlevoix

Keith Martin Webster, 28, Charlevoix and Mollie Marie Angel, 28, Charlevoix

Terry Lynn Edger, 64, Charlevoix and Phyllis Marie Fisher, 60. Charlevoix

William Jeffrey Bender, 49, Toledo, Ohio and Karen Ann Provo, 51, Toledo, Ohio

Steven James Corwin, 27, Boyne City and Tiffany Michelle Himebauch, 23, Boyne City

Divorcees

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Jonathan Hunt vs. Mary E. Hunt

Cynthia Sue Butcher vs. James Edward Emerson

Kirtland Brown vs. Alric Brown

Kornelius Friske vs. Joyce Friske

Births

Ashton Michael Sutton weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, was born to John and Jennifer Sutton of East Jordan on Dec. 12, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Ashton has three brothers John, Alex and Logan. Grandparents are Gert and Leon Dunson of East Jordan and Alice and Frank Campbell of East Jordan.

Destiny Marie Smith weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Sarah Smith of Charlevoix on Dec. 16, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her brother is Thomas James. Grandparents are Darlene Simpson of Charlevoix and Mark Simpson of Charlevoix.

Gracie May Cutler weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to RoxAnne McCall and Donald E. Cutler II of East Jordan. Her sisters are Heather and Nicole and her brother is Donnie. Grandparents are the late Donald Cutler of East Jordan, the late Barbara Harchis of East Jordan, Roger Harchis of East Jordan and Salli and Jose Encarnacion of East Jordan, and Butch McCall and Kay Waisanen of Boyne City.

Break-in at Don's IGA

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Don's IGA in Charlevoix was broken into between 9 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. on Dec. 16.

Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson said the police found the store with the right glass door broken and several items missing.

He said a large quantity of tobacco products were stolen and other miscellaneous items including alcohol, but no money was taken.

On Dec. 20, Halverson said the Charlevoix City Police executed search warrants and recovered some of the stolen merchandise.

He also said the police have identified suspects and are anticipating arrests.

There were also break-ins in Boyne City and Petoskey that are believed to be connected to the one in Charlevoix.

Last night, Halverson said a Boyne City Police Officer was almost run over by two suspects trying to flee and allude officers. The two suspects in that incident are believed to be connected to the Don's IGA break-in. The effort has also involved the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, the Boyne City Police Department, the Michigan State Police, the Emmet County Sheriff's Department and the Petoskey City Police.

Photo by Kim Taylor

Don's IGA was broken into on Dec. 16 and those responsible may be connected to break-ins in Boyne City and Petoskey.

Correction

In last week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier, a story about conflict of interest on page 33 should have listed Sherm Chamberlain as a council member.

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Food Pantry in need of canned donations

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With the holidays right around the corner, the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is ready to receive donations that can be given back to those in the community.

Maxine Bergmann, a board member of the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry, said any canned or dried goods are important for the pantry as there aren't any facilities to store fresh food.

However, people who use the food pantry are given vouchers to Oleson's Farm Fresh Markets to receive the fresh food they need such as fruits, vegetables, bread and milk.

Any non-perishable item is needed and appreciated such as peanut butter, cereals, evaporated and dry milk, pancake mix, hamburger helper, cake mix, Saltine crackers, macaroni, oatmeal, graham crackers, pork and beans, Jiffy baking mix, muffin mix, Jell-O, rice, pudding and much more.

Rosemary Horton, a board member of the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry and member of the Christmas Project, said baby products such as food and diapers are needed since they are expensive.

Horton said items the food pantry likes to receive around the holidays are candy and cookies to be put in gift baskets along with toothpaste, toothbrushes and shampoo.

Monetary donations are also welcome.

The food pantry was started in 1984 when a few women saw a need for it in the community. Horton said those who started the pantry were working and saw that some people, no matter how hard they work, weren't going to have a good Christmas.

Horton has personally been involved with the food pantry since 1989 and said a lot more people are coming to the food pantry.

"Some think people who come there are lazy," she said. "It's not true."

Horton said the people who come to the food pantry are the working poor. Typically both parents are working, but don't generate enough income to cover life's surprises such as medical emergencies.

The food pantry is only open to people in the Charlevoix school district, Horton said, and those who utilize it can only come once a month. The food pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is located in the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. Donations can be dropped off at the church between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information call the First Congregational Church at 547-9122.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Sing-a-long

During the Annual Sing-A-Long on Dec. 16 at Charlevoix Elementary School, most of the students dressed up in order to help bring Christmas spirit to all who attended. Some were reindeers, others were Santa's, but everyone was in good spirits and participated in the songs.

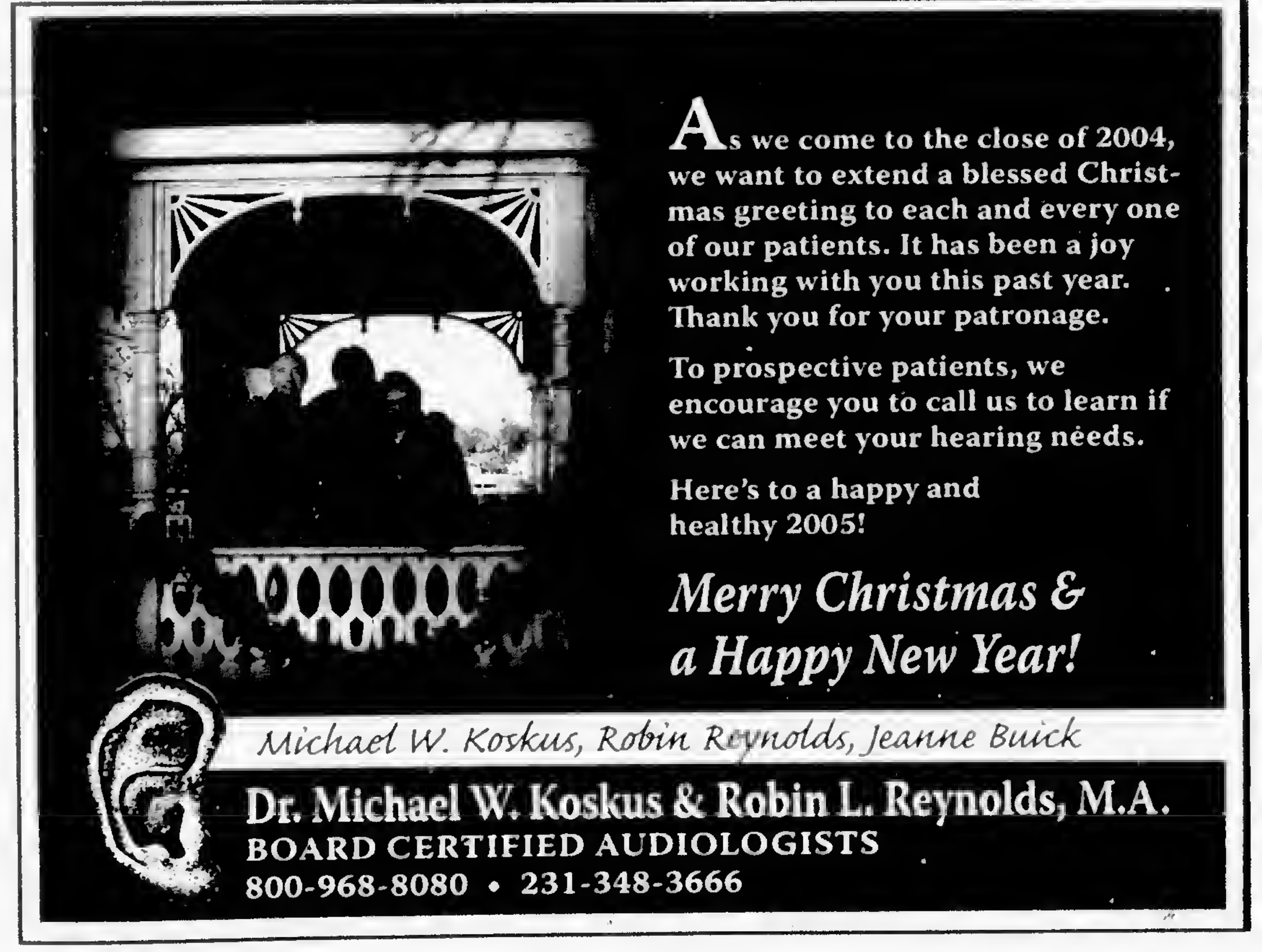
Holly Daze exceeds goal

Patti Barraw, chairperson for this year's Charlevoix Area Hospital Holly Daze, announced recently that the 2004 12th Annual Holly Daze is officially a big success.

"Our goal was $60,000 and with 150 individuals attending this year we raised $64,325.00 all to benefit our Year for Women's Health," said Barraw.

Items included in the Year for Women's Health include funds to assist in the purchase of a Computer Aided Detection Mammography System, assist with the expansion and remodeling of Boyne Rehabiliation Center in Boyne City and helping to underwrite Community Out-Reach programs with specific focus on women's issues.

This year's live and silent auction was at the Charlevoix Country Club.



As we come to the close of 2004, we want to extend a blessed Christmas greeting to each and every one of our patients. It has been a joy working with you this past year. Thank you for your patronage.

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Keep this holiday safe on area roads

EDITORIAL

With the holiday season upon us and winter in full bloom, it is time to remind everyone to be safe on the roads.

Typically many people are out on the roads during the holidays as they travel to various relatives' homes or friends' parties. And typically, especially this week, the roads are covered in snow and ice, and visibility due to snow and blowing snow can be spotty.

Therefore, we urge our readers to drive carefully as they are out and about during the holiday and we offer these tips:

- Slow down. Just because the speed limit is 45 mph, does not mean you must drive at that speed. Sometimes the road conditions force a driver to travel at slower speeds. Patience is not only a virtue when driving in winter, but it is also a safety issue.
- Turn on your lights. With visibility being an issue, driving with your lights on will improve your chances of being seen by other drivers.
- Fasten your seat belts. Not only is it the law in Michigan to wear a seat belt when riding in a vehicle, but it will also save your life in an accident.
- Do not tailgate. Always leave a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. Realize that on icy and snow covered roads it sometimes takes longer to fully stop your vehicle, especially when you have to stop suddenly.
- Be aware of the vehicles around you. Just because you have a top-of-the-line SUV, complete with the best snow tires on the market today and snow is just an annoyance to you, that does not mean the vehicle next to you, in front of you or behind you has those same options.
- Stay sober. With all the holiday parties people take part in during this time of year it is very important to have a designated driver or don't drink if you are going to drive home. You are not only putting your life at risk when you do so, but the lives of everyone else on the road at risk.

We wish our readers the happiest of holidays and look forward to celebrating a new year with all of them. Let's keep this Christmas and New Year's filled with joy and celebration and not dampen the mood with a tragedy.

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Letters to the editor

School could help community

Editor:

In this holiday season, what could be more fitting than to recognize the role our public library plays in our area. The school board, by donating their interest if any, in the old library facility (to be used toward the new library facility) would then become an important participant in our central business district, our city and community interests.

Ken Staley
Charlevoix

Thank you JoAnne

Editor:

JoAnne Beemon deserves our gratitude for her four years of service as Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner. She served with dedication and integrity to the benefit of all Charlevoix County citizens. Thank you, JoAnne.

Barbara H. Steele
Charlevoix

Thank you for city hall

Editor:

In the spirit of the holidays, I feel it is appropriate to thank and compliment the city officials and all others involved in the renovation of City Hall. It is historically one of the most significant and architecturally the most unique and beautiful public building in town. All the residents of Charlevoix — who own City Hall — can be justly proud if it, as it serves the city for another half-century.

Leonard E. Zehnder
Charlevoix

Letter response

Editor:

In an issue of the Courier, in November, a Mrs. Button suggested that the delay to the marina was caused by council bickering. Nothing could be further from the truth.

There were two delays: The first was that City Manager Mike Weisner failed to get the paper work in on time. This was before John Engler decided legally or illegally to use the funds for other reasons. The second delay was the DEQ didn't approve Mr. Pollock's design and to this date still hasn't.

Neither council or the mayor were told of this delay for over three months. And the only reason they were told was that the Courier found out and printed a story. Until that time it was on a need to know basis, and evidently the city manager decided we didn't need to know.

Gabe Campbell
Charlevoix

Thank you all

Editor:

I want to thank all the people that work at the food pantry, the soup kitchen and the community churches that help provide food and services. The people that did the CROP walk to fill the food pantry are to be thanked. I want to thank the senior center who helped provide meals-on-wheels that help the shut-ins and the meals and fellowship at the senior center.

Some of the churches that help include St. Mary's, the United Methodist of Charlevoix, Community Reformed Church, and the Congregational Church of Charlevoix.

I want to thank the churches that provide rides to churches such as Bible Baptist Church and the United Methodist Church.

I want to thank the people who voted to give funds to keep the Charlevoix Area Pool open and for funds to keep the Charlevoix County Transit Bus operating.

Also I want to thank the Rainbow Shoppe which provide good clothes for the needy.

Also, I am glad we have good doctors and a good hospital, Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix.

I love our library in Charlevoix, the people there are so helpful.

The learning lab and library in East Jordan has been helpful to my further education.

Thank you all.
Peace.
Verna Turman
Charlevoix

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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BASES hires Vollmer as new counselor

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

BASES Teen Center in Charlevoix has a new counselor on board who is already creating a class to help teens cope with the realities of life.

Jen Vollmer, 27, has always been interested in psychology and helping others.

"Just probably the differences in people and getting into their minds to help them find happiness," she said.

Vollmer received a bachelor's and master's degree in psychology from Central Michigan University.

During her undergraduate work, Vollmer worked for four years at the Family Independence Agency. She then came to BASES Teen Center for an internship during her graduate work that lasted from the fall of 2003 to the summer of 2004.

Vollmer started full time at the center in October and has already had great success with her new program, Life Skills.

"It's gone really well," she said. "We had great participation."

The first session of the Life Skills program was an eight week course that ran from October to December.

Vollmer is going to have another session that will run for six weeks beginning Jan. 4 and ending Feb. 10. The sessions are free and occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The program is designed for teens, but Vollmer said anyone can come whether it be a court referral, parent referral, school referral or someone who decided they might need some extra help.

The program features talks about increasing self-esteem, how to build relationships and the influence the media can have on young adults, such as during the Super Bowl.

Vollmer pointed out how the commercials are primarily Budweiser and she uses this to show those in her program who the advertisement is targeting and to look beyond the cute frogs.

The program, which features about 15 to 20 people at a time, enables young adults to learn how to cope with situations and to deal with anxiety and stress.

"I think the kids are really learning some hands on skills they can apply to everyday life," she said.

Aside from her Life Skills program, Vollmer also does substance abuse assessments and one-on-one counseling for adolescents.

BASES Teen Center isn't only for young adults, as Vollmer said anyone, such as adults and outside groups, can use the assessment programs.

Vollmer typically works with young adults ranging in age from 14 years old to 18 years old. She also works primarily with young adults who have substance abuse problems.

"When I first started out I didn't know much about it," Vollmer said of substance abuse. "I learned so much through my internship."

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Jen Vollmer has been hired as the new counselor at BASES Teen Center in Charlevoix.

Vollmer said the many faces of addiction are interesting, but her biggest challenge is getting young adults to admit they have a problem.

Working with young adults on any issue isn't always easy, which is why Vollmer enjoys what she does.

"I think because adolescents are so unpredictable there's always something new and different," she said. "There's always a challenge with adolescents."

Drunk driving crackdown

The Charlevoix City Police Department wants its residents to make it home for the holidays — safely.

That's why from Dec. 20 through Jan. 2, 2005, the Charlevoix City Police Department is joining with nearly 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies during a "You Drink and Drive. You Lose." drunk driving crackdown.

Motorists are reminded that Michigan's drunk driving definition of .08 blood alcohol content and the costs associated with drunk driving arrests have increased. In addition to court costs and fines, convicted drunk drivers will also be subject to a new additional $1,000 penalty included in the driver responsibility program. The $1,000 penalty will be imposed for two consecutive years.

During last year's crackdown, there were six Christmas holiday traffic fatalities and seven traffic deaths during the New Year's holiday. Of those fatalities, three involved alcohol.

In Michigan, 34 percent of traffic fatalities involve alcohol and/or drugs. Although alcohol-related fatalities have been on the decline, there were still 442 traffic deaths in 2003 where alcohol and/or drugs played a factor.

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Louiselle honored

Equipment Operator Constructionman (EOCN) Kyle A. Louiselle, right, recently received the Junior Sailor of the Quarter Award from rear admiral Dunn at Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif. where EOCN Louiselle is currently stationed.

The award is given based on a Board of Chief's review of naval history and leadership skills. EOCN Louiselle also received a letter of commendation from Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

EOCN Louiselle was top honor graduate from Construction Equipment Training School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. in 2003. He has received orders to report to Amphibious Construction Battalion number one in Coronado, Calif. in June 2005.

EOCN Louiselle is a 2001 graduate of Charlevoix High School and is the son of Richard and Susan Louiselle of Charlevoix. He has been a Navy Seabee for two years.

First Aid, CPR classes

The Charlevoix Area Hospital is once again offering CPR and First Aid Classes.

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid Courses are scheduled:

• From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 Adult Heartsaver CPR in Classroom B.

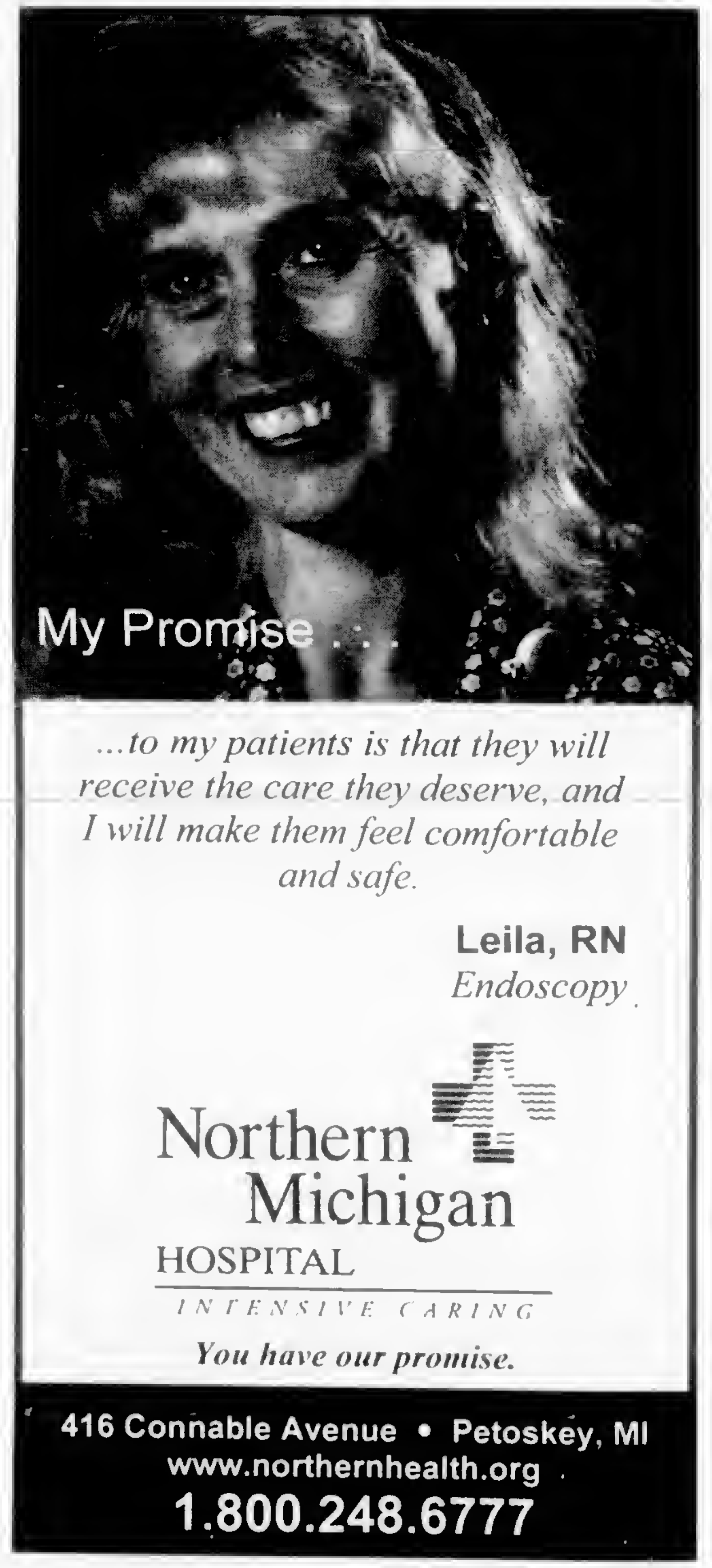
• From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B.

• From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.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Anderson donates to Locks for third time

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix resident is helping others one inch of hair at a time.

Zita Anderson, 15, has recently given her third donation of hair to Locks of Love and is already thinking about her fourth.

"I guess I'm thankful I'm able to give something that's able to change someone's life," Anderson said.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides wigs to children under 18 years of age who have lost their hair due to long-term medical hair loss in the United States and Canada.

Her mother, Zita Winn, said ever since Anderson was a little girl her thick hair grew very fast. So, in a matter of a few years, Anderson has been able to regain the length necessary to donate the minimum of 10 inches required by Locks of Love.

On Nov. 30, 2004, Anderson donated 12 inches of her golden hair to Locks of Love.

Before that at 12 years old, she donated 13 inches of hair on Dec. 17, 2001 and had her brother do the honors of cutting it off. Then on Sept. 24, 2002, when she was 13 years old, Anderson donated 12 inches of hair.

Winn said Locks of Love has several guidelines one must follow when donating hair such as it must be cleansed and pulled back into a ponytail. However, when Anderson's hair was cut the first time in 2001, the cut wasn't straight.

Winn said due to her daughter's thick hair, it was hard to cut the pony tail directly across. However, when Anderson recently donated her hair, Shelley Stevens, owner of New Creation Hair Designs in Charlevoix, divided the hair into several smaller ponytails in order to get a straighter cut.

Anderson originally found out about Locks of Love from a friend and then went online and read about how to donate hair.

"I mean, if my hair grows that fast, why not give it to somebody," she said.

If Anderson should ever be in the position of needing hair, she would want someone to be generous with what they themselves can grow back.

Anderson said those who receive the hair can't do anything about the fact that they don't have hair and Locks of Love is one way they can have nice hair once again.

Winn agreed with her daughter and said Locks of Love will compile the hair into a wig and then cut it into the style the person receiving the wig wants.

When looking at pictures on the web site, Winn said one wouldn't be able to tell the hair was a wig because they are crafted very well.

Giving hair is something small and easy, but a really neat thing to be able to give someone else, Winn said.

In 2001, when Anderson first gave hair to Locks of Love, Winn said several girls copied her and donated their hair.

Anderson said more people should do the same.

"If they're going to cut it anyway, why not give it," Anderson said. "They're not going to do anything with it once it's cut."

Anderson said she will probably continue to donate her hair to Locks of Love throughout her life. She will also continue to give to various charities.

"Yeah, I mean it makes you feel good," she said.

For more information on the requirements for donating hair and on Locks of Love call (888) 896-1588 or go to www.locksoflove.org.

Courtesy photos

(Above) Zita Anderson just before her hair is cut for her donation to Locks of Love. (Right) Anderson after the hair cut. This was her third time donating to Locks of Love, which makes wigs for cancer patients out of the hair.

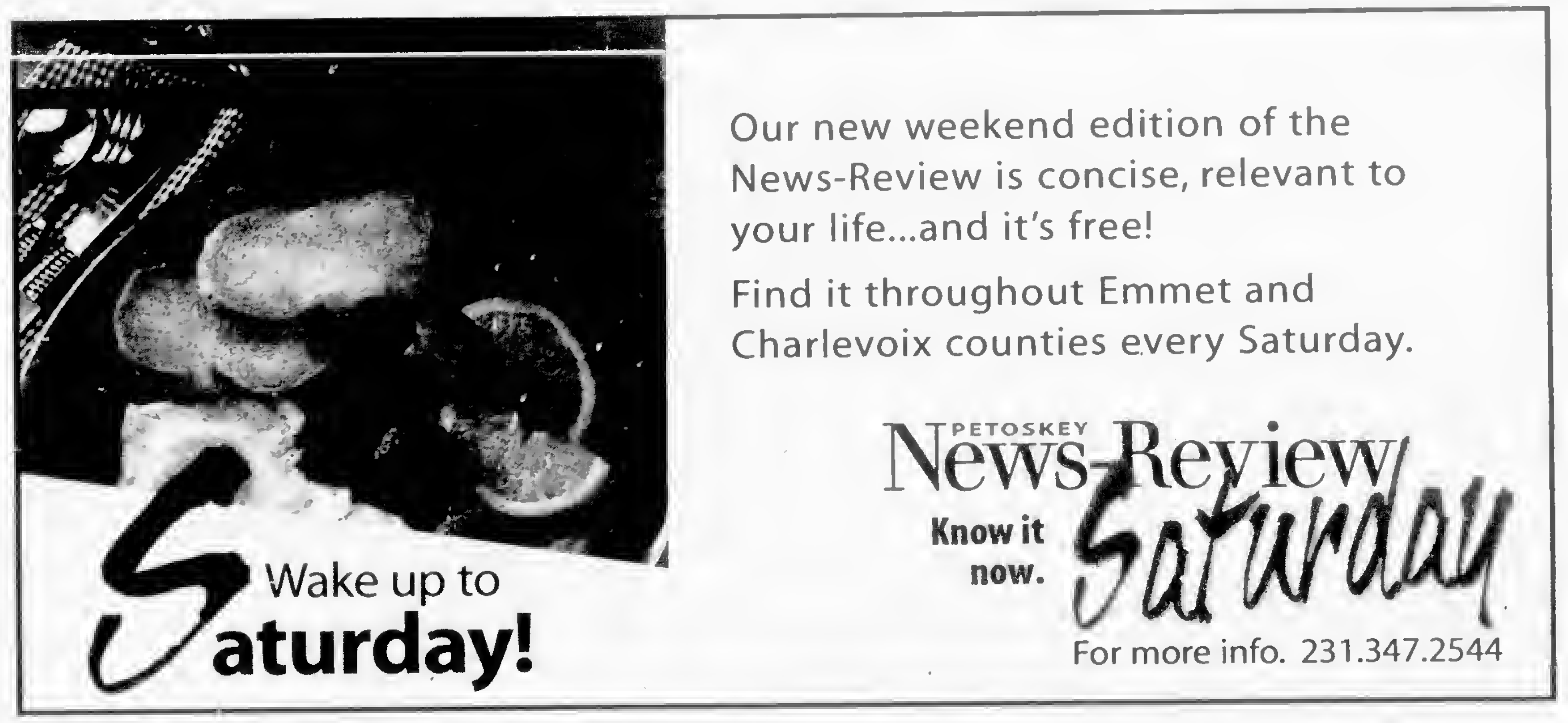
McSauba trying for opening on Sunday

According to Charlevoix Recreation Department Supervisor Ike Boss, the city is shooting to have Mount McSauba open by Sunday.

Boss said crews at the hill are currently making snow and working to get it open as quickly as possible. While he said it is looking good for Sunday, he did not want to say the hill will be open for sure.

Mount McSauba opened on Dec. 21 last year. Boss said the hill is not too far behind this year.

Mount McSauba can be contacted by calling 547-3267.



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Keep the reason for the season in mind

By FATHER JIM GUNN
Christ Episcopal Church
Charlevoix

Beacons of Blessing

As I have been seeing the garlands of lights that were hung on the trees along Bridge Street, it occurred to me that it is one of the different faces of Charlevoix.

The two longest lasting aspects of the face of the community are these lights and the petunias.

We know that sometime in late May there will be the petunia planting and then we will have their beauty with us until the fall. Then, when the weather really starts to turn cold, the crew of men appear who festoon the Bridge Street trees with hundreds of bright little lights.

Our nights are adorned with those lights on into the new year. Other faces of shorter duration are the festive face of the carnival and other parts of Venetian Week, and the booths that cover various grassy area during art fairs. Those are some of the public faces that are worn by the community of Charlevoix.

Then there is the question of the underlying reality behind those obvious appearances. Is there a "internal" spirit of beauty behind the petunias? Is there a joyful and festive spirit behind the lights on the trees? Those are questions to ponder — as is the question of what each of us can do to be part of the reality underlying the public appearance.

Since this issue will appear just days before Christmas, I want to add another facet to this article.

There is also a "public face" on this season. We see trees with ornaments. We see stores with Santa Claus present to meet children. We see houses with colored lights. We hear various songs of the season from "Here Comes Santa Claus" to "Silent Night." We also see crèche scenes, both small and big in parks and homes and on cards.

What is the underlying reality here? Is this just an opportunity to spend a lot of money and get a lot of presents? Is it just a sort of generic time of peace and good will? Or are we, in our hearts and minds and lives, doing all we can to make clear that this is the time when we celebrate the birth of the Savior of the world?

That, too, is a point to ponder. Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season.

Obituaries

Warren James Allison: Oct. 10, 1918 - Dec. 9, 2004

Warren James "Jeep" Allison, 86, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A memorial service was Dec. 9, 2004, at Community Church of God, in Charlevoix, with the Rev. Neil Turner officiating. Interment will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Warren was born Oct. 10, 1918, in Charlevoix, the son of Frank A. and Mamie (Bremmer) Allison. Jeep graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1938, where he lettered in track, football and was on the 1936 basketball team that went to the state finals.

He married Phyllis Stevens in Charlevoix on Nov. 27, 1942. Before entering the Army in 1943, he was employed by the Foster Boat Company. While in the Army he was in command of a 56 foot LCM (Landing Craft Mechanized) in the South Pacific – 544th Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment. He was stationed at several places in New Guinea and took his barge on a 1000-mile trip past Japanese held shores. He also took part in two major operations, Morotai in the Netherlands East Indies and Lingayen Gulf of Luzon for which he received a commendation from the brigade.

Jeep worked for Freedman Artcraft in Charlevoix for 32 years retiring in 1980. He was an avid fisherman, bowler and golfer, and his love for woodworking is a legend. Refinishing furniture, caning chairs and building model boats were his favorite pastimes. And we can't forget his afternoon coffee at McDonalds.

Warren is survived by Phyllis, his wife of 62 years; twins Gail Baldridge and Clyde "Chip" (Nancy) Allison; grandchildren Allison Baldridge, Jodi (Greg) Shepard, Traci (Chris) Mailloux; great-grandchild Lauren Shepard all of Charlevoix; sister Jessie Schultz of Brooksville, Fla.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Charlevoix Community Church of God in lieu of flowers. Arrangements by the Winchester Funeral Home of Charlevoix.

Joseph Frank Bender III: June 13, 1943 - Dec. 9, 2004

Joseph Frank Bender III, 61, of East Jordan, died Dec. 9, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A private memorial service for family members was at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan on Dec. 16.

Joe was born June 13, 1943, in Manistee, the son of Joseph Frank and Virginia (Wasson) Bender II.

On Jan. 8, 1966, he married Sherry Crandall on Old Mission Peninsula. Joe was a Realtor and developer in the Traverse City area. He owned and operated Bender Construction, the Powder Horn Gun Store and the Sundowner Drive-in of Traverse City. He founded and co-owned the Flap Jack Shack in Traverse City and built and operated restaurants in Florida.

A member of Ducks Unlimited and Whitetails Unlimited, he enjoyed working in his shop on cars, his hunting and fishing trips to the U.P. and he treasured his grandchildren.

Joe is survived by his wife, Sherry, of East Jordan; daughters, Wendy (John) LaBonte of Traverse City, Melissa (Timothy Schut) Bender, Gretchen (David Bacchus) Bender; son, Joseph J. Bender, all of East Jordan; grandchildren, Kayla, Kaycee, Jordyn, Noah, Timmy, Elizabeth and Natalee; nephew, Marc Bender all of East Jordan; brother, James (Milly) Bender of Traverse City; stepfather, James Burley of East Jordan.

Joe's family suggests memorials to Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, 800 Water Street; East Jordan, MI 49727. The Winchester Funeral Home of Charlevoix is serving the family.

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Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church....547-6430

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Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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Rev. Carl Afman 588-7805

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Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
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Venetian to end sports theme for 2005

The Charlevoix Venetian Festival has decided to end its "Charlevoix Sports Legends" theme it started this year.

In planning for the festival in 2005, one of the first issues which was addressed by the Venetian Board was the theme of the past 2004 festival, "Charlevoix Sports Legends."

Basketball was the sport which received "Sports Legends" attention in 2004, with the anticipation that an annual series could develop to focus on additional sports during future Venetian Festivals. Through the combined effort of the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Venetian Sports Committee, noteworthy Charlevoix basketball teams, players and coaches were identified, acknowledged and displayed as a feature of the 2004 festival.

According to a press release, the festival states, "While the concept of recognizing the sports heritage of Charlevoix is a popular and 'good fit' with Venetian, both the historical society and the Venetian board now realize that neither organization possesses sufficient volunteer resources to conduct such an enormous undertaking on a yearly basis."

The release further states, after much discussion, the Venetian board concluded that the festival needed to concentrate its limited volunteer resources on fund-raising and event planning and management.

It was thus decided that "Charlevoix Sports Legends" will not be a feature of the 2005 Venetian Festival, unless another community organization steps forward to handle the project.

Venetian Board member and Commissioner of the Venetian Games, Dean Davenport, has asked residents to submit their feelings on this issue by contacting the Festival at (800) 360-8750.

"We welcome local reaction regarding the Charlevoix Sports Legends as well as any fund-raising ideas," Davenport said in the release. "Our belief is that you plan with, and not for people. The Venetian Festival belongs to everyone in Charlevoix and we hope to hear how you feel."

The 2005 Venetian Festival will take place from July 17, 2005 through July 23, 2005.

How to get your event news into the Charlevoix Courier

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Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL JOINT COUNCIL/DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING - SYNOPSIS
November 29, 2004

The Charlevoix City Council and the Downtown Development Authority met on the above date. The Mayor, all City Council members and Downtown Development Authority Board members were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Norman L. Carlson.

The Boards were updated on the status of the Downtown Park/Marina Renovation Project by Peter Pollack of Pollack Design Associates. The following items were discussed:

1. Funding Status
2. Decision Points
    (a) Design considerations including pier discussion with buoys in place
    (b) Status of permit applications
3. DDA, Council and then audience question and answer
4. Summary wrap-up and future direction

Mr. Pollack asked for confirmation from the City Council and DDA board members for their approval to continue to procure the required permits for the project, Staff will continue to keep both the City Council and DDA up to date on the project's progress, once the permits are received, the Engineer's design phase will be discussed and design contracts will be awarded for creation of the construction documents. After the construction drawings are completed, the City Council and DDA will have the option to bid the project out all at once or in phases. Members of the City Council and Downtown Development Authority unanimously confirmed the project outline.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

A complete copy of the joint Council/DDA minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Obituaries

LeRoy Alden Compagner: Feb. 26, 1936 - Dec. 14, 2004

LeRoy Alden Compagner, 68, of Ellsworth died Dec. 14, 2004, at home.

A funeral was Dec. 17, 2004 at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Pastor James Green of the Bible Baptist Church, in Charlevoix, officiated with burial in Norwood Cemetery, in Charlevoix.

LeRoy was born Feb. 26, 1936 in Zeeland, the son of John and Luella (Heiboer) Compagner. He married Clara on July 18, 1986 in Holland and she preceded him in death on May 26, 1994. He moved from Holland to northern Michigan in the mid-1980s and worked as a mechanic most of his life.

LeRoy is survived by his mother Luella Compagner of Zeeland; daughters, Debra (Angel) Chavez and Terri (Gary) Notgrass of Holland, Cindy (Donald) Guiltner of Burnips; son, Christopher Compagner of East Jordan; brothers, Dale (Rita) Compagner of Hamilton, Roger (Rita) Compagner of Zeeland, Johnnie (Janet) Compagner of Holland, Keith (Janet) Compagner of Borculo, Kevin (Yvonne) Compagner of Holland; sister, Hope (James) Cochran of Hamilton; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A daughter, Ruth Lakies, preceded him in death.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Holland, 270 Hoover Blvd., Holland, MI 49423.

Donald S. Couse: July 30, 1917 - Dec. 6, 2004

Donald S. Couse, 87, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

A memorial service was on Dec. 13 at the First Congregation Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Mary Willis officiating.

Don was born July 30, 1917, in Fond du Lac, Wisc., the son of Scott and Harriet (Reed) Couse. He married the former June J. Jeffords on August 6, 1941 in Dubuque, Iowa. They made their home in Manitowoc, Wisc., before moving to Charlevoix in 1967.

Don was employed by Medusa Portland Cement Company for 30 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club and served as treasurer of the Charlevoix Lion's Club.

Don enjoyed playing golf.

He is survived by his wife, June J. Couse of Charlevoix; daughter, Diane (Michael) Boos of Glendale, Ariz.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon McPherson Herman; sisters, Gwen Hughes and Dalphine Miller.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 213 Sheldon Blvd. SE, Suite A, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-4513; or to Northland Library for the Blind, 316 E. Chisholm, Alpena, MI 49707. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Holiday tango

During the Annual Sing-A-Long on Dec. 16 at Charlevoix Elementary School, several kindergarten students danced the Turkey Dance Tango for the school. Pictured are Keegan Belfy and Bree Farmer, two students from Kelly Wood's class.

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James Randolph Ladd: Jan. 18, 1942 - Dec. 4, 2004

James Randolph Ladd, 62, passed away Dec. 4, 2004, at his home in Cumming, Ga. from cancer.

The funeral was Dec. 9, 2004 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Mary Willis was officiating.

Jim was born in Charlevoix on Jan.18, 1942, the son of Harry and May (Lytle) Ladd. Growing up he attended the First Congregational Church.

After graduating from Charlevoix High School, Jim went to the University of Michigan. He received degrees in mathematics and physical education in 1965.

While at the University of Michigan he met his wife Margaret. They were married in Ann Arbor June 4, 1966.

Jim taught 20 years at Novi High School in Novi. Before settling in Cumming, Ga. Jim and Margaret lived in Clearwater, Fla.; Pittsburgh, Penn.; Hartford, Conn. and Buffalo, N.Y.

Through the years Jim continued to enjoy summers in Charlevoix. It was his favorite place to be. He was an avid golfer both in Michigan and Georgia. Jim was a member of the Charlevoix Historical Society.

Jim is survived by his wife, Margaret Ladd; daughter, Kristen Peters; son-in-law, Benjamin Peters and grandson, William Peters all of Cumming, Ga.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Charlevoix Historical Society, or to the new Charlevoix Library Fund. Visitation was on Dec. 8, 2004 at Winchester Funeral Home.

Betty Stanek: Feb. 2, 1918 - Dec. 7, 2004

Betty Stanek, 86, of East Jordan, died Dec. 7, 2004 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Betty was born Feb. 2, 1918, in Ava, Mo., the daughter of Simon and Elizabeth (Nichols) Pruitt.

She is survived by her husband, Archie Stanek of East Jordan; daughter, Nona (Jim) Spence of East Jordan; son, Alva "Sonny" (Lorraine Kingma) Noirot of Charlevoix; daughter, Brenda Bowden of Hopkins; son, Alan (Connie) Noirot of East Jordan and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her first husband, Alva Noirot, in 1969 and daughters, Dorene Dawn and Darlene Irene. Winchester Funeral Home of Charlevoix is serving the family.

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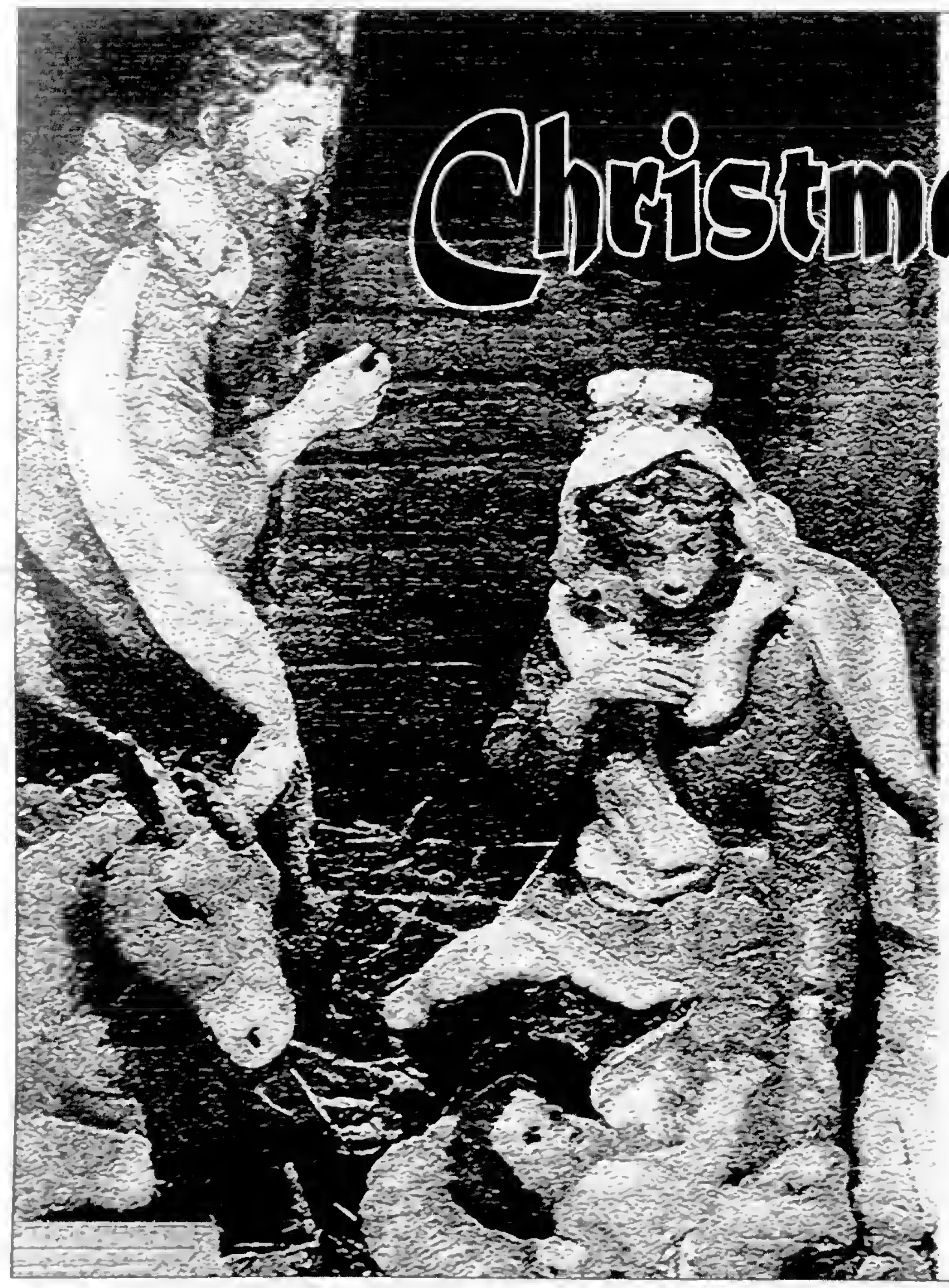

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Many area children to get toys this Christmas

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff writer

The Charlevoix community came together and provided enough toys and goods to give families in need a Christmas to remember.

Bev Boss, chairman of the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project, said this year 161 families in the area were able to get groceries, fresh food products, toys and candy to provide their families with a warm Christmas.

"It's been wonderful," Boss said.

Boss said the entire project came together with the help of several people who all had numerous ideas.

"It's a community effort," she said.

On Dec. 17, the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project operated out of the American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post in Charlevoix.

Boss said there were over 3,000 toys donated to the cause through the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and some from other donations such as giving trees and adopt-a-family programs.

However, with about a dozen volunteers and National Honor Society student helpers, the day went smoothly and families were able to have helpers carry items out to their cars.

Over 2,000 toys that were provided to fill children's stockings came from the Dollar Tree in Charlevoix, who took dollar donations from customers for toy purchases. Dollar Tree is a national sponsor of the Toys for Tots program.

Russ Bolt and Ken Staley, both corporals in the Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League, which covers three counties, attended the sing-a-long at Charlevoix Elementary School on Dec. 16 where they were presented with the toys collected from the school's penny drive.

Nicole Sterrett, a second grade teacher who headed up the penny drive, said this year the school raised $946 for Toys for Tots compared to about $400 last year.

Bolt said aside from toys, donations were also taken that are used to purchase items for any age group that didn't receive as many items through the Toys for Tots program. Teenagers, Bolt said, are one age group that the program usually doesn't round up enough items for.

Bolt said the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153 in Charlevoix and the urology department of Northern Michigan Hospital donated money to purchase any needed items.

Staley said the toys collected this year is the largest it has ever been in the area.

Bolt said the neat part is that all the toys collected in Charlevoix are distributed in Charlevoix.

"It's a very good program," Bolt said.

The local businesses that allowed for a Toys for Tots donation box to be placed in their store are: Dollar Tree, Kmart, ACE Hardware, Brumm Norman-Showroom, Pat McKeown Ford, Harbor Industries, Holiday Station Store 181, Oleson's Farm Fresh Markets, Glen's Markets, Copy Plus of Charlevoix, Rite Aid, The Clothing Company, Koucky Gallery, Brady's Carpet Cleaning and Janitorial, Bolt Design, Don's IGA, Lexalite International Corp., Muscle Menders Therapeutic Massage and the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix.

Nationally, Bolt said the program has collected $8 million dollars.

With the help from the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and the generosity of community members in Charlevoix, the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project was able to give a lot and provide local families with a wonderful holiday season.

Photo credit

On Dec. 16, Russ Bolt and Ken Staley, both corporals in the Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League, were present to receive the toys Charlevoix Elementary School raised through their penny drive. Charlevoix Elementary School Principal Richard Swenor announced that the school raised $946 dollars and three students presented Staley and Bolt with a poster they created. Pictured (from left to right) are Swenor in the background, Staley, Bolt, Allie Hodge, Meeshann Schmidt and Amber Way.

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Filmmaker brings documentary skills home

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

BEAVER ISLAND – Beaver Island native Phillip Michael Moore is using his cinematic skills to not only tell stories, but to help solve problems facing communities, such as his beloved island.

Moore, a who recently received a master's degree in cinematic and broadcast arts, gave two premier showings of his first documentary — and the same one he used for his master's thesis — on Friday night at the Peaine Township Hall. The documentary, called 32 Miles Of Water, was about the island's volunteer Emergency Medical Service volunteers and the need for an air ambulance.

"My first goal with this was to tell why they (island EMS) do what they do and what are the unique challenges to them. That is where I got the title from; The nearest emergency room is 32 miles across the water," Moore said.

To tell this story, Moore spent last winter riding with and interviewing the members of Beaver Island's EMS. The movie tells how some of the EMS became interested in this line of work, what they do as full-time jobs and how challenging it is to get people in need of medical help to an emergency room from the island.

In the movie, Moore's father and EMS worker, Joe Moore, talks about the "golden hour." The golden hour is the first hour after a person calls 9-1-1 for help and the need to get them to a hospital.

But, on the island, the golden hour is hard to reach. If a person is in need of medical assistance, they call 9-1-1 and the island EMS is dispatched. The person is then treated by EMS and taken to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center for further treatment, but if they need further medial care the situation becomes more challenging.

Beaver Island does not have a full-time doctor nor an emergency room and to get someone off of the island in a hurry is a difficult. The only two services currently available to get a patient off the island and to a local hospital is Northflight out of Traverse City and the United State's Coast Guard. It is estimated that 34 patients a year are flown off the island.

In the movie, Joe Moore said it takes at least 45 minutes to get Northflight to the island and, he adds, "Everyone knows it takes 20 minutes to fly to Charlevoix."

Therefore, the island EMS is pushing for an air ambulance to help them get patients to the mainland quicker. An air ambulance is essentially an airplane stocked with emergency medical supplies and waiting on the island to take patients to the mainland.

It was this issue that filmmaker Moore was hoping his audience would seize upon and they did just that.

After Moore's first showing of the half-hour documentary at 7 p.m., in front of a crowd composed of EMS workers and those who have been literally saved by the island's EMS workers, those in the audience began debating what it would take to get an air ambulance on the island. The discussion continued until the next showing at 8 p.m.

EMS worker Gerald Lafreniere Jr. told the crowd that the organization is working on trying to get money to pay for an air ambulance. He suggested help from the townships on the island and perhaps an endowment fund. Many others in the audience suggested using Moore's movie as a way to raise money for the cause.

Moore said, "As far as the life of the movie, it is out of my control and in your hands."

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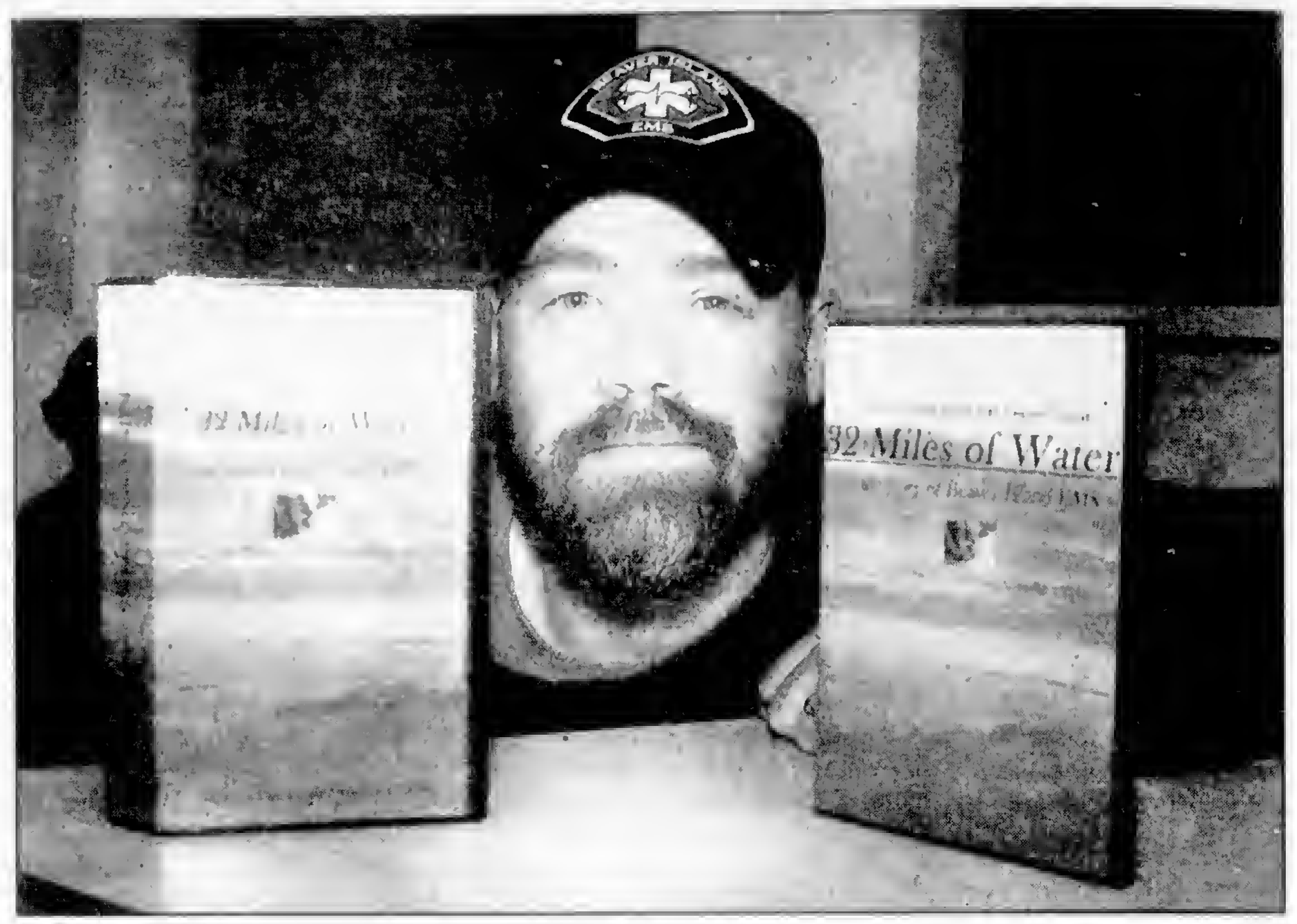

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Beaver Island native Phillip Michael Moore and copies of his documentary 32 Miles of Water.

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Documentary shows need for air ambulance

EMS

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He added, "I am going to send it to PBS for consideration. It was never intended to be a blockbuster and was intended for a local or regional audience."

Lafreniere said there will be EMS meetings on this subject.

Moore, 29, now a resident of Washington, began filming 32 Miles in December 2003. He wrapped up filming in late February of 2004 and was in the editing process until this fall.

He said he decided to focus on the island's EMS after being in a car accident near Traverse City a few years back. Moore was unhurt in the accident, but he was trapped in his vehicle for about 20 minutes. During that time, EMS workers cut him out of the mangled car, while one crawled inside of it to talk to Moore and keep him calm.

"They were all volunteers," Moore said of those EMS workers. "I realized that in the town I grew up in was filled with the same kind of people."

So, to complete the requirements for his master's degree from Central Michigan University, Moore decided to make a documentary about these people.

Moore said when he first started making the movie, he thought it was going to be a plot driven narrative, where he rode in the ambulance with the EMS workers while they went on calls. But, as he filmed,this focus quickly changed into one that focuses on who these people are and why they do what they do.

The hard part of doing this documentary was the emergency scenes, he said. Because Beaver Island is such a small community, Moore knew the emergency sequences he would be filming would have people he grew up with.

This came true during the most dramatic rescue call of the film. In the film, the EMS is called out to the home of an elderly man who was having trouble breathing. That man turned out to be Moore's own grandfather, Phil Gregg.

"That was very difficult emotionally with what was going on. But, my family told me I should film it, it was what my grandfather would want," Moore said.

Thankfully, Moore's grandfather — who was considered very close to dying at the time — had recovered and was seen sailing his boat in St. James Harbor over the summer.

"Although it was the hardest to film, it was the best shooting I had done, perhaps it is because I was so emotional," he said.

Moore said the other difficulty in making the movie was the climate of Beaver Island. When Moore arrived to film 32 Miles, he arrived at the beginning of one of the coldest winters on the island. This was a problem for Moore because his camera equipment was only rated to 32 degrees.

So, Moore was loaned several different mini-vans to use for his outdoor sequences. These vehicles allowed him the ability to shoot from inside a warm vehicle by opening the sliding side door.

Help from many people on the island, like loaning the mini-vans, he said, was essential in getting this movie made. Moore added he also was thankful to the United States Coast Guard and Northflight for making special trips to Beaver Island just so Moore could film them for his movie.

It was this help that was given to him was the root cause of two premiers Moore hosted Friday night.

"This is just one way I can show the community the film free of charge," he said. "It is my way of giving back."

Now that Moore has this first movie under his belt, he said he has begun working on his next documentary called Cornucopia. This next movie will be about the homeless problem in Washington State and show the humanity of those who are homeless.

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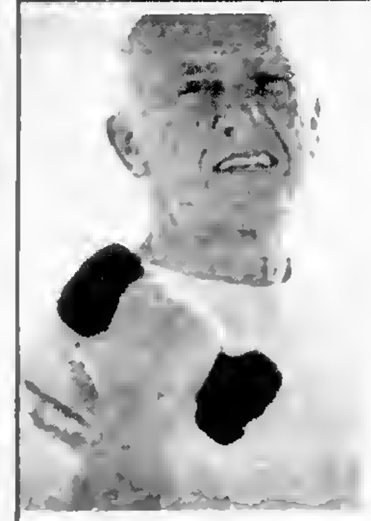

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Charlevoix couple have fun with mystery

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Is murder a game?

To Kathy and Hal Johnson it is.

The couple have been producing several murder mystery dinners and weekends to thrill those who attend to try and outsmart the sleuths.

"I just like to figure things out," Kathy Johnson said.

Since 1988, Johnson has written several mysteries under the name Murder is a Game. She has gone on to also produce and perform her original scripts.

In 1986, Ron Grow, the Johnsons' friend, was putting on mysteries and they volunteered to act as suspects. They participated in about six such productions before Grow moved away. However, he had asked the Terrace Inn in Bay View to see if Johnson would want to continue the tradition.

Kathy said she gave it a try and successfully put on six mysteries her first year. She now produces as many as 18 in one year. Last year she produced and wrote 13 different.

Both Johnsons have produced 185 original mysteries. Now, every single mystery that is written is different and sometimes written for a specific group.

Kathy said she will write specific inside information into a script when she does parties for businesses and organizations.

When a script is written and performed, even audience members who are the sleuths can find themselves as one of the suspects.

"I try to see if I can fool most of the audience," Kathy said.

If she fools everyone then the mystery was too difficult.

"I like them to be solvable," she said.

Kathy said she gets her ideas from the news and various things she reads. When she read about a murder in Virginia last year she based a mystery off the premise about a young woman who poisoned her very old husband.

All of the mysteries she writes are good, clean fun that feature motives such as sex and greed. Nothing vulgar is used and all stories are family appropriate as the actors will bicker, but not swear at one another.

"My big thing is to try and make it fun," she said.

The fun comes in two choices, either a mystery dinner or a mystery weekend. The mystery dinners start after eating and are written to be solved that night.

After dinner, Kathy, as the inspector, announces that a murder has taken place and will then interrogate the suspects. The suspects, including Hal Johnson, have been talking to people throughout the evening without anyone knowing they will be a suspect.

Both Johnsons said it's fun when the audience is new because no one knows who to watch.

"However, when playing to a familiar crowd, which happens often, some distractions are necessary in order to divert people's attention off the suspects.

Once Kathy, who portrays the inspector, interrogates the suspects, it's the audience's turn to question and search the suspects completely.

Kathy said many people may have the right answer, but she announces the person who had the best answer and who explained how they came to their answer as the winner.

The mystery weekends are similar, but occur in real time. The scripts are written to last over the weekend and incorporates people's rooms as the suspects are staying in the hotel as well.

The Terrace Inn in Bay View and the KOA Kampground in Petoskey are the sites for the mystery weekends.

Kathy said the scripts are more complex and feature live "dead" bodies instead of just photographs.

The weekends start out with dinner on Friday and end with breakfast on Sunday. However, on Friday, Kathy said the actors must wait and see how the night will progress to know what direction they may need to take.

"That night we have to play it loose," she said.

Hal said he enjoys the weekend mysteries because he and the other actors have to improvise for unforeseen situations that arise and if the audience is watching too closely.

There are usually last-minute changes, but the seasoned actors aren't thrown off by new information or for a change in whether they are a suspect or murderer.

Hal said he enjoys being both the murderer and a suspect.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Hal and Kathy Johnson create and solve mysteries over dinner or throughout the weekend under the name Murder is a Game.

"I like fooling people," he said.

Hal said he enjoys getting into character and either playing up the good old boy image if he is the murderer or making himself seem guilty if he is innocent.

"I think it's the mystery I enjoy," he added.

Both Johnsons said children are usually the ones who will solve a mystery and not the adults.

"Young people are really good at this," Kathy said.

She said young people aren't afraid to approach someone and ask to search them. Adults are typically more shy about it.

"Children aren't as trusting," she said.

When they produced a mystery at Bay Harbor, the only one who solved the mystery was a little girl about 10 years old.

Kathy said the little girl solved the mystery because she asked Hal if there was anything else in his coat pocket.

Everyone else watched him take out his billfold, but only the little girl asked if there was more.

"Children make me nervous when they come in because they will pin you to the wall," Hal said.

The audience has to work for the answer, it won't easily be provided. Plus, red herrings are thrown in to try and get people going in a false direction.

Kathy said the mysteries usually center around a murder, but other themes are used when dealing with classrooms.

Upcoming dates for public attendance to mystery dinners are on Jan. 22 in Bay City and on Jan. 29, Feb. 19 and March 19 at the Terrace Inn in Bay View.

For mystery weekends upcoming dates are April 15 through April 17 at the Terrace Inn in Bay View and on Sept. 16 through Sept. 18 and Sept. 23 through Sept. 25 at the KOA Kampground in Petoskey.

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SPORTS

Another successful week for Charlevoix Rayders

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders upped their record to 4-0 last week with wins over Benzie Central and East Jordan by identical scores of 92-63.

"It's been fun," Coach Keith Haske said. "It's a great start to the season."

A 32-15 second quarter against Benzie put the game out of reach. Benzie had led 14-13 at the end of the first quarter.

Cody Crain scored nine points in a 19-5 run to start the quarter. The spurt, which took less than 4 minutes, was capped by a Sparky Nitchman layup off a Jared Hunt behind the back pass.

In the first three minutes of the second half, the Rayders exploded on another run, this one 16-4 to take a 60-32 lead. Jake Teuscher scored six points in that period, including a three-point play.

Benzie could get no closer than 24 the rest of the way.

Crain finished with 17 points. Teuscher had 14 points, 10 rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Eddie Waldron had 13 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore Derek Friske scored 10.

Hunt dished out six assists while Matt Kautz had six assists, four rebounds and four steals.

Against East Jordan, the Rayders trailed early at various points while the Red Devils gave Charlevoix some of their own medicine, pressing the Rayders defensively.

The Rayders, however, took the lead to stay at 10-9 on a lay-in by Phil Steen who had just come in off the bench. Steen followed his basket with a block at the other end.

East Jordan's Kyle Daneff scored his team's first 11 points of the game and had 13 in the first quarter.

Charlevoix led 23-17 at the end of the first period. The Red Devils stayed close, cutting the lead to two at 27-25 on another Daneff basket. The Rayders, however, outscored East Jordan, 21-9 the rest of the half, led by seven points by Hunt and six by Jake Teuscher.

Three three-pointers, two by Crain and one by Nitchman, extended the lead to 59-38 midway through the third quarter. The Red Devils cut the lead to 15, at 61-46 but they could get no closer the rest of the way.

Charlevoix closed the scoring with a 14-2 run that made the game's final score a bit misleading.

"I thought East Jordan played well," Haske said. "And I thought we played well except for a couple of spots."

Hunt led the Rayders with 22 points and six assists. Crain tallied 20 points, four assists and two steals.

Ben Bergmann had 11 points. Jake Teuscher finished with 10 points and nine rebounds. Steen had perhaps his best game as a Rayder, with 10 points and six rebounds.

"Steen had an outstanding game on both ends of the court," Haske said. "He did well rebounding and blocking shots. Our big guys off the bench, Ed (Waldron) and Phil played real well and gave us a lift."

Haske said, "Hunt did his usual solid job, getting us running and creating tempo."

The junior varsity (4-0) and freshman (3-0) teams also began the season undefeated. As such, the Charlevoix Rayder high school basketball program has won its last 67 regular season games. The girls' varsity (20-0), junior varsity (20-0) and freshman (19-0) teams all had perfect regular season records.

The high school's last regular season loss was the varsity's defeat the hands of Petoskey to close out last season, 58-41.

The Rayders will attempt to avenge that loss as they return to action after Christmas break, at Petoskey on Jan. 4.

Volleyball team starts off strong

By B. JON GOHS
Sports writer

The lady Rayders volleyball team muzzled the competition as they stormed the Bulldogs' house and showed who should really stay on the porch.

Not to be outdone by the success of the girls basketball team, the Rayders varsity volleyball team defeated opponent after opponent during the season opener December 11, at Inland Lakes.

"Thumbs up to the girls, who worked so hard last year," said varsity volleyball Coach Liz Grunch. "Last year's season ended well and coming into the first game we were strong."

She added, "We dominated the tournament. And that was with only one day of practice. That was a real nice highlight for me."

Charlevoix bested Boyne City 25-12 and 25-24, St. Ignace 25-20 and 25-21, Hillman 25-18 and 25-13. The Rayders had splits against both East Jordan with 24-25 and 25-21 and Inland Lakes with 19-25 and 25-22.

And, the Rayders won the championship against Hillman with scores of 25-23 and 25-19 for an overall record of 4-0-2.

Players of mention were Kary Way with 33 Kills, Theresa Martin with 31 kills and nine aces, Zita Anderson with 128 assists and Betsey Dennis with 18 aces.

Charlevoix's fierceness was due in large part to a strong offense.

"I know we hit the ball well and served the ball strongly," Grunch said.

This year's line up includes sophomores Emily Heffling, Bethany Pearson, Ashlie Bradley and Zita Anderson. Juniors Sally Haselschardt, Liz Jadwin and Genevieve Kochanny. Returning seniors are captain Theresa Martin, third year all around left defense Kary Way, middle setter Betsey Dennis and Sonya Plude.

"She (Martin) does a great job bringing the team together by encouraging and helping the other players to get better," Grunch said.

While some of the positions can change, Grunch said some of

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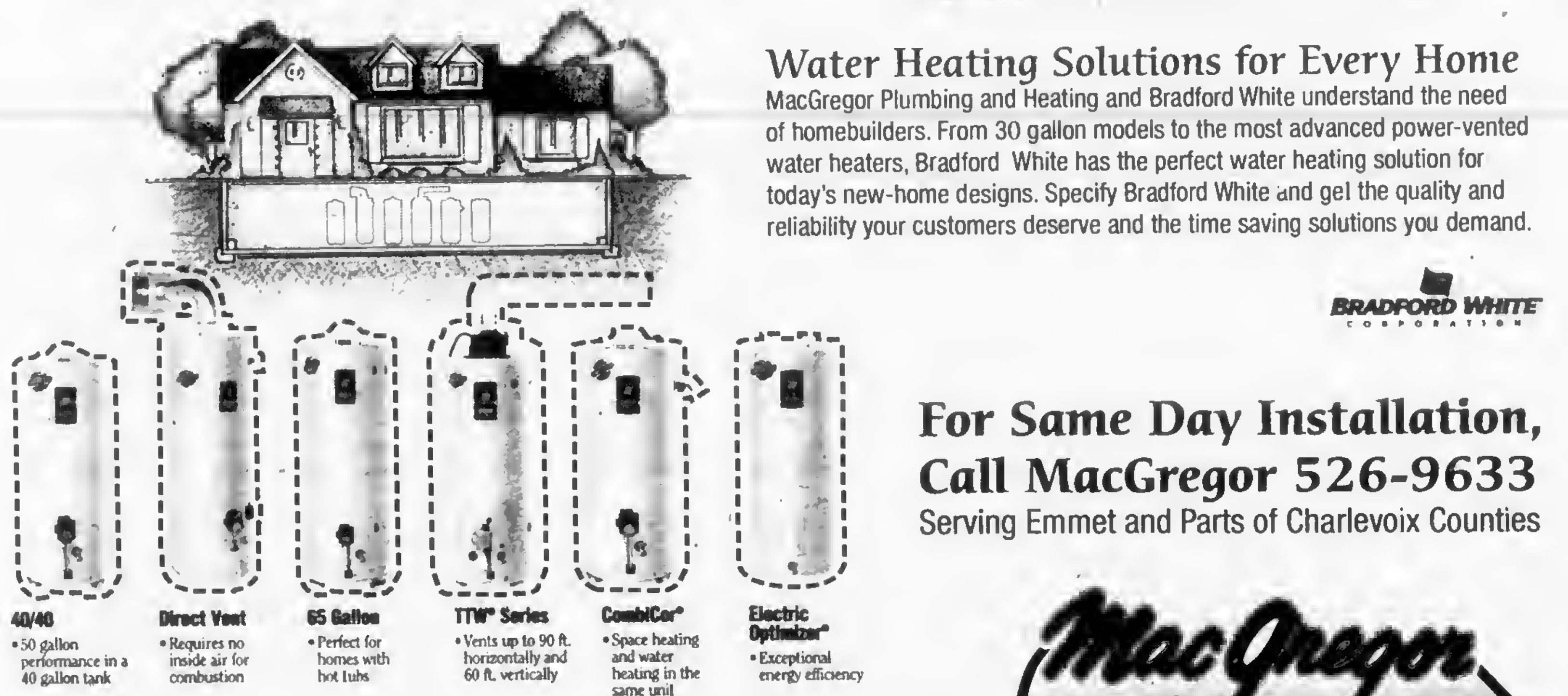
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Rayders do well at volleyball tournament

RAYDERS

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the girls will tend to work in areas they know best.

"Bethany will be playing middle. Sally and Ashlie will be on the right side most of the time. Emily got brought up as a sophomore for defense. Sonya will play defense mostly on the right side, and Liz and Genevieve will be corner defense left or right," she said.

According to Grunch, the team has come a long way in her four years coaching them. And watching them improve through their hard work makes her job all the more worthwhile.

"The program was really down when I got it. But, in four years we won districts twice in a row and for the first time in a long time we won the conference," she said.

"We have a lot to work on, but we don't have to start from square one."

It seems setting goals and keeping high expectations is as key to a strong team as having a driven coach.

"Every year I want them to get better and play further in the tournament," she said. "When I first started I thought it would be great to win conference — and now it's expected."

In spite of their powerful performance, this year's team has only begun to hone their skills.

Some definite areas of improvement, according to Grunch, are communication and defense.

"We've already started and we're going to continue to work on communication," she said.

The culprit of this lack of communication, Grunch said, was having five new players and six of her players on the successful basketball team which overlapped volleyball practice allowing time for only one practice before the tournament.

"That lack of communication is one thing that really stuck out during the tournament," she said.

And, she added, "Our defense is really down compared to other schools."

Despite some shaky communication and a softer than desired defense, the Rayders showed the other schools a mere taste of what they have planned for the remainder of the season.

According to Grunch, they have a great incentive to do well.

"This year the quarter finals are in Charlevoix. And that's something the girls are excited about," she said.

No matter how the season unfolds, Coach Grunch is thankful for all who come out and rally for the team.

The Rayders see action again 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 29 in Leland.

Wrestling team takes third in annual Bridge Brawl

The Charlevoix Rayders wrestling team traveled to Rudyard for the annual Bridge Brawl tournament Friday, Dec. 17, a wrestling competition between the Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula.

The Lower Peninsula won the tournament this year with Cheboygan coming in first for the Lower Peninsula teams and Negaunee coming in first for the Upper Peninsula teams.

Charlevoix placed third for the Lower Peninsula.

Wins for the day went to Woody Nitchman, one pin and three decisions; Spencer Hankins, one pin and one decision; Nick Gotshall, three pins and one decision; Jed Daman three pins and two decisions; Matt Novotny, one pin and three decisions; R.J. Moore, one pin and one decision; Shannon Gillespie, two pins and one decision; Jeff Golovich, two pins; Nathan Tripplehorn, three pins; Pat Russell, three decisions; Jaimen Waha, two pins and one decision and Drew Marsh, one pin.

The Rayders travel to Frankfort Jan. 8.

Midget hockey shows its ice skills

On Dec. 18, the Boyne Area Hockey Paul Bunyan Lanes Midgets hosted a pair of contests with Gaylord.

With Gaylord's bench riding very short facing the first game, Boyne loaned one of their offensive lines to Gaylord and called it a scrimmage.

Gabe Korthase, John Miller and Britt King donned their away jerseys and played with Gaylord, but Boyne ruled their home ice, outscoring the opponent 11-1.

Eli Barsy, Ryan Paridee and Ryan Hennessy each scored twice; Troy Scarbrough, Nick Dunwoody, Josh Aown, JP Fiedorek and Will Brown all hit the net once. Russell Williams led the assists with four, Scarbrough and Dunwoody each had two.

Pridee, Brown, Barsy, Aown, Gear Robinson, Chris Loyselle, Evan Keller, Matt Kopke, Hennessy and Isaac Krey all added an assist. Charlie Courtright was the winning goalie.

Later, Gaylord gained a few more of their own players and the league game was on.

Balanced scoring, aggressive offense and tight defense earned Boyne a 5-2 win.

Scarbrough, Barsy, Williams, Brown and Gabe Korthase scored, with assists from Dunwoody, Paridee, Barsy, Brown and Aown. Boyne outshot Gaylord 30-11.

Nick Ferree was between the pipes.

Dec. 19 saw the team in Alpena for two games.

In the first game, Barsy fed two assists to scorers Paridee and Hennessy.

Goaltenders Ferree and Courtright shared netminding.

Alpena took the game 2-3.

In the second, league game, Boyne came out on top 5-3, including three power play goals. Paridee scored twice, Scarbrough, Fiedorek and Nick Dunwoody, once apiece. Assists came from Scarbrough, Kopke, Robinson, Russell Williams, Brown and Hennessy.

Ferree and Courtright again shared goaltending, with Courtright earning the win.

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The Charlevoix City Council will hold regular meetings on the following dates in 2005. Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month. When a holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting moves to Tuesday, as noted below. Meetings will be held in Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of City Hall at 210 State Street and begin at 7:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise. The first meeting in January, by City Charter, will begin at 8:00 p.m.

January 3**	May 2	September 6**
January 17	May 16	September 19
February 7	June 6	October 3
February 21	June 20	October 17
March 7	July 5***	November 7
March 21	July 18	November 21
April 4	August 1	December 5
April 18	August 15	December 19

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Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Church League • Dec. 15, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	490	260
Ferguson & Chamberlain	417	333
R & C Roofing	379	371
Lutherans	378	372
Mark White Paint & Stain	361	389
The Inner Circle	341	409
State Farm Insurance	339	411
St. Mary's	289	431

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	602	233
Scott Kehrer		224
Larry Darrah	596	
Ken Schoenheit		216
Roger Crain	581	

Tuesday Night Ladies • Dec. 14, 2004

	W	L
Twin Lakes Enterprise	36.5	23.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	35	25
Central Drug Store	31	29
Charlevoix Food Clinic	30.5	29.5
Mark White Paint & Stain	30	30
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	28	32
Grey Gables	25	35
Don's IGA	24	36

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien		199
Jane Holm	542	197
Janice Thanasiu		193
Cherie Helm	533	
Marlene Evans		193
Linda Lake		193
Leanna Mosoryak	513	

Gutter Gals League • Dec. 16, 2004

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	171	128
Burger King Charlevoix	165	135
Paul Bunyan Lanes	150	150
Express Yourself	114	186

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary Keem	488	183
Jane Holm	490	
Mary O'Brien	485	181
Diana Speigl		178

**Men's Senior League
December 13, 2004**

	W	L
Ken's Racing	32	20
J Arnold Painting "A"	30	22
Central Drug Store	29	23
B Vanloo & Sons	28	24
Cemex Cement	28	24
Weebowl-Wobowls	22	30
J Arnold Painting "2"	21	31
Selph Trucking	18	34

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jeff Campbell	622	238
Jeff Smith	608	224
Ron Chapman		217
John Fiedorek	587	

**Young at Hearts League
December 16, 2004**

	W	L
Half & Half	34.5	21.5
Misfits	31	25
Past Timers	29.5	26.5
Sparetime	28	28
Alley Cats	28	28
Twilighters	27	29
Irish Rollers	24	32
Has Beens	22	34

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

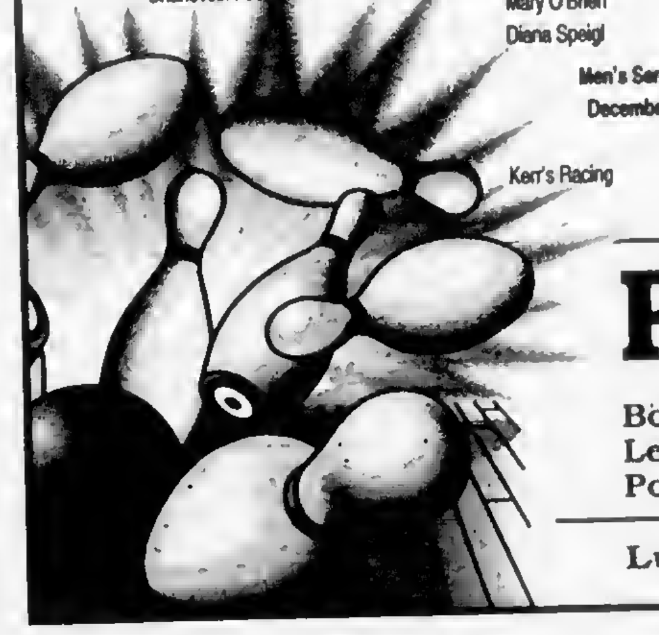
	Series	Game
Bill Herriman	514	215
Ken Schoenheit	563	205
Mo Dixon	484	173
Babs Sharrow	409	163
Zettie Kitson	428	154
Anah Potter		152
Irene Cellner		152
Dolly Coen	398	

**Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
December 5, 2004**

	W	L
Hill/Martinchek	21	7
Herboldsheimer	21	7
Bradley	20	8
Golovich	19	9
Novotny	17	11
O'Leary	16	12
Griffin/Novotny	16	12
Lasky	12	16
Titus	10	18
Cunningham/Mikulski	9	19
Hart	5	23
Team 12	2	26

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jeff Novotny	514	210
Tim Bradley	466	200
David Herboldsheimer	501	185
Kathy Hill	395	161
Cindy Novotny	429	148
Colleen Griffin		159
Kathy Bradley	402	



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the Week: Bill Herriman of the Young at Heart League with a scratch game of 215. The Tuesday Night Pool Tournament winner was Steve Hart.

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Neighbors claim water runoff is worse after school

WATER

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ter resulting from the change, the increase in flow constitutes a trespass," she wrote in her letter.

During the meeting, Beemon suggested to the school board that water trespass is similar to that of having one's cows eat off another person's property.

Since the school is bound to create excess water, Beemon said the school board can petition the Drain Commissioner to establish a legal drain.

This can be a costly and lengthy process, Beemon said, so her alternative is to design and develop a Low Impact Design (LID) school grounds. Beemon said this could involve students, government officials and the entire community and would enable storm water to be managed responsibly.

"It's a good way to be good friends and neighbors," Beemon said. "I'd do anything I could to help."

The design would also involve local landscapers and could be used as a teaching tool.

Beemon met with some resistance, however, as the school board questioned her knowledge of the history of the situation.

John Sturock, superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, asked Beemon if the people she talked to had an engineering study done like the school had.

"The water run-off is less now than before we touched the property," Sturock said.

Scott Boss, a school board member, said he has hunted the land surrounding the school his entire life and said there isn't any more water now than there has always been.

Boss said the roads that used to be saturated are also better.

"It's so much more superior to what it is now," he said.

Beemon said the people she's talked to don't agree.

"I wouldn't just come up here and accuse you guys," she said.

Sturock said the concerned individuals wouldn't agree to a possible solution the school board had presented to them when the situation first arose.

Joe Seidel, a neighbor of the school, said the solution presented to them was a drain system that would require a 5 to 6 foot trench across the swamp. This wasn't what Seidel or his neighbors had in mind.

"Would you like to have a 5 to 6 foot trench in your backyard?" he said.

Seidel said the water run-off from the school is a real problem.

"For the last three years we've had problems with drainage we've never had before," he said.

Seidel said the natural flow of water runs into the valley and used to create a small canal in the spring time that would last for about a week. He said his parent's generation dug ditches to help control the water flow.

Now, instead of having a small canal for a few weeks in the spring, Seidel said the water is constant.

Last week Seidel said he was walking around his property and came upon 6 inches to a foot of water, which shouldn't be there this time of year.

When the school was first being built, Seidel said he was talking a walk around his property in the early summer and found himself in ankle deep water.

"It worsened when they actually opened the place," he said.

Seidel said he and others believe and have observed that most of the drainage from Charlevoix High School was designed to flow into their fields.

In order to protect their land from what they felt could be future development since a Charlevoix municipal sewer line runs to the high school, Seidel and Joe Martinchek contacted the Little Traverse Land Conservancy.

Seidel said he and Martinchek's land became part of the conservancy last spring and their land is now protected.

"We specifically made sure there was no room for loop holes," he said.

Seidel said he has tried numerous times to get people to fill out affidavits, but most are too scared of the repercussions they could face. He said they're afraid for their children and for losing their jobs since the school district is a large employer in the area.

Martinchek said the water has been a problem ever since the school was built.

"It's against the law to run water across someone's property, but they seem to get away with it and we're the one's that suffer," he said.

He said the school suggested this fall to put a 12 inch tile under the ground that would allow the water to run off into the swamp. However, some neighbors didn't want that running under their land.

Martinchek said he offered to have the school drain the pond that has formed on Veenstra Road onto his land so they could work on putting in the tile drain. He also offered to have the drain system run under his property so it wouldn't bother the neighbors who didn't want it on theirs.

"They (the school) didn't seem to want to bother with it," he said.

Martinchek has been in Charlevoix for about 60 years and he said the normal water run-off from snow and rain wasn't a problem before.

"I hope they get together and do something," he said.

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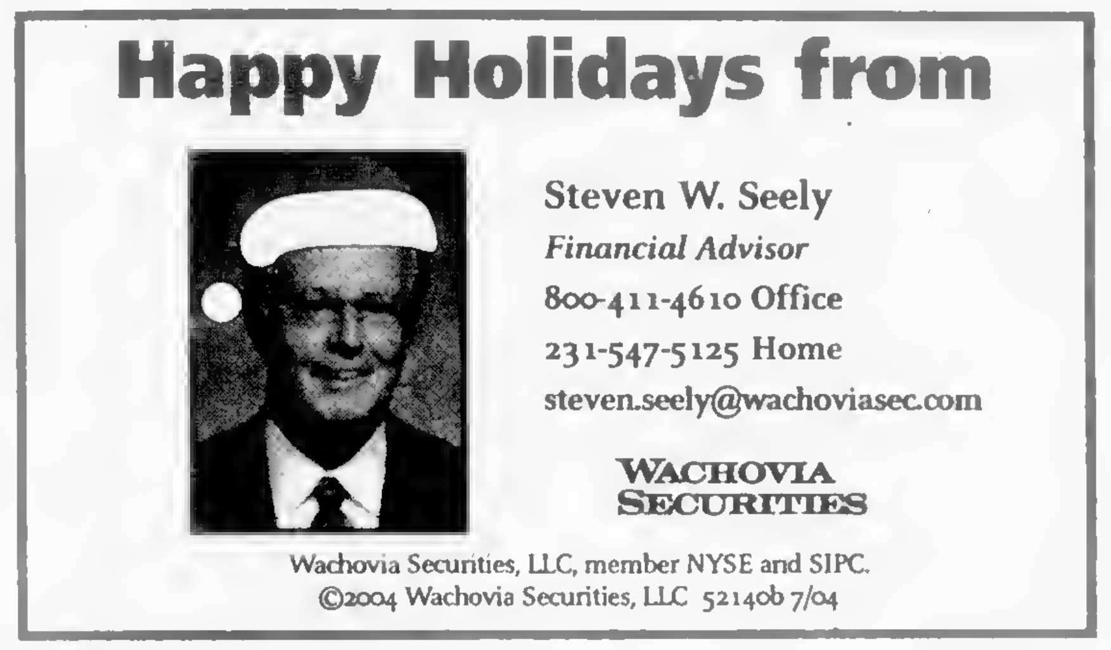

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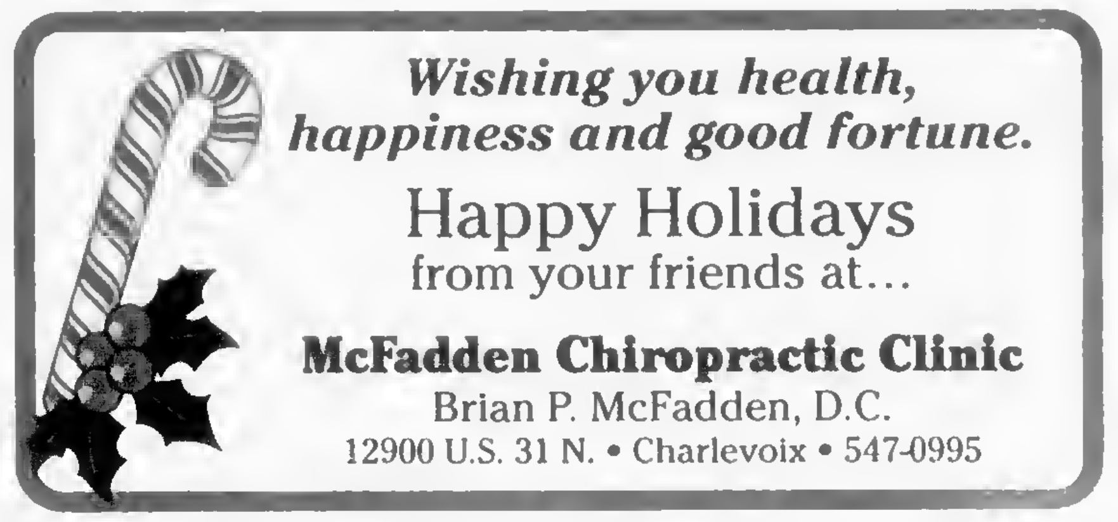

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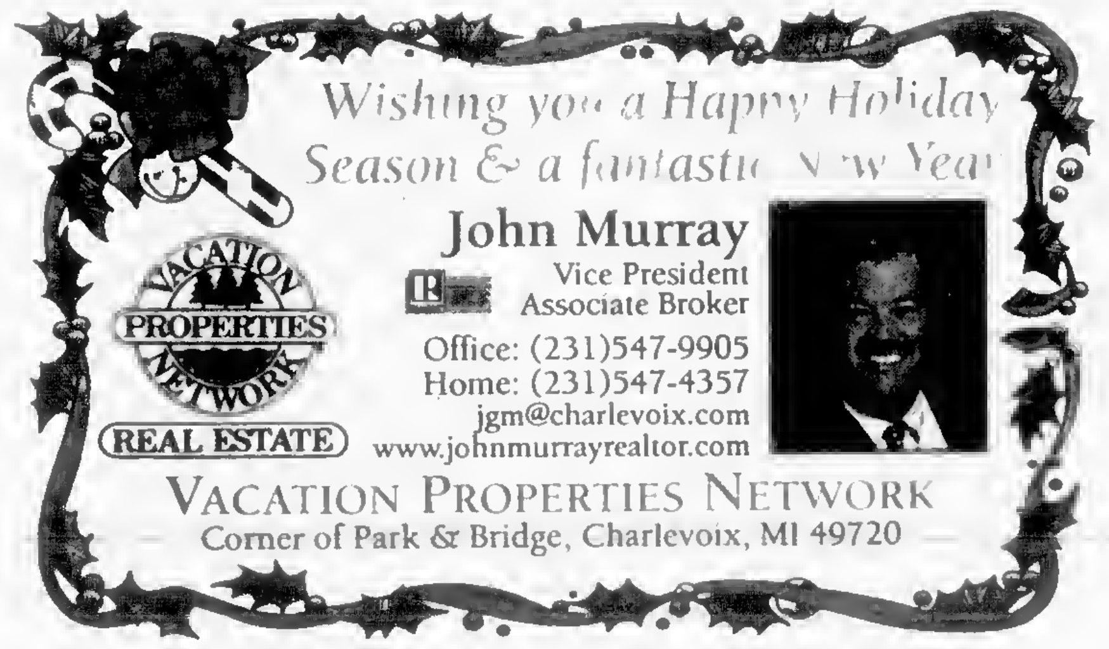

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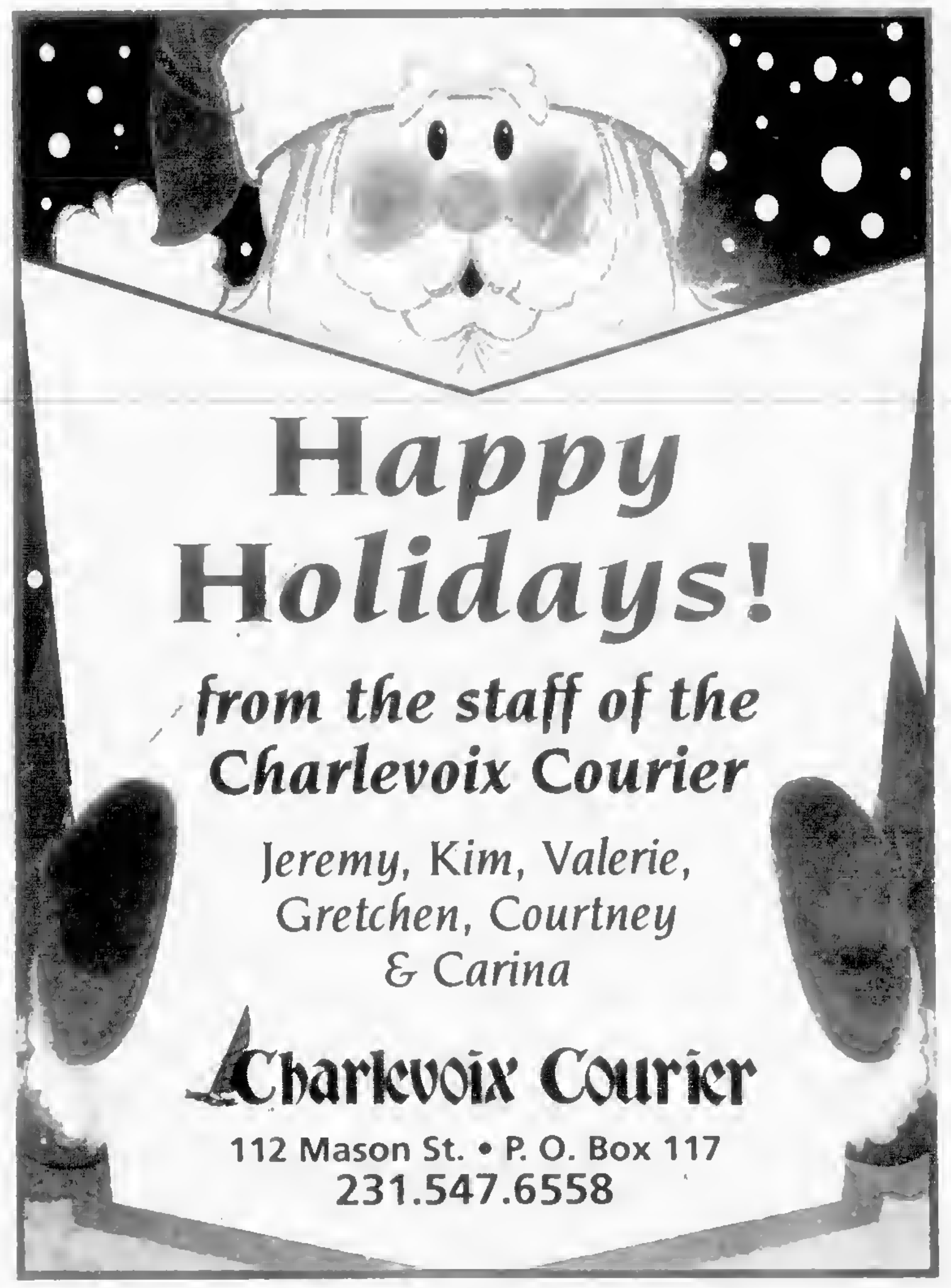

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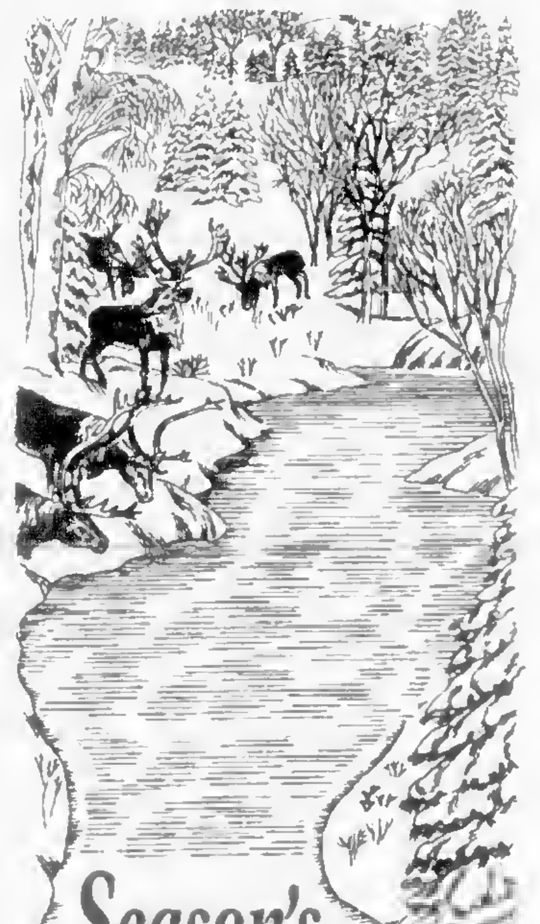

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Insurance company still being asked to pay bill

BILL

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the city would pay United Fire $111,489.18 by Dec. 27 and the remainder of the bill by July 31. For this, United Fire will drop its lawsuit against the city and not include any attorney fees or interest in the final bill.

Charlevoix City Council Member Shirley Gibson said, "It sounded to me it was the best resolution to this matter. We were not going to get out of paying this."

Carlson added the money to pay this bill will be taken out of the city's infrastructure fund. He said there was a balance in that fund that could cover the total cost, without hurting funding for any city projects.

"It will not tie anything up," he said.

In the meantime, Young said the city is still working on getting its insurance company to cover the bill and prosecute CCMS.

Charlevoix's insurance company has refused to pay United Fire for the mistakenly written check, arguing under the wording of United Fire's lawsuit the city was not covered.

In a previous interview, Young said in filing its case against the city, United Fire was claiming the city was in breech of contract for paying CCMS and not United Fire for the road work. The city's insurance company is therefore saying that it will cover mistakes, but it is saying it will not cover breech of contracts.

Young argues the insurance company should not be using the way the attorney for United Fire decides to frame his lawsuit through the use of words to determine if the city has coverage, but should look at the facts of the case. He said it is clear this check was a mistake, therefore coverage is available.

"We are preparing a last strategy and attempt to get them to reconsider their position prior to litigation," Young said.

And by getting the issue with United Fire resolved, that will make the city's insurance company more responsive, he said. Because United Fire will dismiss their lawsuit against the city, Young said then he can concentrate 100 percent of his focus on getting the city's insurance company to pay.

As for prosecuting CCMS, during an early December City Council meeting, members decided to move ahead with a plan to have Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson contact the police agencies located in the community CCMS has it's main office and ask to have a criminal investigation started.

In a memo to Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner, Halverson said he has contacted the prosecuting attorney in Mackinaw County. The city is currently gathering information on the matter for the prosecutor.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Help given

On Dec. 18, numerous volunteers with the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project came out to hand out items to those who need a little extra help this holiday season. Volunteers (from left) Monnie Dziedzic, Lue Baldwin and D'Ann Rothenberger put together bags of fresh food products.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS
December 8, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on December 8, 2004. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved the minutes of the November 10, 2004, regular Board meeting as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-101, Grandvue Operating Transfer.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-102, Election to Foreclose Property.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-103, Enhanced Access to Public Records Policy.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-104, Application for Funds, GIS Department
- Motion approved Resolution #04-105, Application for Funds, Charlevoix Area Hospital.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-106, Health Insurance Premium.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-107, Health Insurance Buyout.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-108, Vacation Accrual.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-109, Award Proposal, concrete pads for recycling bins; and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign Acceptance Contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-110, Composting Contract and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-111, Remonumentation Grant Application and authorized the Clerk as Grant Administrator to sign said application.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-112, 2005 Subsidiary Fund Budgets.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-113, 2004 Amended Surveyor Contracts and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign contracts.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-114, 2005 Surveyor Contracts, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contracts when notification from the State is received.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-115, Marine Grant application and authorized the Sheriff to sign.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-116, Application for Funds, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign any necessary documents.
- Motion approved Resolution #04-117, Snowmobile Grant, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application.
- Motion approved contract with Data Conversion Services, Inc. to handle work for Register of Deeds and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign Services Agreement.
- Motion approved Amended Prosecutor's budget.
- Motion approved hiring law firm of Zimmerman, Kuhn, Darling, Boyd, Taylor and Quandt.

Meeting adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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Claus: Most children were good this year

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mentioned in 1949 when Gene Autry sang "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." Santa said Rudolph has become quite famous for his allergies.

What do reindeer eat? Santa smiled, for reindeer are always hungry. Reindeer eat reindeer food that is available at a store in Grand Rapids, but for those living in Northern Michigan, Santa said carrots are good, but not celery.

"Baby carrots are just the right size," he said.

Vegetables are good for the reindeer's teeth and also gives them energy, but Santa said they also love maple leaves, which may be for the sugar content.

He said reindeer also eat lichen, which is known as reindeer moss. This moss is buried down in the ice, Santa said, and so the reindeer must dig through the ice. He said this causes the reindeer's legs to become very powerful.

As a result, the reindeer are able to jump higher than 10 feet in the air, which is how Santa gets up on people's rooftops.

He said his reindeer don't actually fly, but rather pull his sleigh across the ground then jump onto people's roofs. Santa said it makes the reindeer look like they're flying, much like a long-jumper at the Olympics.

"It's actually explained in the poem, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'," Santa said.

In a line of the poem, it states that "when out on the lawn there arose such a clatter," which shows that the reindeer were actually pulling the sleigh on the ground.

Also, many people believe all the reindeer are males, but Santa said Vixen is the only female member of the team.

Both male and female reindeer have antlers, but around Christmas time the males lose their antlers. The females, however, keep them throughout Christmas. Santa said in reality, only Vixen should have antlers when the reindeer are drawn.

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph help Santa get his presents delivered throughout the night, but so does a little magic from the man in red himself, which helps him deliver presents to boys and girls the world over in just one night.

"I have a mechanism for stopping time," he said.

Santa said that many people may not believe he stops time, but everyone both young and old know how long Christmas Eve lasted when they awaited the morning.

"It seems like Christmas Eve is the longest night of the year because I am actually stopping time," he said.

Santa said he prefers to come down people's chimneys because it's the easiest way to get into houses. Also, he uses a chimney stretcher to make the opening large enough so he can fit through.

Even though Santa delivers the toys, he has several elves who craft the toys.

"They have very specialized skills," Santa said.

Some elves are woodcrafters while others are electronics experts. However, all of them have an influence on the toy industry. The elves are in charge of manufacturing while Santa said he is in charge of distribution.

Aside from elves, Santa has a large network of helpers who keep an eye out to see if boys and girls are good or bad. With the computer age, Santa said he and his helpers are able to communicate more easily.

"Theres lots of e-mails flying back and forth," he said.

With his knowledge and that of his helpers, Santa said this year most children have been good.

"Especially those who are helpful and go to bed the first time when asked," Santa said. "I watch for that admirable trait."

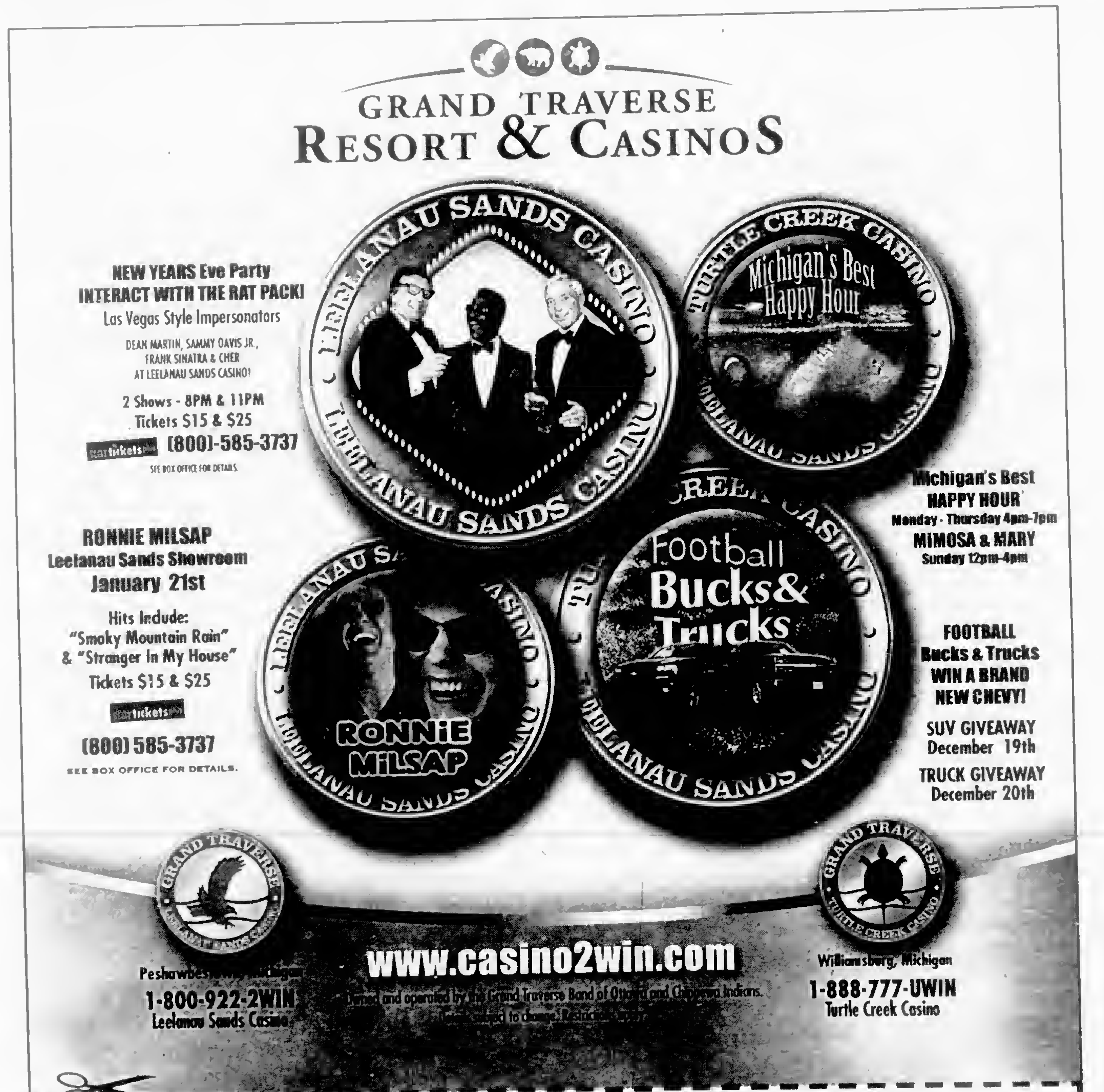
When all is said and done and the presents are safe underneath various Christmas trees, Santa starts preparing for the next year.

When asked why he gives presents, he said, "I think every little one has the answer to that in their heart."

Santa said all children know how good it feels to create a picture and then have their parents put it on the refrigerator. That is how Santa said he feels when giving presents to others.

"I get great enjoyment like they do," he said. "It's the magic of giving that I think is so wonderful."

With that Santa said his goodbye and left in order to finish last minute preparations for Christmas Eve when he will deliver presents to all good children with the help of his loyal reindeer.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THANK YOU to all the staff and parent volunteers at St. Mary's School for your support as I was unable to participate in all the activities this season.

Patrick's Mom, 6th Grade Class.
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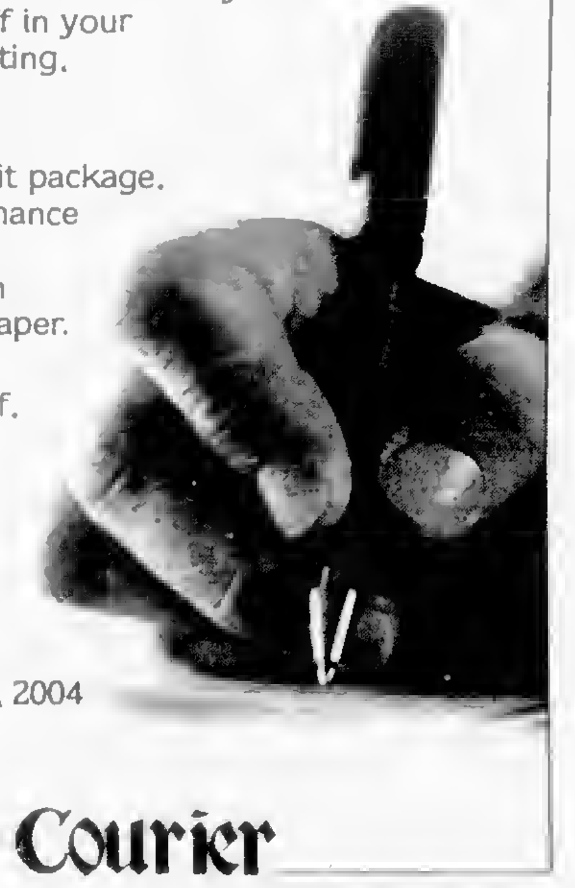

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Dated: December 6, 2004

THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgage
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THIS FIRM fS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OB-TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel W. Scott, a married man, to Home Improvement Acceptance Corporetion, an Ohio Corporation, mortgagee, dated March 1, 2004 and recorded March 24, 2004 in Liber 604, Page 369, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-OPT1 by Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as attorney in fact, by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Six and 68/100 Dollars ($51,726.68) including interest at the rate of 7.45% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, no-tice is hereby given that the mortgage will be toreclosed by a sele of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevofx in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on January 7, 2005. The premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point on the South line of State Street in the City of East Jordan, Michigan, 378 feet Northwesterly from the line of said State Street with the East line of Sec-tion 23, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, thence Northwesterly along said South line of said State Street 52 feet to a stake; thence Southwesterly at right angles to said South line of State Street 143 feet to a stake, thence Southeasterly parallel with said South line of said State Street 52 feet to a stake; thence Northeasterly 143 feet to the place of beginning, a being a part of Section 23, Town 32 North, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, excepting there from a strip of land 3 feet wide off the Northwesterly side of the immediately foregoing described parcel of land. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: December 8, 2004 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-OPT1 by Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as attorney in fact. , As As-signee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 221.2094 ASAP622064

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
File No. 04-303-20-CH

DONALD R. COLE,
Plaintiff,
v
ESTATE OF JOSEPH E. GALLAGHER and ESTATE OF ANNA J. GALLAGHER,
Defendants.

Hayes, Turkelson & Groat, P.C.
by: Roy C. Hayes, III (P50042)
Attomey for Plaintiff
03488 M-66-N
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-1111

DEFAULT JUDGMENT

Date of Heering: December 10, 2004
PRESENT: THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. PAJTAS
Circuit Judge

Plaintiff filed a Complaint to Quiet Title, which was served on Defendants by an Order for Service by Publication/Posting and Notice of Action being published in the Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks. Defendants failed to file an answer or take any action allowed by law. A default was entered end Notice of Request for Entry of Default Judgment was filed and both were published in the Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks prior to this hearing. The Court, being fully advised in the premises, states as follows:

IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Plaintiff, Donald R. Cole, is and shall be the valid title holder in fee simple absolute of the following described real estate:

Located in Charlevoix County, Michigen, and is described as follows:

Commencing et the Northwestern most corner of Lot 9, Block C of Frazer, Yerkes & Clayton's subdivision of Government Lots 1 & 2, Section 27, Town 39 North, Range 10 West, thence North 10 degrees East along the Northwesterly line of Block C in said subdivision 133 feet for the Point of Beginning,thence continuing along the Northwesterly line of Block C 98 teet, thence West perpendiculer to said line 132 feet, thence South parallel with said line 98 feet, thence Easterly perpendicular to said line 132 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 27, Town 39 North, Range 10 West. (parcel 013-227-029-00)

B. All rights to the ebove described reel estate of persons claiming under Defendants is hereby extinguished.

C. Service of the Judgment upon Defendant shall be made by publication pursuant to MCR 2.106(D)(1).

D. A certified copy of this Judgment shall be recorded with the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix.

THIS JUDGMENT RESOLVES THE LAST PENDING CLAIM AND CLOSES THIS CASE.
Richard M. Pajtas (P18594)
Circuit Judge
Date entered: December 10, 2004

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATfON OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Robert R. Graves and Linda T. Graves, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 3, 2000, and was recorded on October 6, 2000 in Liber 398 on pages 393 through 399 of the Charlevoix County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $2,395.46, including interest at 9% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, January 21, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and eny texes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.

The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

Date: December 9, 2004

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010757-DE

Estate of Debra Jean Taylor
Date of Birth: June 19, 1961

NOTfCE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Debra Jean Taylor, who lived at 10523 Spring St., Charlevoix, Michigan died May 25, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michael Taylor, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 16, 2004

William D. Yahne P22604
124 E. Chisholm St.
Alpena, MI 49707
(989) 358-9266

Michael Taylor
10523 Spring St.
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 439-0997

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S TRUST

DOUGLAS H. TRACY TRUST NO. 1 U/A/D OCTOBER 19, 1993

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DOUGLAS H. TRACY, who lived at 6050-10 Pine Lake Club Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan died October 27, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Peggy A. Tracy named Trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 15, 2004
Bemick, Omer, Radner & Ouellete, P.C.
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church located at 05291 M-66 North is having a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. If there is a critical need before the regular time, please call the church office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Angel Flight 777

In honor of the Christmas season, the Ragamuffin Adult Theatre Troupe will be presenting, free of charge, Angel Flight 777 at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22 and Thursday, Dec. 23 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 15144 Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix. For more information, please visit our web site at www.ragamuffintheatre.com or call 237-9686.

Men's night

Men will have the opportunity to shop at the Second Annual Men's Night from 5 to 9 p.m., on Dec. 23, at participating Charlevoix stores. Men will have assistance in choosing the perfect holiday gift or gifts while they enjoy refreshments. This event provides an opportunity for ladies to visit participating stores before Men's Night to create a "wish list" for the gift or gifts that they really want. Each store keeps the "wish list" on hand and calls the person of your choice and invites him to Men's Night.

Christmas services

Candlelight services will welcome the Christ child on Christmas Eve at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix.

An informal family worship service at 7 p.m. will feature children bringing to the nativity altar the holy family and stable animals. Carols will be sung and the Christmas story told. Family members will share special music. Singing "Silent Night" by candlelight will be the climax celebration.

A traditional lessons and carols Service at 11 p.m. will celebrate the Saviors birth. As the Messiah Prophecy and Christmas story is read from the Bible, corresponding carols will be sung. At midnight, a circle of candlelight will welcome the Christ child with "Silent Night" echoing throughout the sanctuary. All are welcome. The church is located at 101 State Street, one block west of Bridge Street, on the way to the Charlevoix lighthouse.

Eucharist Rite II

Christ Episcopal Church of Charlevoix will be celebrating Holy Eucharist Rite II each Sunday throughout the winter at 10 a.m. A Nursery is available during the service. Following the 10 a.m. worship service there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments. The Tuesday Prayer Group meets beginning at 5:30 p.m. on each Tuesday. A support/play group for mothers and small children meets at 10 a.m. every Wednesday in the Fellowship undercroft. A short service celebrating Holy Communion is at 12:15 p.m. each Wednesday. On Saturdays between 7:30 and 9 a.m. the Community Men's Breakfast begins at the Community Church of the Nazarene for study and prayer followed by breakfast at the Flapjack Shack.

Blood drive

The Charlevoix Area Hospital will hold a community blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 30.

Worship service

A Community Worship/Intercession Service is being offered on Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 4, 2005 at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church located at 05291 M-66. Live worship music with an emphasis on prayer for the local community, region, state, as well as our national and world events and leaders. Communion will be offered. Everyone is invited to attend with children being welcome. Nursery not provided. For more information, please contact the church office at 547-6430.

CPR, First Aid

The Charlevoix Area Hospital is once again offering CPR and First Aid Classes.

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid Courses are scheduled:

- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 Adult Heartsaver CPR in Classroom B.
- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B.
- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Story hour

Charlevoix Public Library offers story hour every Thursday morning. Beginning at 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. Lapsit for children 0-3, followed by traditional story hour 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for children 3 to 5. Call 547-2651 for more information.

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Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

The 1940 Charlevoix the Beautiful directory has a wealth of information about the people and times of that era. It was complete with a map of the city streets, and all the listings of the population, making it a most interesting book to peruse.

The following people certainly made for colorful and memorable times. Charles and Pauline Hamlin lived at 302 Nettleton. Charlie was an insurance agent. Their children were Patricia and Thomas, who was my age. Ethel Hamlin was a widow (Henry) who lived at 203 Burns with her children, Helen May and Herbert. Nelle Hammond was a widow (Oakley) who lived at 209 E. Dixon with her daughter, Helen Jean. Luther and Irma Hannah and their son, William, lived at 112 E. Upright. Andrew Hansen owned the DX Service at 100 Antrim on the southwest corner of Antrim and State. He was a Studebaker car representative. He and his wife, Louisa, lived on Norwood Road, in the house directly across the road from the present Charlevoix Senior Center. His phone number was 7015-F2, which was the typical party line number. Phones that were other than party, were two and three digits. Their son, Bill, was a clerk at the Charlevoix Terminal Co., and lived on Norwood Road. Lillian was the chief operator at Michigan Bell Telephone Co., and lived at 801 Bridge.

Fred Hardy and wife Hilma, lived at 801 Grant. He was in the Coast Guard. Their children were Richard, David, Donald and Joyce. Jud Hardy was a carpenter and he and his wife, Edith, lived at 102 Green Street with their children. Lyla M., Lylas I., Kenneth and Richard. Barney Harrington and wife, Marie, lived at 104 W. Garfield with their daughter, Eleanor. He was a mason. Doris Harrington also lived there. Earl and Ann Harrington lived at 219 Antrim with their son, Thomas. Earl was a meat cutter. Thomas was in my grade at school. John and Daisy Harsha lived at 409 Michigan Avenue. Lillie Belle Hartwell was a widow (Thomas), and lived at 610 Norwood Road. Elmer (Pat) Hawley and wife, Esther, lived at 300 E. Dixon. He was a cashier at the Charlevoix County State Bank. Esther was a teacher in the Charlevoix Public Schools. Bertha Heise was a widow (William) and lived at 813 State. Charles and Clare Heise lived at 817 State Street, with their daughter, Joan. He was the owner of the Charlevoix Coal and Ice Co. He was also a city alderman. Clarence and Alice Heise lived at 821 State Street. Clarence was the Chief of Police. Clarence (Bud) Heise was a fisherman and lived at 218 W. Upright. Edward Heise and wife, Laura, lived at 104 Mason. He owned a plumbing, tinning and heating company. Their son, Edward C., lived there, also. Paul Heise lived at 218 W. Upright, as did Robert, who was a driver.

William and Carrie Heise lived at 311 Mason. He was a laborer. Their daughter, Ruth, and son, Glenn, also lived there. Glenn was a driver. Ilo and Virginia Helms lived at 105 Wood. He was a clerk at the A&P store. Their son was Norman. Bert Helms was a janitor at the court house. He and his wife, Clara, lived at 305 State. Charles Hendricksen and wife, Mary, lived at 310 Mason. He was a fisherman. Rasmus and Alga Hendricksen lived at 314 Mason. They were all neighbors of Dale when he was young.

Erwin (Sonny) Belly told the story about riding in the back seat of Ras' big green 1938 Oldsmobile with a group of fishermen heading for their tug that was stationed in Leland for the winter. The men were commercial fishermen, and worked with Ras. The Charlevoix harbor was frozen, and they couldn't get in or out of it. They got in the vicinity of the forty-fifth parallel marker, north of Elk Rapids. They came upon a school bus. The bus had "Caution School Bus" written on the back door. Sonny made the remark "Look! There's the Caution school bus. He said to Ras, "I wonder where Caution is." Ras answered him and said "It must be over east of here somewhere." Sonny enjoyed telling that story for years. He was in his glory telling a story.

Dallas Henry and his wife, Dorothy owned and operated the Henry D. Barber and Beauty Shop at 409 Bridge. They and their daughters, Donna and Jon, lived at 204 State Street. Donald Herrick and wife, Kathryn lived at 304 E. Dixon. He was the Charlevoix City Superintendent, and Secretary of the Charlevoix Board of Commerce. Their children were, Donald, Paula and Roxanne. Alonzo Hewitt was a carpenter, and lived at 213 W. Lincoln with his wife, Grace, and Emerel Howe, their grandson.

Anna Higman was reporter for the *Charlevoix Courier*. She lived at 109 E. Upright. William Higman was a carpenter and lived at 109 E. Upright. He was the father of Anna. Ernest Hiller was Vice President of the Charlevoix County State Bank, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Charlevoix Lumber Company, which he owned. He and his wife, Christine and daughter, Annabel, lived at 304 Antrim. James, their son, was driver for the company. Lee was a student at the time. Catherine Himebauch was a widow (Daniel), and lived at 107 W. Upright. Virgina Hoelzle was an English teacher at Charlevoix Schools and lived at 409 Antrim. The house at 409 Antrim was a boarding house where many of the single school teachers boarded. It was owned by Frank and Mary Bird. They called it the Bird's Nest. Dale remembers they all ate breakfast there.

Bernard and Bertha Hoffman and children, Duba Jean, Bernard Jr. and Ralph lived at 704 Sherman. He was a laborer. Ralph Hoffman lived at 307 W. Upright. He was a laborer, also. Theodore and Charlotte Hoffman and children, Ruth, Robert M., Shirley, Joan and James, lived at 208 W. Upright. He was a laborer. Patrick and Lena Holland and Vernice, lived at 318 Antrim. Elva Holm lived at Carpenter and State. Louis Holm lived at 210 1/2 Mason. His wife was Edith. Their son was Gene L. Albert and Coral Holmes made their home at 314 Clinton. Albert was an excellent stone and brick mason. On cold winter mornings, Dale was invited into their living room, where they had a big, beautiful hard coal burner stove. It was made so that the fire could be seen burning from all four sides. He would warm his hands, and then continue on his milk route. Alida Holmes was a teacher. Ivan and Beatrice Holmes lived at 208 Nichols. He owned the Model Home Laundry at 101 Clinton with Sam Sorensen.

Harry Hooker and wife, Rose, lived at 108-110 Antrim where Hookers Horses and Garage was located. This was on the State and Antrim corner where the Oleson Complex now stands. I remember the business there, and watching Charlevoix kids riding the horses through town to the paddock on the north side. It was a fenced in enclosure on the corner of Burns and Division streets. It was a busy place in the summer, where resort kids could ride the horses. The Hooker children were Harrison, Beverly, Charles and Harriet. Lucy Hooker also lived with them. She was a widow (Mark).

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Area events

Food pantry

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Angel Flight 777

In honor of the Christmas season, the Ragamuffin Adult Theatre Troupe will be presenting, free of charge, Angel Flight 777 at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22 and Thursday, Dec. 23 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 15144 Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix. For more information, please visit our web site at www.ragamuffintheatre.com or call 237-9686.

Men's night

Men will have the opportunity to shop at the Second Annual Men's Night from 5 to 9 p.m., on Dec. 23, at participating Charlevoix stores. Men will have assistance in choosing the perfect holiday gift or gifts while they enjoy refreshments. This event provides an opportunity for ladies to visit participating stores before Men's Night to create a "wish list" for the gift or gifts that they really want. Each store keeps the "wish list" on hand and calls the person of your choice and invites him to Men's Night.

Christmas services

Candlelight services will welcome the Christ child on Christmas Eve at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix.

An informal family worship service at 7 p.m. will feature children bringing to the nativity altar the holy family and stable animals. Carols will be sung and the Christmas story told. Family members will share special music. Singing "Silent Night" by candlelight will be the climax celebration.

A traditional lessons and carols Service at 11 p.m. will celebrate the Saviors birth. As the Messiah Prophecy and Christmas story is read from the Bible, corresponding carols will be sung. At midnight, a circle of candlelight will welcome the Christ child with "Silent Night" echoing throughout the sanctuary. All are welcome. The church is located at 101 State Street, one block west of Bridge Street, on the way to the Charlevoix lighthouse.

Eucharist Rite II

Christ Episcopal Church of Charlevoix will be celebrating Holy Eucharist Rite II each Sunday throughout the winter at 10 a.m. A Nursery is available during the service. Following the 10 a.m. worship service there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments. The Tuesday Prayer Group meets beginning at 5:30 p.m. on each Tuesday. A support/play group for mothers and small children meets at 10 a.m. every Wednesday in the Fellowship undercroft. A short service celebrating Holy Communion is at 12:15 p.m. each Wednesday. On Saturdays between 7:30 and 9 a.m. the Community Men's Breakfast begins at the Community Church of the Nazarene for study and prayer followed by breakfast at the Flapjack Shack.

Blood drive

The Charlevoix Area Hospital will hold a community blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 30.

Worship service

A Community Worship/Intercession Service is being offered on Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 4, 2005 at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church located at 05291 M-66. Live worship music with an emphasis on prayer for the local community, region, state, as well as our national and world events and leaders. Communion will be offered. Everyone is invited to attend with children being welcome. Nursery not provided. For more information, please contact the church office at 547-6430.

CPR, First Aid

The Charlevoix Area Hospital is once again offering CPR and First Aid Classes.

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid Courses are scheduled:

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- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B.
- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Story hour

Charlevoix Public Library offers story hour every Thursday morning. Beginning at 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. Lapsit for children 0-3, followed by traditional story hour 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for children 3 to 5. Call 547-2651 for more information.

Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday.

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Writer continues tour of 1940s Charlevoix

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'Days gone by'

The 1940 Charlevoix the Beautiful directory has a wealth of information about the people and times of that era. It was complete with a map of the city streets, and all the listings of the population, making it a most interesting book to peruse.

The following people certainly made for colorful and memorable times. Charles and Pauline Hamlin lived at 302 Nettleton. Charlie was an insurance agent. Their children were Patricia and Thomas, who was my age. Ethel Hamlin was a widow (Henry) who lived at 203 Burns with her children, Helen May and Herbert. Nelle Hammond was a widow (Oakley) who lived at 209 E. Dixon with her daughter, Helen Jean. Luther and Irma Hannah and their son, William, lived at 112 E. Upright. Andrew Hansen owned the DX Service at 100 Antrim on the southwest corner of Antrim and State. He was a Studebaker car representative. He and his wife, Louisa, lived on Norwood Road, in the house directly across the road from the present Charlevoix Senior Center. His phone number was 7015-F2, which was the typical party line number. Phones that were other than party, were two and three digits. Their son, Bill, was a clerk at the Charlevoix Terminal Co., and lived on Norwood Road. Lillian was the chief operator at Michigan Bell Telephone Co., and lived at 801 Bridge.

Fred Hardy and wife Hilma, lived at 801 Grant. He was in the Coast Guard. Their children were Richard, David, Donald and Joyce. Jud Hardy was a carpenter and he and his wife, Edith, lived at 102 Green Street with their children, Lyla M., Lylas I., Kenneth and Richard. Barney Harrington and wife, Marie, lived at 104 W. Garfield with their daughter, Eleanor. He was a mason. Doris Harrington also lived there. Earl and Ann Harrington lived at 219 Antrim with their son, Thomas. Earl was a meat cutter. Thomas was in my grade at school. John and Daisy Harsha lived at 409 Michigan Avenue. Lillie Belle Hartwell was a widow (Thomas), and lived at 610 Norwood Road. Elmer (Pat) Hawley and wife, Esther, lived at 300 E. Dixon. He was a cashier at the Charlevoix County State Bank. Esther was a teacher in the Charlevoix Public Schools. Bertha Heise was a widow (William) and lived at 813 State. Charles and Clare Heise lived at 817 State Street, with their daughter, Joan. He was the owner of the Charlevoix Coal and Ice Co. He was also a city alderman. Clarence and Alice Heise lived at 821 State Street. Clarence was the Chief of Police. Clarence (Bud) Heise was a fisherman and lived at 218 W. Upright. Edward Heise and wife, Laura, lived at 104 Mason. He owned a plumbing, tinning and heating company. Their son, Edward C., lived there, also. Paul Heise lived at 218 W. Upright, as did Robert, who was a driver.

William and Carrie Heise lived at 311 Mason. He was a laborer. Their daughter, Ruth, and son, Glenn, also lived there. Glenn was a driver. Ilo and Virginia Helms lived at 105 Wood. He was a clerk at the A&P store. Their son was Norman. Bert Helms was a janitor at the court house. He and his wife, Clara, lived at 305 State. Charles Hendricksen and wife, Mary, lived at 310 Mason. He was a fisherman. Rasmus and Alga Hendricksen lived at 314 Mason. They were all neighbors of Dale when he was young.

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Dallas Henry and his wife, Dorothy owned and operated the Henry D. Barber and Beauty Shop at 409 Bridge. They and their daughters, Donna and Jon, lived at 204 State Street. Donald Herrick and wife, Kathryn lived at 304 E. Dixon. He was the Charlevoix City Superintendent, and Secretary of the Charlevoix Board of Commerce. Their children were, Donald, Paula and Roxanne. Alonzo Hewitt was a carpenter, and lived at 213 W. Lincoln with his wife, Grace, and Emerel Howe, their grandson.

Anna Higman was reporter for the *Charlevoix Courier*. She lived at 109 E. Upright. William Higman was a carpenter and lived at 109 E. Upright. He was the father of Anna. Ernest Hiller was Vice President of the Charlevoix County State Bank, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Charlevoix Lumber Company, which he owned. He and his wife, Christine and daughter, Annabel, lived at 304 Antrim. James, their son, was driver for the company. Lee was a student at the time. Catherine Himebauch was a widow (Daniel), and lived at 107 W. Upright. Virgina Hoelzle was an English teacher at Charlevoix Schools and lived at 409 Antrim. The house at 409 Antrim was a boarding house where many of the single school teachers boarded. It was owned by Frank and Mary Bird. They called it the Bird's Nest. Dale remembers they all ate breakfast there.

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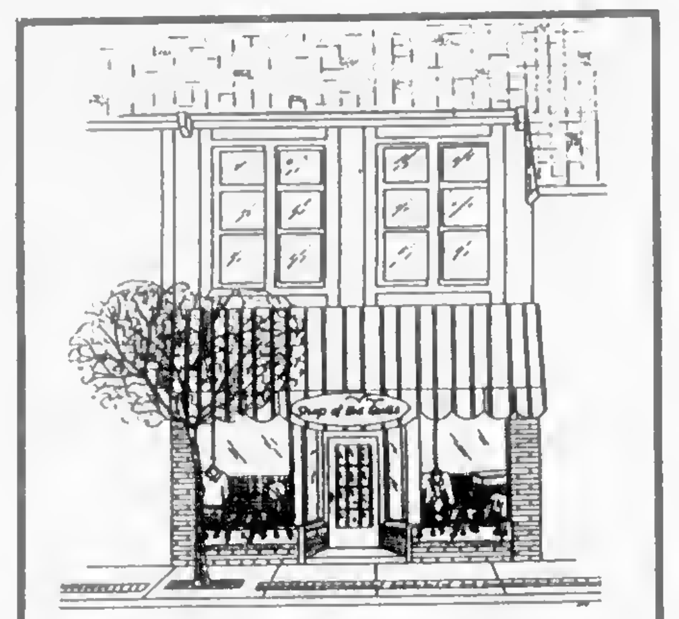

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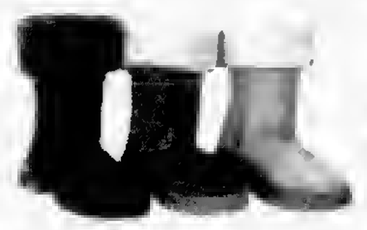

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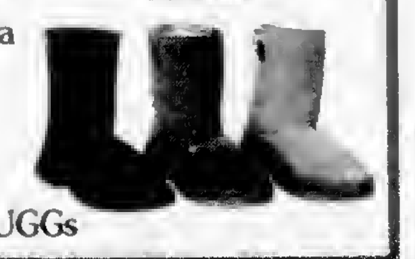

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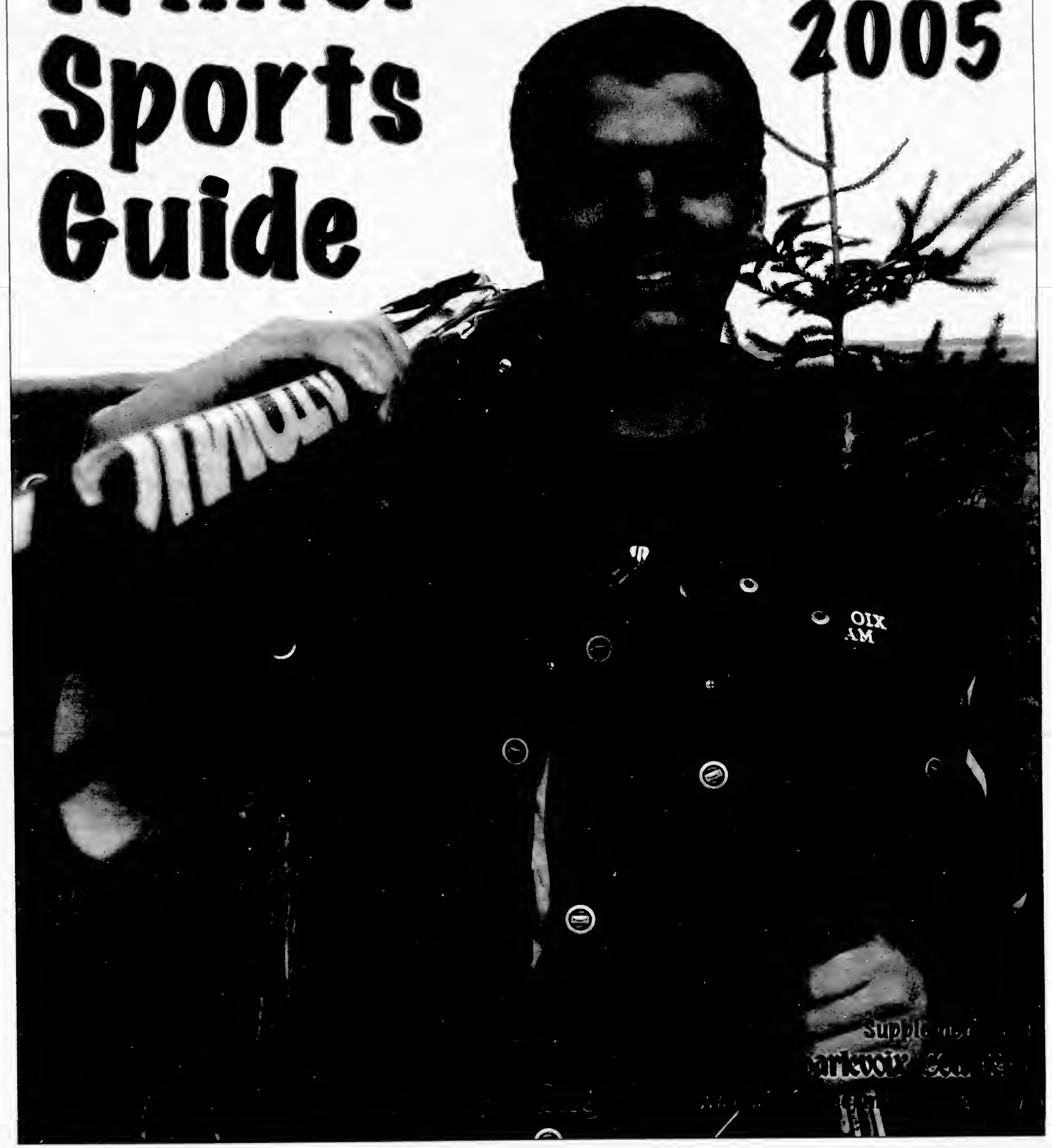

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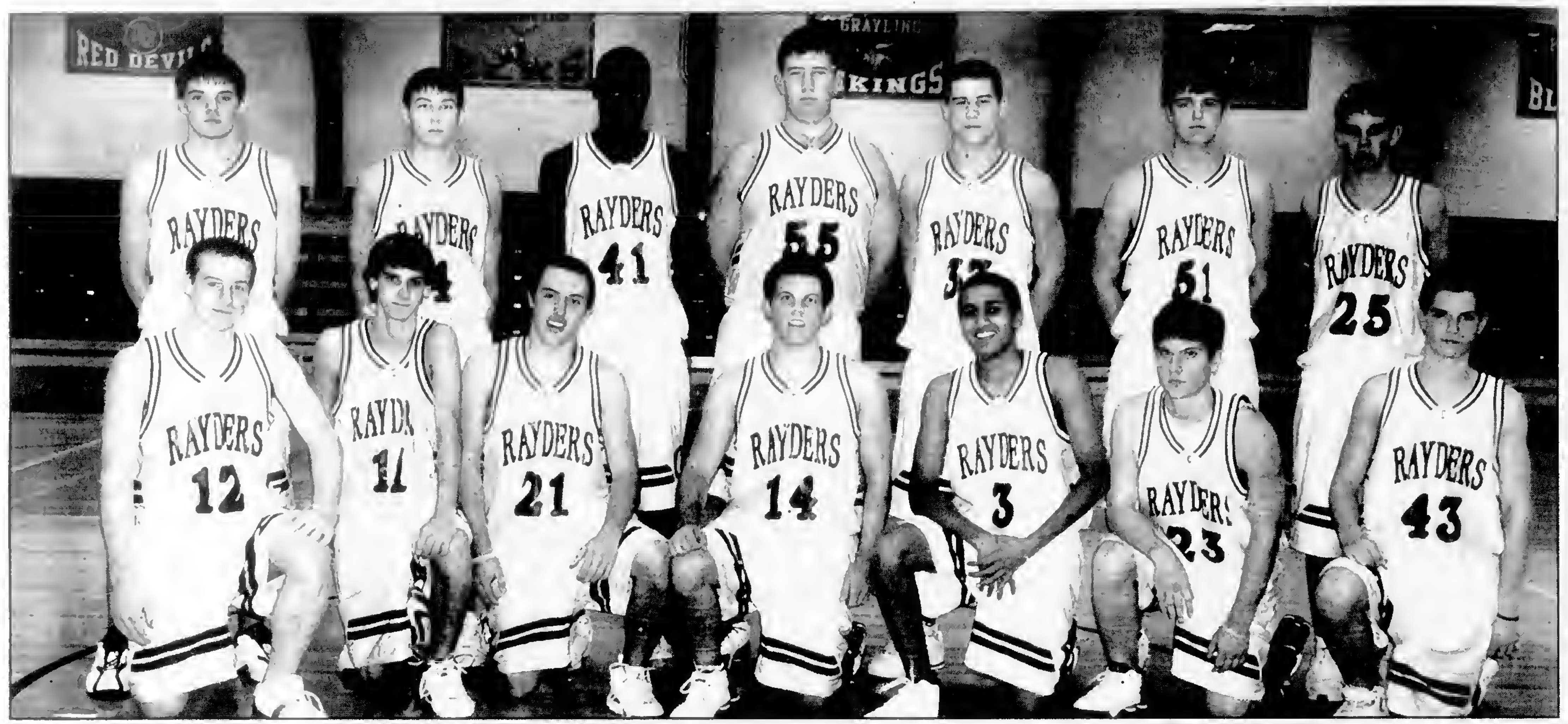

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Basketball team to have different look

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

The Charlevoix High School basketball team will look a little different this year, according to coach Keith Haske.

After coming off of a very successful season last year — the team was second in the state finals — Haske lost many of his tall players to graduation. This year he finds himself with a slightly smaller team in height, but they make up for it with their quickness.

"This year we are going to be more quick and more dependent on the perimeter game," Haske said.

He said his players are tenacious and strong, which is their strong suit. However, he said their size is a weakness, so he will have to find ways to overcome it when they face larger teams.

This year's team is:

Jared Hunt, one of the returning players from last year. Haske said this 6 foot, 1 inch player does a great job on both ends of the court.

Cody Crain, a three year varsity player. Haske said he is showing tremendous improvement from last year.

Ben Bergmann, another three year varsity player. Haske said he has some great athletic abilities and has jumped up a notch this year.

Jake Teuscher, the last of the famed Teuscher boys. Haske said his game has stepped up from last year. He is a very tough kid, who really mixes it up in the paint.

Eddie Waldron, a 6 foot, 3 inch junior. Waldron is "pretty rugged," Haske said. He is expected to get better and better as the season progresses.

Phil Steen, another returning player. Haske said he has stepped up from last year. He has great athletic abilities and is a great shot blocker.

Sparky Nitchman, a senior in the perimeter spot. Haske expects him to make more of a contribution this year. He added he is very quick.

Matt Kautz, a sophomore. Haske also expects him to make big contributions to the team this year.

Tyler Haske, a sophomore. Haske said he handles the ball very well and is one of the best passers on the team.

Derek Friske, a 6 foot, 3 inch sophomore. Haske said this big guy plays well in the paint and will get tougher through the year.

Michael Wojan, the guts of the team. Haske said he is a very hard worker and a great team player. He added he loves having him on the team.

Lastly is the first freshman Haske has ever called up to the varsity team, Dustin Dibble. Haske said he is a shooting guard that is a pretty talented player. He is an excellent shooter, ball handler and an all around great kid.

As for the league, Haske said the Rayders are not the favorites.

"We will be in the mix hopefully," he said.

Haske will be looking out for St. Francis, Kalkaska and Harbor Springs, all very good schools.

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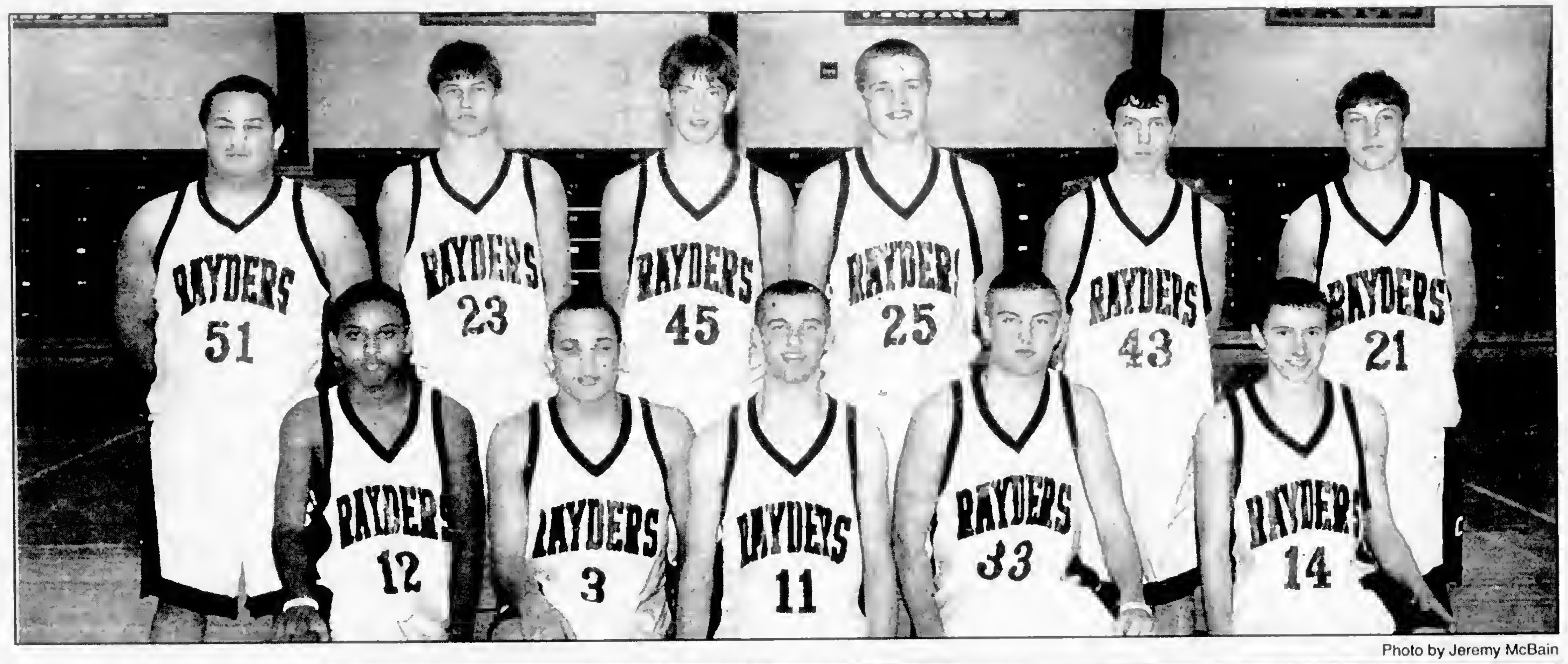

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(Above) The junior varsity basketball team is, (front, from left) Darron Munson, Kyle Jones, Matt Kanine, Brad Cyr, Billy Roloff, (back) Ray Jones, Austin Wilhelm, Trevor Mays, Chris Waha, Andrew Russell, Daniel Swenor. (Right) The freshman basketball team, (front, from left) Nate LaBlance, Chase Beatty, Sam Balasz, Garrett Troppman, Travis Johnstone, (back) Jacob Hunt, Ethan Towsley, Hunter Boss, Corey Gatshall, Trevor Cole, Ty Telgenhof, Cliff Jones and coach Bryan Hawkins.

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VOLLEYBALL

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(Left) The varsity volleyball team is (front, from left) Kari Way, Theresa Martin, (middle) team manager Anam Minhas, Liz Jadwin, Zita Anderson, Emily Heffling, Genevieve Kochanny, (back) Coach Liz Grunch, Sonya Plude, Ashlie Bradley, Bethany Pearson, Betsey Dennis and Salley Haselschwardt. (Above) The junior varsity volleyball team is (front, from left) Desi Faust, Lauren Dupuis, Gena Gaudio, Murphy Gillespie, Kim Way, Sasha Spencley, (back) coach Audra Randall, Lauren Bradley, Janay Drost, Caitlin Taylor, Mia Matchett, Robyn Petzak.

Volleyball team looking strong this year

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

While the Charlevoix varsity volleyball team has not had many practices yet, coach Liz Grunch is confident they will do well this season.

Grunch said while she has a pretty young team — out of 11 total players, three are juniors and four are sophomores — the Rayders are coming off of a strong season last year. Last year, the girls' volleyball team won the league championship and were the district champion.

"We will be very competitive in the league and as time goes by we will get stronger and better," she said.

Grunch has three key players this year. First is Theresa Martin, who did not get a lot of time last year due to injuries, but Grunch believes this will be her year to shine.

Second is Kari Way. Way plays on the left side of the court and is known as a power hitter.

Third is Betsey Dennis. Dennis is a great all-around player and a great passer.

Grunch also is expecting strong plays from many other players on the team.

Sophomore setter Zita Anderson is one of those. Due to her strong athletic abilities, Grunch feels she will be a very good setter.

"Early on it will be a struggle, but she is an athlete, she will pick up on it quickly," she said.

Another strong player will be Sally Haselschwardt, who will be playing on the right side of the court. Grunch said she has pretty good power and this is her second year on varsity.

Sonya Plude will also be a go-to person on the court. Grunch said she is working hard to gain a starting position in the back row. She is a great server and a smart defensive player.

Next up is Emily Heffling. Heffling was brought up as a defensive specialist. She is quick, can get to the ball and has the potential to be a great passer.

Bethany Pearson and Ashlie Bradley will be playing in the middle of the court. Grunch said both girls are pretty tall and have a lot of athletic abilities.

Lastly is Genevieve Kochanny and Liz Jadwin. Grunch said these two girls have a lot of desire to do well this year.

Grunch lost four girls from last year's team to graduation.

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VOLLEYBALL

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(Above) The freshman volleyball team is (front, from left) Sarah Titus, Krystal Brannon-Bales, Michelle Burke, (middle) Bethany Brodin, Kandis Way, Emily Foster, Caitlin Mitchell, Jessica Gauthier, (back) Laura Larsen, Amelia Meier, Shelby Goss, Chelsea Biddick and Emily Yager. (Right) The cheerleading team is (front, from left) Ashley Price, Sam White, Amber Smith, Shecolby Green, (back) Kayla Schneider, Krystal Comber,. Cristalle Pohlman, Nina Kewagshken.

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SKIING

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The ski team is (front, from left) Andrew Mallory, Geoff Baier, Jennifer Rich, Michelle Fritsch, Kristin Dupuis, Nic Williams, Ian Thomas, (second) Logan Priess, Sean Thomas, Nicholas Heid, Zack Lake, Jeff Miller, Cameron Attee, Billy Brodin and coach Sue Miller.

Ski team young but filled with experience

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Charlevoix ski team coach Sue Miller said her team may be young, but it is experienced.

The team has only three senior girls and one senior boy, out of 29 on the team.

"We have a lot of freshmen, but a lot of them came from the middle school program (in East Jordan). And most of mine from Charlevoix were on the team last year," Miller said.

The Charlevoix ski team is composed of students from Charlevoix High School and students from East Jordan High School. At the time of the interview for this story, the team had not had a practice on the mountains yet.

Miller also said she has some returning lettermen who should be pretty good this year.

"They will be consistent and grouped in the results," Miller said.

"As I discussed with them in looking at the year, the end result our goal is to stay consistent and work for that ultimate goal (state finals)."

She added, "We may be young, but we have a strong chance of reaching that final facet."

Miller said the team is committed to this goal and they have been working together wonderfully, which adds to the team's strength.

"With the experience they bring and being such a great group of kids, who have a love of the sport, that is their strengths," Miller said.

The weakness is that many of them have not competed at the high school level before. This means they will be taking part in different meets than what they are used to.

In middle school, the meets are made up of only one event, the giant slalom. However, in high school, the meets are composed of the giant slalom and the slalom.

As for the competition this year, Miller said many of the strong teams from the past have lost their strong skiers to graduation last year. So, this year, many of those formerly strong teams are facing a rebuilding year.

"We might have that extra edge...," Miller said.

However, she stopped short of making any predictions.

"I don't want to jinx it," she said.

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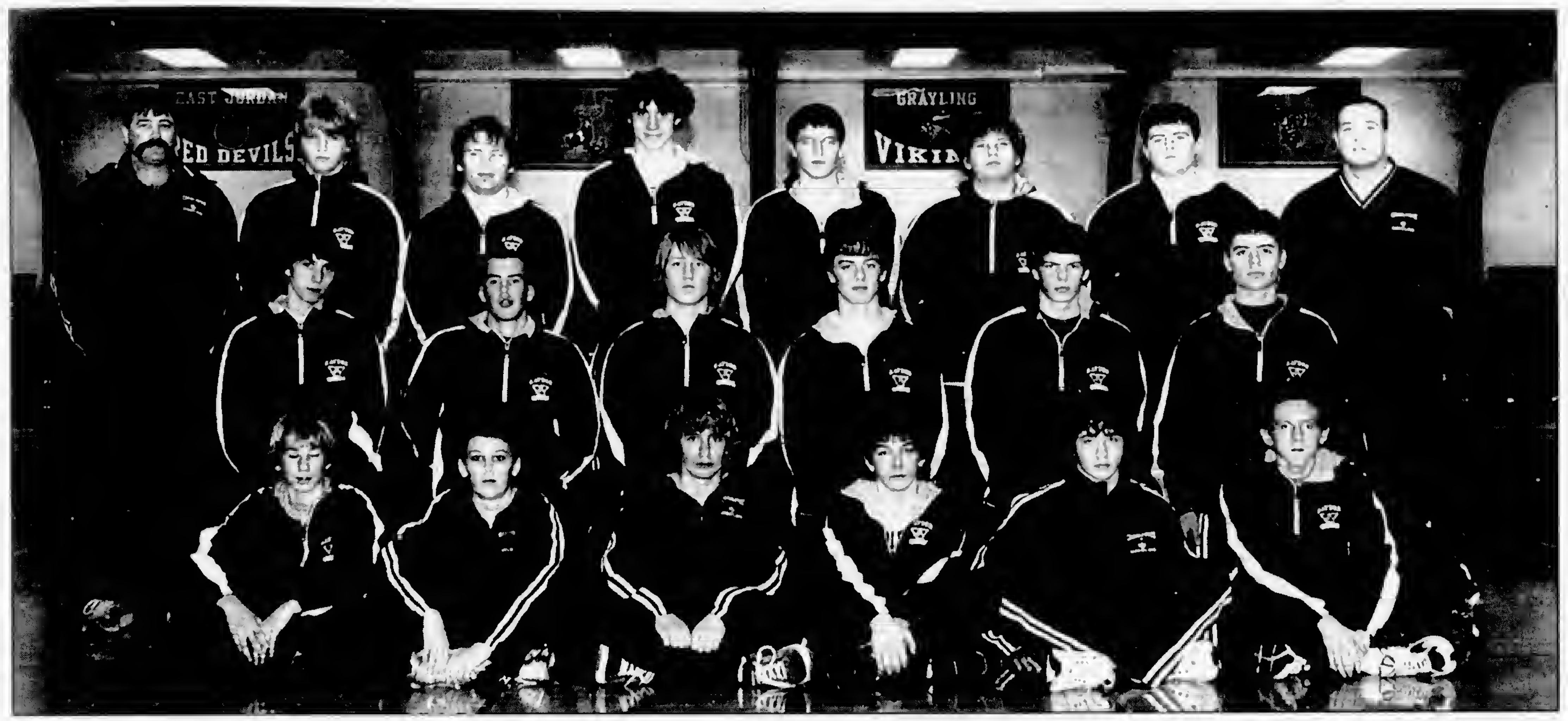

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The wrestling team is (front, from left) Woody Nitchman, Kris Bartling, Clinton Longley, Spencer Hankins, Nathan Golovich, Dustin Arp, (middle) Nick Gotshall, Zach Scharenbroch, Jed Daman, Matt Novotny, R.J. Moore, Drew Klooster, (back) head coach Craig Golovich, Shannon Gillespie, Jaimen Waha, Jeff Golovich, Nate Tripplehorn, Drew Marsh, Patt Russell and assitant coach Nick Gould.

Wrestling team looks better than ever

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

According to Charlevoix wrestling coach Craig Golovich, the team is looking real good this year.

"We have all of our weights full for the first time in years," he said.

On top of that, all of his wrestlers are performing quite well.

"The program is looking up. It is the best I have seen in years," he said.

In fact, as of last week, the Rayder wrestling team has only had one loss to St. Ignace on a tie-breaker. Individually, while Golovich was shy about naming one standout grappler about the rest, he mentioned Nick Gotshall has only had one loss so far.

"As a team they are doing great," he said.

The only problem the team is facing this year, Golovich said, is injuries. This year, three of his juniors could not come out for the team due to injuries.

"As long as we stay healthy we should do well," he said.

This year's wrestling team is also very young, which could mean good things for the future of the program. With younger wrestlers, more return for following years, thus bringing more experience to the team.

The only senior on the team is Jaimen Waha. Juniors are Jed Daman, Shannon Gillespie, Jeff Golovich, Drew Marsh and Matt Novotny. Sophomores are Nick Gotshall, Spencer Hankins, Drew Klooster, Pat Russell and Nathan Tripplehorn. Freshmen are Chris Bartling, Clinton Longley, R.J. Moore and Woody Nitchman.

The next home meet for the Charlevoix wrestlers is at 6 p.m., Jan. 13. The popular Charlevoix tournament is at 10 a.m., Jan. 22 with nine schools attending.

Golovich said what makes his tournament so popular is that only take downs are counted. The guy with the most take downs wins.

"We used to do this in the 70s and early 80s. The kids really like it," Golovich said.

Because of this, a lot of schools have wanted to take part in it. Last year, Golovich had five schools attend and this year he expanded it to nine.

As for how he believes the team will finish overall, Golovich pointed out most of the schools in the district are very strong.

"I am not making any predictions. They are all very tough," he said.

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December 22	Wed.	10:00 a.m.	HERE CHS Takedown Tournament
January 27	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Grayling
January 29	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Gaylord Northern MI Invit.
February 3	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Rudyard (Quad)
February 5	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Houghton Lake JV Invitational
February 12	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Petoskey B Team Invitational
February 17	Thursday	TBA	Div. IV Team Districts at Onaway
February 19	Saturday	TBA	Div. IV Individ. Districts at Rogers City
February 23	Wed.	TBA	Regionals (Team)
February 26	Saturday	TBA	Regionals (Individual)
March 5-6		TBA	Finals (Team)
March 11-13		TBA	Finals (Individual)

Varsity Coach: Craig Golovich

SKI TEAM

January 4	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Petoskey-Harbor Invit. at BH
January 6	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Boyne City/Charlevoix/East Jordan at BM
January 13	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Harbor Springs at Nub's Nob
January 20	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Elk Rapids/Grayling/TCSF at 8M
January 27	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Boyne City/Charlevoix/East Jordan at BM
February 3	Thursday	Make-up Date	
February 5	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Boyne Mt. Invitational at BM
February 7	Monday		Manistee Invit. at Crystal Mtn.
February 17	Thursday		Regionals
February 23	Wed.		LMC Championship at Nub's Nob
February 28	Monday		MHSAA State Championship at Marquette

Varsity Coach: Sue Miller

FRESHMAN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

January 6	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
January 10	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
January 13	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
January 17	Monday	6:00 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs w/Grayling
January 20	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT TC St. Francis
January 27	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
January 29	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Ellsworth Invit.
January 31	Monday	6:00 p.m.	Boyne City
February 3	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
February 10	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
February 12	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Harbor Springs Invit.
February 17	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Grayling w/Harbor Springs
February 21	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis
February 24	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Kalkaska

Freshman Coach: Marie Votovsek

VARSITY & J.V. BASKETBALL

January 4	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Petoskey
January 7	Friday	6:00 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
January 11	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Grayling
January 14	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Traverse City St. Francis
January 17	Monday	6:00 p.m.	AT Boyne City
January 21	Friday	6:00 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
January 25	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
January 28	Friday	6:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
February 1	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Glen Lake
February 4	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs
February B	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Grayling
February 11	Friday	6:00 p.m.	AT TC St. Francis
February 15	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
February 18	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
February 22	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Petoskey
February 25	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
February 28-Mar. 5			Districts at East Jordan
March 8-12			Regionals at Petoskey
March 15		7:00 p.m.	Quarter Finals at Cheboygan
March 17-18		1:00 p.m.	Semi-Finals at 8reslin Center
March 19		12:00 p.m.	Finals at 8reslin Center

Head Coach: Keith Haske JV Coach: Bret Erskine

FRESHMAN BOY'S BASKETBALL

January 4	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Petoskey
January 7	Friday	4:15 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
January 11	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Grayling

FRESHMAN BOY'S BASKETBALL (Cntd.)

January 14	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis
January 17	Monday	4:15 p.m.	AT 8oyne City
January 21	Friday	4:15 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
January 24	Monday	5:30 p.m.	AT Bellaire
January 25	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
January 28	Friday	4:15 p.m.	AT East Jordan
February 1	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Glen Lake
February 4	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs
February 8	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	AT Grayling
February 11	Friday	4:15 p.m.	AT TC St. Francis
February 15	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
February 18	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
February 22	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Petoskey
February 25	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids

Freshman Coach: Bryan Hawkins

JV & VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

December 29	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	AT Leland Invitational
January 6	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
January 8	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AWAY Petoskey Invitational
January 8	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AWAY JV Cadillac Invitational
January 10	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
January 13	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
January 15	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT JV 8ulldog Invitational
January 17	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs/Grayling Fresh/JV at Harbor Springs w/Grayling
January 20	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Traverse City St. Francis
January 22	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Grandville Invitational
January 27	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
January 29	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	HERE Charlevoix Invitational
January 31	Monday	6:00 p.m.	AT 8oyne City
February 3	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
February 5	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	AT Suttons Bay Invitational
February 10	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
February 12	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Fresh/JV Harbor Springs Invit.
February 17	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs w/Grayling JV/Fresh at Grayling w/Harbor
February 21	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis
February 24	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
February 26	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Districts at Mancelona
March 5	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Regionals at Manton
March 8	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	HERE Quarter-Finals at Charlevoix
March 11	Friday	4:30 p.m.	AT Semi-Finals at Kalamazoo
March 12	Saturday	2:00 p.m.	AT Finals at Kalamazoo

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Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner wants the DDA to extend its life in order to help pay for the city marina and park project.

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McSauba open

Charlevoix's Mount McSauba opened for business last week.

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Senate trip

2004 was a busy year

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Top 10 stories of 2004 feature the mishaps, debates and decisions that occurred in Charlevoix.

Wal-Mart

Wal-Mart ended its push to build a 155,800 square foot supercenter in Charlevoix Township. The project was to be built on the south side of Charlevoix Township near the intersection of Marion Center Road and US-31.

Area residents against a Wal-Mart in the area formed the group This Is Our Town, Inc. The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority also did not support a Wal-Mart.

Aside from public resistance, the proposed site had some problems including a need to vacate Stover Road, wetlands issues and traffic flow concerns. The city of Charlevoix did not seem favorable to providing the site with sewer and electrical services.

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Berry Christmas

Recent snowfall covered the land with several inches of fresh powder over the holidays. These berries were capped with snow, accentuating their bright red color.

VFW seeking help in replacing items

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153 has been a staple in the community and will continue to be even though it has been physically destroyed by a fire.

Charlie Butcher, commander of Post 1153, said the insurance will only cover some of the costs of the fire and the rest have to be generated. VFW Post 1153 is currently accepting any donations.

"We will rebuild," he said.

The building that had been the home of Post 1153 since 1953 was lost during a fire that started around 2 a.m. on Dec. 10.

Many thought that arson might have been a factor due to the vandalism that occurred during the night between Nov. 18 and Nov. 19, when four rocks were thrown through two different windows. However, Spl./Sgt. Jerry Briolat of the Fire Investigation Unit of the Michigan Department of State Police said at the time the fire looked to be accidental.

He said in a previous interview that the cause of the fire was undetermined, but one of the highest probabilities was an electrical failure.

VFW Post 1153 received its charter on June 16, 1937 and has continuously served the community. The building that became

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District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Tammy Lee Corley, 43, Mancelona. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Brandon Michael Story, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend Impact Weekend; $100 in fines and costs.

Mario Michael Hill, 34, East Jordan. Two counts of controlled substance delivery/manufacturing marijuana, controlled substance imitation-manufacturing/distributing, controlled substance maintaining a drug house. Bound over to circuit court.

Douglas Jeffery Smith, 43, Boyne City. Impaired. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

Sharon G. Holbrook, 54, Cincinnati, Ohio. Operating while intoxicated. Twelve months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $950 in fines and costs.

Eric Lee Scott, 44, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes, must attend Impact Weekend; $950 in fines and costs.

Bradford Leighton Long, 19, Boulder, Colo. Failure to stop after a collision. Six months probation; 31 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 20 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $300 in fines and costs.

Victor Paul Urman, 42, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

David Leslie White, 36, Oden. Check-non-sufficent funds less than $100. Fines and costs totaling $431.41.

Nathaniel Robert Provost, 29, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. Nine months probation; 46 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,280 in fines and costs.

Rory Shawn Bremer, 36, Boyne Falls. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

William John Argue II, 45, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied, second or subsequent offense. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for seven days, serve 358 days.

William John Argue II, 45, Charlevoix. State Plumbing Act violation. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 86 days; $1,600 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Valley View Farm, 5018 South Waterman Road, by John C. Boyer.

Huckle Building Company, 10421 Wah-Bah-Noong, East Jordan, by Robert John Huckle.

Shipping Services Company, 10163 US-31 North, Charlevoix, by Lexalite International Corp.

Births

Kegan Scott Walden weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces, was born to Carleen Burks and Daryl Walden of Mancelona on Dec. 13, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Donaleen and Kenny Jr. Millard of Maryland and Dale and Daryl Walden of Michigan.

Cole Alan Diss-Marfuta weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Chad and Kelly Diss of Charlevoix on Dec. 22, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Cassidy, Kelsey and Camryn. Grandparents are Trish Marfuta of Charlevoix, Robert Marfuta of Warren and Steve and Peggy Diss of St. Helen.

William "Westley" Xavier Purdy weighing 6 poands, 12 ounces, was born to Anora and Jonathan Purdy of Charlevoix on Dec. 25, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are William and Linda Purdy of Charlevoix, Bobbie and Gary Powell of Brisbane, Australia, and Gary and Brenda Ruehle of Charlevoix.

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If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the *Charlevoix Courier*, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail news@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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Correction

In a story in last week's special winter sports supplement, that was included in the Charlevoix Courier, a story about the Charlevoix boys' basketball team left out two players. First, Chris Golski, who is on injured reserve, should have been included. Second, Matt Teuscher should have heen included. He is the youngest of the Teuscher boys and coach Keith Haske said he is a perimeter player who is just coming into his own.

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Wiesner proposing DDA extension for marina plan

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Who: Downtown Development Authority
What it is: A discussion on extending its life to pay for the Charlevoix marina and park plan
When: 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, today
Where: City hall

Downtown property owners may find themselves paying taxes to the Downtown Development Authority for longer than they had originally anticipated.

City Manager Michael Wiesner said he has recommended to the DDA that they update their Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan to incorporate the marina project. This would also allow the DDA more time to consider bonds instead of rushing to get them in before the 2013 deadline.

In 2013, the DDA's financing plan will come to an end, but the marina project will require a 20 year time period to repay the bonds used to finance the million dollar project.

The DDA is footing the bill for some of the project and will repay the bonds over the 20 year period. By extending the financing plan, Wiesner said the DDA can reconsider the whole plan and not have to worry about bond rates.

Wiesner said the city didn't look closely, but the marina may not qualify under the current DDA plan. However, he said the current finance plan that will expire in 2013 definitely wouldn't allow for a 20 year bond sale.

Downtown property owners would be expected to keep paying a tax until about 2024 or 2025, Wiesner said.

Wiesner said whether the DDA was there or not, the downtown property owners would still be paying the 1.3 mills required for operations.

By extending the DDA's finance plan, Wiesner said it will only extend the amount of time the DDA can get taxes from property owners but will not increase the current tax rate.

The 1.3 mills generated from the downtown property owners covers attorney fees for research on downtown and other costs. The captured money the DDA takes in is only used for construction purposes and can't be used for anything else.

Wiesner said he didn't have the exact figures, but about five percent of the money collected by the DDA comes from downtown property owners and about 95 percent comes from taxes collected on downtown properties before it's shared between other entities such as the Charlevoix Public Schools.

The authority will meet at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, today, in the city hall chambers at Charlevoix City Hall.

Sheriff: Don't get involved with new telemarketing call

Several citizens in Charlevoix County have received information via the telephone they are eligible for a grant, personal financial information is required by the caller.

The Charelvoix County Sheriff recommends, until further information is secured by the sheriff's office, citizens not become involved.

Historical society to add old English twist to party

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Instead of their traditional New Year's Eve party, the Charlevoix Historical Society is changing things up and bringing in 2005 in the spirit of Shakespeare.

On Jan. 5, the Charlevoix Historical Society, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club and the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will sponsor a Twelfth Night Party at the Depot.

The event is a fund-raiser to raise money for the maintenance and continued expansion of the Depot Heritage Garden.

Dave Miles, co-director of the Harsha House Museum, said interest in the New Year's Eve party had waned over the years and it was time to try something new.

Entrance to the Twelfth Night Party is $40 per person and will cover a film, dinner and dancing. Miles said a private showing of the film version of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" will start at 6 p.m. at Charlevoix Cinema III.

After the film, the party will then gather at 8 p.m. at the Depot where patrons can dine on various hors d'oeuvres, tomato basil soup, sandwiches, King's Cake, coffee, tea and wassail. Everyone attending their own event are to bring a beverage of their choice.

Music will fill the night air and dancing will occur in the Old English tradition.

Miles said costumes and masks are optional, but add to the spirit of the celebration. They also bring to life the world of Shakespearean characters and events.

To attend the party, send checks to the Charlevoix Historical Society, P.O. Box 525, Charlevoix, Mich., 49720.

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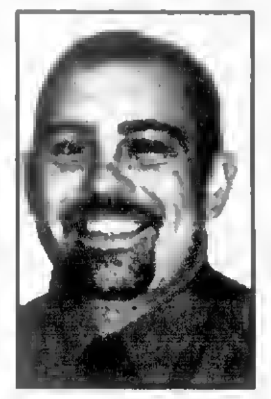
Writer takes a winter boat ride to the island



Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

Winter is officially here in Charlevoix once again.

The changing of the seasons in Charlevoix does not just mean the weather changes, but the sights and sounds of the community change as well. With it comes, snow-covered woods, strange ice mounds near the lakes created by the waves, bundled up residents shuffling through the snow to their home or business, slowly moving vehicles patiently traveling on slick roads, snowmobilers speeding gleefully across the fields and trails (hopefully not the yards) and many other sights.

Missing from our world are the throngs of shorts-wearing tourists, beaches filled with bathers, monstrous yachts filling up Round Lake, Florida license plates on vehicles and the Beaver Island ferry.

It is that last one that intrigues me most. It has fascinated me for the entire five years that I have been here. Like the birds that travel south for the winter and the animals that go into hibernation, the Beaver Island ferry makes its last trip of the year to sleep in its island harbor home. Like clockwork, once the snow starts flying in December, the ferry starts becoming a less familiar sight in Round Lake. Then, before we realize, it makes its final trek.

I always wondered what it would be like to ride this ferry during its final trek across. I have been on it many times during the summer, when it is filled with laughing tourist families and their pets. I love sitting on the upper deck in the sun or walking to the front of the ferry to feel the wind in my face as it sails across the big lake.

But I have never experienced it after the season. But, recently, I got a chance to get a taste of that.

A good friend who is a native of the island, and is now living in Washington State, recently came home to give a premier showing of a documentary he made on the island's EMS situation. It seems it is very difficult to get a patient off of the island to an emergency room in a hurry and the EMS is in need of an air ambulance (see the Charlevoix Courier last week for the full story).

I thought this movie would make an interesting story and the timing of his visit allowed my to try something I have always wanted to try — ride the ferry in the off season. Actually it was the third to the last ferry of the season, so I figured this would be a good chance to see what the differences are compared to winter.

Think about this. The ferry is the easiest transportation to the island. It is large enough to bring a couple hundred people over, as well as vehicles and plenty of supplies, such as groceries and equipment. When the ferry is not running, people must rely on airplanes to and from the island.

The airplanes cannot haul vehicles and they cannot haul large amounts of supplies.

So, when the ferry is not running, Beaver Island is basically on its own. Which, if you are a business on the island that must ship in goods such as food, beverages or even buildings supplies, it makes it important to get all of the items you need for the winter before that last ferry sails.

Upon arriving to the ferry dock in Charlevoix I saw this very thought in action. The dock was loaded with supplies of all sorts destined for the island and dock workers raced around on fork-lifts carrying pallets filled with these supplies into the ship.

What was missing was a large group of people patiently waiting to board the ship. Instead, there were a few people — about 15 — scattered about. They were mostly college kids heading home for the holiday break.

Once on the ship, I noticed the atmosphere was a little different. The ferry was quiet. Most of the passengers immediately went to sleep on the benches in the lower decks, no one — with the exception of one man with a dog — ventured onto the upper open decks.

Of course, I had to venture out onto those decks. In the summer I enjoyed catching some rays and feeling the breeze. Now, as soon as I walked out the door to the open decks, I was blasted with cold lake winds and a slippery ice-covered deck. I felt it would not be a good idea to submit myself to the cold of the open waters very long, so I headed back inside.

Once inside I ventured up to the pilot house and asked to speak to the captain. Inside the pilot house, I found the entire crew huddled together over a couple of pizzas and laughing about the journalist they had in their midst.

According to the captain, Mike Green, sailing the ferry in winter does have its challenges, such as the occasional storm that pops up, in addition to the cold conditions workers face. But, it is pretty quiet for the most part.

Upon arriving on the island, a couple of people could be seen standing near the snow-covered dock waiting for a passenger on the ship. The ferry quietly pulled up as the passengers awoke from their slumber, gathered their gear and trudged out into the cold of the island in winter.

Soon, the ferry would be joining them on the island. Soon the ferry would be in its slumber, blanketed in snow, on a bed of icy water. Perhaps it is dreaming of another warm summer, with its decks packed with laughing families traveling to Michigan's Emerald Isle.

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Area snow a delight to many winter visitors

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

One of my neighbors insists that there are only two seasons in Charlevoix: winter and visitors.

Fortunately, for both residents and visitors, there is some overlap of the seasons.

The Christmas visitors have mostly left by now, but their chance to see Charlevoix during this remarkably beautiful season persists in our memory. The parts of the family that come here around Christmas are from far more urban places in our nation. One daughter comes from Minneapolis and the other brings her two daughters from the Chicago area.

Our usual winter white blanket may be to us an impediment to transportation and travel, but to them it has almost alien air. Of course it snows in Minneapolis and in Chicago, but this is different. You cannot safely eat the snow in either of those places, but here there are whole yards full of genuinely unsullied, probably eatable snow.

"Don't eat the yellow snow" was good advice when my mother-in-law pronounced it to her children 60 years ago, and it is still good advice. Most of our snow at least looks unsullied. I am sure that is has sprinkled sparsely over it a certain amount of very fine cement dust, but there is not enough to be noticed without a microscope, and not enough to affect its taste.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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Take a look at snow with new eyes

KNUTSON

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The two grandchildren from Chicago find sufficient joy in our local snow to remind me how much fun it was at their age to make the first tracks in a place that gave every indication of never being visited before. Almost every day brings a completely new layer of never before disturbed snow to make more first tracks in — tracks that will likely be gone by the next day. The "here today and gone tomorrow" nature of the tracks provides us with a good visual metaphor for the importance and span of our lives here on earth.

I grew up on the western edge of Minnesota in a place with few trees and almost no hills steep enough to make a sledding run. I have often told people that until I left home at about 18 years, I had no idea that snow actually fell. The only snow I had seen falling was the little bits of white inside the ball of a snow globe. Where I lived the snow seemed to always move horizontally with the wind and there was always wind.

In Charlevoix our home is protected from the west and northwest winds off the lake by an intervening sand dune and our snow genuinely falls. If there are no winds from the south after an overnight lake effect, 4 inches of snow can stand precariously on even the smallest horizontal branch and the round top of the barbecue grill can hold an 18-inch snow cap for weeks.

It is always good to see some familiar place with new eyes and our winter visitors almost demand that we do that. We live in a place of surpassing beauty and not all of that beauty centers around liquid water.

See the snow with new eyes and shovel it with a song in your heart. Remember that the snow is also a visitor.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letters to the editor

Alano Club could use your help

Editor:

This Christmas, I am grateful for the Charlevoix Serenity House and its original donor and the board members of the Alano Club who manage it.

Inside the Serenity House, at 106 Mason Street, home of the Alano Club, is a framed poster. It reads:

"Welcome To The Charlevoix Alano Club.

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"Meetings such as AA that are held on these premises do so independently of the Alano Club for a rental and expense fee."

For family and friends, the doors of the Alano Club have been open to offer literature and books, a friendly smile, a listening ear, encouragement and a gathering place for those in recovery and for their loved ones.

The Alano Club Board has insured that there is a dependable, supportive meeting place for 12 step groups. Anyone who has known the loneliness, despair and helplessness of trying to deal with the problems of addiction (alcoholism, drug dependency, overeating, gambling) alone, understands how important a service to the community the Alano Club has provided.

This season, support a local charity that provides a vital service to this community. All donations the Alano Club are tax deductible.

Jo Anne Beemon
Charlevoix

Thank you sheriff

Editor:

For the third year since moving to Charlevoix, and becoming a widow, I have enjoyed the privilege of having the leaves raked in my yard, with the supervision of a deputy sheriff and his crew of polite, pleasant young men.

It is great for the seniors to be given this and other services from the tax money that they have contributed throughout the years.

Joan Bosquet
Charlevoix

Gift of life

Editor:

Recently, I gave a Christmas party at the Charlevoix Country Club for some of my friends.

In the spirit of Christmas, the most wonderful gift of giving at this party was....the gift of life! Our Sheriff George Lasater and Under Sheriff Don Schneider noticed Jack Begrow's wife, Barbara, choking on a piece of meat.

She had completely stopped breathing and there would have been no time to have the rescue squad or a paramedic attend to her. Both gentlemen (Lasater and Schneider) immediately went to her aid, as she was nearly unconscious. Her rescuers were finally able to dislodge the blockage and saved her life, for she surely would have been gone. Both men returned to their dinner seats as though nothing had happened and refused any accolades.

So these two wonderful, dedicated, Charlevoix public servants did it again. They brought to our party one of the true meanings of Christmas, and that is, the willingness to help others and ask for nothing in return.

God bless you George and Don.
Merry Christmas to all!
William E. Schuiling
Charlevoix

Great job

Editor:

A Big Thank You To The Mt. McSauba Staff.

Bo Boss, Jim Boss, Chuck Miere and the whole staff, should be commended for a great job. Mt. McSauba is in super shape and was open before Christmas. The staff spent many hours getting the hills ready.

They continue to upgrade by adding a new snowmaking tower on the back of the hill. All the hours spent making snow set a solid foundation, and the addition of last weeks snowfall has made the conditions incredible. On behalf of all the kids and adults who enjoy the hills.

Thank You.
Erik Lundteigen
Charlevoix

How did it happen?

Editor:

Much has been written about the hoped for recovery of funds which were evidently misdirected by the city.

I have not seen an explanation of how this happened. Are there not checks and balances? Have I missed something?

Lowell Blossom
Charlevoix

(Editor's response: The explanation given has been that the city accidentally wrote a check to just CCMS when it should have written a check to both CCMS and CCMS's insurance company United Fire and Casualty. This check was approved by the city treasurer Rick Brandi. Brandi said, at the time, he did not realize that both companies had to be on the check.)

write to us

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Vandergriff — Wiers

Candice Marie Vandergriff, of Charlevoix, and Aaron William Wiers, of Chicago, Ill. were married May 29, 2004 at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix in front of 200 guests.

Candice is the daughter of Kraag and Cyndie Lieberman of Charlevoix. Aaron is the son of Roger and Sheryl Wiers of Chicago, Ill.

The Pastor Mark Hofstra performed the double ring rites.

The bride wore a diamond white satin, a-line, strapless, Maggie Sottero gown adorned with bugle beads. The veil was diamond white and elbow length with a white etching. A tiara was also worn. The bouquet consisted of white lilies, stephanitis, purple lisiantus, freesia, white stock, beargress and curly willow with a wrapping of diamond white satin and tulle around the stem.

The matron of honor was Ann Blystra. Bridesmaides were Sara Crowe and Liza Gorkiewicz. They wore black, strapless, a-line dresses to the knee. They carried hand tied bouquets of white lilies, bear grass and curly willow with a black satin stem wrap.

Flower girls were Carrie Duerksen and Tori Salanty. They wore white princess style dresses with circlet headpieces made of stephanotis.

The best man was Nathan Wiers. Groomsmen were Adam Wiers and Curt Marcus. Ushers were Nathan Wiers, Adam Wiers and Curt Marcus.

A reception was hosted at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The couple went to the Rocky Mountain National Park in Estes Park, Colo. as a wedding trip.

Candice graduated from Calvin College in 2002 and is currently a physical therapy student at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Aaron graduated from Calvin College in 2001 and is employed at LaSalle Bank as a loan analyst.

Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Londgren accepted to Bethany

Trevor Londgren, of Charlevoix, has been accepted for admission at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn. Founded in 1927, Bethany is a private residential liberal arts college. Trevor is the son of Jeffrey and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix.

Republican officers

Charlevoix County Republicans have elected their executive committee and officers. They are: chairperson John Haggard, vice chairperson Mary Beth Kur, treasurer Margo Johnson, secretary Shirley Roloff, membershipchairperson Carole Huchotter, publicity chairperson Wes Dilworth, social co-chairpersons Susan Flanders and Linda Wertz.

Merrill teaches class

Dr. John Merrill, a dentist in Charlevoix, recently completed a teaching workshop in Oak Park, Ill. to dentists from around the United States on team and practice leadership.

New convention, vistors board

The Charlevoix Area Convention and Visitors Bureau has elected its new board of directors for 2005. They are: president Vera McKown, vice president Irene Hizelberger, secretary/treasurer Tracy Sell, director Harvey Coates and director Shelley McCullough.

Smith graduates from Western

Scott Smith, the son of David Smith and Candace Smith of Charlevoix, graduated from Western Michigan University in June. He has a bachelor of science in Earth science.

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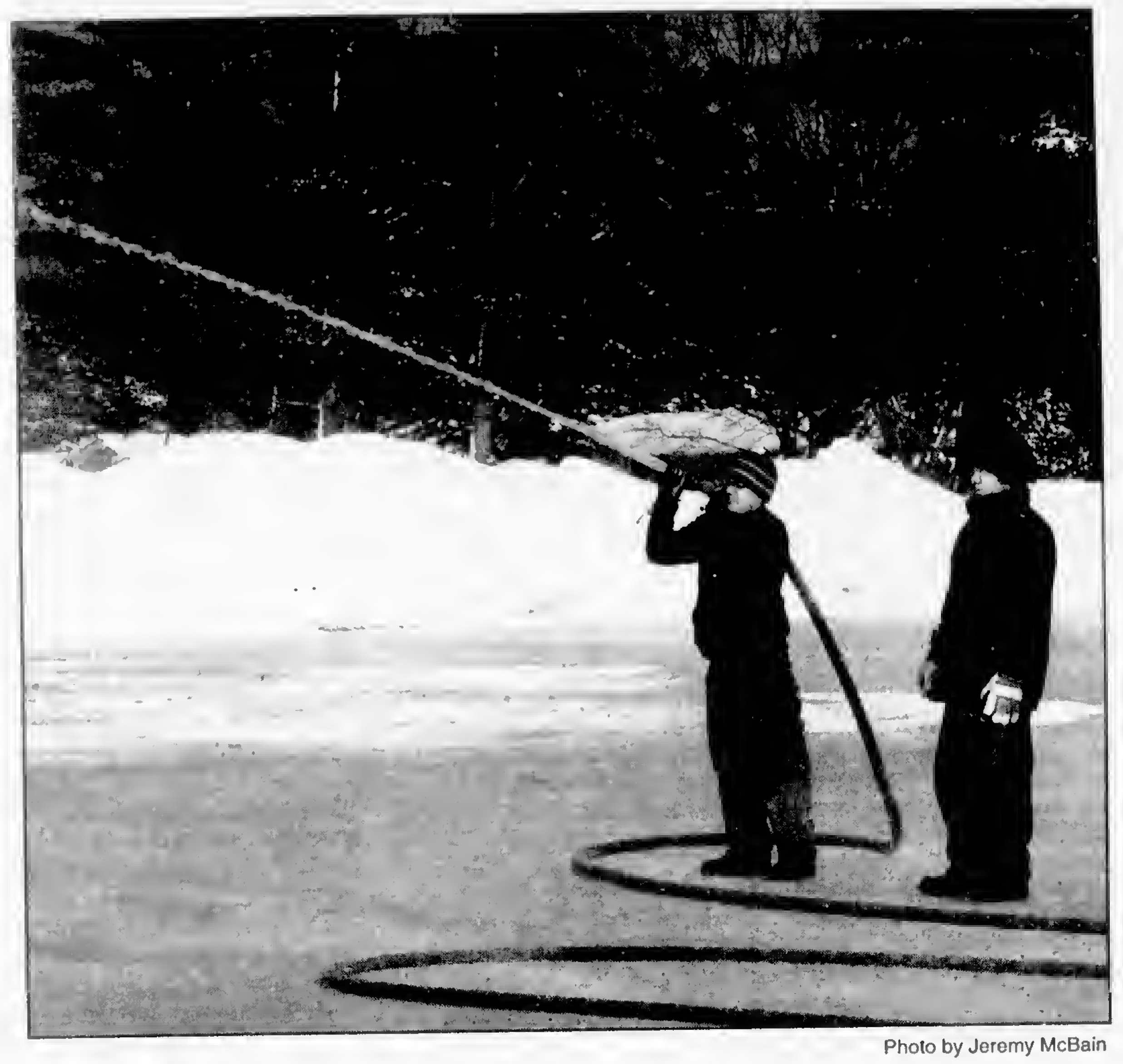

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Icy fun

Here, Chris Case, with the hose, and Bryan Burns spread water over the city ice rink by the Charlevoix Middle School Monday. The rink opened for the season on Tuesday.

Arts center to host Lily Chou

Crooked Tree Arts Center will host pianist Lily Chou in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14 in the Ross Stoakes Theatre.

Chou has been many things in her life, mother, musician, missionary and, earlier this year, the first female minister at Smith Chapel United Methodist Church in Mount Olive, N.C.

Chou and her sister, Irene, happened to stop by the Crooked Tree Arts Center this past summer and were regaled with all that executive director Dale Hull had to say about the activities here. They also fell in love with Petoskey, calling it the "Beverly Hills of Michigan."

They hope to retire to Petoskey within a few years.

Chou learned to play the piano as a small child, taking lessons until she was 10 years old, then playing on her own until she came to the United States for college.

She is a graduate of Juilliard and has performed in the Tchaikowksy International Competition in Moscow in 1986, the Schevernigen International Competition in the Netherlands in 1989 and in Tchaikowsky and Rachmaninoff Halls in Russia. She's performed with orchestras from the Urals to Kazhakstan; with nine orchestras in China, Salzburg and the United States.

Tickets for the performance are $15 each and can be purchased at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

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Obituaries

George Martin Joy: Jan. 11, 1915 - Dec. 23, 2004

George Martin Joy, 89, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Stanton, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

George was born Jan. 11, 1915, in Lansing, the son of William and Francina (Burpee) Joy. He graduated from Lansing Central High School in 1931.

On April 2, 1939, he married the former Geraldine L. Ashbaugh in Angola, Ind. George served in the Michigan National Guard from 1939 to 1941. He and Geraldine made their home in Stanton where he owned and operated A.C. Body Repair.

George was an avid golfer, fisherman and hunter. They moved to Charlevoix in 2003.

George is survived by his wife, Geraldine, of Charlevoix; sons, Dennis Martin (Karen) Joy of Charlevoix, Donald Michael (Anne) Joy of Tucson, Ariz., and Daniel Marvin Joy of Oakland, Calif.; grandchildren, D. Martin Joy, II, of Naples, Fla., Kirsten Marie (J. Scott) Cochran of Charlevoix, Jeffrey Michael Joy of Manchester; sister, Merle Juanita Joy Mee of DeWitt; brother, Cecil Robert (Eve) Joy of Rio Vista, Calif.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, William Raymond Joy of Tustin, and Donald Francis Joy of Lansing.

A memorial service is planned for the summer of 2005, and interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery in Stanton. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Arrangements by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Robert D. Miller: July 13, 1922 - Dec. 22, 2004

Robert D. Miller, 82, of Charlevoix, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, at his daughter's home in Spring Lake.

A funeral was Monday, Dec. 27, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Jonathan Mays officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Bob was born July 13, 1922, in Charlevoix, the son of Miley and Laura (Bassett) Miller. He worked as a commercial fisherman, then for the Beaver Island Boat Company on the North Shore, making his home for a short time on Beaver Island.

On Nov. 3, 1951, he married the former Elizabeth "Betty" Kleinhenz in Detroit, and they made their home in Charlevoix.

Bob retired from D.M.E. (American Mold) in Charlevoix in 1983; after 24 years, and Betty preceded him in death on Nov. 4, 1986.

Bob enjoyed traveling to Florida, camping and ice fishing. He dearly loved his family, by whom he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his daughter, Cindy (Tim) Shindorf of Spring Lake; step-daughter, Beverly Moody of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Heather Matheny of Grand Haven, Holly (Jeff) Kleyn of Muskegon, step-grandchildren, Terri (Mike) Smith of Charlevoix, Debbie Brown of Mancelona, Leston (Jill) Brown of East Jordan, Colleen (Bob) Thorne of Central Lake; great-grandchildren, Lucas, Blake, and Kennedy Elizabeth Kleyn; step-great-grandchildren, Christopher Smith, Kevin Robert, Caleb, Ashlynn, Erie, Cory; brother David (Marilyn) Miller of Charlevoix; brother-in-law, Louie Kleinhenz of Petoskey; special friend, Marguerite Welsh of Willingboro, New Jersey; many nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by a daughter, Bobbie Jean; bothers, Billy, Miley, Willis (Pee Wee); sisters, Marilyn Ann, Dorothy, Virginia (GG) and Helen.

Jean S. Monk: July 28, 1921 - Dec. 23, 2004

Jean S. Monk, 83, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Jean was born July 28, 1921, in Detroit, the daughter of Leslie and Rena McCleary Prouty. She graduated from Cooley High School in Detroit.

Jean was employed as head of maintenance for Farmington Hills Schools, retiring in the mid-1970s.

She was a member of the VFW Onaway Post Woman's Auxiliary.

Jean has been a resident of Charlevoix for the past 12 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Janice Sanchez of Rochester Hills and Marilyn (Richard) Keating of Charlevoix; sons, Tom Monk and Larry Monk of Las Vegas, Nev. and Ed (Brenda) Monk of Bear Lake; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

Her husband Frank preceded her in death in 1979.

No services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Sherman Alling Chamberlain: April 18, 1927 - Dec. 22, 2004

Sherman Alling Chamberlain, Sr., 77, of Charlevoix died Dec. 22, 2004, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

He was born on April 18, 1927, in Brockton, Mass. the son of George Sherman and Anne Chamberlain. Sherman graduated from Brockton High School and McIntosh Business College.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy. Sherman worked for General Motors as a forensic accountant and resided in Grosse Pointe Woods for 38 years, before moving to Charlevoix in 2001.

Sherman was a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan. He was a member of Roseville Masonic Lodge F&AM 522, Jefferson Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star 489, Saladin Temple, and Charlevoix Senior Center.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary E. "Betty" of Charlevoix; daughter, Gail (Harold) Fredrickson; son, Sherman A. Chamberlain, Jr. of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Elizabeth Ann (Craig) Lester, Gregory Scott Fredrickson, Charles Sherman (Kathy) Fredrickson, all of Wisconsin, Rebecca Anne (Ovi) Creanga of Moldova, Nathan Sherman Chamberlain of Boyne City, Joshua Linn (Maegan) Chamberlain of Charlevoix; three great-grandchildren; one brother, George (Sandy) Chamberlain of Venice Fla.; and one sister, Virginia (Fred) Perry of Brockton Mass.

Family suggests memorial contributions to Ironton Congregational Church of Charlevoix Senior Center.

A memorial service is planned for the spring. Arrangements are in the care of Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Michael Joseph Lee: Feb. 27, 1958 - Dec. 4, 2004

Michael Joseph Lee, 46, died at his home on Dec. 4, 2004.

The funeral was at Mortensen's in Central Lake on Friday, Dec. 17, 2004.

He was born Feb. 27, 1958 and attended Athens High School in Troy.

His work history includes General Motors, Petoskey Plastics and for the last 10 years he worked for Lexilite International.

He served his country in the Air Force during 1975 through 1977.

He is survived by his mother Theresa Amanda Padgett, of Georgia; his sister Margaret Prevo, of Georgia; and his brother, Bill Walker, of Pennsylvania.

Michael would do anything for those around him and his friends lovingly remember him as a sweet likable guy who will be deeply missed.

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Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

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Ironton

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Michael C. Smith.......... 547-3008
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Guild gives $25,000 to Boyne rehab center

Ruth Waters, current president of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild announced recently that the Guild members made a $25,000 pledge at the December meeting, in support of the remodeling and expansion project to take place at Boyne Rehabilitation Center.

"We believe the work being done at Boyne Rehabilitation for women's health problems is very important and we want to help insure that no one has to wait for therapy," Waters said.

A plaque will be placed in the new pediatric room at Boyne Rehabilitation when construction is completed.

Before making the pledge, Guild members discussed the contribution of the many Boyne City residents including Jean Korthase, Lois Ciesielski, Eleanor Sutliff, Pat Hayden Cozier, Harriet Housel, Irene Fall, Inez Noble, Anneke Radar, Chuck Davis, Yvonne Pluister, recently deceased Elinor Dubin, and others who have spent time volunteering for the hospital. These volunteers and others donated their time either at the Rehabilitation Center or Charlevoix Area Hospital and many continue to do so.

"We are very grateful to the many Boyne City residents who have so generously donated their time," said Kathy Johnson, Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Director.

"This is a wonderful gift from the Guild, and it honors volunteers from throughout the area and what they have done for us. The Guild continues to be a major supporter of the hospital, not only in all the tasks they willingly perform, but in the level of financial support they provide."

In addition to making a pledge in support of the Boyne Rehabilitation Center, new Guild officers were elected for the 2005/2006 term.

Louise Hilligan was elected president; Christine Unbehaun, vice president; Anne Marie Barnes, secretary and Dee Vincent will return as treasurer.

Current president Ruth Waters, who will step down as president following the installation of officers in January, will continue as manager of the Gift Shop. The Guild, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary this year, has donated more than a quarter of a million dollars to the hospital for equipment and expansion and donated thousands of hours volunteering at Charlevoix Area Hospital, Boyne Medical Center and Boyne Rehabilitation Center. Each year more than 200 volunteers give generously of their time in support of Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Obituaries

Elizabeth A. McClintock: Feb. 22, 1926 - Dec. 26, 2004

Elizabeth A. McClintock, 78, of Charlevoix, died Dec. 26, 2004, at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

Memorial service will be 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 31, at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene. The Pastor Dan Gilmore will officiate and interment will be in Fairview Cemetery in Mancelona in the spring.

She was born Feb. 22, 1926, in Mancelona, the daughter of Elmer and Signa (Anderson) Johnson. Graduating in 1944, from Mancelona High School, she was Valedictorian of her class.

She attended Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, Ill., and Michigan State University. On Aug. 30, 1947, she married Ralph R. McClintock in Mancelona.

Together, they served as Nazarene Missionaries in South Africa, Namibia, and the Ciskei, for 27 years.

They moved to Charlevoix in 1991, and were members of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene. Ralph preceded Elizabeth in death on May 17, 1994.

She is survived by her daughters, Maureen (Dennis) Schmelzenbach of Pretoria, South Africa, and Marlys (Bob) Drebenstedt of Charlevoix; son, Scott (Rhonda) McClintock of Gilbert, Ariz.; grandchildren, Brian, Barry, and Burt Schmelzenbach; Troy, Danae', and Reagan Dredenstedt; great-grandchildren, Katie Beth, Peyton, Clare, and Lauren Schmelzenbach; brother, Lyle Johnson of Traverse City; sisters, Ardis Cran of Mancelona, Milly (Mark) Fiedler of Mancelona, Anne (Jim) Fiedler of Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene. The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix.

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January 3**	May 2	September 6***
January 17	May 16	September 19
February 7	June 6	October 3
February 21	June 20	October 17
March 7	July 5***	November 7
March 21	July 18	November 21
April 4	August 1	December 5
April 18	August 15	December 19

**The Charlevoix City Charter requires that the first meeting in January shall start at 8:00 p.m.
***Tuesday

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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Committee to look at services

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix City Mayor Norman Carlson is proposing a citizens committee that will look at the current services in Charlevoix and what changes need to be made.

Carlson talked about this committee at the Dec. 20 city council meeting. Some in the audience had concerns that this committee would waste money on a consultant and its purpose would be to find services to cut in order to raise city revenues.

"This is not necessarily to save money (by cutting services) hut to try to make some of the services better," he said. "We are not looking at cutting services, we are just going to look at services to see if they need any changes."

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Weisner did say the revenue stream for the city was not getting better and the city has to routinely transfer about $100,000 from the infrastructure fund to stabilize the general fund.

Weisner suggested allowing city staff time to gather information on city services, such as what is provided and comparisons to other communities.

"The outcome (of the committee) I see them coming with is potential service elimination, can we do the service cheaper and are there any revenue enhancements," he said.

Wiesner said it would take the staff at least three to four months to gather all of this information.

And, Wiesner suggested a consultant to help the committee look over the information and double-check the work compield by city staff.

"The consultant is only there if there is a credibility problem with my staff," he said.

However, some balked at the city paying for a consultant, saying the city does not need a consultant for every project .

Former Charlevoix Mayor and resident Gabe Campbell said, "I don't have any problem with streamlining our services, but I sure do have a problem with getting a consultant to tell us what we want."

Campbell suggested cutting out the consultant from this project.

Carlson said the consultant helps provide a system of checks and balances for the

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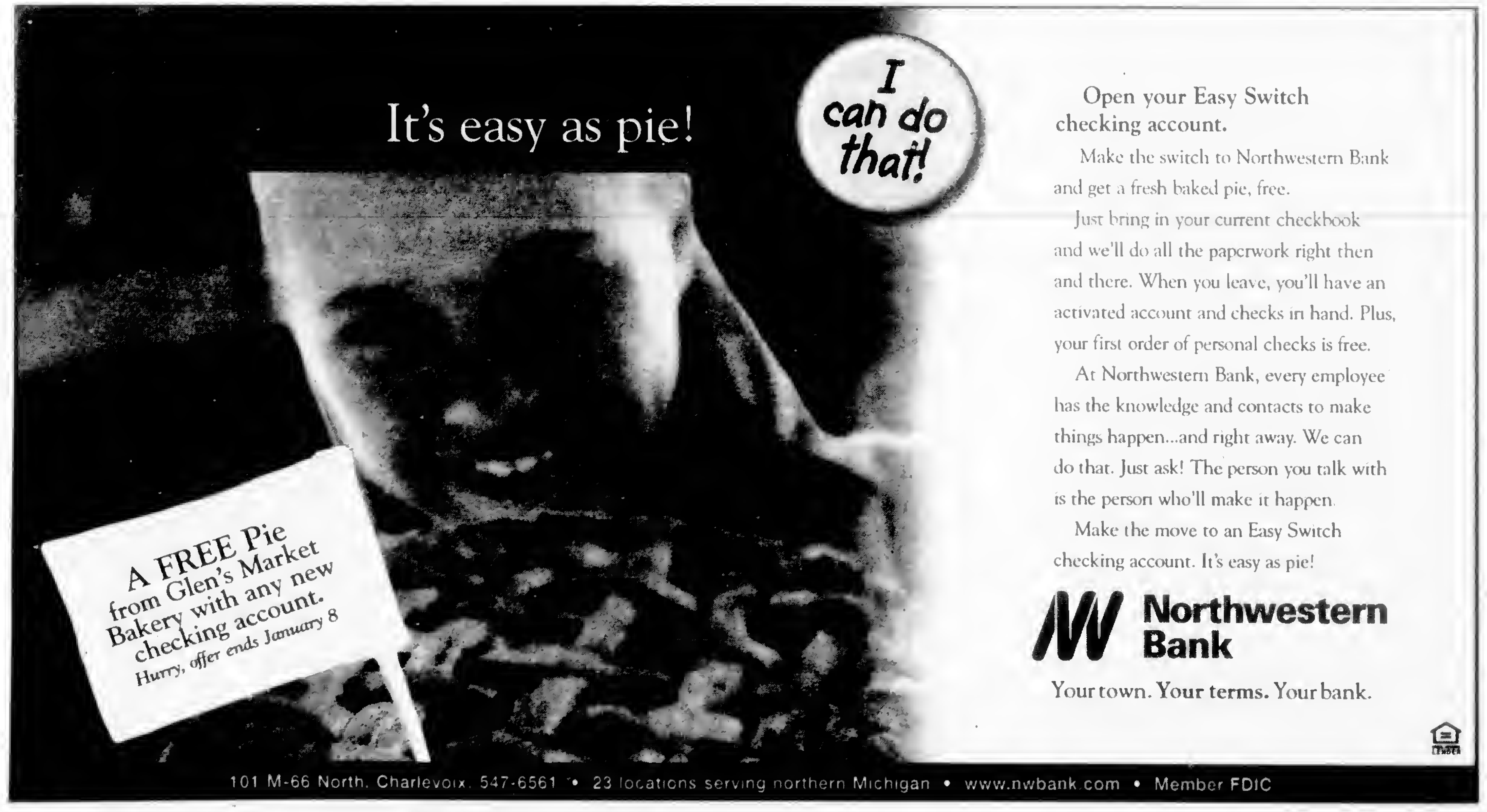
Photo by Jeremy McBain

A winter pastime

With the coming of winter, some streets in Charlevoix are too covered with snow and too steep to bother plowing, such as a section of Grant Street, near Hurlbut Street. But, this means sledders have a great place to play. Here, Priya Phasin, 5, of Detroit (on right) and Clayton Mitchell, 12, of Charlevoix slide down the Grant Street hill.



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Mount McSauba open for business

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Mt. McSauba ski hill opened before its targeted date, which was Sunday, on Christmas Eve, just in time to provide winter fun for the holidays.

Ike Boss, recreational director for the city, said the ski hill couldn't make snow earlier this year because of a lack of water.

Last year the ski hill opened on Dec. 21, but a lack of snow fall and water caused this year's opening to be delayed.

Boss said the resort has relied upon a three inch waterline with two booster pumps to help create snow when the weather hasn't yet provided it. More water was desired, but there wasn't a way to get the water to the resort in time to open early for the season.

"There wasn't a way of doing it that quick," he said.

However, Mother Nature and the northern Michigan temperature helped provide a fresh blanket of snow to cover the hills and draw people to the slopes.

Boss said there aren't any big festivals going on at Mt. McSauba, but there are group ski lessons for children that are starting the second week of January. He said forms can be picked up at Mt. McSauba Ski Lodge.

When the doors opened on Dec. 24, Boss said the amount of people that came was just right.

"We weren't swamped," he said.

That changed on Dec. 26 and Dec. 27 when many people, especially those visiting Charlevoix over the holidays, came out to make use of the abundance of snow.

"The biggest week is Christmas and New Year's," Boss said.

In addition to the downhill runs, the cross country trails at Mt. McSauba are in good shape, Boss said.

"A lot of people are on them more than in past years," he said.

Mt. McSauba also offers snowshoe rentals along with snowblades, snowboards, cross country skis and downhill skis.

"We have a lot of stuff out here now," he said.

The slopes are open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, but are closed on New Year's Day.

Starting Jan. 3, Boss said Mt. McSauba is open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The slopes are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information call Mt. McSauba at 547-3267.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Skiers at Mount McSauba enjoy a new season on the hill.

What does the future hold for city services?

SERVICES

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work submitted by city staff to the committee.

"We wanted to make sure the citizens committee felt comfortable with the numbers," he said.

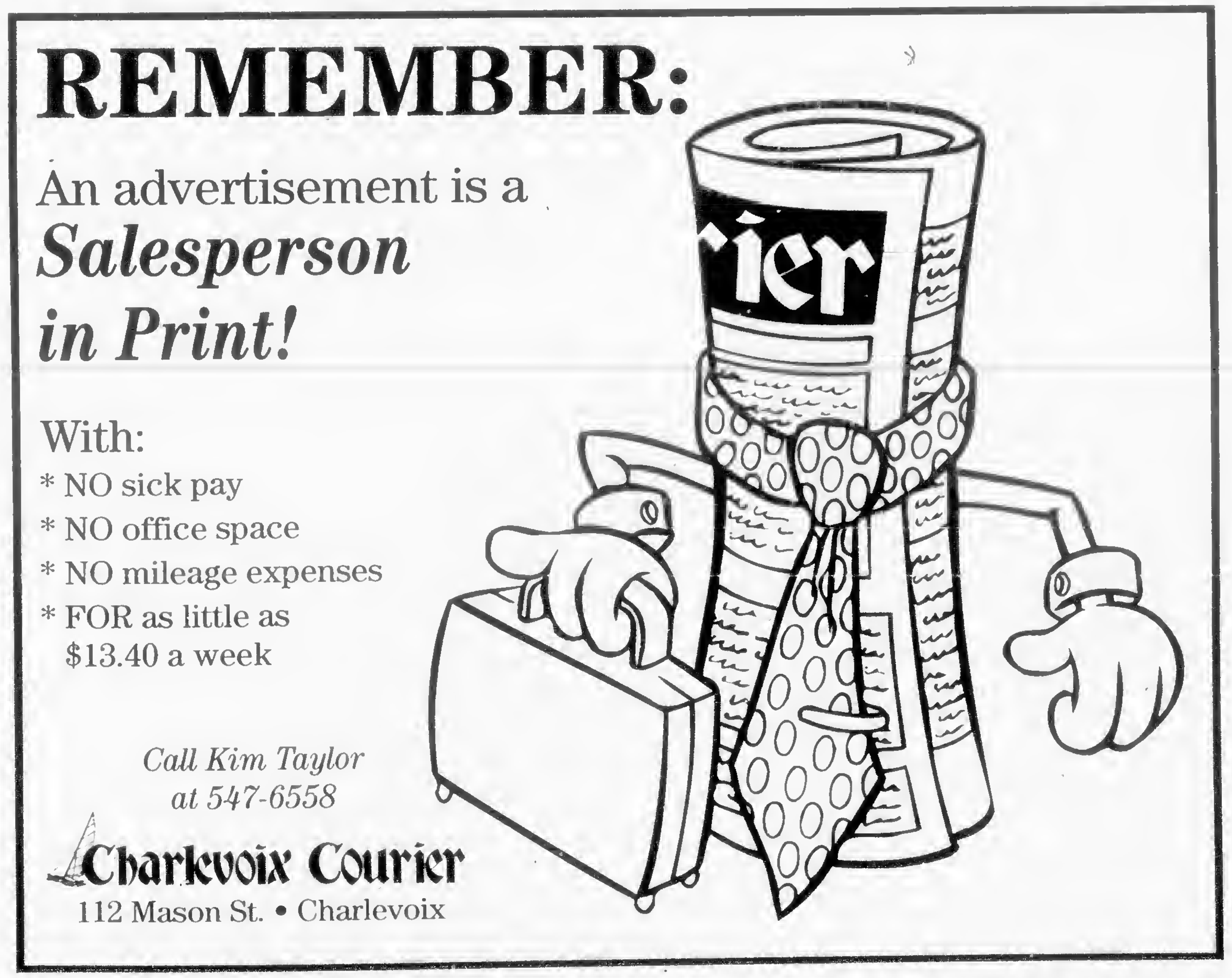
Carlson added city staff will not be hiring this consultant. A consultant will he used if the committee feels it is needed.

Wiesner added, "We would recommend to the committee to check us."

The proposed citizen's committee would be made up of two residents appointed by each council memher from their respective wards. The mayor would be able to appoint three additional residents to the committee and three student representatives.

Carlson said he is considering forming the committee at the end of February or early March.

"The first meeting will not happen until all of the information is gathered," he said.



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NOTICE OF SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING
NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2004 real estate with **unpaid 2002 and/or prior years property taxes** was forfeited to the Charlevoix County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, **MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.**

The State of Michigan is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to **foreclose** on this property for **unpaid property taxes**.

There are **two hearings** scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A **Show Cause Hearing** is scheduled for January 24, 2005 - February 4, 2005 at 430 W Allegan, First Floor, Lansing MI 48922.
Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Govemmental Unit.

A **Judicial Foreclosure Hearing** is scheduled for 2:15 P..M., February 18, 2005 at the 33rd Circuit Court, 301 State St, Charlevoix MI 49720.
At this hearing the Foreclosing Govemmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the State of Michigan, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 04-386-20-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the **right to redeem** this parcel from the forcclosure process by **payment** of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. **You should contact the Charlevoix County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.**
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- You have until March 31, 2005, to pay the delinquent taxes, penalties, interest and fees to redeem the property or, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, you will permanently lose your interest in the property.

PLEASE NOTE :

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are **NOT** being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is **no procedure** for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed **may** become available at **public auction** in July, September, and November of **2005**. **These parcels remain the property of their current owner** until redemption rights have expired. **No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels** assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The **amount due** listed indicates the balance which was due **as of forfeiture on March 1, 2004**. The **current amount** required to redeem **must be obtained from the Charlevoix County Treasurer**, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

Name	Parcel #	Amount
AMERICAN BUSINESS MORTGAGE	014-035-019-00	$1,118.29
BANK ONE TRUST CO	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
BRENN, KATHY A	008-030-007-45	$3,401.22
BROCKETTE, JENNY A	051-378-012-00	$951.64
BROCKETTE, MICHAEL E	051-378-012-00	$951.64
BROWN, CYNTHIA	012-234-020-10	$489.56
BROWN, CYNTHIA	012-234-020-30	$489.56
BROWN, JEFFERY C	012-233-019-00	$647.96
BROWN, JEFFREY C	012-233-019-00	$647.96
BURKART, HARRY A III	051-347-035-50	$1,284.71
CABIC, JASON S	053-026-013-00	$867.79
CABIC, PAYGIE D	053-026-013-00	$867.79
CHARLEVOIX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	052-270-236-00	$2,482.88
CHARLEVOIX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	053-024-080-00	$1,064.67
CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE JNC	051-378-012-00	$951.64
CITIZENS BANK	051-445-096-00	$2,785.09
CITIZENS BANK	051-445-096-50	$5,825.76
CITIZENS BANK	051-445-098-00	$5,612.62
COLLINS, DAVID M	051-445-096-00	$2,785.09
COLLINS, DAVID M	051-445-096-50	$5,825.76
COLLINS, DAVID M	051-445-098-00	$5,612.62
COMERCA BANK DETROIT	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
CONNAGHAN, ANN	012-123-019-00	$1,401.09
CONNAGHAN, ANTHONY H	012-123-019-00	$1,401.09
COPPERFIELD ASSOCIATES	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
DENISON, MICHAEL A	051-150-084-00	$618.25
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
FETSCO, CYNTHIA L	009-300-006-00	$1,518.31
FETSCO, CYNTHIA L	009-300-007-00	$2,090.28
FETSCO, GEORGE A	009-300-006-00	$1,518.31
FETSCO, GEORGE A	009-300-007-00	$2,090.28
FIFTH THIRD BANK	051-150-084-00	$618.25
FIFTH THIRD BANK	051-445-096-00	$2,785.09
FIFTH THIRD BANK	051-445-096-50	$5,825.76
FIFTH THIRD BANK	051-445-098-00	$5,612.62
FIFTH THIRD BANK, OLD KENT BANK NKA	015-019-016-15	$763.60
FITZGERALD, PATRICIA N	011-124-012-20	$776.57
GILLESPIE, JULIE	012-234-020-10	$489.56
GILLESPIE, JULIE	012-234-020-30	$489.56
GOODRICH, JANIE	008-031-001-15	$4,337.98
GOODRICH, KENNETH	008-031-001-15	$4,337.98
GRAVES, LINDA T	012-120-007-30	$337.66
GRAVES, ROBERT R	012-120-007-30	$337.66
GRIFFIN, ROGER J	053-024-080-00	$1,064.67
HAMLIN REVOC TRUST, HAROLD I	051-347-035-50	$1,284.71
HAMLIN, TRUSTEE, HAROLD I JR	051-347-035-50	$1,284.71
HANSEN, DONALD A	041-411-009-00	$711.15
HANSEN, GAYLE L	041-411-009-00	$711.15
HANSEN, GAYLE LYNN	041-411-009-00	$711.15
HARGAN, DONNA	009-300-006-00	$1,518.31
HARGAN, DONNA K	009-300-007-00	$2,090.28
HARGAN, WILLIAM	009-300-006-00	$1,518.31
HARGAN, WILLIAM S	009-300-007-00	$2,090.28
HAWES, ERIN T	051-103-019-00	$451.76
HESS, LONNIE J SR	014-035-019-00	$1,118.29
HOMEAMERICAN CREDIT	015-005-009-20	$1,301.53
HOMEQ SERVICING CORP, TMS MORTGAGE INC NKA	053-013-002-35	$2,304.74
HOSKINS MANUFACTURING CO, THE	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
HOUSEHOLD BANK	052-385-007-00	$2,292.15
HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	014-001-007-00	$776.46
IDOLSKI, DONNA LYNNE	015-005-009-20	$1,301.53
IDOLSKI, RICHARD J	015-005-009-20	$1,301.53
INDEPENDENT BANK, FIRST NATIONAL BANK GAYLORD NKA	008-031-001-15	$4,337.98
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KEECH, CHARLOTTE	051-359-186-00	$1,757.29
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KEECH, WILLIAM	051-359-186-00	$1,757.29
LANGMAID, MICHAEL SCOTT	009-025-012-00	$666.28
LEIST, SCOTT D	015-020-007-20	$1,403.36
LUPTAK, JERRY D	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
LW COAN WELL DRILLING	008-031-001-15	$4,337.98
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Timms: $1.5 million for building too much

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Editor

Charlevoix City Council Member Bob Timms thinks the city is wasting money on a new building at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport for snow equipment.

The $1.55 million proposed building will be paid for with grants and will house various snow removal equipment at the airport, such as snow plows, loaders and sweepers. Timms questioned the estimated cost that was created by the designer Mead and Hunt of Lansing.

"I think it is quite a boondoggle with $1.5 million for whistles and bells. I think it is a misappropriation of tax dollars," he said. "I am afraid I cannot be a part of this."

However, a majority of the council did not agree.

A motion instructing city staff to move forward on this project and obtain the necessary grants passed four to two at the Dec. 20 council meeting.

Timms and council member Karen Campbell voted against it.

According to estimates by Mead and Hunt, the proposed building will have a total space of 8,223 square feet. Of this space, 5,490 will be for vehicle storage; 1,200 will be for material storage; 998 will be support areas (such as a supervisor's office and lunch room); and 535 will be for special equipment. In a project breakdown to the city, Mead and Hunt said the recommended building for this type of storage would be between 9,050 and 12,820 square feet.

Charlevoix City Council Member Bill Haggard said, "This is much more than a pole building."

Which caused Council Member Shirley Gibson to respond, "This looks more like a new terminal."

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said the city wants a quality building that will last throughout the years, hence the cost.

"The sizing was really set by the consultants (Mead and Hunt) based on FAA requirements," he said.

As for the cost, Wiesner said most of it will be used for sitework, saying only about $800,000 of the total cost is for the actual building.

It was pointed out by council member Sherman Chamberlain that most of the money being used for this project, 97 percent, will come from grants that the city will be pursuing.

"So, we will pay about $140,000 for the building," he said.

But, Timms was not impressed and said the grant money they would be applying for is created from tax money.

"That free money is tempting, isn't it?" he said.

Regardless of the cost, many other council members said the storage building is needed.

"I think for the longevity and the maintenance of the (snow removal) equipment, it has to be stored in a proper building," Chamberlain said.

Haggard agreed, saying without a building there would be a lot of money in equipment sitting outside.

Wiesner said he expects to be back before council in a couple of months to ask it to accept some grants he is applying for and award a bid on the project.

If it is ultimately passed by council, the building would be on the south-east side of the airport property, across US-31 from the Flight Deck Bar.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Car fire

On Dec. 22, a 1983 Pontiac Firebird caught fire at Pine Cove Apartments. Charlevoix Fire Chief Paul Ivan said the fire was accidental as the owner had been having mechanical problems. The car had been running, because the owner wanted to preheat the car to prevent it from stalling, and the engine over heated. The owner wasn't in the car at the time.

Charlevoix County Tax Sales

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PACESETTER CORPORATION	014-035-019-00	$1,118.29
PALMER, MARY	012-234-020-10	$489.56
PALMER, MARY	012-234-020-30	$489.56
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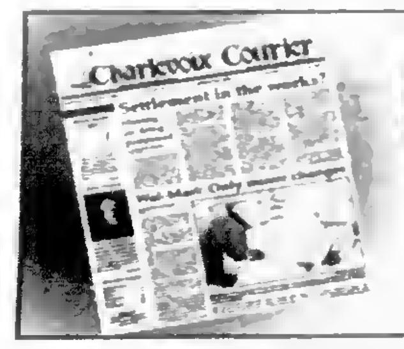

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City police to crack down on drunk driving

The Charlevoix City Police Department wants its residents to make it home for the holidays — safely.

That's why from Dec. 20 through Jan. 2, 2005, the Charlevoix City Police Department is joining with nearly 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies during a "You Drink and Drive. You Lose." drunk driving crackdown.

Motorists are reminded that Michigan's drunk driving definition of .08 blood alcohol content and the costs associated with drunk driving arrests have increased. In addition to court costs and fines, convicted drunk drivers will also be subject to a new additional $1,000 penalty included in the driver responsibility program. The $1,000 penalty will be imposed for two consecutive years.

During last year's crackdown, there were six Christmas holiday traffic fatalities and seven traffic deaths during the New Year's holiday. Of those fatalities, three involved alcohol.

In Michigan, 34 percent of traffic fatalities involve alcohol and/or drugs. Although alcohol-related fatalities have been on the decline, there were still 442 traffic deaths in 2003 where alcohol and/or drugs played a factor.

Charlevoix Area Hospital offering First Aid, CPR

The Charlevoix Area Hospital is once again offering CPR and First Aid Classes.

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid Courses are scheduled:

- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 Adult Heartsaver CPR in Classroom B.
- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B.
- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, December 20, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to require the F65 be presented to Council after being filed with the State. Formal Audit report to be presented to Council by the 2nd meeting in October.
- Motion adopted to proceed with plans to proceed with grant for snow removal building at the Airport.
- Motion adopted based on the findings of fact presented to approve the site plan for the Charlevoix Public Library.
- Motion adopted to support the Senior Citizens' Center to apply for a grant with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Motion adopted to approve the purchase of a pickup for the Electric Department from Snethkamps Lansing Dodge (through the State Purchasing Program) in the amount of $14,336.78. (The vehicle approved 12-06-04 was no longer available.)
- Motion adopted to approve the reappointments of Bob Timms and Bill Bellows as Council members for 2005 term to the Board of Review.
- Council discussed the makeup and timeline of a committee to study non-utility services. Each Councilmember will appoint 2 representatives from their ward; the Mayor will appoint 3 representatives and up to 3 student representatives.
- Council moved into closed session to discuss the CCMS lawsuit with the City attorney.
- Council moved into open session.
- Motion adopted to approve the settlement with United Fire.
- Motion adopted to approve City Attorney and public officials to sign documents associated with United Fire settlement.

Council adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix.

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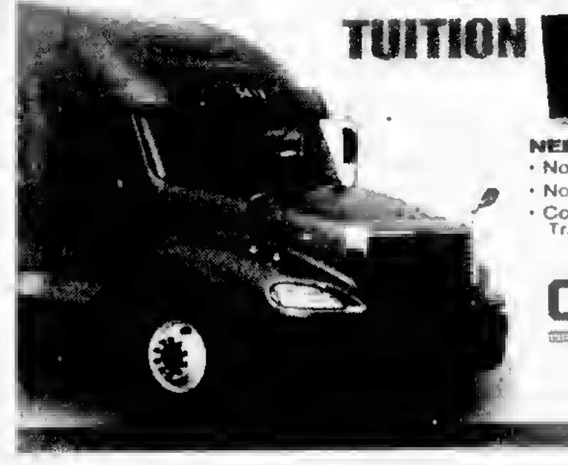

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Plenty of fun in town for New Year's Eve

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With the new year rapidly approaching, several restaurants are gearing up for the night that lets everyone start over anew.

Stafford's Weathervane is planning on serving up some New Year's cheer with a special holiday menu and a champagne toast at midnight.

Jeff Sprecksell, general manager, said he and his staff are preparing for a New Year's Eve as though it was a busy summer night.

"We're staffed that way," Sprecksell said.

Last year, Stafford's Weathervane served 326 people on New Year's Eve and Sprecksell said the numbers are looking to be about the same for this year. So far, 250 reservations have been made but more are expected this week.

"It should be good all around," he said.

Sprecksell said the restaurant isn't doing packages this year, which incorporate a full course meal, because it wasn't favored by many people.

Instead, Stafford's Weathervane will feature a holiday a la carte menu so people can either eat a five course meal or just a salad and dessert.

Jennifer Donker, assistant manager and banquet coordinator, said the holiday menu will include several specials such as lobster, shrimp and scallop pasta a la creme and grilled Hawaiian seabass served with a mango hollandaise. Another featured special is a pan seared filet of beef-rofert crusted with portabella mushrooms and beurre rouge.

The evening wouldn't be complete without music to liven up the festive atmosphere. From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Marty Ward will perform in the dining room and from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Night Blend featuring Maggie Dickson will perform in the bar.

Whitney's of Charlevoix is also getting into the festive mood.

Paul Andrzejewski, general manager, said the restaurant served about 120 people last year and is expecting to match that number or surpass it.

He said the staff is excited to be busy again and many who are returning from college are eager to work.

"We're just looking forward to a good New Year's," he said.

Karen Glass, bartender and server, said Nelson Olstrom will perform a set of tunes while patrons dine on the featured lobster tail and petite filet.

Whitney's will also feature a champagne toast at midnight. Those who come to the restaurant will also receive various party favors to get them in the spirit of the New Year.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille is ready to serve those that are looking for a good meal before they head off to whatever gathering awaits them.

Aaron Moffat, owner, said the restaurant will feature their full menu for dinner along with two specials. One special will feature prime rib and lobster and another possibly tenderloin.

Villager Pub isn't serving anything particular, but instead is kicking off the New Year with a New Year's Eve Party. Those who attend the party, which starts at 9 p.m., will hear music played by Mojo and the Boogieman.

Tickets are required to get into the party and must be purchased ahead of time from the restaurant's bar. Tickets cost $20 per person and entail the ticket holder to music, two free drinks and free hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are on sale now and will be on sale until they are all sold.

The Grey Gables Inn will feature two seating times for their New Year's Eve delights.

The first seating is from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and is $40 per person and a children's menu is available. The second seating is $50 per person and is from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Both seatings can choose from nine appetizers including Maine lobster and roasted corn chowder, California roll with wasabi, scallops and crab voulent pastry.

At both seatings, diners can choose one entree such as prime rib with a salt, garlic and rosemary crust that is served with a baked potato and sour cream with chives. Another entree is a baked salmon en croute filled with lobster mousse, spinach and hollandaise.

All the dinners include a choice of seven desserts and New Year's party favors.

There will be a performance by Hat Trick and a champagne toast at midnight.

Charly's Seafood Grille is featuring dinner for two as a part of their New Year's Eve festivities. The dinner for two features filet, shrimp, a bottle of wine and appetizers.

Chris Martin will provide entertainment starting at 9 p.m. and there will be a champagne and coney bar served at midnight. Breakfast will also be served from midnight to 3 a.m.

Flight Deck Bar and Paul Bunyan Lanes are gearing up to bring in the New Year in style.

Debra Blanchard, bartender and waitress, said Cherri and the Violators will be playing from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. on New Year's Eve. The bar will not be taking a cover charge and party favors will be available.

Blanchard said there will also be special drink prices and hors d'oeuvres will be served after midnight.

On New Year's Day, at 10 p.m. Cherri and the Violators will be performing. A free buffet will be served all day and there will also be special drink prices.

Blanchard said from 8 p.m. to midnight Paul Bunyan Lanes will feature bowling for $1 per game.

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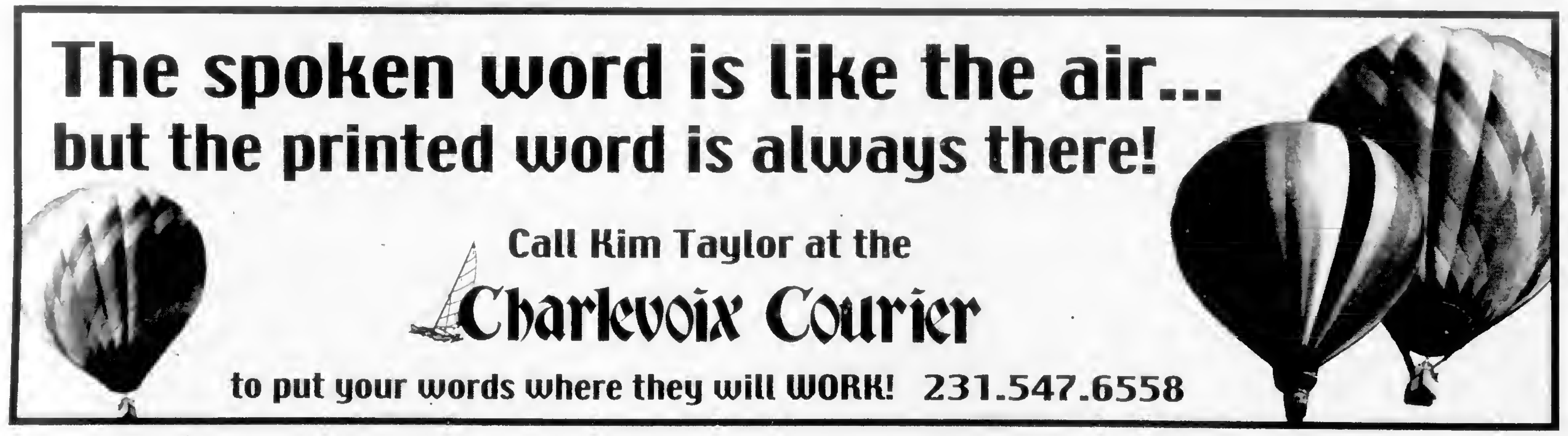
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At home in the cold

Andrew Mitchell, 9, created a snowman while sle0ding with family and friends near Park Avenue. The snowman was wearing 10-year-old Carolena Elowsky's hat and mittens, but she took them back when she got cold.

Community mediation to offer classes to non-profits

Non-profit organizations are dedicated to helping others, the only aspect that differs from one agency to another is the specific nature of the assistance that they give.

In their generosity to help others, however, non-profits often forget to take care of themselves.

It was this premise that motivated Northern Community Mediation to seek a grant from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Community Foundation to develop a series of workshops that would focus upon the needs of non-profit employees.

Specifically, the curriculum would target non-profit organizations for the purpose of training the staff in the various skills involved in conflict resolution.

Northern Community Mediation is piloting this project with Hospice of Little Traverse Bay so that the curriculum can be tested for its effectiveness. Upon completion of the pilot project, NCM will offer the series to other non-profit organizations.

The first session, Conflict Theory, provides the foundation for the series. Upon completion of that session, an organization will be able to choose to participate in either one or all five of the remaining sessions: Communication Skills, Power and Conflict, Diversity and Culture, Problem Solving and Team Building.

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Two hurt in one car accident

Two people were injured in a one vehicle accident around 1 a.m., Dec. 26 on M-66, near Fulsome Road.

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, a deputy was dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch on M-66 near Fulsome Road.

When the deputy arrived on scene, he found a late model Mercury Sable in the ditch. The vehicle's occupants however had left the scene.

The deputy received a call from Charlevoix Area Hospital saying the subjects were at the hospital seeking treatment. The occupants were transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by their son in his personal vehicle.

The deputy met with Charles and Nancy Owen, both of Petoskey. Nancy suffered a fractured wrist and Charles' head struck the windshield following the impact.

The passenger was not wearing his seatbelt.

The occupants were treated and released for their injuries on Dec. 26.

You can be free from smoking

Are you ready to kick the cigarette habit? Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking program can give you the tools, techniques and motivation to quit for good.

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A new, eight-week series of classes will begin at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the hospital. There is no charge for this clinic.

Each week participants will learn how to break the nicotine habit; get practical tips for handling stress, maintaining weight, and making changes in daily routines; and receive plenty of encouragement and support as they adjust to their post-smoking life.

Space in the classes is limited. To register, please call Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking coordinator, Michelle Potter, at (231) 547-8672.

Women's ski tour returns to Charlevoix

Celebrate women, winter and chocolate on Feb. 27.

Active Women Now, Inc. a non-profit organization will host The Second Annual Charlevoix Ladies Tour, a weekend of fun and activities that will take the winter blues out of northern Michigan.

Active Women Now, Inc. has ski tours in Michigan and the United States, celebrating the camaraderie that women hold in empowering one another while giving back to their community. This non-competitive winter event for women will be at the Charlevoix Elementary School and the trails will weave through Mount McSauba.

Novice winter activists are encouraged to attend.

Ski clinics will be given on Feb. 26 for beginners and those who are looking to cultivate their skills.

A wine and cheese event will be at Castle Farms as a prelude to the Charlevoix Ladies Tour. Log onto the Women's Ski Tour web site for more information.

Tickets in advance are $35 and include all the chocolate, goodies and fun you can hold in one day. Proceeds from the Charlevoix Ladies Tour benefits BASES and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan.

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Student to take part in Senate program

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

A Charlevoix High School student is heading off to Washington D.C. and was chosen as one of two students to represent the state of Michigan at the United States Senate Youth Program.

Chris Golski, 18, will be going to Washington D.C. from Feb. 26 to March 5, all expenses paid, to join other youth state representatives and also those from the Department of Defense Education Activity.

"It's pretty exciting," he said. "I was surprised at first. When you apply for something like that you don't usually think you'll get it."

Golski got it and will also be receiving a $5,000 scholarship from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, which is also paying for the trip including transportation, hotel accommodations and meals.

"I'm looking forward to just spending a week and meeting all the other delegates from around the country," he said. "I think it should be a pretty interesting group."

The 104 delegates from around the country and the Department of Defense Education Activity will visit the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court and the Pentagon, among other activities.

The nationwide youth program was endorsed by the United States Senate in 1962, and created through Senate Resolution 324. This would allow for high school students elected to a student body office to experience the functions of the federal government of the United States.

The program is funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation and is of no cost to the federal government.

In 1963, the Senate resolved Resolution 146, which amended Resolution 324 and stated that students in the Department of Defense education system could also participate in the program.

The program is open for any junior and senior high school student who is currently serving as an elected or selected student body representative.

Golski is currently the president of the student council and was also a representative his freshman year. He has also served for the past two years as a student representative on the Curriculum Design Team, which is comprised of a committee of teachers.

This won't be Golski's first trip to Washington D.C. as he went his sophomore year for a week-long leadership conference.

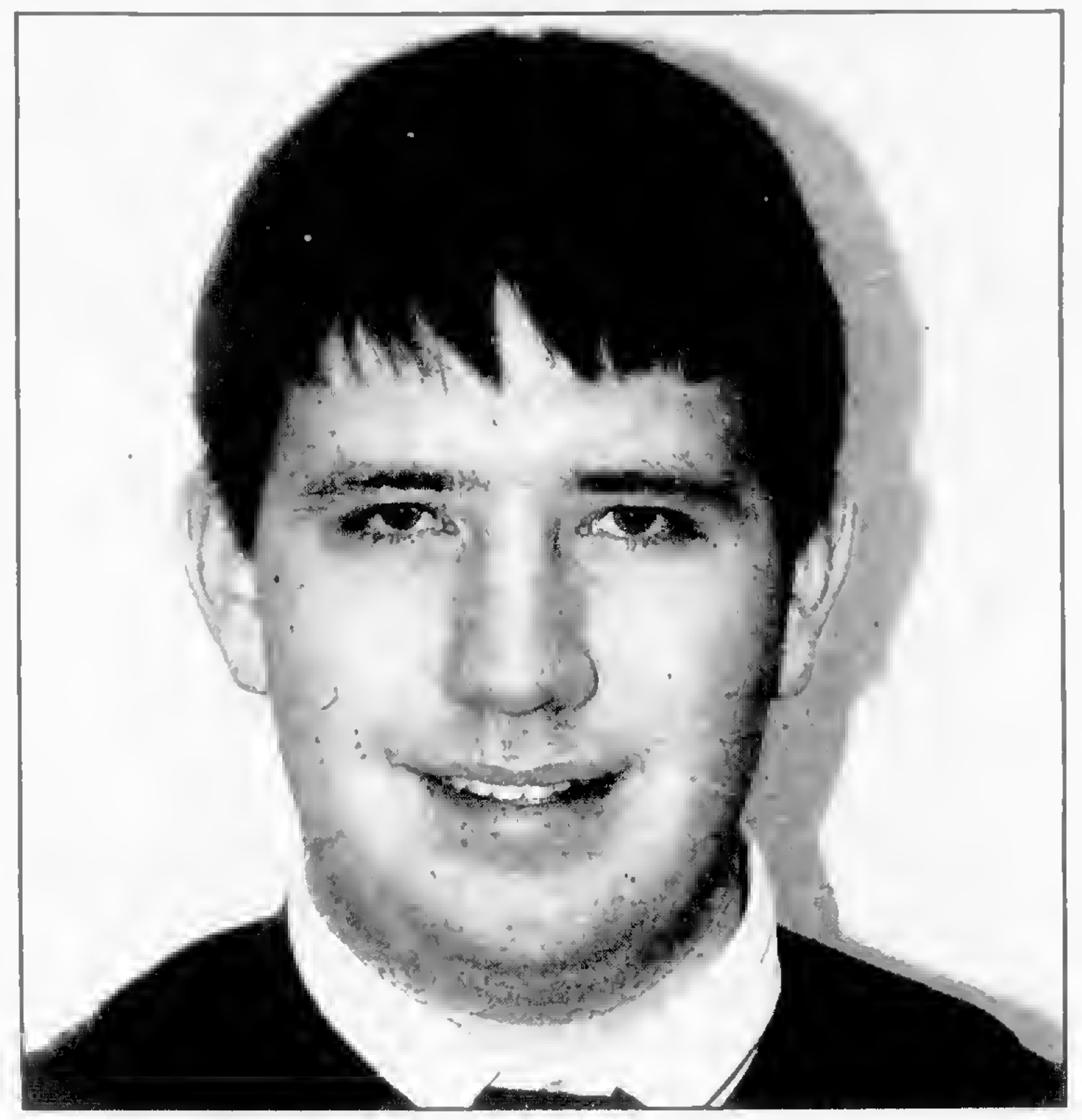
Golski said he had to pay to go, but was nominated to attend. He experienced leadership workshops, a Senate simulation and heard several speakers.

"I came back with a new outlet that helped with other stuff around school," he said.

Golski doesn't have any definite plans to pursue a political career, but said he is interested to see if that changes when he comes back.

The opportunity is one that should be taken advantage of such as when he went to Traverse City to hear Vice President Dick Cheney speak, who later shook his hand.

"I think it just kind of goes back to taking advantage of your opportunities," he said. "You don't know if anything will come of it, but you're putting yourself in an opportunity to have good things come down the line."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Chris Golski is heading to Washington D.C.

Two hurt in three car accident

Two people were injured in a three care accident around 10 p.m., Dec. 21 on US-31 near Barnard Road.

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Robin Ferguson, 49, from Charlevoix, was driving a 1997 Ford Aspire when she made a U-turn in the path of Patricia Blanchard, 50, from Charlevoix, driving a 2003 GMC Envoy. A third vehicle, a 1993 Saturn 4D driven by James Allen, 53, from Eastport then hit the Ferguson vehicle that was in the roadway.

Ferguson and Allen were transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Charlevoix City EMS for minor injuries.

The Charlevoix Township Fire Department assisted the sheriffs office at the scene.

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Fire department to use portable for training

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix City Fire Department is taking an old portable that used to house the Charlevoix Community Skatepark and making it into a smokehouse that will be a part of the new training facility.

Charlevoix City Fire Chief Paul Ivan said the portable was purchased as part of the land when the city bought the old middle school property.

However, the fire department asked the school and the library if they had a use for it and the answer from both was no.

On Dec. 23 the portable was moved by J & R Building Movers Inc. from Petoskey and relocated at the Electrical Department until next spring when it can be placed on the ground.

Ivan said transforming the portable into a smokehouse and adding it to the department's training facility will help them obtain a lower rate for fire insurance than they already have.

The cost will be relatively small to taxpayers since the city already owned the portable and resources are available through the electric department. The only expenses so far were involved with moving the portable.

The facility will include the smokehouse and four to six telephone poles with platforms that will be of varying heights to simulate different rescue situations.

The fire department's training facility that will be located on the Irish Boat Shop side of the land parcel housing the Electric Department across from the baseball fields on West Carpenter and will be several hundred feet behind the Charlevoix Community Skatepark's permanent location.

Currently, Ivan said the only other training facility is located in Traverse City.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

On Dec. 23, one of the portables from the old middle school property was moved in order to be taken to storage until next spring. The portable will be used as a smokehouse by the Charlevoix City Fire Department.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

No need to use a sled

While sledding with friends on the Grant Street hill, near Hurlbut Street, Andrew Mitchell, 9, of Charlevoix decided he did not need a sled to have some fun in the snow. Here he is in mid-slide down the hill on his belly.

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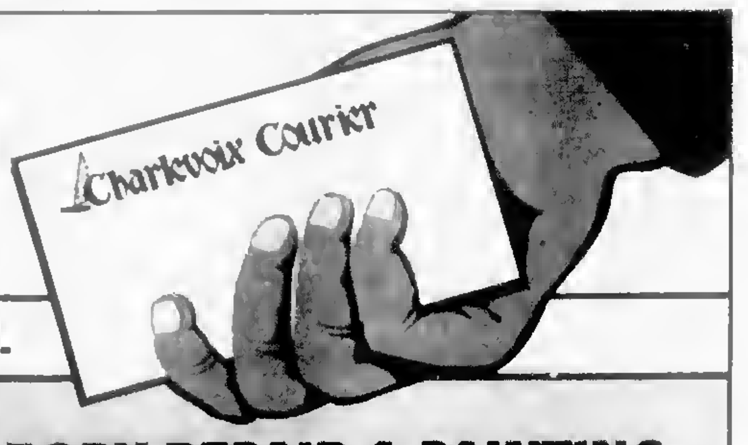

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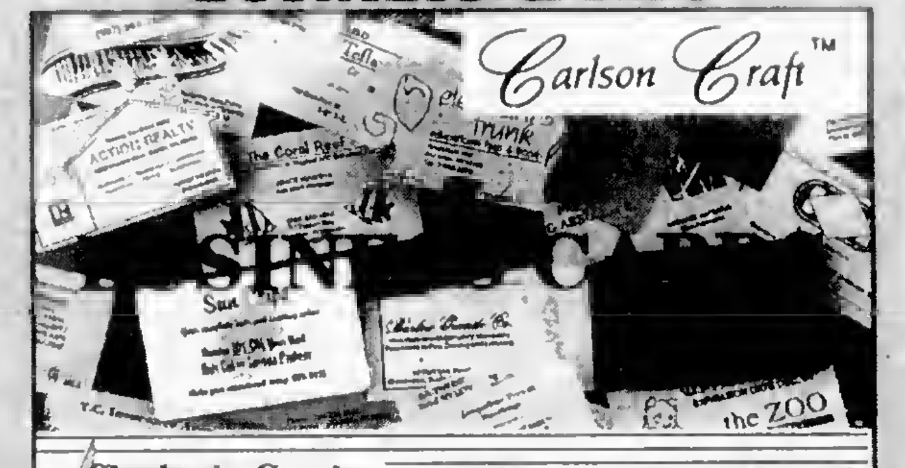

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BUSINESS

Soaps N' Such opens showroom near Atwood

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

What started as a hobby for Mary Corp and her family has grown into its own business.

Mary Corp, a lifelong Charlevoix resident, opened her new business Soaps N' Such out of her home on Atwood Road between Atwood and Ellsworth on Dec. 4. This move came after a few years of selling her wares at area craft shows. Corp said she decided she could not properly showcase the items her and her family make at these shows, so she decided to open her own shop.

The path to the family business began about eight years ago when Corp started making soap for her family, something she enjoyed doing. Then, a couple of years ago, one of her daughters suggested she sell her soap and start her own business with it.

With that was the birth of Soaps N' Such.

While the original idea for a business started with handmade soap, now it is grown to much more.

Corp said she makes all sorts of bath products, and many out of all natural ingredients. Soaps N' Such offers lotions, bath salts, bath teas, candles, scented hot pads, laundry soap and bath towels, among many others. Additionally, Corp makes special order gifts, such as knitted sweaters for children.

Corp said she is working on expanding her natural products to items such as dish-soap. She added some of the scented products do contain essential oils, which are not necessarily natural, and her lotions do have preservatives in them.

To help Corp make all these items for her customers, her family pitches in. Corp homeschools her children and those still living at home help her make the products for Soaps N' Such. Corp has six children, five of them are still living at home, one daughter is living in Chicago.

Soaps N' Such is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday and evenings by appointment. For more information on Soaps N' Such, call (231) 588-6311.

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Mary Corp, left, and her daughter, Jessie Corp, pose with some of the products they sell at Soaps N' Such.

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Exceptional Riders program celebrates 20 years

The Exceptional Riders Program, which offers therapeutic riding instruction for those with physical, emotional, and learning disabilities of all ages, is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year.

For individuals with disabilities, equine-assisted activities have shown to improve muscle tone, balance, posture, coordination and motor development, as well as emotional well-being.

The program's professional occupational therapists and instructors provide riding therapy to students with such physical and mental disabilities as cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, spina bifida, blindness, Down Syndrome, as well as other developmental challenges. Students have ranged in age from 3 to 73. Supporting this work is a large group of dedicated volunteers, who serve as horse leaders and side walkers.

What started out in 1984 as a couple of people with the vision to provide a therapeutic horseback riding program for the area disabled youth and adults, has evolved into a highly regarded and well-respected program with three certified instructors and over 80 volunteers, who have served hundreds of students in the last two decades.

Corky Price and Barbara Lane coordinated the first class 20 years ago and have been bringing the benefits and joys of horseback riding to the disabled of our community since that time.

The Exceptional Riders Program is fortunate to have three certified instructors — Barbara Lane and Mary Lee, both of Petoskey, and Dawn Kocourek-Pemberton of Harbor Springs, as well as occupational therapist Jeanne Gorkiewicz of Charlevoix.

Instructor certification is offered through the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA). This is an intensive program consisting of classroom studies, written exams, riding and teaching exams and teaching experience, with annual updates.

With emphasis on safety, all instructors are certified in CPR and First Aid through the American Red Cross.

The Exceptional Riders Program is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with an all volunteer working board. The original board members included Barbara Lane, Corky Price, Carol and John Sneathen, Lester Crandell, Kim Swan, Frank Leist, Vivian Woodcock, Vince Brewster and Jock Rayder, who were instrumental in developing policies, fundraising, publicity and exhibiting perseverance during the start-up years.

Many key individuals played integral roles in developing and keeping the program viable over the last two decades and deserve recognition for their generosity and contributions.

One of those individuals, Frank Leist, a mainstay over the years, loaned the program horses, paid vet bills, purchased tack and other equipment in the early years to ensure the program's continuance.

The Exceptional Riders Program has been hosted at several locations over the years including Lake Charlevoix Farms, owned in 1984 by Corky and Bill Price.

Corky and Bill Price who graciously hosted the pilot program in 1984, followed by Gentry Peevehouse and then Todd Warner. Other locations have included Bri-Ann Farms owned by Mike and Ann Olsen and Pace Setter Farms, owned by Paula Pace Jones.

Currently the program is at the Bay Harbor Equestrian Center who donates the use of the handicapped accessible arena, staff and horses. The facility is owned by David Johnson and managed by Alicia Byberg.

Throughout the years, Mike and Denise Schlitt have often donated framed pictures commemorating each student's successful participation in the program.

The Exceptional Riders Program is completely free of charge to all students due to the financial support over the years by many funding sources and many parents, friends and even some students who donated their allowance. The local program is one of only approximately 5 percent of all the similar programs in the United States that is without charge to the students.

Beginning in 1992, many fund-raising events have been given to benefit the Exceptional Riders Program, including the annual trail ride, which has been hosted at a variety of locations. Proceeds from fund-raisers, donations and grants enable the program to provide the wide-range of specialized equipment to fit both horse and rider and other costs, which include liability insurance and mandatory continuing education.

The Exceptional Riders Program is endorsed by local schools, hospitals, physical and occupational therapists as well as physicians who make many referrals to the program.

In the mid 1990s the program received the Dale Fassett award, which is given annually to an outstanding individual or group that provides assistance to those with special needs.

Current board members include Barbara Lane, Diane Chap\man, Mary Lee, Ed Lane, Dawn Kocourek-Pemberton, Gayle Gennett, Jeanne Gorkiewicz and Laura Kemp.

For more information about the Exceptional Riders Program, to volunteer, or to make a donation, please contact Lane at (231) 347-3300.

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Wal-Mart chose to withdraw its application, which Charlevoix Township determined to be incomplete.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality arrested two men suspected to be involved with violations that occurred at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Charlevoix.

Former superintendent Samuel Louis Creswell and former lead worker James Stanley Mazur were arrested by Sgt. Vince Woods, a detective with MDEQ's office of criminal investigation, and charged with breaking both environmental law and traditional criminal law.

Both men were charged with making false statements and providing false information to the MDEQ under environmental law. They were also charged with uttering and publishing false information as fact under traditional criminal law.

The problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant reach back over a three year period and include chlorine exceedences and other violations that were reported to the MDEQ as being in compliance and were revealed late last winter to the public. Bench sheet readings didn't match up to the numbers given to the state and there were areas where proper protocol wasn't followed.

Creswell and Mazur are facing high fines and lengthy jail sentences.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153 lost the building that had been their home since 1953 during a fire around 2 a.m. on Dec. 10.

The building was fully engulfed in flames when the Charlevoix Township Fire Department arrived. No one was in the building at the time of the fire and no firefighters were injured.

Arson was one possibility since the post was vandalized during the night between Nov. 18 and Nov. 19, when four rocks were thrown through two different windows.

However, arson was ruled out by Spl./Sgt. Jerry Briolat of the Fire Investigation Unit of the Michigan Department of State Police. The cause of the fire was labeled undetermined, but Briolat had said one of the highest probabilities was that it was an electrical failure.

The building was built in two years and almost entirely by volunteer labor. It was formally dedicated during the 13th District Rally in 1953.

Charlevoix Bridge

On June 27, the Charlevoix bridge refused to go down during the 5:30 p.m. opening, leaving a 5 to 6 foot gap. The bridge was open for about two hours until workers managed to close it, allowing traffic through.

The bridge stopped functioning due to a limiter switch, which functions similar to a sensory switch in a car that prohibits the engine from starting if the car is not in park.

The replacement part cost $50 and the bridge became fully functional at about 2 a.m. on June 28. However, the bridge caused both vehicular and boater traffic to back up. The Emerald Isle was coming into port from Beaver Island and had to dock at the South Pier in Pine River Channel for several hours.

Emergency personnel helped passengers off the boat and helped to unload luggage. Everything was taken off the boat except vehicles.

Charlevoix Community Skatepark

In July, the Charlevoix Community Skatepark officially opened the doors to its temporary location near the old middle school off Mason Street. The skate park was staffed by volunteers, but is owned and operated by the city of Charlevoix for liability purposes. Parents, children and community members worked hard to bring the skate park to Charlevoix.

The Mason Street location closed in October, but the city of Charlevoix passed a resolution allowing the permanent skate park to be constructed on the southwest corner of a parcel currently housing the Water and Electric Plant on West Carpenter Street across from the baseball fields.

The park is open to rollerbladers, skateboarders and BMX bike riders.

Assisted Living

After a long struggle, the owners of Sunnybank Retirement Community were given the go ahead to build an assisted living facility. The facility will front Petoskey Avenue near Division Street on 3.6 acres of land zoned R2.

Several residents were concerned about allowing such a facility to be built there because the zoning ordinance doesn't mention assisted living facilities. This led the situation into court.

The proposed development is a single-story building spanning 36,000 square feet, which will cover about one acre of land. The building will be constructed in the shape of an X with wings containing 54 units, of which 32 will be efficiency and 22will be one-bedroom apartments.

Green Dye

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality closed its criminal investigation concerning the dumping of green sodium fluorescein into the Pine River Channel on March 17. The incident occurred during the

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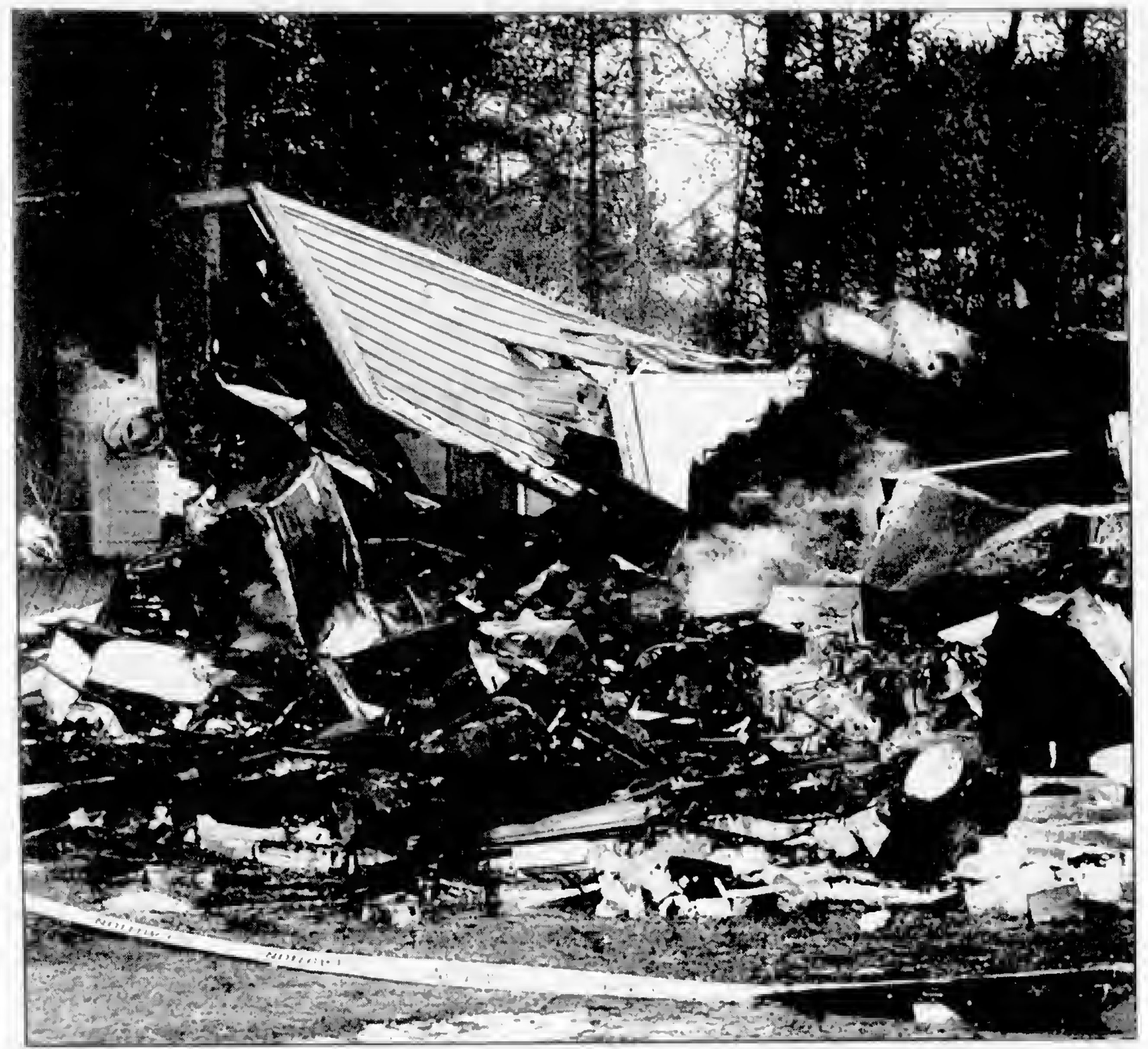
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Rubble was all that remained following a fire that claimed the VFW building on Dec. 10.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Church League • Dec. 22, 2004

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	528	272
Ferguson & Chamberlain	429	371
Lutherans	406	349
R & C Roofing	401	399
Mark White Paint & Stain	379	421
State Farm Insurance	379	421
The Inner Circle	373	427
St. Mary's	299	471

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	636	233
Larry Potter		224
Bill Gengle	586	
Casey Crain	570	218

Tuesday Night Ladies • Dec. 21, 2004

	W	L
Twin Lakes Enterprise	38.5	25.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	37	27
Mark White Paint & Stain	34	30
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	33.5	30.5
Central Drug Store	32	32
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	28	36
Don's IGA	27	37
Grey Gables	26	38

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ronda Smith	548	246
Jane Holm	604	226
Leanna Mosoryak	603	207

Men's Senior League • Dec. 20, 2004

	W	L
Kerr's Racing	35	21
J Arnold Painting "A"	33	23
Cemex Cement	32	24
Central Drug Store	30	26
B Vanloo & Sons	29	27
Weebowl-Wobowls	25	31
J Arnold Painting "2"	22	34
Selph Trucking	18	38

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Eric Williams	611	223
Don Potter		221
Ron Chapman	598	
Jon Kiernan	585	219

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
December 19, 2004

	W	L
Hill/Martinchek	24	8
Herboldsheimer	22	10
Bradley	21	11
O'Leary	20	12
Novotny	20	12
Golovich	20	12
Griffin/Novotny	17	15
Lasky	15	17
Cunningham/Mikulski	12	20
Titus	11	21
Hart	8	24
Team 12	2	30

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jeff Novotny	574	269
Chris Mikulski	479	180
Richard O'Leary	491	178
Linda O'Leary	397	166
Cindy Novotny	394	154
Margie Golovich	386	146

Paul Bunyan Lanes
Bowler of the Week: Ronda Smith had a 246 actual and a 548 series. The Tuesday Night Pool Tournament winner was Ken Matchinski.
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Wal-Mart, wastewater, fires, dye and checks

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Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce's first annual St. Patrick's Day pub crawl.

The case was closed due to a lack of evidence. However, there is a statute of limitations of six years in Michigan, which means the case can be re-opened at any time.

The chamber wanted to dye the channel green to copy Chicago for the St. Patrick's Day festivities, but was told five times by the MDEQ that it wasn't allowed.

The MDEQ said the dye is usually not toxic, but could not say for certain if this prank harmed the environment in the channel because it was not sure exactly how much was poured in.

However, the civil case being brought against the chamber is still open. The chamber denies any involvement with the prank.

Voter Decisions

Charlevoix residents voted to upset two incumbents during the August primary and the November general election. During the primary, voters chose John Jarema for Charlevoix County Prosecutor over incumbent Mary Beth Kur. Kur had been the prosecuting attorney since 1995. Jarema was Kur's former assistant chief prosecutor and also won the general election. Jarema received 3,055 votes to Kur's 2,868.

During the general election, voters chose Norman "Boogie" Carlson as Charlevoix's new mayor over incumbent Gabe Campbell, who had served as mayor for the past two years. The election was close with 790 votes for Carlson to 727 votes for Campbell.

Marina

At a joint meeting, the Charlevoix City Council and the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority decided to move forward with plans to build a new marina and renovate East Park. The total project is estimated to cost about $10,570,207.97. However, the state Waterways Commission is going to pay $6,809,674.48 or about 75 percent of the cost.

The Charlevoix community only needs to fund $4,324,613 of the project, which covers a 15 percent cost for bonds.

The DDA will use existing funds to cover the community's portion, which means it won't cost the taxpayers.

Some residents are still weary of hidden costs, higher taxes and plans for East Park.

The marina plan includes extending the docks and doing away with anchored boats, but the East Park plan involves tearing down and relocating the band shell. This will cost $1,490,642 and will not be covered by the Waterways Commission, but is included in the DDA's cost.

Plans for the park also include a new harbor master's building and an ice skating rink.

Permits are still being pursued for both projects from the MDEQ and the Army Corps of Engineers. The MDEQ initially had a problem with the marina plans, which resulted in a revision.

CCMS

The Charlevoix City Council voted unanimously on Dec. 20 to pay United Fire and Casualty over $220,000 in two payments for a mistakenly written check. The check was made out to CCMS, which is insured by United Fire and Casualty. CCMS was the contractor that did construction on city roads and was mistakenly paid $222,978.36 in April 2004.

United Fire and Casualty brought suit saying they should have been paid and not CCMS. The city will pay $111,489.18 by Dec. 27 and the remainder to United Fire and Casualty on July 31.

As a result, United Fire and Casualty will drop its lawsuit against the city and not include any attorney or interest fees.

The city's insurance company refused to cover the mistakenly written check because United Fire and Casualty says the city of Charlevoix was in a breech of contract for paying CCMS.

The city's insurance company will cover mistakes, but not a breech of contract.

City Attorney Jim Young is trying to get the city's insurance company to reconsider before pending litigation.

The Charlevoix City Council voted in early December to have Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson contact police agencies near CCMS's main office and request the start of a criminal investigation.

Halverson has currently contacted the prosecuting attorney in Mackinaw County and the city is gathering information.

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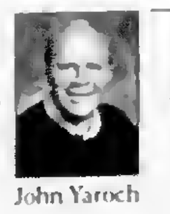

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has been made on the conditions of a mortgage made by **MICHAEL E. BROCKETTE AND JENNY A. BROCKETTE**, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to THE **CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC.**, Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2002, and recorded on June 19, 2002, in Liber 474 beginning on Page 510, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Eight thousand Three Hundred Thirty Seven and 97/100 ($98,337.97) Dollars, including interest at 9.740% per annum. **No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on **Friday, January 21, 2005, at 11 o'clock a.m.**, inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 9.740%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes, and includible attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the city of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan described as:

LOT 10 and 12, C.G. LEWIS ADDITION TO BOYNE ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 440 LEWIS STREET, BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN 49712. TAX PARCEL NOS. 051-378-010-00 (LOT 10) AND 051-378-012-00 (LOT 12).

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241A; MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the Sheriff's Sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower(s). In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus any applicable interest.

Dated: December 6, 2004

THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgage
By: Brian L. Groen (P-56673)
Wardrop & Wardrop, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
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Grand Rapids, MI 49503
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OB-TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel W. Scott, a married man, to Home Improvement Acceptance Corporation, an Ohio Corporation, mortgagee, dated March 1, 2004 and recorded March 24, 2004 in Liber 604, Page 369, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-OPT1 by Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as attorney in fact. by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Six and 68/100 Dollars ($51,726.68) including interest at the rate of 7.45% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, no-tice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on January 7, 2005. The premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point on the South line of State Street in the City of East Jordan, Michigan, 378 feet Northwesterly from the line of said State Street with the East line of Sec-tion 23, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, thence Northwesterly along said South line of said State Street 52 feet to a stake; thence Southwesterly at right angles to said South line of State Street 143 feet to a stake, thence Southeasterly parallel with said South line of said State Street 52 feet to a stake; thence Northeasterly 143 feet to the place of beginning, a being a part of Section 23, Town 32 North, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, excepting there from a strip of land 3 feet wide off the Northwesterly side of the immediately foregoing described parcel of land. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: December 8, 2004 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-OPT1 by Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as attorney in fact. , As As-signee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 221.2094 ASAP622064

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
File No. 04-303-20-CH

DONALD R. COLE,
Plaintiff,
v
ESTATE OF JOSEPH E. GALLAGHER and ESTATE OF ANNA J. GALLAGHER,
Defendants.

Hayes, Turkelson & Groat, P.C.
by: Roy C. Hayes, III (P50042)
Attorney for Plaintiff
03488 M-66-N
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-1111

DEFAULT JUDGMENT

Date of Hearing: December 10, 2004
PRESENT: THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. PAJTAS
Circuit Judge

Plaintiff filed a Complaint to Quiet Title, which was served on Defendants by an Order for Service by Publication/Posting and Notice of Action being published in the Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks. Defendants failed to file an answer or take any action allowed by law. A default was entered and Notice of Request for Entry of Default Judgment was filed and both were published in the Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks prior to this hearing. The Court, being fully advised in the premises, states as follows:

IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Plaintiff, Donald R. Cole, is and shall be the valid title holder in fee simple absolute of the following described real estate:

Located in Charlevoix County, Michigan, and is described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwestern most corner of Lot 9, Block C of Frazer, Yerkes & Clayton's subdivision of Government Lots 1 & 2, Section 27, Town 39 North, Range 10 West, thence North 10 degrees East along the Northwesterly line of Block C in said subdivision 133 feet for the Point of Beginning,thence continuing along the Northwesterly line of Block C 98 feet, thence West perpendicular to said line 132 feet, thence South parallel with said line 98 feet, thence Easterly perpendicular to said line 132 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 27, Town 39 North, Range 10 West. (parcel 013-227-029-00)

B. All rights to the above described real estate of persons claiming under Defendants is hereby extinguished.

C. Service of the Judgment upon Defendant shall be made by publication pursuant to MCR 2.106(D)(1).

D. A certified copy of this Judgment shall be recorded with the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix.

THIS JUDGMENT RESOLVES THE LAST PENDING CLAIM AND CLOSES THIS CASE.
Richard M. Pajtas (P18594)
Circuit Judge
Date entered: December 10, 2004

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MORTGAGE SALE

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Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Robert R. Graves and Linda T. Graves, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 3, 2000, and was recorded on October 6, 2000 in Liber 398 on pages 393 through 399 of the Charlevoix County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $2,395.46, including interest at 9% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, January 21, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.

The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

Date: December 9, 2004

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
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900 Washington Ave.
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Bay City, M 48707
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE OF CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010756-DE

Estate of Marilyn Ann Paul, Deceased
Date of Birth: February 25, 1931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Marilyn Ann Paul, who lived at 211 West Antrim, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720 died February 15, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to John Miller, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: December 22, 2004

Allen R. Telgenhof P43114
203 Mason Street
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Charlevoix, MI 49720
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

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The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

Blood drive

The Charlevoix Area Hospital will have a community blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 30.

Shooting leagues

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club is offering 12 Week Leagues in five stand, skeet and rifle from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays starting Jan. 1, 2005 continuing through March 23. The 12 week leagues are for five stand at eight rounds level II, 12 rounds level III, skeet at 20 rounds and rifle at 12 targets. You can do one, two or three leagues. The league's fees are $20 first league and $5 for each additional league plus cost of rounds. League dinner and awards are at 5 p.m., on Saturday, March 26. To register, sign-up at the club house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Saturday or Sundays. Nonmembers are welcome. Questions call 547-2785 club, Kim at 547-0554, John 588-6173 or Kevin 347-7206.

Worship

A Community Worship/Intercession Service is being offered on Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 4, 2005 at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church located at 05291 M-66. Live worship music with an emphasis on prayer for the local community, region, state as well as our national and world events and leaders. Communion will be offered. Everyone is invited to attend with children being welcome. Nursery not provided. For more information, please contact the church office at 547-6430.

Divorce Care

Community Reformed Church will be offering two independent Divorce Care programs beginning January 5 and 6, located at 100 Oak Street. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., program 7 to 9 p.m. Child care offered Wednesdays only. Divorce Care and its' services are free, donations welcome. Call 547-9482 for details.

Democrats to meet

The Charlevoix County Democrats meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005 at the Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City beginning with a Dutch-treat dinner followed with a meeting at 7 p.m. On the agenda for the first of the monthly meetings will be resolutions northern Michigan Democrats wish to see presented by the county delegates at the state Democratic Convention in February in Detroit. Everyone who is interested is invited as they plan the direction of the party for the next two years.

Future monthly meetings scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, will feature guest speakers, beginning with Char-Em Superintendent Mark Eckhardt in February, who will discuss the topic of public school financing. In March, economist Dr. Samuel Williamson will lead a discussion on Social Security.

Bible study

A Disciple Bible Study begins at 5 p.m., on Jan. 9 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ located at 101 State Street, one block west of Bridge Street. This is a program of Cokesbury Publishing involving an intensive study of the Bible over a 34-week period, 17 weeks with the Old Testament and 17 weeks with the New Testament. The only cost is $30 for the workbook. All are welcome and for more information call the First Congregational Church at 547-9122.

CPR, first aid

The Charlevoix Area Hospital is once again offering CPR and First Aid Classes.

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid Courses are scheduled:

- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 Adult Heartsaver CPR in Classroom B.
- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B.
- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Story hour

Charlevoix Public Library offers story hour every Thursday morning. Beginning at 10:05 to 10:25 a.m. Lapsit for children 0-3, followed by traditional story hour 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for children 3 to 5. Call 547-2651 for more information. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday.

Food pantry

The Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, located at 05291 M-66 North, is offering a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. If there is a critical need before the regular time, please call the church office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Christ Episcopal Church of Charlevoix will be celebrating Holy Eucharist Rite II each Sunday throughout the winter at 10 a.m. A Nursery is available during the service. Following the 10 a.m. worship service there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments. The Tuesday Prayer Group meets beginning at 5:30 p.m. on each Tuesday. A support/play group for mothers and small children meets at 10 a.m. every Wednesday in the Fellowship undercroft. A short service celebrating Holy Communion is at 12:15 p.m. each Wednesday. On Saturdays between 7:30 and 9 a.m. the Community Men's Breakfast begins at the Community Church of the Nazarene for study and prayer followed by breakfast at the Flapjack Shack.

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Fire took many hard to find items

VFW

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the post's home in 1953 took two years to build and was constructed almost entirely by volunteer labor, including the plumbing and wiring.

The only feature that wasn't built by volunteers was the Onaway stone fireplace and other stone work. The volunteers also didn't dig the well.

A second edition was added in the 1970s followed by a garage addition in the 1990s.

Butcher said it's too soon to make any definitive plans for the future. However, he said the new building will probably be constructed in the same location and be about the same size.

The smaller items such as the ceremonial flags and rifles weren't covered by the insurance.

Butcher said the ceremonial rifles that used to be in Post 1153 are no longer available from the Defense Establishment. He said replacement rifles will be harder to come by and have a market value of about $500 each.

The ceremonial flags are also costly as Butcher said they run about $600 each. Some flags that were lost in the fire were VFW's banner, the American flag and the banners for the Women's Auxiliary of VFW Post 1153.

Some of these small details are what made the post a home to many veterans and not just another building.

"We're trying to salvage any items," Butcher said.

So far, some of the post's records were able to be salvaged. On Dec. 27, a contractor started cleaning up the remains of the building, which will last for three or four days.

Butcher said until that is complete, the post won't know exactly what can be saved.

"We'll hopefully make use of the floor," he said.

Donations can be made out to VFW Post 1153 and can be mailed to Charlie Butcher, P.O. Box 87, Charlevoix, Mich., 49720.

Boogie Woogie at the art center

The Crooked Tree Arts Center continues its Virginia McCune Performing Arts Series with the Boogie Woogie Babies to warm up your January.

The Boogie Woogie Babies will perform two shows at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 21 and Saturday January 22 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Friday evening's performance is a high energy, entertaining and patriotic revue of music, history and trivia from World War II, while on Saturday, the Boogie Woogie Babies will perform their show, Boogie Down Broadway.

Boogie Woogie Babies is comprised of seasoned performers of the Grand Rapids theater and music scene: Mary Rademacher, Barbara Wisse and Francesca Amari.

Amari created the revue by request of the American Legion Boat and Canoe Club, and the group has been performing the show ever since throughout Michigan and Illinois.

Amari has been a professional vocalist for 20-some years and has appeared in national and regional theater and trained in New York City.

Amari teaches theater at Grand Valley State University, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. Her one-woman show, CabaretAMARI is part of the Touring Artist Roster for Michigan Humanities Council.

Rademacher is one of west Michigan's finest jazz vocalist and has appeared overseas with the USO, in dozens of area theater productions, is a regional Star Search winner, a former MSU cheerleader and is a busy choreographer and performer. She's opened for Taylor Dayne and Bob Newhart.

In addition to her own band, the RadPack, she performs regularly with The Night Band and the Midtown Horns in clubs, casinos and private events. She's released two CDs: Radhot and You Hit the Spot.

Wisse most recently performed her one-woman cabaret act, Laughing Matters as a part of Grand Rapids' Circle Theatre 50th Anniversary Cabaret Series.

Her voice has been heard on stages throughout west Michigan and her singing styles run the gamut from advertising jingles to vocal jazz, from opera to musicals, from ensembles to solos. Her singing and studies have taken her to London and New York, but the musical theater community in Grand Rapids is where she got her start.

Wisse is a language and fine arts consultant for Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Accompanying the Boogie Woogie Babies is pianist Mark Kahny, one of west Michigan's finest keyboard and vocal talents in demand by vocalists and bands alike.

Originally from Cincinnati, Kahny studied classically at the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music, toured the country with the showband, Kops & Robbers, and is featured on many CDs, including Mary Rademacher's, Edye Evans Hyde's, Boogie Woogie Babies and his own Universe of Two.

Kahny regularly is a headliner with World Class Jazz tours, performing throughout northwest Michigan.

He has worked with such celebrity headliners as Red Buttons, Johnny Mathis and Ray Charles.

Tickets are $50/patron; nonmember rate of $25/adult and $10/student and for art center members, $20/adult and $8/student.

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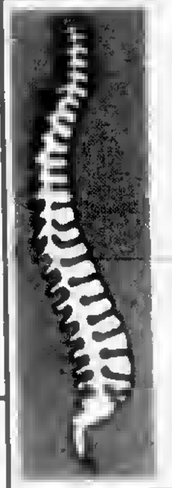

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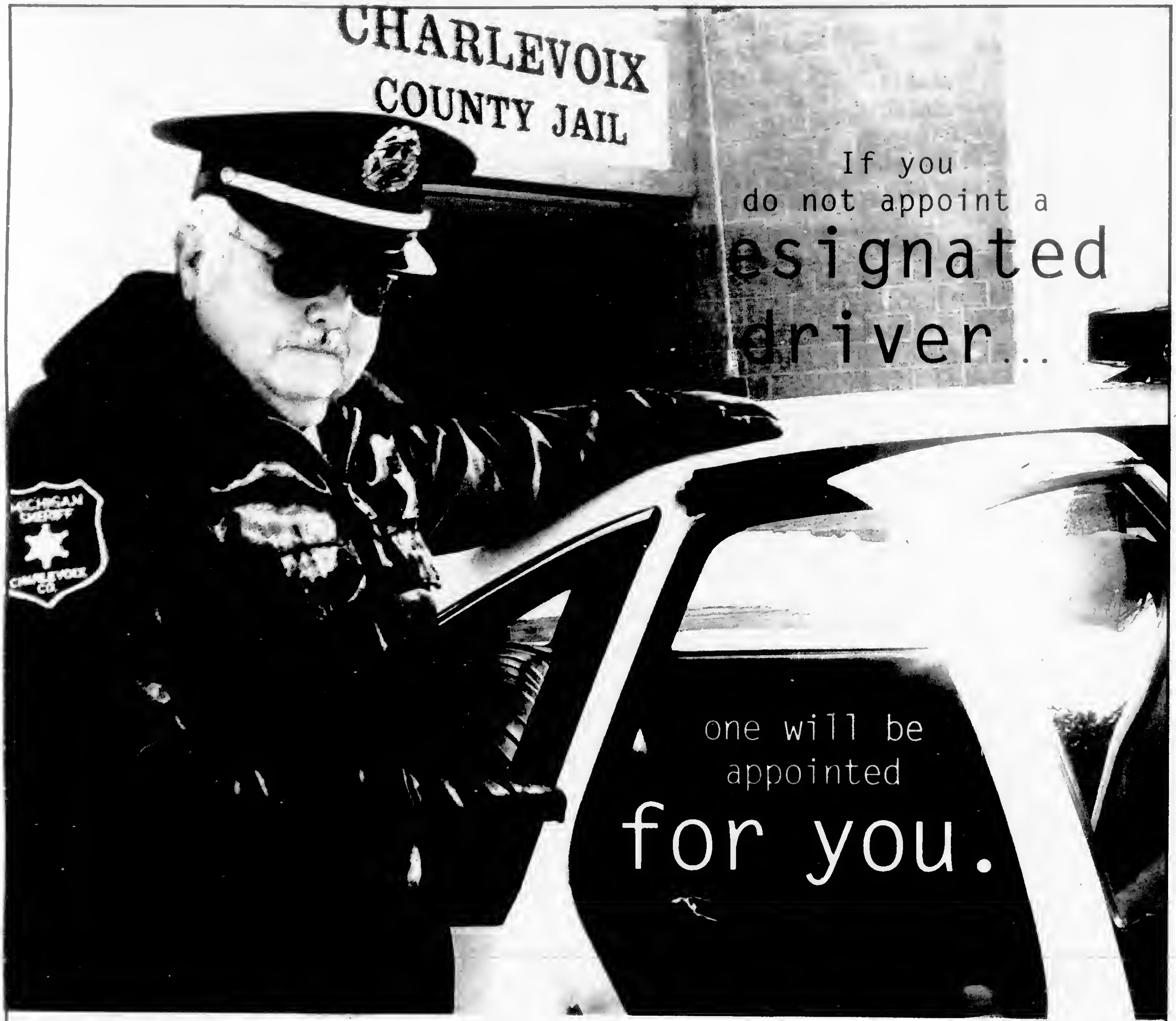
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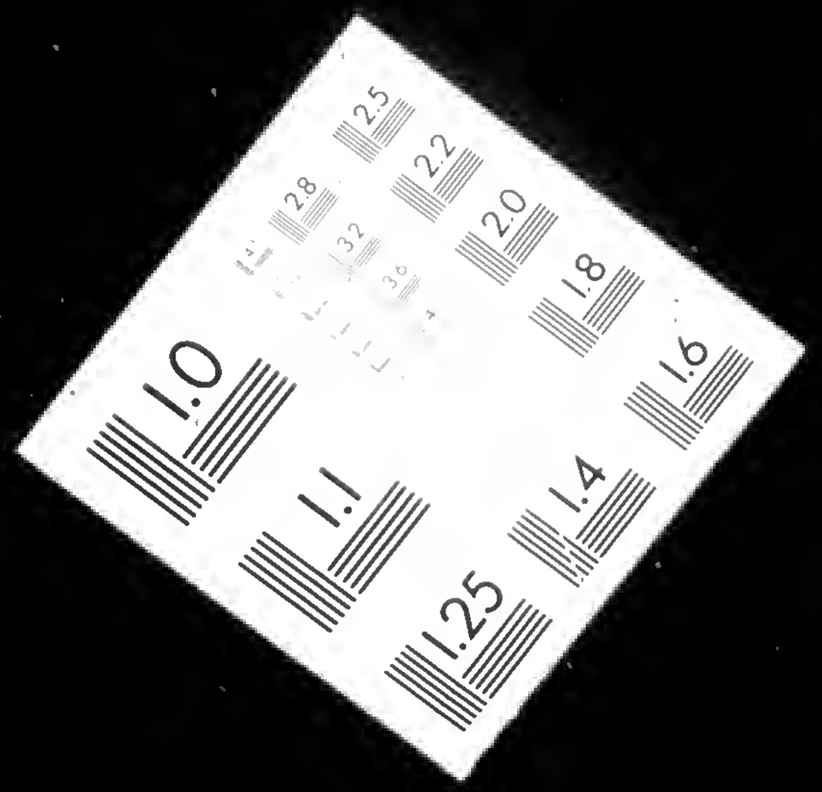

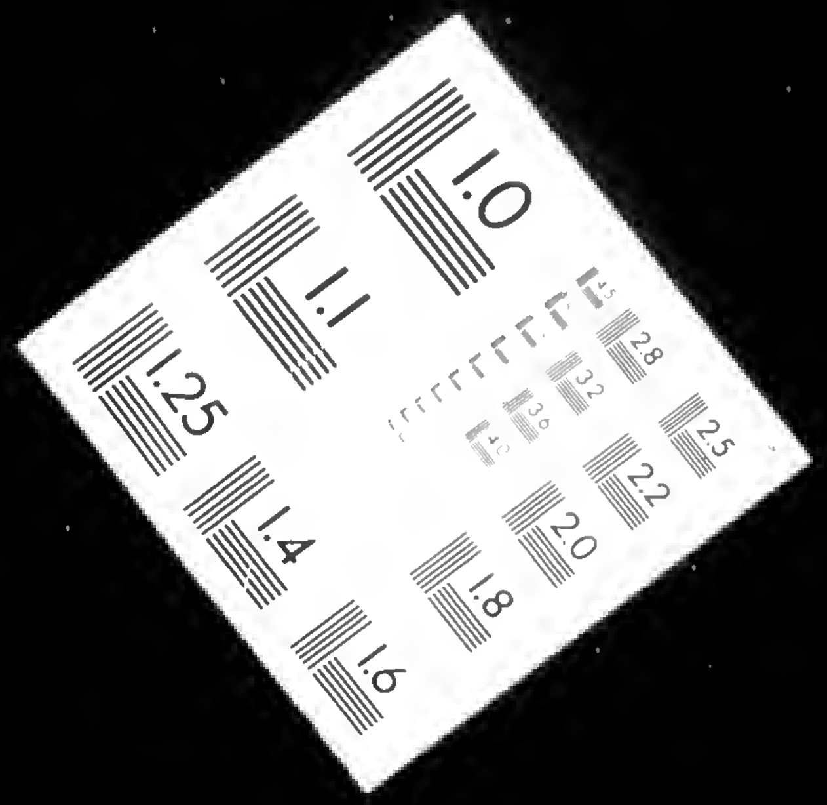

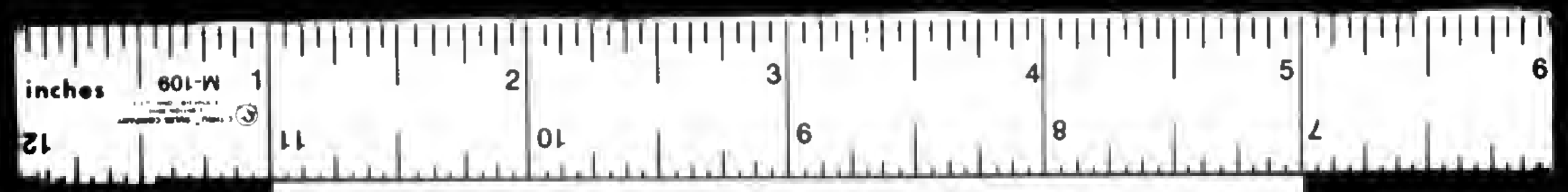
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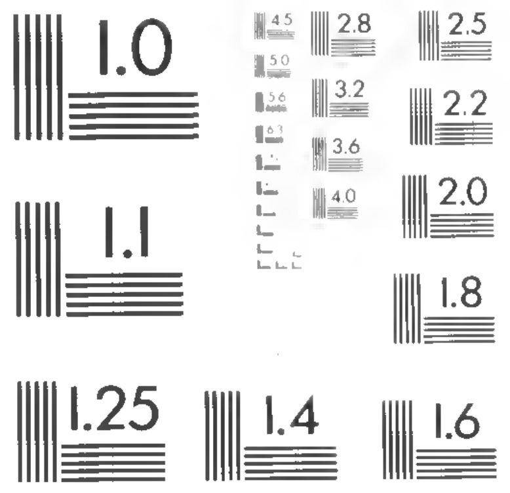
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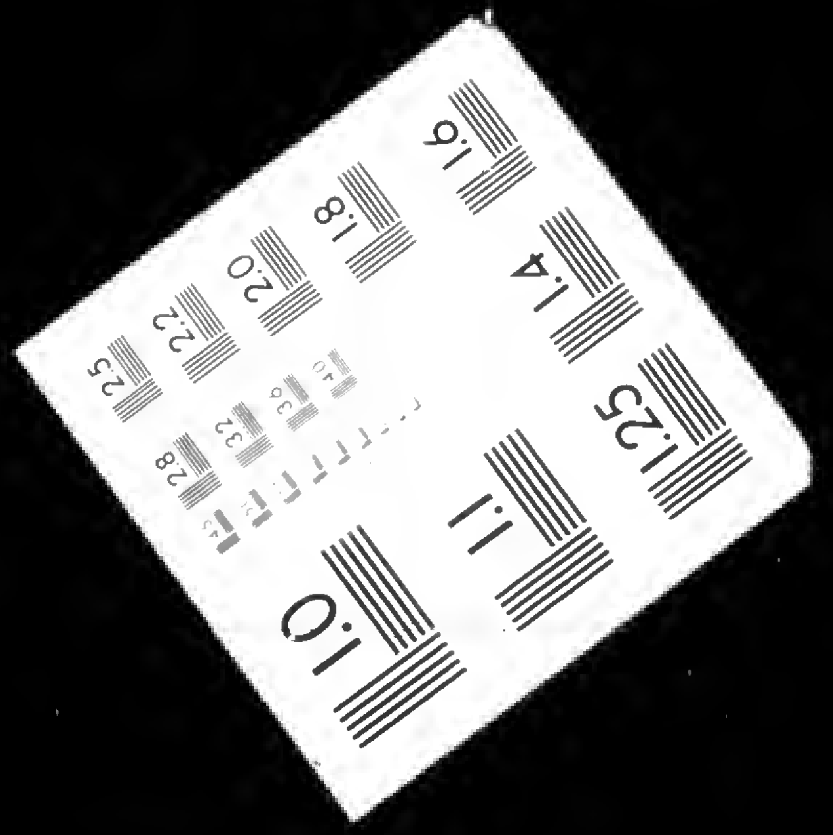

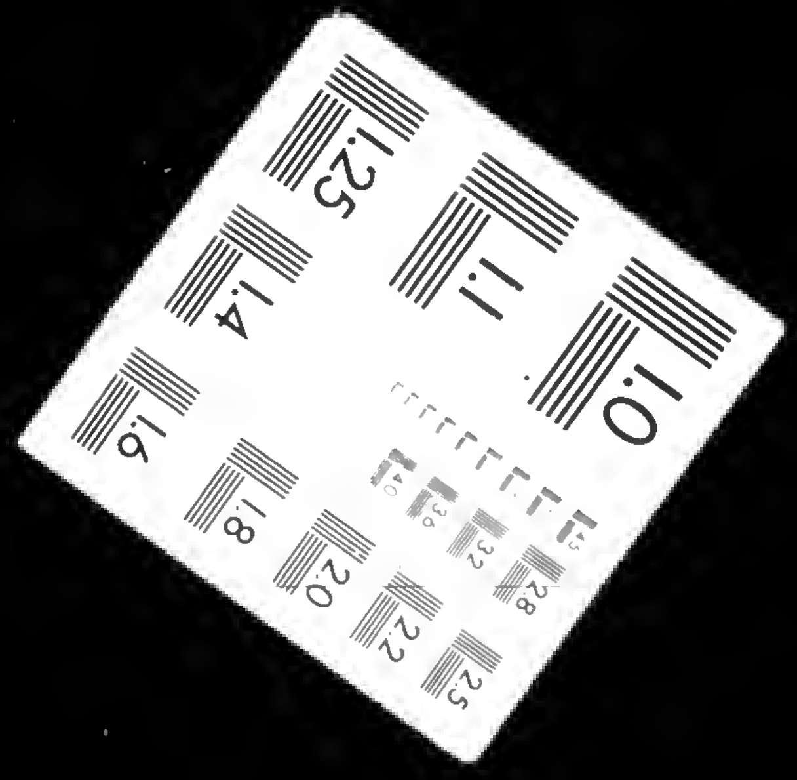

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